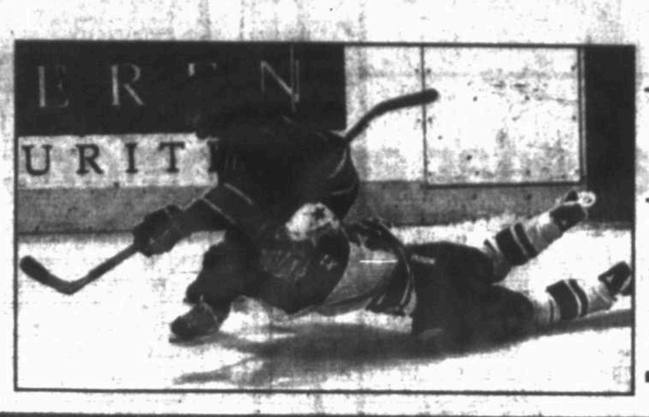


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'Seinfeld,' the ultimate unsentimental show, says goodbye with Thursday's final episode. The series has a lot to live up to./**1D**



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Sweet revenge

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Partly cloudy with high in mid-90s. Weather on 4A





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Deadly mudslides

An unidentified woman cries Thursday after losing her relatives and her house in Sarno, Italy. Thousands of firefighters, soldiers and policemen labored Thursday to find scores of people feared trapped under mounds of mud in southern Italy, where massive landslides killed at least 51 people. Italy's civil protection agency said 123 others were missing and more than 2,100 were left homeless.

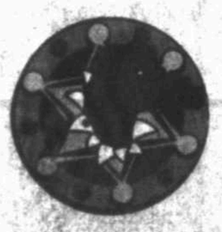
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IRS overhaul

WASHINGTON — Legislation to clean up the Internal Revenue Service won unanimous Senate approval Thursday night in an election-year display of outrage over heavy-handed enforcement tactics and other abuses. The Senate passed the bill on a 97-0 vote as one lawmaker after another spoke out about a "culture" at the nation's tax collection agency in desperate need of change.

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Dems vow to repeal oil royalty rider

■ Lawmakers attack measure by Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison that would block new rules on collecting royalties for oil pumped on federal lands.

By Michelle Mittelstadt
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Angered by the oil industry's successful campaign to derail changes in the government's method of collecting royalties for oil pumped on federal lands, a group of Democratic lawmakers pledged Thursday to roll back Big Oil's gains.

At a Capitol news conference, the Democrats attacked Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, for slipping into an emergency spending bill at the eleventh hour last week a measure that temporarily blocks the Interior Department from implementing its new rules.

That action — described by the Democrats as a "greased" windfall for oil producers; by Mrs. Hutchison as necessary to rein in capricious bureaucrats — could deprive taxpayers of $66 million in new royalty income annually.

Referring to the deed as "a robbery of the taxpayer," Rep. George Miller, D-Calif., said: "The getaway car was not driven by Bonnie and Clyde, it was driven by Kay Bailey Hutchison and (House Appropriations Committee Chairman) Robert Livingston."

Rep. Carolyn Maloney, a New York Democrat who has long tangled with the oil industry over royalty issues, cited the industry's generous campaign contributions, valued by the Center for Responsive Politics at $6.2 million since the beginning of last year.

"They are pumping money into certain seats and they are reaping royal returns," she said.

Ms. Maloney and Miller, joined by Sens. Barbara Boxer of California and Dick Durbin of Illinois, on Thursday introduced legislation to repeal the Hutchison measure.

Mrs. Hutchison, who held her own hastily-called

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Oil prices among signs growth slowing, says Federal Reserve

By Robert G. Wieland
Associated Press

DALLAS — Despite basically strong economic conditions in Texas, there are signs the state's growth rate is slowing, the Federal Reserve System notes.

Lower oil prices and the inability to find skilled workers have cooled conditions in energy, high-technology and manufacturing, the Fed reports.

However, consumers continue to express confidence in the economy.

A national report covering March and April says gains in retail sales "exceeded merchants' expectations" in the Dallas Federal Reserve District while prices remained steady. Dallas also reported recent increases in motor vehicle sales.

"People are feeling confident enough to go out and purchase

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* Secrets of the stars *

Observatory director takes questions from GEM students

Students with the Gifted Education Midland (GEM) program now know the secrets behind the stars, sun and the rest of the solar system.

Frank Bash, director of the McDonald Observatory in Fort Davis, visited with GEM students Thursday at the Carver Cultural Center, where they had the opportunity to ask Bash any question they had in mind.

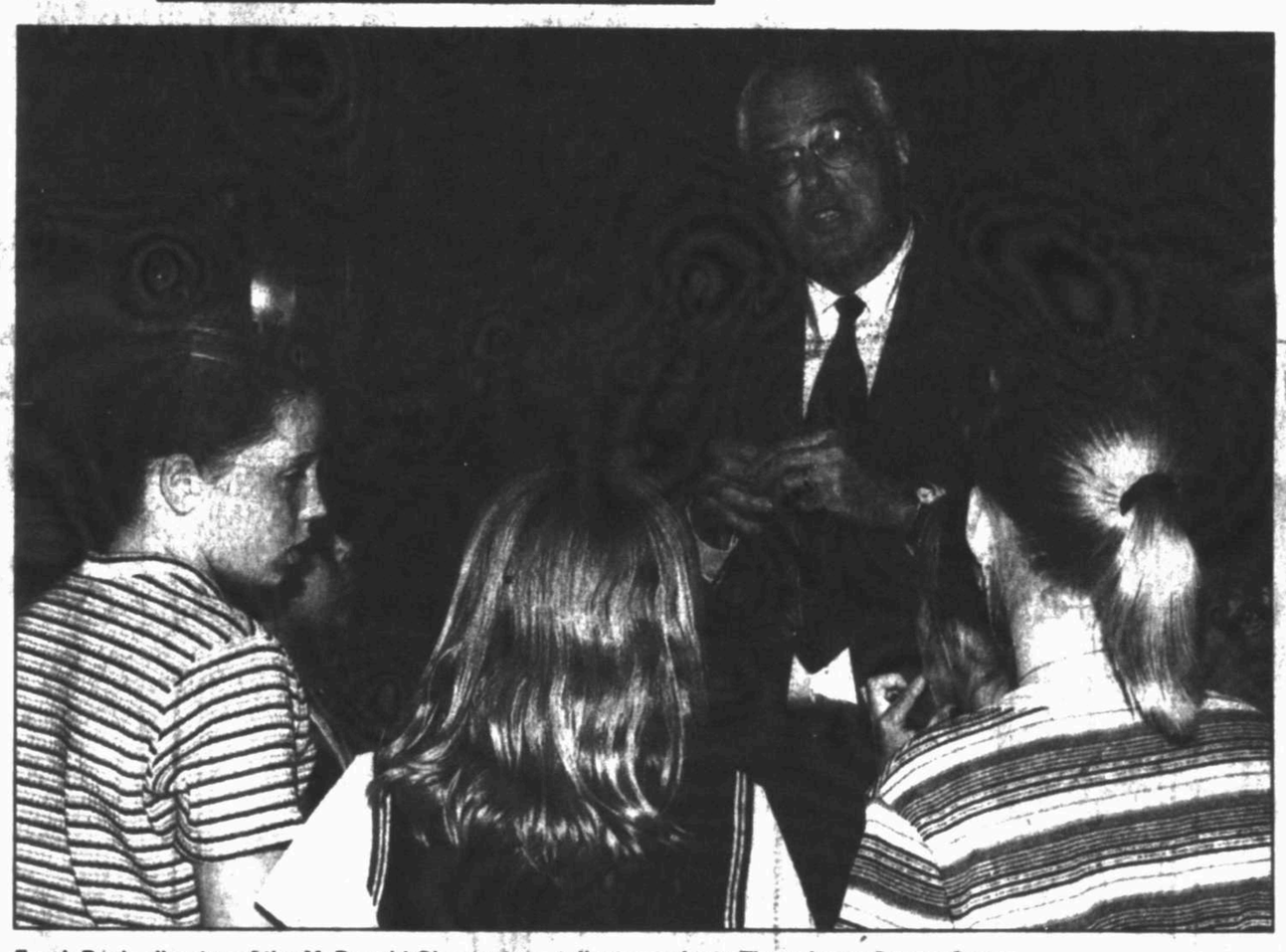
"Is there life on other planets?" queried one student.

"It's very possible that there's life on other planets," Bash replied. "It's not a crazy idea. I'm not sure if I believe many of the stories I've heard. I don't think we've seen (aliens) yet, but they should be around in space somewhere."

Bash added that life can take the form of animal, plant or micro-organism.

"I always thought that aliens were slimy things with three eyes," said Kathleen Cotter, a Parker Elementary

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Frank Bash, director of the McDonald Observatory, talks to students Thursday at Carver Center.

Story by Rick Lopez | Photo by Tim Fischer

New grads finding hot hiring market

CHICAGO (AP) — At a recent recruiting conference, Northwestern University placement director William Banis casually mentioned a college freshman he had hired to maintain his office computer network. He was astonished when dozens of companies asked for the student's name.

For college students, this is the hottest hiring market in almost three decades.

With the economy booming, employers expect a whopping 27.5 percent increase in job openings for 1998 college graduates, according to an annual survey by Michigan State University.

Employers competing for an unusually small pool of graduates this year are offering stock options, tuition reimbursement and, for some top law and business graduates, starting salaries of more than $100,000. One company offered a chance at door prizes such as a TV set just to get students to fill out job applications.

"This year is really a very fine year to be graduating," said Patrick Scheetz, author of the Michigan State study.

The prizes in this cutthroat competition are young men and women who have grown up with their hands on a computer, giving them an edge in the increasingly technology-based corporate workplace.

"We've seen much more aggressiveness on the part of employers that has led to the class of '98 doing very well and doing very well a lot earlier, with large salary increases and bonuses," Banis said.

Average starting salaries jumped 4 percent to 5 percent, the biggest increase in 10 years, according to the survey, which contacted 497 companies this year. Starting

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Average starting salaries for college graduates

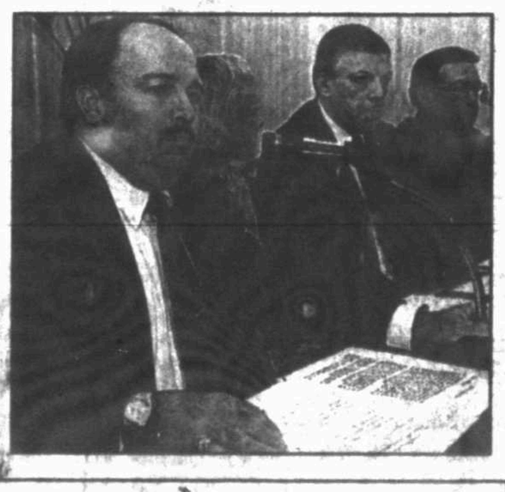
Discipline	1998	1997	Pct. Change
Chemical Engineering	$44,557	$42,758	4.2
Electrical Engineering	$41,167	$39,811	3.4
Mechanical Engineering	$39,857	$39,852	0.1
Industrial Engineering	$39,842	$37,732	5.6
Computer Science	$38,741	$36,964	4.8
Physics	$36,692	$31,972	14.8
Materials, Logistics Mgmt.	$36,190	$34,520	4.8
Packaging Engineering	$36,089	$35,353	2.1
Chemistry	$35,227	$31,261	12.6
Civil Engineering	$34,385	$32,170	6.9
Mathematics	$33,180	$32,055	3.5
Financial Administration	$32,430	$30,054	7.9
Nursing	$31,802	$32,927	-3.4
Geology	$31,273	$31,606	-1.1
Accounting	$31,209	$30,393	2.6
General Business Admin.	$30,373	$28,506	6.5
Advertising	$25,485	$24,757	2.9
Journalism	$24,588	$22,102	11.2

Compiled by AP from Michigan State University study

Crash in Peru

Vice President of International Operations of Occidental Petroleum Bob Irelan, left, speaks during a press conference Wednesday in Lima, Peru. Rescuers battled sucking mud and heavy rain Wednesday to pull 13 injured survivors from the wreckage of an Occidental Petroleum plane that crashed in the Amazon jungle and burst into flames with 87 people aboard. Story page 3A

AP Photo



Bush surfs Net, but don't try to e-mail him

AUSTIN (AP) — He's got a World Wide Web site and occasionally surfs the Net.

But don't try to e-mail Gov. George W. Bush.

"Mother and Dad are e-mailing all the time, back and forth to brothers and sisters, nieces. Somebody called me last night — one of my cousins — and said, 'What is your e-mail?' I said, 'Well, I'm not an e-mailer yet.'"

His lack of being wired is neither a generational nor technical gap, the 51-year-old governor said Wednesday.

Rather, it's a question of public record.

Bush said he worries that incoming e-mail, over which he would have no control, might wind up being the subject of an open records request under the state's Public Information Act.

That law makes most government documents public.

"I am worried about it from the public records perspective," Bush said. "What troubles me is somebody would e-mail to my personal address something of a sensitive nature. You all would call for a freedom of information request.

"I would say, 'I don't know what you're talking about.' You'd say, 'Here's the e-mail that you got.'"

The governor's office has a Web site with access to speeches and other official information. But a note on the site says, "The Governor's Office does not accept E-mail cor-

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Israel, Palestinians far apart before peace talks

JERUSALEM (AP) — Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu resisted heavy pressure Thursday to hand over territory to the Palestinians and said U.S.-proposed talks in Washington next week may not get under way as planned.

"I don't know if we will get to Washington by Monday because there are a lot of issues left open," Netanyahu said.

The Israeli leader said during a CNN World Report forum that he was not certain his Cabinet could approve a U.S. proposal for a West Bank troop withdrawal in time for next week's planned meeting.

U.S. envoy Dennis Ross was scheduled to arrive in Israel on Friday and meet with Netanyahu for an intensive round of negotiations. U.S. officials were upbeat, saying the Ross visit was a positive sign.

Arafat, president of the Palestinian Authority, warned that failure to move the peace process forward now would mean "the whole region of the Middle East will be in a confused state." He spoke during the same CNN program.

The U.S. proposal calls for Israel to make a 13-percent withdrawal from the West Bank over a 12-week period in which Palestinians would introduce new measures to fight terrorism.

The two leaders also dueled over the possibility of a Palestinian state, an issue placed in the limelight by Hillary Rodham Clinton, who told a group of Israeli and Arab teen-agers in Geneva on Wednesday that she supports an independent Palestinian entity.

Arafat said that an existing interim agreement with Israel expires on May 4, 1999, and the Palestinians would then "have the right to declare our independent state."

But Netanyahu said limits had to be placed on Palestinian sovereignty, adding that "unbridled self-determination" would allow Palestinians to import tanks and artillery that could threaten Israel.

After inconclusive talks with the Israeli and Palestinian leaders in London this week, the Clinton administration gave Netanyahu six days to accept the U.S. proposition. Arafat has already accepted the figure, which is far less than the 30-percent withdrawal that Palestinians had hoped for.

However, Netanyahu spokesman Shai Bazak told The Associated Press the U.S. proposal was not yet slated for debate by Israel's 17-member Cabinet at its regular meeting Sunday.

And another official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said that "chances are slim" that Netanyahu would be ready with an agreed-upon plan by Monday.

President Clinton has proposed that Monday's summit open talks on the toughest unresolved issues: the future of Jerusalem, Jewish settlements, refugees and borders.

U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright seemed to rule out any further changes in the American plan, but Ross' return indicated some modifications were being contemplated.

Palestinian officials took a wait-and-see attitude about the new U.S. mediation effort but indicated the Palestinians would not agree to any alterations in the U.S. proposals.

British pledge support for N. Ireland victims

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — British Prime Minister Tony Blair failed Thursday to persuade Northern Ireland's largest Protestant fraternal group to support the province's peace accord.

Representatives of the Orange Order came away from Blair's London residence complaining that the prime minister had emphasized the April 10 agreement couldn't be changed.

"We are therefore confirmed in our opinion that those matters which we find objectionable cannot be altered," said John McCrea, secretary of the order, which last week advised its 50,000-plus members to vote "no."

The accord between eight parties and the Irish and British governments goes to public referendums in Northern Ireland and the Irish Republic on May 22.

In an effort to bolster support, the British government said it would set up a fund to help victims of Northern Ireland's violence, which has left 3,200 dead and 40,000 wounded. Blair's spokesman, Alastair Campbell, said the government intends to contribute more than $3 million.

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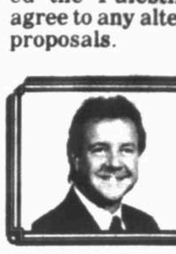
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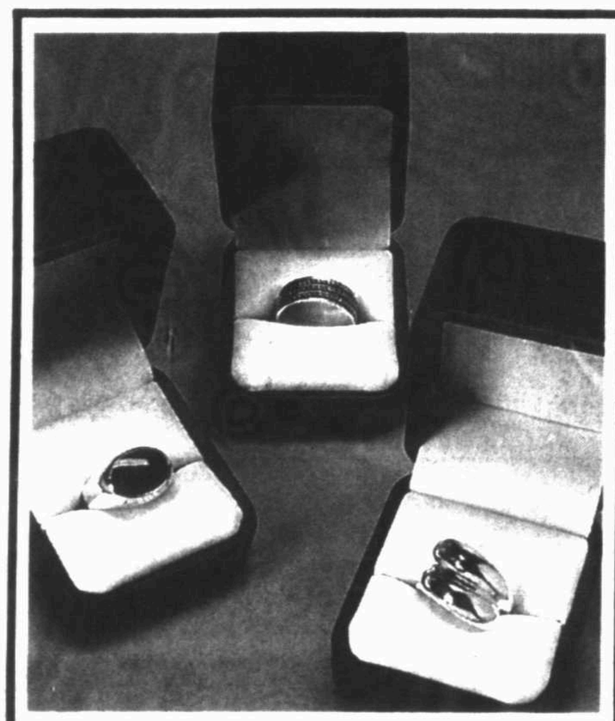




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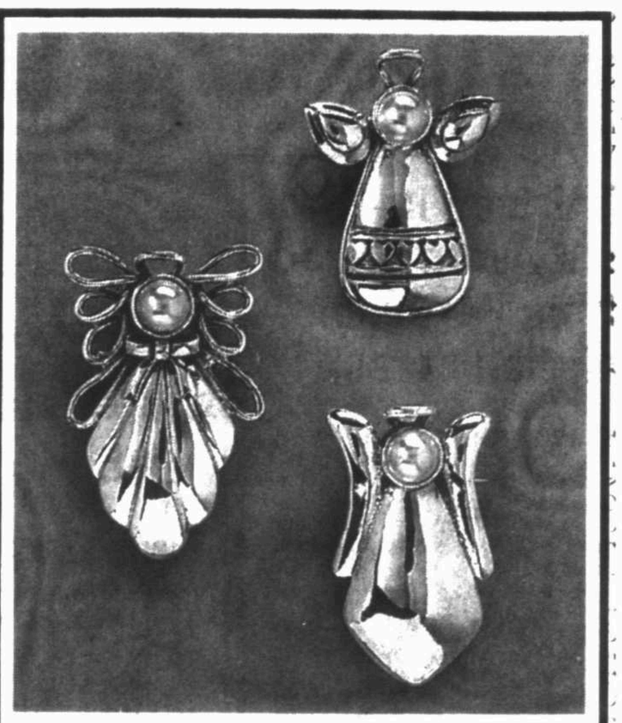
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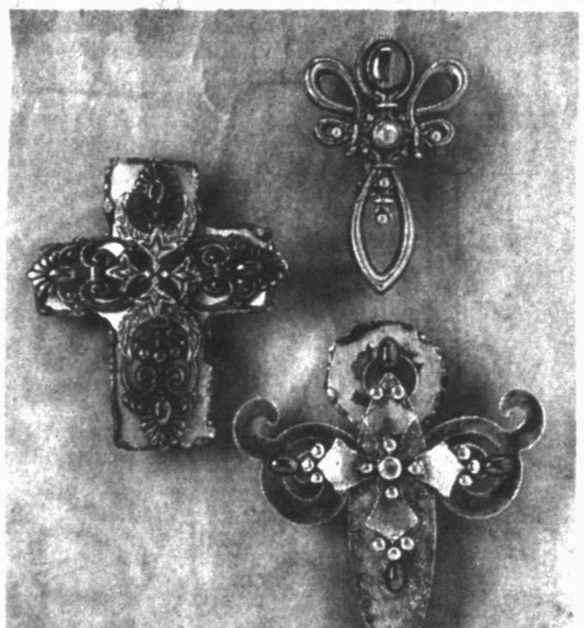
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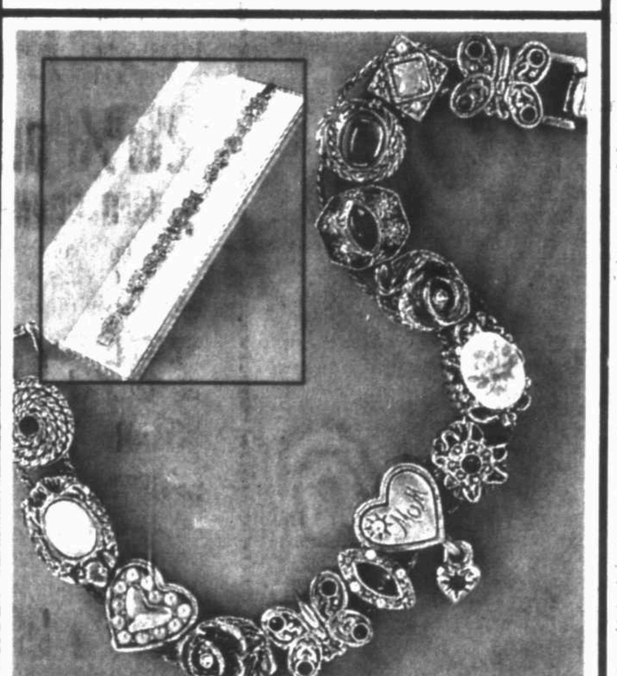


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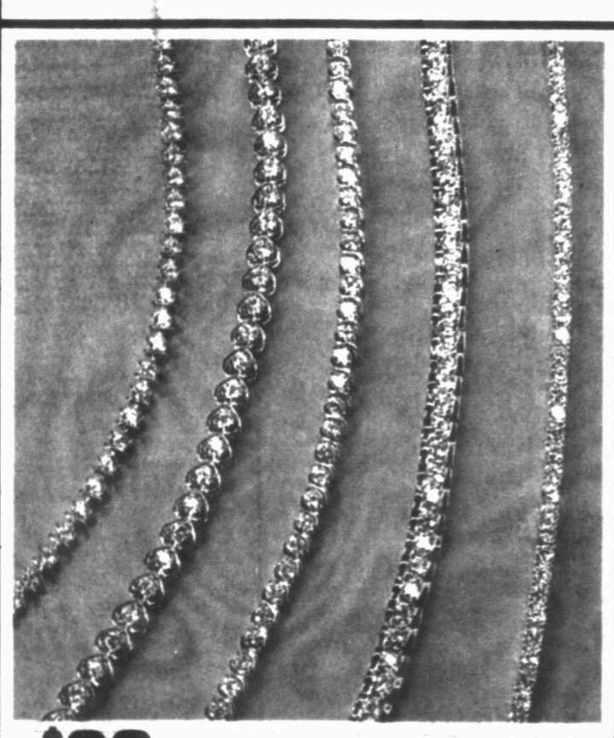
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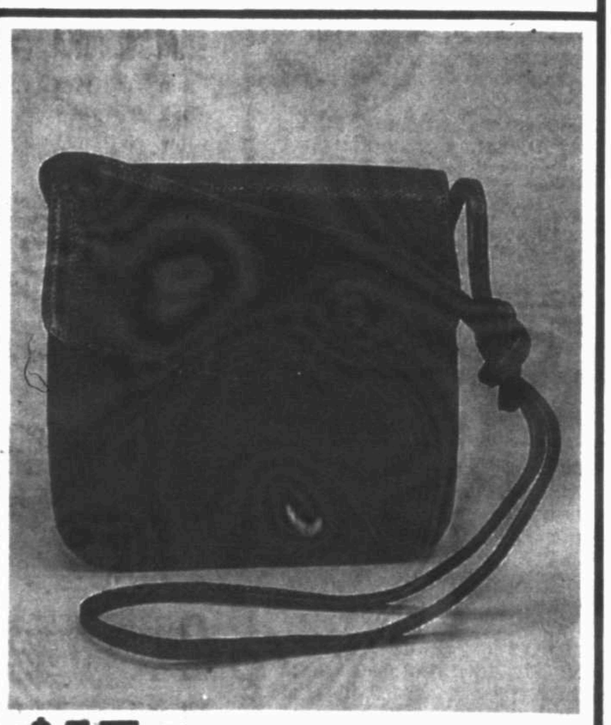
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Mudslides kill at least 36 in Italy; survivors seek scores missing

SARNO, Italy (AP) — Caked in mud up to her knees, Maria Grazia Salvatur reflected on her grim task as she waded through rivers of slowly solidifying sludge looking for human figures.

"The worst thing is seeing the relatives crying in despair," said the 20-year-old volunteer, adding that she had pulled two dead children from the debris Thursday but no survivors.

Nearly six inches of rain fell Monday and Tuesday, triggering torrents of mud and water that rocketed through the heavily populated region's narrow streets. At least 55 people were killed in a 35-mile stretch between Naples and Salerno, and scores remained missing.

RAI state television, without citing a source, reported Thursday evening that as many as 218 people were missing — a number nearly double the Civil Protection Ministry's count of 125 people unaccounted for. At least 1,600 people were homeless.

"The possibility of finding more people still alive is weak, even though hope is the last to die," said Andrea Todisco, Italy's civil defense chief.

The sun shone brightly Thursday, but the heat only baked the soupy mix of mud, water and debris into brick-hard rivers of mud. That, in turn, made rescue work even more backbreaking.

"It's more difficult today because you need to be stronger to dig. Yesterday it was like quicksand. Today you can almost walk on it," Salvatur said.

Dogs trained to sniff out avalanche victims were brought in to help the 3,000 firefighters, police and soldiers who struggled to dig the towns out from under the disaster.

A day later, rescue crews were still using military helicopters and ladders to pluck the stranded off rooftops.

A man in Episcopio, one of six towns at the base of 3,600-foot Mount Sarno, wept Thursday as he reported that his family of four, including an 8-year-old child, was missing.

In Sarno, the hardest-hit town, one leg of a chair and a light blue umbrella stuck up from the mud. Rescuers freed 30 people trapped in homes or cars Thursday and found 10 bodies. In all, 44 people died in the deluge here.

Alberto Montuori, 41, recalled how a mud slide barreled toward him as he was driving home Tuesday evening.

"I turned the corner and all of sudden a river of mud came toward me and it buried most of the cars in front of me," Montuori said. "There must have been at least 10 cars, and we pulled out only four people so there must be more people under there."

Montuori managed to rescue his wife and two children from their home, where mud smashed in a first-floor wall, flooding the living room with yard-high sludge.

The mud also swept through Sarno's cemetery, churning up human remains and coffins.

New landslides thundered down Thursday, cutting the road between Sarno and Bracigliano, six miles away, in two separate places.

"It was a movement of notable dimensions, probably triggered by infiltrations of some underground springs," said geologist Francesco Stefanelli.

Authorities warned of the danger of disease. The waters of the Sarno River "are an open sewer," Todisco said, declaring tap water undrinkable.

It was a disaster waiting to happen, according a section of a 12-volume infrastructure report to Parliament last month that was unearthed Thursday by Italian media.

A government-appointed scientific committee said the combination of mountainous and volcanic terrain, occasional heavy rainfall, poor urban planning and lack of maintenance created a risk of disaster in the Campania region surrounding Naples.

Officials have also blamed southern Italy's common but long-denounced practice of building houses without permits.

Todisco said many homes had been built too close to rivers or in areas prone to landslides. The construction also stripped hillsides of vegetation that held the earth.

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Thirteen injured survivors pulled from Peruvian airplane crash

LIMA, Peru (AP) — Rescuers battled sucking mud and heavy rain Wednesday to pull 13 injured survivors from the wreckage of an Occidental Petroleum plane that crashed in the Amazon jungle and burst into flames with 87 people aboard.

The survivors — some of whom were seriously hurt — had to be carried three miles on litters because driving rain prevented their evacuation by helicopter. Company officials said the 13th person was found in the muck nearly 18 hours after the plane went down.

Despite mud that swallowed some bodies, authorities held out hope that more survivors could be found among the dense grass and foliage. But they also declared the remaining 74 people missing and feared dead.

"We still have hope. There are so many places for the injured to be," said Jose Diaz, spokesman for Los Angeles-based Occidental Petroleum.

The Boeing 737, which Occidental chartered from the Peruvian air force to transport oil workers, plummeted into the swamp late Tuesday, three miles short of the airport at Andoas, an oil camp 650 miles north of Lima.

Most of the 79 passengers on the plane, including an American and a Venezuelan, were oil workers employed either by Occidental or local contractors. The flight also carried a crew of eight, but there were no crew members among the survivors.

The lone American aboard the plane, engineer Harold Whitehead, was not among those rescued Wednesday, Occidental officials said. Whitehead worked for the Peruvian engineering company Grana y Montero, and his family lives in the Peruvian river port of Iquitos.

Both the air force and Occidental said they have no information on bodies found.

The plane was flying the workers from Iquitos to Andoas, an oil camp in a remote stretch of jungle near the Ecuadorean border.

The cause of the accident was not known. A light rain was falling at the time of the crash, but it should not have affected the flight, Diaz said.

The plane that crashed, a Boeing model no longer manufactured, was delivered in 1983 and later acquired by the Peruvian air force, said Russ Young, a spokesman for Boeing Commercial Airplane Group.

Havel's condition said to be satisfactory after return from hospital

PRAGUE, Czech Republic (AP) — President Vaclav Havel is tired but his condition is satisfactory, his wife and doctors said Thursday, one day after he returned home from an Austrian hospital.

Havel's condition "gives grounds for optimism," said Dr. Miroslav Cerbak, head of Havel's medical team.

The president will stay about a week in Prague's military hospital and then continue convalescing at home, Cerbak said. If there are no complications, he could be back at work in June.

"My husband feels well and is happy to be back home," said his wife, Dagmar Havlova. "He's a little tired, but I feel that everything is moving toward a happy ending."

Havel, 61, suffered a ruptured colon followed by acute peritonitis on April 14 and has spent most of his time since then in intensive care at the Innsbruck University Clinic. He returned to the Czech Republic on Wednesday.

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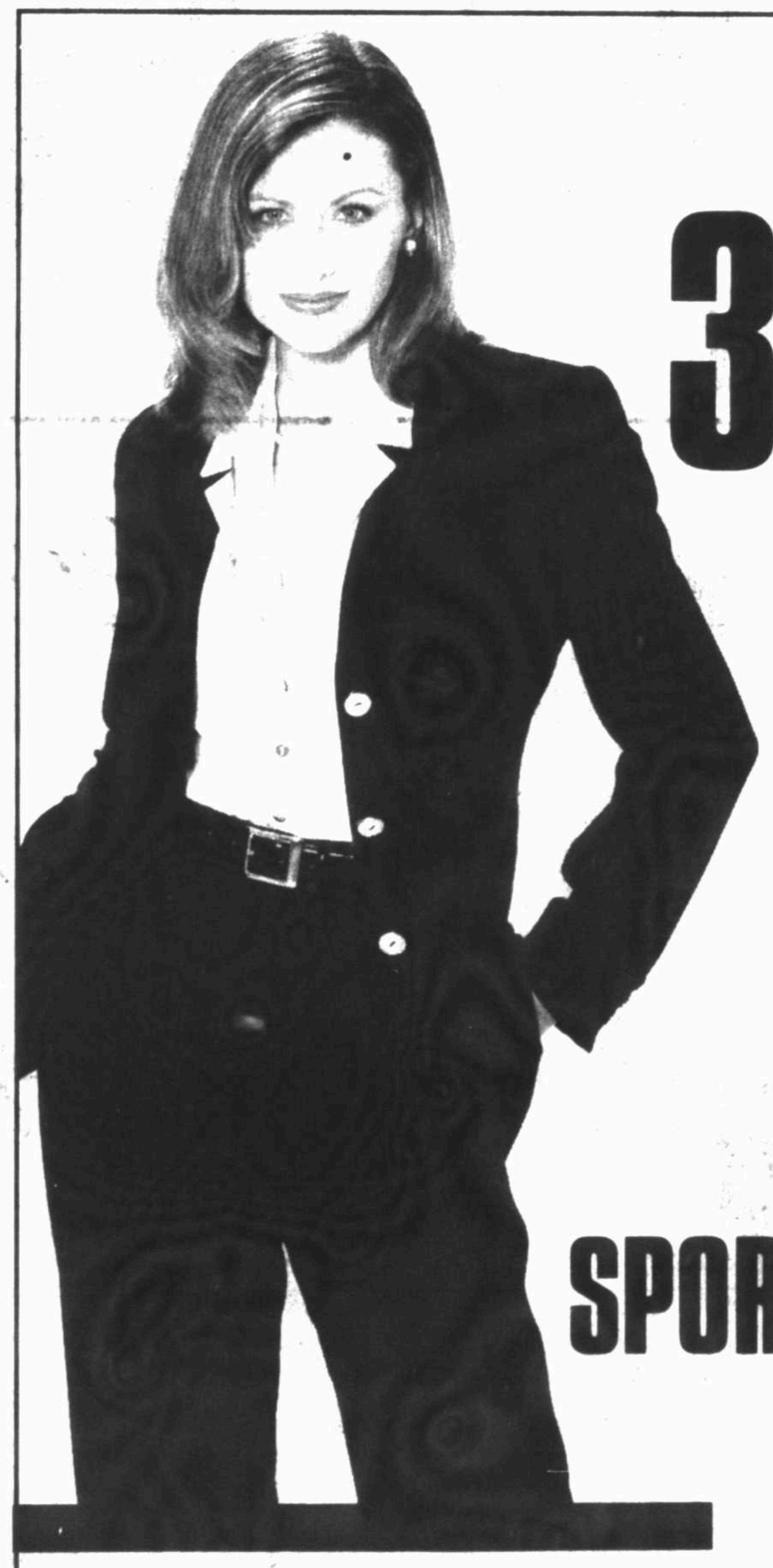
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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Saturday	Sunday
Partly cloudy	Sunny	Sunny
High 93	High 88	High 91
Low 55	Low 58	Low 52

The forecast for today calls for partly cloudy and breezy skies with a high between 90 and 95. Winds will be from the southeast at 10 to 15 mph, becoming southwest at 15 to 25 mph and gusty, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for mostly clear skies with the low in the mid-50s.

Saturday will be sunny and cooler with a high between 85 and 90.

After an overnight low of 61, Thursday's high was 92, compared with the record high for this date of 101 set in 1989. Record low for this date was 42, set in 1933.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
Total for year	1.16 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

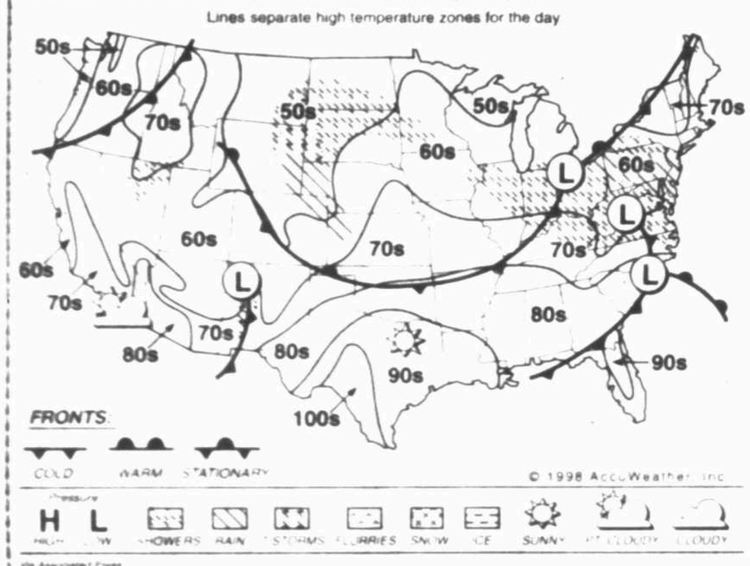
High	92
low	61
Normal high	85
Normal low	56

Pollen count
Trees: high **Weeds:** low
Grass: moderate **Molds:** low
Dust: moderate
Courtesy of the Allergy Alliance of the Permian Basin

Sunrise: 6:57 a.m.
Sunset: 8:34 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, May 8.



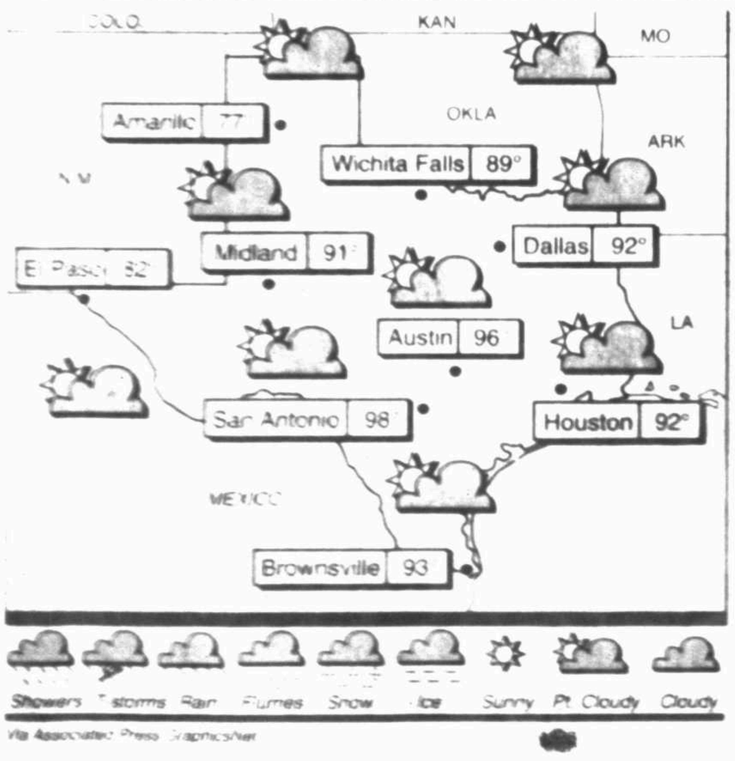
United States temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany NY	74	53	.10	rn
Albuquerque	90	48	cdy	
Anchorage	59	39	rn	
Asheville	67	56	.65	cdy
Atlanta	81	62	.15	cdy
Atlantic City	72	54	rn	
Baltimore	71	52	.11	rn
Billings	63	33	cdy	
Birmingham	80	65	clr	
Bismarck	49	35	rn	
Boise	65	53	clr	
Boston	65	52	.50	cdy
Buffalo	74	52	rn	
Burlington VT	74	52	rn	
Casper	63	37	cdy	
Charleston SC	80	66	.02	cdy
Charleston WVa	69	57	.14	rn
Charlotte NC	74	63	.57	cdy
Cheyenne	55	39	.13	rn
Chicago	58	51	rn	
Cincinnati	68	60	.35	rn
Cleveland	78	55	rn	
Columbia SC	77	67	.36	cdy
Columbus Ohio	68	62	rn	
Concord NH	64	54	.74	cdy
Dayton	63	60	.30	rn
Denver	64	43	.45	cdy
Des Moines	70	51	.63	cdy
Detroit	75	56	rn	
Duluth	48	44	.74	
Evansville	74	61	.01	cdy
Fairbanks	53	41	cdy	
Fargo	56	34	.16	rn
Flagstaff	80	36	cdy	
Grand Rapids	73	54	.01	rn
Great Falls	72	51	cdy	
Greensboro NC	84	65	rn	
Hartford Spgfld	74	46	cdy	

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Helena	77	37		cdy
Honolulu	81	70		cdy
Indianapolis	66	60	1.44	cdy
Jackson Miss	87	72		clr
Jacksonville	88	67		cdy
Juneau	46	41	.26	rn
Kansas City	75	56		clr
Las Vegas	75	56		cdy
Little Rock	86	64	.37	clr
Los Angeles	71	55		clr
Louisville	76	62	.34	cdy
Memphis	84	66	.58	clr
Miami Beach	88	73		cdy
Milwaukee	57	47	.41	cdy
Mpls St Paul	65	51	.30	cdy
Nashville	82	61	.68	cdy
New Orleans	86	74		cdy
New York City	67	55	.05	rn
Norfolk Va	80	58	rn	
North Platte	58	40	.02	rn
Oklahoma City	80	55	clr	
Omaha	70	49	clr	
Ontario	90	68	cdy	
Philadelphia	75	57	rn	
Phoenix	94	63	cdy	
Pittsburgh	74	52	.13	rn
Portland Maine	54	49	cdy	
Portland Ore	64	54	cdy	
Providence	67	56	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	74	58	rn	
Rapid City	54	26	cdy	
Reno	65	49	rn	
Richmond	74	56	.01	rn
Sacramento	70	52	cdy	
St Louis	69	62	.77	cdy
Salt Lake City	66	51	cdy	
San Diego	68	60	cdy	
San Francisco	59	55	.03	cdy
San Juan PR	82	76	.01	rn
Santa Fe	71	39	cdy	
St Ste Marie	76	46	rn	

State forecast



Via Associated Press Graphics Net

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature (F) and hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT

			Prcp
Abilene	91	57	
Alice	96	67	
Amarillo	79	49	
Arlington	90	64	
Austin Bergstrom	93	68	
Austin Mueller	92	67	
Beaumont	91	70	
Brownsville	91	73	
Burnet	96	61	
Childress	96	55	
College Station	96	69	
Conroe	92	71	
Corpus Christi	95	74	
Corsicana	95	69	
Cotulla	102	69	
Dalhart	79	46	
Dallas	92	69	
Del Rio	108	69	
Denton	90	66	
Dfw Airport	91	69	
El Paso	85	52	

Fort Stockton	94	62
Fort Worth	92	69
Galveston	83	74
Harlingen	100	73
Hondo	96	64
Houston Hobby	96	69
Houston Intctn	94	69
Huntsville	94	70
Junction	101	64
Kingsville	95	74
Laredo	106	71
Lubbock	85	50
Lufkin	91	68
Marfa	96	54
McAllen	100	75
McKinney	89	67
Mineral Wells	92	64
Navy Corpus	94	74
New Braunfels	99	71
Paacios	93	73
Paris	86	64
Rockport	83	74
San Angelo	96	62
San Antonio	100	68
Shreveport La	88	69

OIL: Hutchison denies act was underhanded

(From 1A)

news conference, denied she acted in underhanded fashion or was motivated by campaign contributions. A spokeswoman for Livingston, R-La., also scoffed at the Democrats' charges, noting that the measure freezes the current rules in place only through Oct. 1, giving Congress time to debate the issue.

"I played by the rules," Mrs. Hutchison said. She called her action necessary to prevent Interior's Minerals Management Service from implementing its new royalty collection program in defiance of Congress.

"I was not going to stand by and let regulators who do not answer to the people do something in direct contravention of Congress' direction to them last year," she said. "It was the MMS that did something in the dead of night."

In an interview earlier this week, the head of Interior's royalty management programs, Lucy Querques Denett, noted that MMS has been working on the royalty rule rewrite for 2 1/2 years, convening 14 public hearings and rewriting its proposed rule three times.

"We believe that the last proposed rule that was out there really took into account a lot of the comments that we've received," she said.

Industry officials said they had no choice but to turn to Congress because Interior ignored their input.

"We believe as long as MMS continues to reject some of the fundamental core principles ... at the least it's difficult to make progress," said Ben Dillon, an Independent Petroleum Association of America vice president.

Neither side is pleased with the current system, under which producers pay royalties after estimating the value of the oil they've pumped from federal lands. But industry officials are even less happy with the new proposal, which would calculate royalties on the basis of the market price. That method overstates the value of the oil, they say.

Contending some companies have deliberately underpaid the government, the Justice Department has gone to court against some in the industry, as have California and Texas.

The Project on Government Oversight estimates oil companies have underpaid royalties by more than $2 billion in the last two decades.

ECONOMY: Crude inventories 6.3 percent higher than last year

(From 1A)

goods," Fiona Sigalla, a Federal Reserve economist, said Thursday.

Some of the money may come from new home equity lending laws, allowing Texans for the first time to get second mortgages for a wide variety of reasons, she said.

"Interest rates are pretty low right now and people have been able to refinance their homes and lower their debt and increase their cash flow and have that money available," she said.

Gary Thayer, senior economist with A.G. Edwards in St. Louis, agrees that the lower interest rates have been a positive influence.

"Some of the money has been used to increase retail spending, some may have been used to upgrade housing and some may have gone into investing," Thayer said.

Money also continues to flow into energy exploration, even through prices are down, Thayer said.

"Energy prices did not drop so much as to make it unattractive to drill wells," he said. "It's a benefit both to the consumer and still attractive to producers."

As of last Friday, the number of oil and gas rigs operating nationwide fell by four to 876, Houston-based Baker Hughes Inc. reported.

Of those, 601 were exploring for natural gas and 272 for oil. Three were listed as miscellaneous.

The Fed report acknowledged the strong activity in gas drilling, "although below the strong level recorded near the end of last year."

Meanwhile, the Fed reported U.S. crude inventories are 6.3 percent higher than this time last year and are still rising.

Ms. Sigalla said that lower crude oil prices do benefit some Texas-based companies, such as airlines.

Labor demand was described as "strong" in seven Federal Reserve districts, including Dallas, where wage increases were becoming more frequent in service industries, the Fed said.

The Texas unemployment rate dipped two-tenths of a percentage point in March, dropping from February's rate of 4.8 percent to 4.6 percent, the Texas Workforce Commission reported last month.

According to the Fed report, more employers are using training programs so they can hire workers previously considered unqualified for their needs.

"When you get into an economy that's being driven by a lot of technological change, it becomes a more acute problem," Thayer said.

Ms. Sigalla said there has been an increase in firms realizing they will have trouble finding such skilled workers.

"So they will choose to have in-house training programs or set up joint training with a college or other private company so they can hire workers that they may previously not have considered as being adequately trained for them," she said.

Economists believe that education is key to a good, sound economy, she said. "Whether they get that education in college or get it in a training program really does not a difference either way and the businesses are better off for it."

Thayer added that companies benefit from providing training because it not only fills jobs, but tends to keep employees.

"A lot of times it's not the wage you pay but the growth you provide for the employee while he's with you," he said.

STARS: Bash confirms rock could contain primitive form of life

(From 1A)

School student. "... But I'm not sure if I believe in them. Right now I'm in between believing and not believing."

Another youngster asked Bash what he thought about the plot for "Deep Impact," a movie that opens in theaters today. The film is about a comet that scientists determine is on a fatal collision course with the Earth.

"More than likely, it's not going to happen soon," he told students. "It seemed to have happened in the past, and when it did, it caused major damage."

In another effort to separate Hollywood from real life, Bash also explained that scientists have not found a way to communicate with other galaxies, as in the movie "Contact."

"I don't think we've received signals from other people on other planets," Bash said. "However, scientists do try to pick up radio signals from other planets to detect any life presence."

One student asked if any object, such as a spacecraft, is capable of penetrating a black hole. Bash explained that nothing can exist in a black hole because its gravitational pull is so strong that all matter that enters it is torn to pieces almost immediately.

'I was impressed with the quality of questions. I think Midland should be proud of these kids and their schools.'
— Frank Bash, director of McDonald Observatory

"If I were in a black hole, I'd be stretched and become skinnier and taller by the second," he explained. "Then parts of my body would start breaking off, like my fingers and arms."

Bash also confirmed for the students that a space rock found in Alaska could contain a primitive form of life from another planet.

"Yes, scientists have found rocks that look like they contain micro-organisms," Bash said. "It seems like it fell throughout the solar system and crashed on Earth. It shows that there was life on Mars at one time."

Bash also confessed to not having a deep interest in astronomy until he took a physics class in college. He also explained that he does live at the observatory's dorms on some days, but owns a house in Austin and spends time there, too.

"I was impressed with the quality of questions. I think Midland should be proud of these kids and their schools," Bash said after his one-hour question-and-answer session.

The students appeared to be very interested in the topic, he said. Some of them admitted to having an interest in astronomy before Bash made his appearance.

"I like the stars and the mystery behind them," Anson Jones student Christy Hinterlong said. "I like looking at the sky and finding constellations. Sometimes I look for Orion. It's always easy to find without a chart."

A'lys Lawrence, a student at Parker Elementary School, recalled looking at the Hale-Bopp comet a year ago.

"I had a pair of binoculars and saw it from my backyard," she said. "It was exciting. It's something that not all kids get to see when they're growing up."

Also on Thursday, Bash and other observatory officials honored the Abell-Hanger Foundation at a reception at the Museum of the Southwest. The foundation helped fund construction of the Hobby-Eberly telescope and the visitor's gallery beside it.

Several Midlanders serve on the McDonald Observatory's board of visitors, including Joan Baskin, William Blakemore II, Grant Billingsley, Michelle Brock, Frank Cahoon, David Grimes and Ed Jones.

"The future of astronomy depends on powerful new instruments like the Hobby-Eberly Telescope," Bash said. "We are fortunate that generous groups, including the Abell-Hanger Foundation and our friends in Midland, have come forward to help us build it."

BUSH: Governor says 2000 site is pre-emptive

(From 1A)

respondence at this time."

And don't get too excited about that other Bush Web site, either.

Bush's political adviser, Karl Rove, has registered a Bush2000.com site on the Web but insists it doesn't mean the Texas governor is running for president. Rove has described it as pre-emptive, to make sure no one else claims the name and posts unauthorized material. There is nothing at the site.

But the governor isn't totally out of the loop. He does surf the Net.

"Yeah, I do," he said. "I use the net a lot when I'm out of town. I use it to read the newspapers."

That has allowed him to keep up with the Texas news while vacationing at his parents' home in Maine, for example.

And like all parents, Bush said he tries to help his twin 16-year-old daughters with their homework. "My daughters are on the net occasionally. I try to help them figure out how to move through it for different research projects."

"I haven't downloaded (anything)," Bush added. But he said he did check out a computer book seller recently. "I went ... to take a look. I'd heard so much about it."

GRADS: Employer offers door prizes for applicants

(From 1A)

salaries are up for a fifth consecutive year and will rise as much as 15 percent in some undergraduate fields.

Last year, the number of job openings rose about 6 percent. This year's increase represents the biggest in the survey's 27-year history. The previous biggest increase in openings was 9.2 percent for the class of 1985.

The recruiting competition is fierce in part because the number of college graduates this year and next is expected to be lower than in previous years because of a drop in the number of U.S. births years ago.

Rebecca Ingis, a University of Pennsylvania psychology major, chose a marketing job with Chicago-based Quaker Oats Co. over three other offers, all promising salaries in the middle five figures. Location determined her choice.

"I know people who've gotten six offers, eight offers," she said. It's been pretty difficult to decide.

College placement directors say recruiters are pressing to come to campus as early as October instead of January, and are working to secure new hires through junior-year internships. Recruiters are also increasingly pressing students to accept an offer quickly or lose it.

"We've found an unusual amount of job stress and job-search burnout," Banis said, "not because of an inability to find jobs but because there are so many opportunities out there and because of employers' push to fill their labor needs early."

Employers are stressing perks and resorting to gimmicks to get recruits. GE Capital Auto Financial Services, trying to hire 250 new employees for a new installation in Barrington, Ill., said those submitting applications would earn a chance at door prizes, including a television, Chicago White Sox tickets and a $100 Ticketmaster gift certificate. The company also touted its large cafe and health club, and complete dental and eye package.

While corporations still are making thousands of layoffs, graduating students are highly prized, said John Challenger, general manager of job outplacement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas.

"Technology is a part of the way companies operate today, every-

Correction

Midland author Joan Stocks Nobles will sign copies of her book, "Run With The Horses" 4 to 6 p.m. today at Hastings.

The time was incorrectly reported in an item in Thursday's edition.

The Reporter-Telegram regrets the error.

Pick 3 Texas

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

7-0-6

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The Cash Five winning numbers drawn Thursday by the Texas Lottery:

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Study shows new link between hormone and breast cancer risk

LONDON (AP) — Young women with elevated levels of a particular growth hormone have a risk of breast cancer seven times higher than those with low levels, according to study published Friday.

The research is the first to find a link between this natural substance, called insulin-like growth factor, or IGF-1, and the chance of breast cancer in pre-menopausal women. It raises the possibility that doctors someday might screen for this hormone to help identify those at higher risk of the disease.

American and Canadian researchers, led by Dr. Susan Hankinson of the Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, say further studies with greater numbers of women are needed to better define the risk before a course of action can be recommended.

But if confirmed by subsequent research, the results, published in this week's issue of The Lancet, a British medical journal, could help doctors determine which women to monitor most closely to catch the disease early, said Dr. Debu Tripathy, a cancer specialist at the University of California in San Francisco.

If doctors can confirm that lowering hormone levels really does have an effect and can figure out how to achieve that result, they may be able to prevent breast cancer altogether, he said.

IGF-1, a hormone produced by most tissues in the body, is involved in normal growth but also helps cancer grow once the disease has set in. It was linked to prostate cancer in a similar study published in January.

Hankinson used blood samples of women taken in 1989 and 1990 before any of them were diagnosed. Over the next five years, the level of IGF-1 was measured in the original blood samples of the 397 women who later developed breast cancer and compared with the levels in the original samples of those 620 women who did not.

The scientists found that among the 76 pre-menopausal women, those with IGF-1 concentrations in the highest category had almost three times the risk of those with levels in the lowest category.

And among pre-menopausal women younger than 50, the risk of breast cancer for those with the highest levels of the hormone was about seven times more than for their counterparts with the lowest levels.

"The up to sevenfold increase ... suggests that the relation between IGF-1 and risk of breast cancer may be greater than that of other established breast cancer risk factors, with the exception of a strong family history of breast cancer or a high-density mammographic profile," the study said.

The scientists found no association between the concentration of IGF-1 and the risk of breast cancer in post-menopausal women.

Although the study finds an association between IGF-1 and breast cancer, it does not speak to whether the higher hormone levels cause the disease.

Still, the findings could be "very significant," said Jeff Holly, director of research at Bristol Royal Infirmary in England.

"For the last 50 years, the main research into the causes of cancer has focused on damage to genes," he said. "This is powerful evidence that the incidence of cancer is not just due to genetics but also due to the hormonal balance in the body — and that those hormones could be your defense."

In previous studies of the link between IGF-1 and breast cancer, scientists tested the blood only after the women were diagnosed, which made it difficult to tell whether the onset of cancer could have increased the concentration of the hormone, the researchers said.

Studies have shown that the widely used cancer drug tamoxifen — which scientists suggested last month can prevent the onset of the disease — lowers IGF-1 levels in the blood of women with breast cancer.

Hezbollah turns out thousands to mark death of revered saint

BEIRUT, Lebanon (AP) — Bolstered by its stepped-up war against Israel and growing popularity at home, Hezbollah rallied tens of thousands of supporters Thursday to mark the death of Shiite Islam's most revered saint.

The march, an annual display of force through Hezbollah's stronghold in southern Beirut, took on added significance this year because of Hezbollah's intensified campaign to force an Israeli pullback from southern Lebanon.

Backed by Iran and Syria, Hezbollah's 3,000 fighters have launched hundreds of raids this year on Israeli forces who have occupied a southern strip of Lebanon since 1985. Responding to growing public pressure, Israel said last month it would abide by a 20-year-old U.N. resolution calling for its withdrawal, if it received security guarantees — a demand Hezbollah has rejected.

On Thursday, tens of thousands of Hezbollah followers dressed in black marched through Beirut's poorest neighborhoods to mark Ashoura, which commemorates the death of Hussein, the grandson of Islam's Prophet Mohammed.

Hussein was killed in a battle in 680 on the plain of Karbala near the Euphrates River in modern-day Iraq. The battle was a key event in Islam's split into the Sunni and minority Shiite branches.

His martyrdom, recounted through a rich body of prose, poetry and song, remains a powerful example of sacrifice to many Shiites.

Black, yellow and red Hezbollah flags fluttered Thursday over the marchers, who slowly beat their chests in a ritual that sounded like a ceremonial drum from a distance. The cadence was punctuated by chants of "Death to America!" and "Death to Israel!"

"We will continue our battle," said Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, Hezbollah's leader, drawing cheers from onlookers.

Many in the crowd, including young children, wore black headbands that read, "We are all the resistance."

Besides raising its military profile, Hezbollah has emerged as a social and political force in Lebanon, building schools, hospitals and clinics in neglected regions and earning a reputation for honesty and integrity amid the country's rampant corruption.

In the southern Lebanese town of Nabatiyeh, thousands of men slashed their heads with curved swords and razors and beat their chests with iron chains in a show of sorrow. Self-flagellation had been banned by Hezbollah's spiritual leaders, but some Shiites still perform the bloodletting.

In predominantly Shiite Iran, millions poured into the streets draped in black banners and beating their heads and chests. Some smeared themselves with sheep's blood and street performers reenacted the battle scene in which Hussein was killed.



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Funeral for Swiss Guard held at Vatican church

VATICAN CITY (AP) — A Swiss Guard killed his commander and the commander's wife before committing suicide because "after three years, six months and three days they have not given me a medal," according to a letter he wrote, parts of which were published Thursday.

"I have to avoid other injustices," 23-year-old Cedric Tornay wrote sometime before Monday shootings, according to the ANSA news agency and La Stampa newspaper of Turin. "What I will do I have been forced to do. I'm sorry to leave you alone," he added, apparently referring to his sisters.

Tornay had given the one-page letter, written in French, to a fellow guard just 90 minutes before he shot his commander, 43-year-old Alois Estermann, Estermann's wife, and then himself in what Vatican officials described as a "fit of madness" fueled by disappointment at not getting a commendation.

The Vatican said the letter was handed over to Tornay's mother Wednesday. It has declined to make the contents public, saying the decision is up to the family. The news reports did not say how the excerpts were obtained.

Despite the circumstances, Tornay's funeral Thursday, complete with honor guard, was in a Vatican parish church. Trumpets played "I Had a Good Comrade" and members of the pope's elite corps said farewell to Tornay.

The president of the Swiss Conference of Bishops celebrated the Mass, assisted by 20 priests; the Swiss ambassador to the Holy See attended.

So did Estermann's family.

Roman Catholic Masses include a moment when worshipers exchange what is called "a sign of peace," a handshake or embrace. When that time arrived Thursday, Tornay's mother turned to Estermann's father, mother, brother and sister, who were sitting in the pew behind her.

> **'I have to avoid other injustices.'**
> — Cedric Tornay, Swiss Guard who killed his commander and the commander's wife Monday, before taking his own life

One by one, Muguette Tornay took each of their hands.

It was a riveting moment in a sad ceremony. St. Anne's, a little church near the Swiss Guard barracks, was packed with about 300 people, including Tornay's Italian friends, many in tears.

"He's a victim, too," Vatican spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls had said earlier.

Tornay's funeral came a day after thousands of people filled St. Peter's Basilica to mourn Estermann and his wife at an elaborate requiem Mass.

Tornay was nearing the end of his second two-year stint with the guards, the 100-member papal force that for five centuries has drawn on Swiss Catholic men to protect the pope and perform ceremonial duties in the Vatican.

His family has said the onetime mechanic was looking forward to returning to Switzerland to work. Navarro-Valls said Tornay gave no indication that he was on the verge of boiling over.

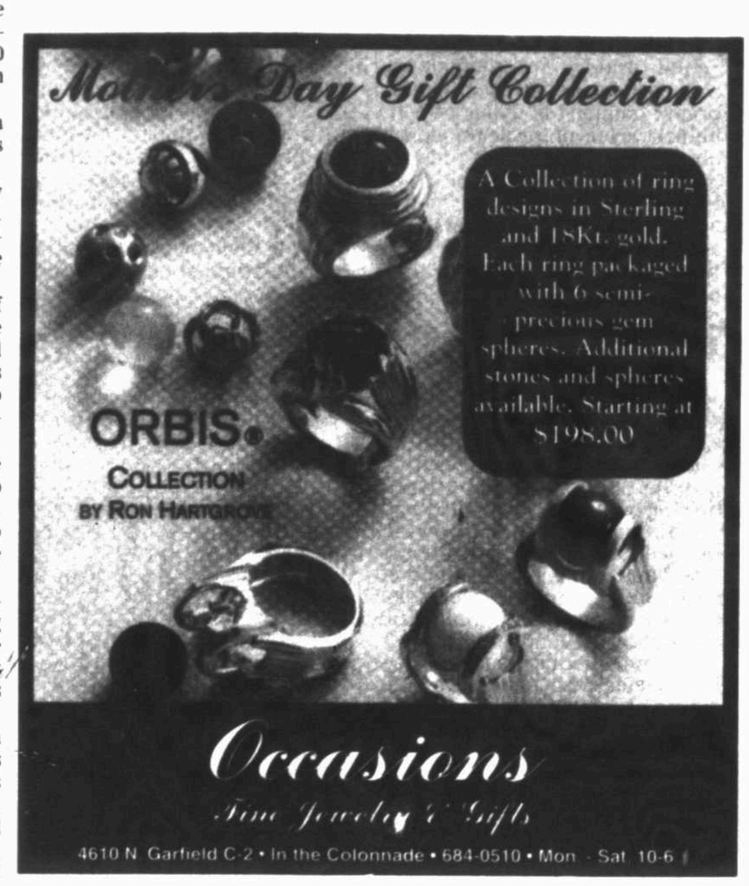
The Italian and Swiss press carried stories Thursday reporting that friends of Tornay said there was bad blood between him and his commander. None of the sources was named.

Estermann, an 18-year veteran of the guard, was found dead in his Vatican apartment along with his wife, Gladys Meza Romero, 49. Tornay's body lay nearby, a pistol beneath his body. Hours earlier, Pope John Paul II had promoted Estermann to commander.

The Swiss daily Le Matin on Thursday published an interview with another Swiss Guard who said Estermann didn't like Tornay, who reportedly was rebellious, and was overly harsh on him.

"In the end, the two really couldn't stand seeing each other," said the man, who was not identified.

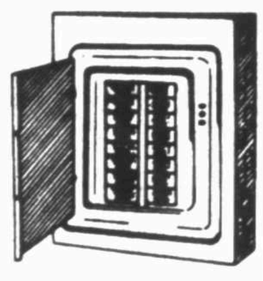
When Estermann refused him a merit medal, Tornay "felt left out and humiliated" and the two reportedly had a "violent argument," he said.



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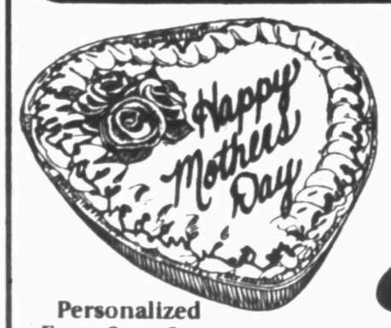
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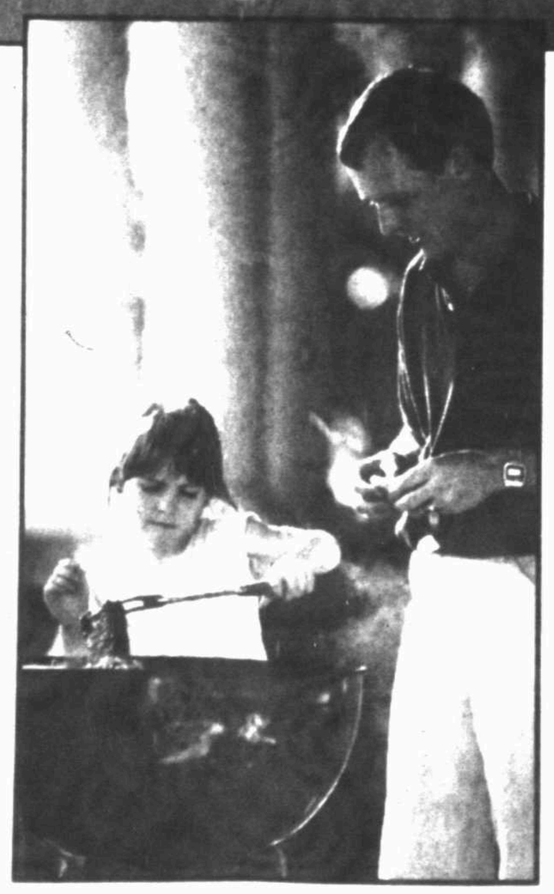
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Indonesian student activist describes detention and torture

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WASHINGTON — Pius Lustrilanang, a student activist, says he was kidnapped at gunpoint on Feb. 4 at a bus stop in Jakarta, Indonesia's capital, blindfolded, driven outside the city and placed in a cell, naked.

Before the first electric shock, he says, he heard one interrogator say: "Here there is no law. There is no human rights. All you have to do is answer our questions. Some people leave here alive. Some don't. They are never found."

His questioners were military men who went about their work methodically and patiently, Lustrilanang said. "They tortured me to get information, not merely for pleasure," he said in an interview, his first since he fled Indonesia 11 days ago. "They wanted to know the constellation of the opposition, the alliances between different leaders."

They threatened him with death, he said, and warned him that if he wanted to live after his release, he should stay silent forever.

Lustrilanang was one of about 50 Indonesians who have disappeared in the past three months, apparently into the hands of the Indonesian security forces, according to the nation's leading legal aid organization.

The Indonesian government acknowledges that there have been disappearances among the political opposition; some Indonesian officials have suggested that they are the work of vigilantes or criminals. But opponents of the government have suffered death, torture and jail for their beliefs at the hands of the government, the State Department says.

Lustrilanang, who is 30 years old and leader of a prominent student group opposed to President Suharto, was held for two months and then released after international pressure on the government. He arrived in the United States Wednesday night, and testified Thursday at a congressional hearing.

As Indonesia endures the worst political and economic crisis in the 32-year reign of Suharto, the Clinton administration is straining to separate questions of political freedom and human rights from economic support. On Monday the administration expressed support for resuming financial aid to Indonesia through the International Monetary Fund, while simultaneously voicing concern about the kidnapping of dissidents.

The IMF says it cannot insist on human rights in exchange for financial assistance, but the administration has failed so far to convince Congress to provide $18 billion in additional financing for the Fund.

In Indonesia Thursday, General Wiranto, the chief of the armed forces, proposed that the military set up a commission to study political reform. But Lustrilanang said he placed little faith in generals as instruments of change. He believes it was Indonesian soldiers who kidnapped him, held him in a jail on a military base with about 10 other political prisoners and punctuated their questions with prods from an electrified baton.

"This weakened government has become more vicious and brutal toward voices of dissent," he said Thursday in testimony at a congressional hearing convened by Rep. Christopher Smith, R-N.J. "Often, the perpetrators of those violations are publicly known. In most cases, they are members of the security forces."

Smith, chairman of the House subcommittee on international operations and human rights, criticized the administration for providing military training to Indonesia security forces, including units accused of human rights violations. American special-operations soldiers have conducted 41 training exercises with the Indonesia military over the past five years, including courses in psychological operations and urban combat, at a cost of more than $3.5 million, according to Pentagon officials.

"The first rule should be that the United States does not give any kind of military assistance whatever to governments that murder their own people," Smith said.

The White House spokesman, Michael D. McCurry, said Thursday that the United States "would continue to call on the government of Indonesia to respect the individual human rights of those who are voicing legitimate dissent."

Amnesty International denounces disappearances in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP)— An "alarming increase" in the number of disappearances in Mexico since 1994 coincides with a government crackdown on rebels and drug trafficking, Amnesty International said Thursday.

The London-based rights group called for "immediate and effective measures to put an end to this deplorable practice," which it said often involves police and army forces.

Authorities have denied responsibility in most of the cases, it said.

During a government crackdown on leftists in the 1970s and early 1980s, hundreds of people — including many political activists and professors — were detained by security forces, the group said. Many were tortured while in captivity; some were never seen again.

For more than 20 years, Amnesty International has been calling on the government to resolve more than 1,400 disappearances. After several years in which there were few reported disappearances, the group is again insisting the government act to stop a resurgence.

Amnesty said it has seen an "alarming increase" in the number of disappearances since 1994, most of them linked to counterinsurgency operations, especially in the southern states of Guerrero, Oaxaca and Chiapas. Other cases were linked to the anti-drug effort in the northern states of Chihuahua and Sinaloa.

It cited a January 1994 case in which dozens of soldiers detained three community leaders in the Chiapas village of Morelia a week after leftist Zapatista rebels took up arms in Chiapas to demand greater Indian rights and democracy. The three men were taken into a church, where they were tortured, their screams heard by villagers, it said.

The men then disappeared. Their bodies were found a month later, the report said.

Fourteen other Tzeltale Indians from Chiapas have been missing since 1994, it said.

Amnesty said that since 1996 it has documented dozens of disappearances involving the army and federal police agents, mainly in Guerrero and Oaxaca, where a separate rebel group rose up to denounce the government following attacks on Indian peasants.

In the northern Sinaloa state, a drug-trafficking center, families say at least 30 people have disappeared since June 1996. Amnesty said there were indications of involvement by security forces, such as the federal Attorney General's office and the army.

Amnesty said people often are dissuaded from denouncing the disappearances for fear they will be accused of supporting drug trafficking.

Investigators say Taiwanese plane was off course

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) — Mechanical problems were the likely cause of a Formosa Airlines plane crash last month, investigators said Thursday, ruling out speculation that a bomb was to blame.

All 13 people on board were killed when the SAAB 340 crashed into the Taiwan Strait shortly after takeoff from Hsinchu in northern Taiwan on March 18. The plane was bound for the southern city of Kaohsiung.

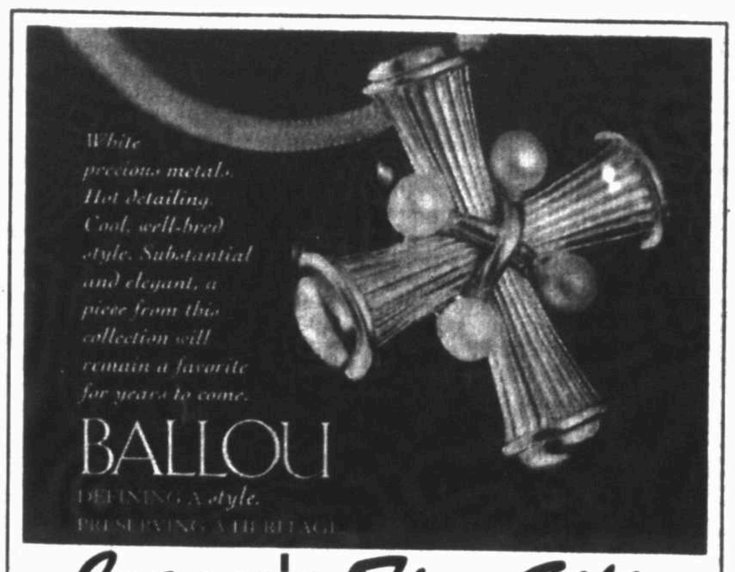
The disaster, coming on the heels of the crash of a China Airlines jet that killed 202 people, provoked deep concern about aviation safety in Taiwan. Both airlines are Taiwan carriers.

Little of the small Formosa Airlines plane was left intact, raising speculation it might have been downed by a bomb or by guns or missiles fired during a military exercise off Hsinchu.

But after an analysis of the flight recorders, investigators said they now believe engine failure threw the aircraft off course. The analysis was conducted in the United States.

The plane's right turboprop engine was operating at 15 percent to 18 percent less power than the left engine, causing the plane to turn north instead of south after takeoff, said Chang Chia-chu, head of the Taiwan's Civil Aeronautics Administration.

The plane had indicators to alert the crew it was off course but those also failed to function, Chang said, adding that the crew had no visible signs they were headed in the wrong direction because it was night at the time.



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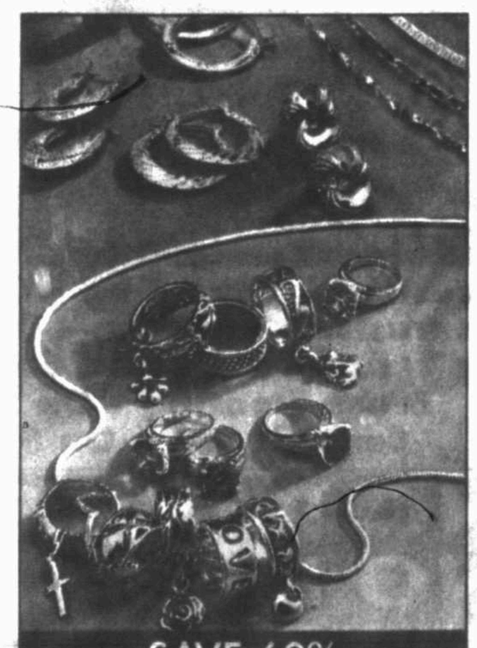
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Senate passes bill to restructure IRS; measure approved 37-0

WASHINGTON (AP) — Legislation to clean up the Internal Revenue Service won unanimous Senate approval Thursday night in an election-year display of outrage over heavy-handed enforcement tactics and other abuses.

The Senate passed the bill on a 97-0 vote as one lawmaker after another spoke out about a "culture" at the nation's tax collection agency in desperate need of change.

Sen. William V. Roth, R-Del., chief architect of the measure, said that for too long, the IRS has treated the taxpayer "as the enemy and not the customer." The legislation includes "the most extensive reforms ever made to balance power and responsibility inside what can only be characterized as one of America's most powerful agencies," added the chairman of the Finance Committee.

"We need to pass IRS reform," agreed Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota. "We need to get on with reforming it, restructuring the IRS, sensitizing them."

President Clinton applauded the Senate's action, and urged both the House and Senate to "send me a bill that expands taxpayer rights and moves us forward towards delivering an IRS the American people deserve." At the same time, administration officials said they would seek some changes in the bill when lawmakers meet to work out a final compromise.

No detail seemed too small for lawmakers eager to demonstrate their concern with the agency that many taxpayers fear and despise. One provision would require the IRS to publish telephone numbers of its local offices.

More broadly, the measure would provide a variety of new rights for taxpayers, including shifting the burden of proof to the IRS in certain court cases. It also would provide new protections for divorcees, mostly women, who face collection actions due to mistakes made by former spouses without their knowledge.

IRS penalties and interest would be suspended in some circumstances, and a new nine-member oversight board would be given authority over law enforcement and collections activity as well as personnel.

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Not voting on Senate passage were Democrats Daniel Akaka of Hawaii and John Glenn of Ohio, as well as South Carolina Republican Strom Thurmond.

The House passed a similar though less-sweeping bill last year. But Senate GOP leaders decided to hold up their own measure as they held a second set of well-publicized hearings in the Senate Finance Committee at which a string of witnesses described the mistreatment they had suffered at the hands of the nation's tax collectors.

At the same time, top Republicans mined the issue for political gain, referring to IRS abuses in fund-raising letters.

"Recent revelations about gross mismanagement, wasteful spending and flagrant abuse of taxpayers' rights by the IRS are even worse than I've ever imagined," Lott said in a letter he signed this year for the Republican National Committee.

The appeal concludes with a four-page poll on IRS and tax issues and a request to contribute to the "Republican tax reform campaign."

Some Democrats and the Clinton administration initially expressed misgivings about the bill, with its proposed oversight board. But the political appeal of reining in the IRS was so strong they quickly switched field last year, and Clinton used his radio address last weekend to urge Congress to send him a bill quickly.

The appeal was evident, as well, in remarks made by a bipartisan procession of lawmakers in the hours before the vote.

Sen. Connie Mack, a conservative Republican from Florida, said steps were needed to clean up a "corrupt culture" where sexual harassment and other abuses flourish.

In a series of votes before final passage, the Senate rejected proposals to alter the make-up of the independent oversight board. A bid by Sen. Lauch Faircloth, R-N.C., to bar union representatives of agency employees from serving on the board was rejected, 64-35. A second, by Mack, R-Fla., to deny the Treasury secretary a place on the board, also fell, 59-40.

There were criticisms of the legislation, though.

Minority Leader Daschle, for one, objected to a proposal that Republicans inserted to help defray the cost of the measure and said he hoped it could be changed before the bill goes to the White House.

But asked if the provision was so offensive that he would urge a veto if it weren't changed, he replied: "At this point, it isn't. ... I want so badly to be able to resolve this IRS matter that I'm willing to swallow a lot to get to that point. But I have to say, this is a lot to swallow."

The cost of the bill was pegged at $18.3 billion over five years. To pay for it, certain foreign tax credits would be limited and corporate loopholes closed.

In addition, though, Republicans inserted an $8 billion proposal that would allow more senior citizens to convert their traditional Individual Retirement Accounts into Roth IRAs.

Daschle told reporters during the day that the cost would be $46 billion over two decades, money that otherwise would accumulate in the budget surplus.

Convicted felon chosen to try to stop Burton re-election bid

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — Bob Kern, convicted felon, was the candidate Democratic Party leaders never wanted.

But now the former gas station attendant is carrying the party standard in the congressional race against Republican Rep. Dan Burton.

And party leaders are faced with either supporting someone they tried to keep off Tuesday's ballot or conceding the Nov. 3 election to one of President Clinton's biggest foes in Congress.

"Having to decide whether to be for Dan Burton or Bobby Kern would be one of the most difficult decisions I would ever have to make as a voter," said Allan Rachles, the Democrats' district chairman. "I have always supported the Democratic candidate, but we have reached the point of a real stretch here."

Kern, 34, the former Bobby Scott Hidalgo, was convicted of theft, forgery and resisting arrest in 1994. He was acquitted of prostitution.

Yet Democratic voters chose him in Tuesday's primary over party favorite Nag Nagarajan, a biochemist at Eli Lilly and Co., and Carrie Trammel.

No Democratic nominee would be given much of a chance of actually being elected in the district, which is dominated by Indianapolis' suburbs and is considered one of the most conservative in the state. Burton received 84 percent of the vote in the GOP primary Tuesday.

Still, having a candidate with greater credibility would give the Democrats another avenue to attack Burton, who has been damaged by rising criticism of his handling of the House investigation of campaign fund-raising abuses.

Party leaders had unsuccessfully urged the Indiana Election Commission to strike Kern's name, arguing that he should be forced to use his given surname of Hidalgo. Kern is his grandfather's name.

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Lawmakers debate blood alcohol level standards

WASHINGTON (AP) — The sun was shining, beers were selling for $1 and Tequila Grill was having a "Cinco de Mayo" party as Dave Carlisle met his friends for an after-work drink.

But before taking his first sip, Carlisle let loose against efforts to enact tougher drunken driving standards nationwide.

"I appreciate responsible drinking, but I think it's going a little overboard," Carlisle, 36, said as he unbuttoned his double-breasted blazer. "I don't think the social drinker should be stigmatized because somebody's mother got killed by a drunk driver."

Sixteen states already have tightened their standards for drunken driving from a blood alcohol concentration level of 0.10 percent to 0.08 percent. Now Congress is debating whether to push states nationwide to make the change, one of the most divisive issues as House and Senate negotiators try to complete work on a $200 billion-plus highway bill.

Both sides cite numbers from the same set of government statistics:

Critics point out that a 120-pound woman having two glasses of wine over two hours could be branded a drunken driver. Supporters say a 170-pound man wouldn't reach the limit unless he downed four beers in an hour.

'I don't think the social drinker should be stigmatized because somebody's mother got killed by a drunk driver.'
— Dave Carlisle, drinker

"Four drinks in one hour on an empty stomach for a 170-pound male is not social drinking," said Rep. Nita Lowey, D-N.Y. "I'm not passing judgment on whether people should drink or not. That's their business. But it's society's business if they get behind the wheel of a car."

The fate of the drunken-driving proposal lies in a joint committee ironing out differences between House- and Senate-passed bills that will dole out billions in road, bridge and mass transit dollars.

The $214 billion Senate bill would penalize states that do not change their drunken driving standard by taking away up to 10 percent of their highway money. The $217 billion House bill takes a much softer approach, offering modest incentives to states that toughen their standards.

The issue has ignited some fierce lobbying. President Clinton is lobbying for the Senate version, along with Mothers Against Drunk Driving. Among the opponents are the American Beverage Institute, a trade association for restaurants.

Supporters say making the change could save as many as 600 lives per year. As for penalizing social drinking, they note that France — a nation renowned for its cafe life and fine wines — has a blood-alcohol standard of 0.05.

Former White House counsel questions number of lawyers Clinton employs

WASHINGTON (AP) — Former White House Counsel C. Boyden Gray questioned the number of Clinton administration lawyers paid by taxpayers, saying President Bush's legal affairs required less than half the current staff.

"I am curious what those people are doing," Gray said Thursday to the Senate Appropriations subcommittee in charge of the White House's budget.

Congressional Republicans are asking the same question.

"The White House staff and the president must draw the bright line between the president's personal life and his official duties," said Sen. Ben Nighthorse Campbell, chairman of the subcommittee on treasury and general government.

Ada Posey, director of the office of administration, told the panel that the White House counsel's office employs 34 attorneys at roughly $80,000 salaries. She denied any of them work on the Clintons' personal legal affairs.

Rather, she said, the attorneys mainly investigate presidential nominees and respond to congressional subpoenas and inquiries. She acknowledged that they also respond to requests regarding the White House from Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr.

"There is an official nexus, connection or link between the independent counsel's investigation and the constitutional, statutory and ceremonial responsibility of the president and the office of the president," Posey said. "It is obvious and undeniable."

In the Bush White House, Gray said, the counsel's office employed 15 lawyers.

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Jefferson Award winners worthy of selection

The five outstanding Midlanders chosen to receive the Permian Basin Jefferson Award — Joan Baskin, W.H. "Bill" Collyns, James "Doc" Dodson, Shirley Howard and Robert "Bob" Irelan — all are exemplary recipients most worthy of selection for this honor.

Of course, one of the five will be chosen by the Board of Selectors of the American Institute for Public Service to represent West Texas at the 1998 National Jefferson Awards Celebration for Public Service to America scheduled June 15-17 in Washington. And that will be the difficult part because all five are known throughout Midland for their selfless devotion to the Midland community.

The difficult part will be choosing one West Texas representative because all five are known throughout Midland for their selfless devotion to the Midland community.

Ms. Baskin's credits as a community leader and cheerleader include serving as past chairman of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, implementing the Midland Alliance and chairing the Midland Introspective Task Force.

Likewise, Collyns is a tireless supporter of the Midland community, its institutions and all of West Texas. He served as president of the Midland Chamber of Commerce and during his 33 years as editor of the Midland Reporter-Telegram, was a continual advocate for the community of Midland and its people.

The man known to thousands of Midlanders as "Doc" Dodson was the legendary athletic trainer at Midland High School for 31 years who not only healed athletes' injuries, but boosted their spirits as well.

As a fulltime volunteer, Ms. Howard has worked to keep people from falling through society's cracks. She organized the women's service organization named Women of Color, serves on the Parks and Recreation Commission, Crime Prevention Commission, City Council PTA and is president-elect of the Midland Education Association.

Irelan, who only came to Midland four years ago, showed that you do not have to live in a community for decades to accomplish good. He has been a workhorse for United Way of Midland, Christmas in April and Partners in Education. He made a definite impact on the community in his short time here.

Congratulations to all these fine individuals. Each is deserving of the Jefferson Award for their outstanding work in the interest of this community.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, May 8, the 128th day of 1998. There are 237 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On May 8, 1945, President Truman announced in a radio address that World War II had ended in Europe.

On this date:

In 1541, Spanish explorer Hernando de Soto reached the Mississippi River.

In 1794, Antoine Lavoisier, the father of modern chemistry, was executed on the guillotine during France's Reign of Terror.

In 1846, the first major battle of the Mexican War was fought at Palo Alto, Texas, resulting in victory for Gen. Zachary Taylor's forces.

In 1884, the 33rd president of the United States, Harry S Truman, was born near Lamar, Mo.

In 1886, Atlanta pharmacist John Styth Pemberton invented the flavor syrup for Coca-Cola.

In 1944, the first eye bank was established, in New York City.

In 1958, Vice President Nixon was shoved, stoned, booed and spat upon by anti-American protesters in Lima, Peru.

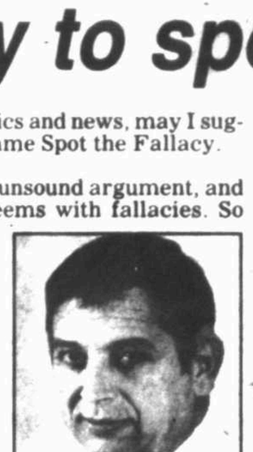
In 1973, militant American Indians surrendered after holding the South Dakota hamlet of Wounded Knee for 10 weeks.

CHARLEY REESE

It's easy to spot fallacies in today's politics

If you are bored with politics and news, may I suggest that you play the game Spot the Fallacy.

A fallacy is a misleading or unsound argument, and today's public discourse teems with fallacies. So make a list and as you read or listen to the news, and see how many you can spot.



Reese

America's national fallacy is ad hominem — attacking the person rather than dealing with the issue he raises. Most of public discussion today consists of this tactic.

For example, Paula Jones accused the president of exposing himself; rather than answering the question, the White House attacked Jones as "trailer trash." This is classified as a fallacy of relevance because whether Jones is trailer trash or British aristocracy has no bearing on whether Clinton exposed himself.

The next most popular fallacy is guilt by association. An example of this is Ken Starr. The special prosecutor was offered a job by Pepperdine College; Pepperdine College has received donations from Richard Scaife, a wealthy man not especially fond of our president; therefore, Starr is a tool of Scaife.

This sleazy tactic is used by both the left and right.

A third fallacy is vested interest — the claim that because a person has a vested interest everything he says must be discounted. An example would be when a teacher says education needs more funding, but someone dismisses that assertion because the teacher has a vested interest in increasing the amount of money spent on education. It's a fallacy because the fact that a teacher might also benefit from more funding does not mean that education doesn't need more money.

Straw man is another fallacy. Here, you set up an easy-to-refute argument that someone has not made and attack it rather than the more reasonable argument that the person did make.

This tactic is the one the Israeli lobby favors. For example, I once compared the attitude of the current German government toward Jewish refugees with the attitude of the Israeli government toward Palestinian refugees. The Zionists set up a straw man by accusing me of having compared Israel to Nazi Germany, which, of course, I had not done.

However, it is easy to prove that Israel is not like Nazi Germany, and it's not easy at all to justify Israel's treatment of Palestinian refugees.

Another fallacy is an appeal to authority. For example, Dr. Hotairum Storm is an expert, therefore, whatever he says is true. As the song says, "It ain't necessarily so." Claimed expertise and credentials do not prove an argument. To paraphrase my favorite Frenchman, Montaigne, no matter how high the stack of credentials, the expert still sits on his arse.

Post hoc, ergo propter hoc — after this, therefore because of this — often crops up. An example would be when Bill Clinton was elected president, the economy got better; therefore, Bill Clinton made the economy get better. Sequence does not determine cause and effect.

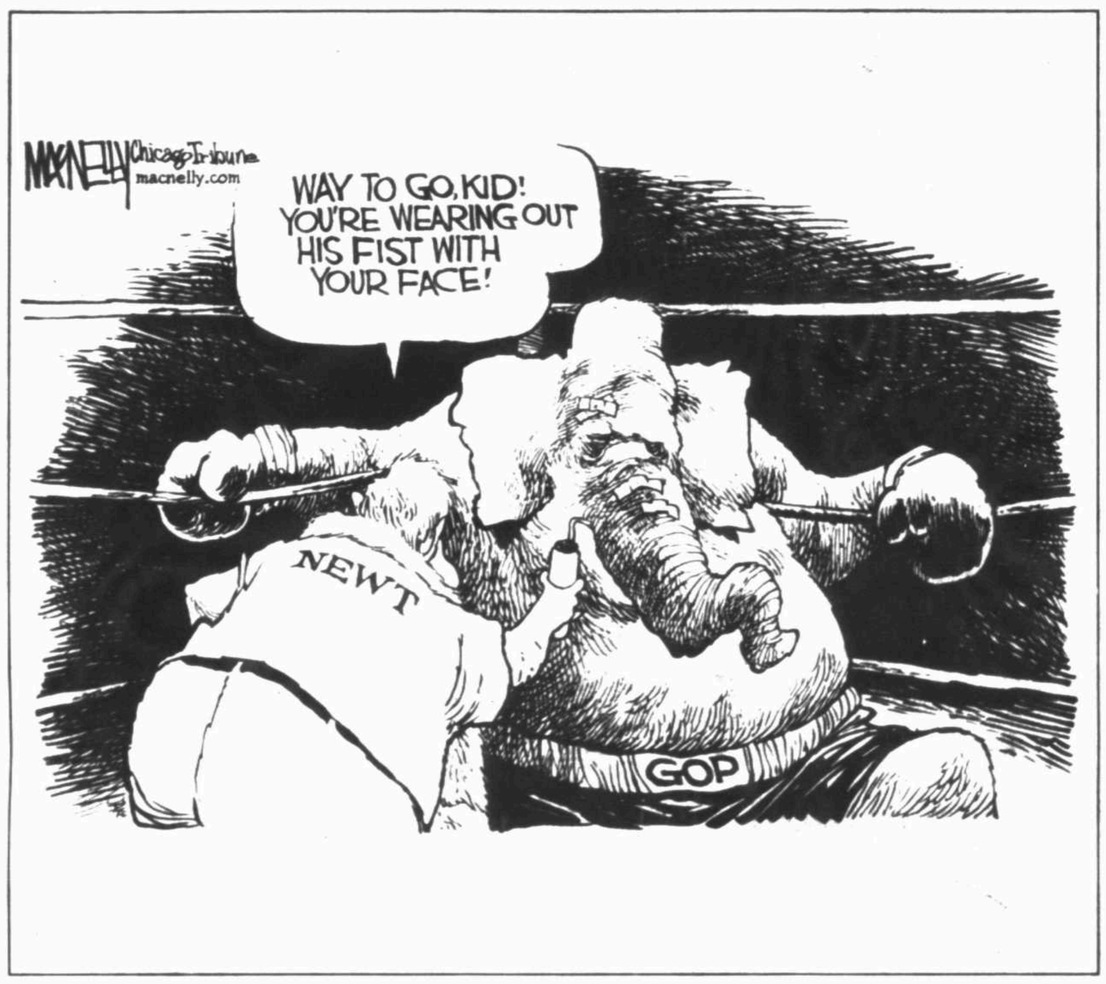
Thinking flaws are as numerous as flies in August, but those examples ought to get you started. Once you begin to realize how flawed the thinking is of our leaders, you will really get worried about the future.

Recently I heard a U.S. senator who was arguing in favor of NATO say that even though the Russians say they are upset by the expansion, they really aren't upset. I would sure like to know what psychic powers that politician has that allow him to know the Russians better than they know themselves.

Remember the formula for human survival; mind, reality, adaptation. Our brain is our tool of survival, and we survive by correctly identifying reality and adapting to it. To do that, we need accurate observation and correct, logical thinking.

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HOWARD KLEINBERG

Dictionary prepares warning labels

Our future dictionaries apparently are going to be sanitized. Well, not exactly. They're going to embrace something much like the warning on a cigarette pack: notice that a word is vile and shouldn't be used but, like the cigarettes inside the pack, easily available.

Dictionary publisher Merriam-Webster has revealed that it will revise entries for more than 200 words in its 1999 Collegiate Dictionary, to indicate that the word is objectionable.

The word's not disappearing, just coming with a warning label.

Inasmuch as I do not have a Merriam-Webster Collegiate but a Webster's New World Dictionary, I am not quite certain how Merriam-Webster now is citing these objectionable words, other than a wire service article describing its definition of the abominable N-word.

Apparently, Merriam-Webster put the warning that the word is offensive at the end of the definition, rather than up front. Now it will come before the definition.

My Webster's New World has a tangled entry for the N-word. It defines it as being either dialect or slang for Negro, then adds that it "is today acceptable only in black English; in all other contexts it is now generally regarded as taboo because of the legacy of racial hatred," etc., etc.

I don't know how widely acceptable it is in "black English," but I would suspect that it is deemed by most blacks as gutter talk, as a vulgarity, to be placed in a category with obscenities.

The NAACP, which originally protested Webster's N-word entry, should not be satisfied with any dictionary that finds the word acceptable to anybody, but also should not try to eliminate it totally from the volume. Tagging it clearly and quickly as offensive should be as far as it goes. A dictionary, after all, should contain the entire language, warts and all.

My Webster's is filled with the most vile words, including the F-word, to which it devotes 17 lines, and two other entries of variations of the word. It, too, doesn't get around to waving the red flag until the conclusion of the entry.

Even the thesaurus that came with my computer contains vulgar synonyms. The first time I sought another word for "jerk," I was stunned by the choice of vulgarities, including some from the Yiddish language that Gentiles, if only they knew their real meaning, might never use them.

There was a time such words — particularly those we define as four-letter words, although many of them have more than four letters — did not appear in dictionaries, but most dictionaries base their inclusions on usage. If a great deal of the public uses those words, then they are incorporated into the book.

Talk radio, motion pictures, television, books and even daily newspapers have loosened their grip on control of language to a point where certain vulgarities became part of normal usage. Often, my wife and I count the use of the F-word in movies we rent. When the count gets to 50, we shut down the tape.

Not because we are puritanical but because we just feel beat over the head by the cheap expression.

Merriam-Webster's revision of juxtaposition of definition to warning isn't going to stop people from using racial epithets or obscene words. What it will do is tell the reader from the start that the word is offensive, in poor taste.

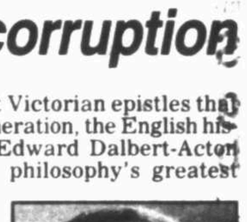
To exclude those words would not keep people from using them, just as the warning on the cigarette pack doesn't keep people from lighting up. All it says is, "Use at your own risk."

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WILLIAM MURCHISON

Latest IRS debate Actonian exercise in power, corruption

Into one of those elegant Victorian epistles that baffle the sound-bite generation, the English historian John Emerich Edward Dalbert-Acton squeezed one of political philosophy's greatest aphorisms.



Murchison

"I cannot accept," Lord Acton admonished the bishop of London, "your canon that we are to judge pope and king unlike other men, with a favorable presumption that they do no wrong. If there is any presumption, it is the other way against holders of power ... *Power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely.*"

This was in 1887. How *could* Acton have known about the Internal Revenue Service hearings in 1998: this dreary procession of tales concerning armed raids, misuse of confidential information, strong-arm collection tactics, attempted blackmail and so on?

No need for specifics. Lord Acton knew the principle. The principle was that all of the time, all of us must keep close watch on those we entrust with power. Otherwise, our liberties are in mortal danger.

"Great men are almost always bad men," Acton insisted to his friend Bishop Creighton, "even when they exercise influence and not authority: still more when you superadd the tendency or the certainty of corruption by authority."

The IRS debate now raging in Washington, D.C., is an Actonian exercise, purely and simply. The frame of reference is taxes; the substance is power.

Congressional movers and shakers are scandalized to learn officially what many Americans have long been saying and hearing unofficially: To wit, gross abuses of power have occurred in the IRS's relations with taxpayers.

Not a few, both inside and outside Congress, have drawn the appropriate conclusion, which is that you may shake your fist all day long over raids and persecutions and unfairness; just don't expect an institution like the IRS to change its ways dramatically. Too much arbitrary power is vested in the institution.

A certain amount of human sympathy is due our tax collectors, who oversee a barbed wire fence of a tax code: twisted strands everywhere, snagging our pants, cutting our faces whichever way we turn.

A tax code that even tax experts fail to understand fully — over 7,000 pages long, bristling with invitations to misinterpretation — is destined to confound and oppress. In any environment where the rules change constantly, and no one understands fully what his rights and duties may be, power tends to corrupt, and absolute power corrupts absolutely. The IRS spin on who owes money, and who doesn't, is at least as good as anyone else's. Or so the code implies.

For this twisted state of affairs, the elected branch of government, Congress, cannot blame too heavily or one-sidedly the bureaucratic branch, the IRS. "The power to tax," as Chief Justice John Marshall observed, "involves the power to destroy." Or merely punish. Or, for that matter, reward. It helps, at tax-law time, to be a friend of Congress' all-powerful tax writers. To be classified as a social enemy — a cigarette manufacturer, say — is to stand with jaw presented, awaiting the coming left hook.

There is no tax utopia: never has been, never will be. There are ways, even so, to minimize the corrupting effects of power. These ways — hallelujah! — are presently on exhibit in Washington.

A flat tax, such as House Majority Leader Dick Armey has touted tirelessly, would greatly simplify the tax code, eliminating its built-in bias against success. A national sales tax, levied on purchases, also enjoys support; it would knock out the code entirely, and the IRS with it, though likely encouraging at the same time the hip-pocket transactions of the underground economy.

No tax utopias indeed! Not this side of paradise. The bearded spirit of Lord Acton looms anyway over this whole tortured debate, in which we talk only loosely about taxes. Mainly, we talk of power. The power that corrupts, brings crashing down in the end the liberty that legitimate power is supposed to safeguard.

This tax debate, as you may have gathered, is big-time stuff.

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Microsoft created Windows 98 dilemma, Justice tells court

WASHINGTON (AP) — The Justice Department asked a federal appeals court Thursday to leave in place antitrust restrictions a judge placed on the upcoming release of Windows 98.

Government antitrust lawyers told the appeals court that Microsoft had months to ask it to set aside a portion of a judge's ruling prohibiting the company from making computer makers accept Microsoft's Internet browser program as part of "any successor" to it Window's 95 operating program.

Earlier this week, Microsoft cited its May 15 target to begin shipping out its new Windows 98 program in asking the court to set aside the "any successor" prohibition in District Court Judge Thomas Penfield Jackson's decision.

"By waiting until the eve of Windows 98's release," Assistant Attorney General Joel Klein wrote in a brief to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia, Microsoft is citing "a self-generated hardship" in seeking a quick ruling.

The Justice Department and a dozen states have been looking into Microsoft's business practices to determine if it illegally used the market dominance of its Windows operating program to crimp competition for Internet browsers, a separate software program for viewing information on the World Wide Web.

Microsoft plans to release its next version of Windows, the software that runs most home computers, next week to computer makers.

Industry sources, including critics of Microsoft, had hoped the Justice Department and/or the states would sue the company before then to block any shipment of Windows 98 bundles with Microsoft's browser program.

"There's no question they will file," said Ken Wasch, president of the Washington-based Software Publishers Association and a frequent critic of Microsoft. "They didn't come down this road to say, 'Gee, sorry we didn't find any violations.' They didn't spend two years of investigation to abandon it at the eleventh hour."

"We all expected it to be by the 15th," agreed Ed Black, president of the Computer and Communications Industry Association, another group that describes Microsoft as anticompetitive. "They're close, and I do think it will be a broad and substantial case."

But the Justice Department repeated Thursday that it has made no formal decision on whether it will proceed. And Microsoft labeled as inaccurate published reports that a filing was imminent within days.

"There's a lot of speculation and misinformation circulating on this issue, and the speculation gets wilder and more inaccurate every day," said Microsoft spokesman Mark Murray. "... We have no indication that the DOJ or the states have made any decision to seek an injunction against the release of Windows 98 or to seek a broader antitrust case against Microsoft."

The judge prohibited Microsoft from forcing computer makers who sell Windows 95 to also sell its Internet browser, and he required the company to allow the sale of a Windows version without all the browser components.

The Justice Department contends that requiring computer makers to buy Microsoft's Internet browser as part of its basic Windows 95 operating program violates a 1995 court-sanctioned agreement between the company and the government.

Jackson didn't rule on that question. But until it is decided, the judge told Microsoft to quit making computer makers market its Internet browser as a part of the Windows operating program.

The Seattle Times reported Thursday that a draft Justice Department complaint against Microsoft also accuses the company of rewriting the "Java" programming language, developed by Sun Microsystems, so that it works only with Windows. The newspaper cited "someone familiar with the draft of the lawsuit" but also said there was no formal approval yet by Attorney General Janet Reno to file it.

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Slap in face may get parents ticket back to China

CHICAGO (AP) — A Chinese immigrant couple who slapped their 8-year-old daughter for lying are facing criminal charges that could get them deported.

Even though the girl herself could also be deported, prosecutors have rejected offers of a plea bargain, and the trial on domestic battery charges is set for Monday.

Child-welfare advocates say prosecutors overreacted.

"If they brought charges against every parent for slapping their kid, the system would explode," said public guardian Patrick Murphy, Cook County's top child-welfare advocate. "People slap their kids. I think it's wrong. But to prosecute on the basis of just one instance? This couple is not a danger to their child or their community."

Murphy said there are 44,000 active child-abuse cases in the county and fewer than 100 have resulted in criminal charges — most of them murders.

The trouble began last July when the daughter admitted she forged her parents' signatures on a teacher's note and lied to cover up. She also admitted lying about the loss of a $26 ring that was a birthday gift.

Her parents, Hou-Lin Li and Luying Deng, said they slapped her, once in the face and several times on the arms and legs. Then they took her to the park where the ring may have been lost. A police officer, seeing her red face and streaming eyes, arrested the parents.

The parents were released on $6,000 bail after a day in jail. Their daughter was returned to them from a shelter, and the parents have since completed family counseling and classes in parenting and anger management.

The couple said lying to parents is a serious offense in China, where slapping is an appropriate punishment. But they said it's not appropriate in this country and they won't do it again.

Geraldo exits talk show world as he moves to news

NEW YORK (AP) — For the 2,163rd and last episode of his daytime talk show, Geraldo Rivera brought back a chair he'd like to forget.

It was the one a white supremacist used in 1988 to conk Rivera over the head, breaking his nose and setting a standard for daytime TV debauchery at a time when Jerry Springer was just another washed-up politician.

A subdued Rivera rolled footage of that melee — pointing out where he managed to get in a punch after being hit — during an emotional taping of his final show on Thursday. He agreed to leave daytime TV behind to take on a larger role at NBC News.

Rivera spent much of the past decade trying to live that infamous moment down. He hopes he's regained respect as a newsman through his nightly legal affairs show on CNBC. His second nightly CNBC news show, "Upfront Tonight," will debut on July 13.

"I leave the talk show business with my honor intact and my bills paid," Rivera said. "I don't think I could ask for anything more."

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IRS, other agencies still face year 2000 threat

WASHINGTON (AP) — Mounting demands on the Internal Revenue Service as it races to solve the year 2000 computer problem are creating a "dangerous and risky situation" for the tax agency, Commissioner Charles O. Rossotti told a House panel Thursday.

Representatives of other federal agencies under jurisdiction of the House Ways and Means oversight subcommittee also testified about efforts to correct the computer glitch caused by many computers' use of two digits for years, such as 98 for 1998. Unless corrected, their inability to distinguish 2000 from 1900 threatens operations in the government as well as in the private sector.

At the IRS, the need to implement hundreds of tax-code changes required by the 1997 tax law are adding to the problem, Rossotti said. Many IRS programmers assigned to the year 2000 problem must pull double-duty to manage the tax-law revisions, he said.

Because of the resulting backlog, Rossotti told the subcommittee, some of the pro-taxpayer provisions of an IRS reform bill nearing Senate passage should be delayed for several years so as not to complicate further the massive computer-reprogramming job already under way.

"Do you have the resources to do all of this stuff?" asked Rep. Jerry Kleczka, D-Wis.

"We have an extraordinarily thin management structure at the IRS, ... and we have a lot going," replied Rossotti, former head of a computer consulting firm who took over the IRS last year. "We really cannot cram anything more into this computer system. It's already high-risk."

Harris Miller, president of the Information Technology Association of America, urged Congress to heed Rossotti's request to relax some of the timelines in the pending legislation "in order to ensure that our tax collection system is able to operate effectively in the year 2000."

Among the other agencies:

■ At the Department of Health and Human Services, close to half, or 40 percent, of its 491 vital systems have been fixed. But problems remain at the Health Care Financing Administration, which processes Medicare claims for some 33 million older Americans. Almost one-fourth of HCFA's external contractors have yet to finish assessing their systems.

■ The Social Security Administration, responsible for 48 million beneficiaries, began planning for the problem in 1989. The agency said it has renovated 90 percent of its vital systems and two-thirds of its noncritical systems as it works toward a December 1998 deadline.

■ The Financial Management Service in the Treasury Department has 38 software systems in need of repair; 15 have been fixed. The agency, which makes payments, collects revenue and does the government's accounting, says its systems will be ready by mid-1999.

■ More national news/5B

Richardson may leave U.N. post for Cabinet job

WASHINGTON (AP) — Bill Richardson, the U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, is likely to become President Clinton's next energy secretary although the move is not final, officials said Thursday.

Word spread through Washington that Richardson was poised to resign to move to the Energy Department. Barry Toiv, a White House deputy press secretary, said the reports "are at the least premature and could turn out to be wrong. This decision has not been made yet."

Another administration official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said "It's not done yet. I think it will. Smart money's on that happening." Another source familiar with Richardson's thinking said the switch was probable.

Richardson's spokesman, Calvin Mitchell, said the ambassador had not resigned.

Richard Holbrooke, one-time assistant secretary of state for European affairs and architect of the Bosnia peace accords, would be the front-runner for Richardson's job should he leave, officials said.

Richardson, a former Democratic congressman from New Mexico, has been the top contender for the Energy job being vacated by Federico Pena, who announced April 6 that he would leave the Cabinet this summer.

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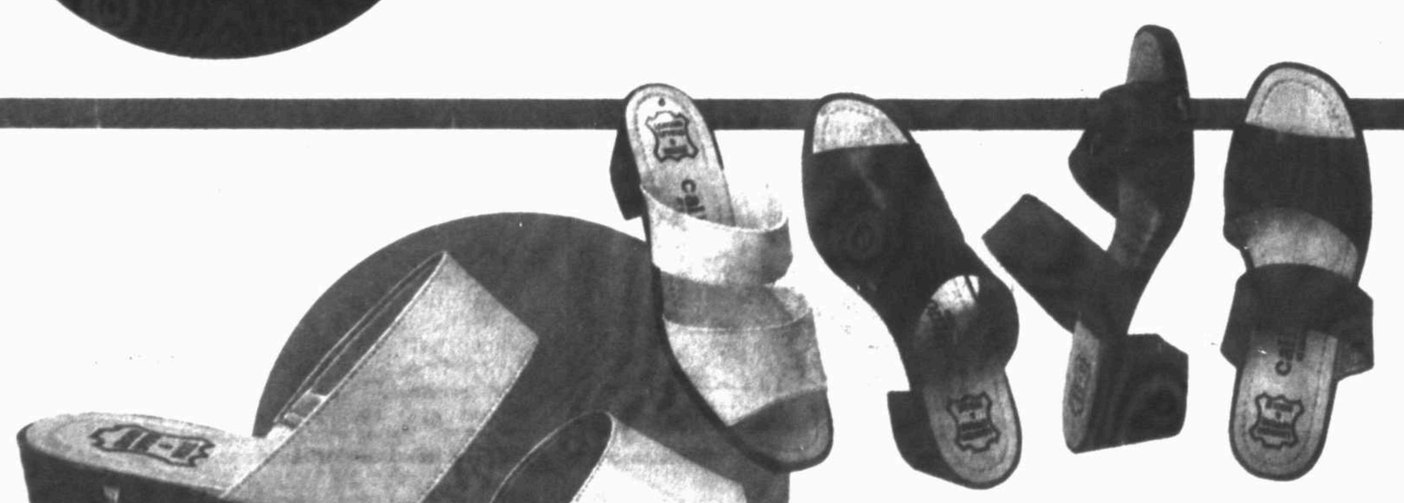
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BASIN BRIEFING

UIL contest

Lee High School senior Elianna Marziani is the only Midland Independent School District student who is to compete in the UIL state contest Saturday at the University of Texas at Austin. Ms. Marziani is to compete in literary criticism, in which she and 11 other students will answer questions on novels and poetry.

MCT auditions

Auditions for Midland Community Theatre's multi-cultural production of the musical "West Side Story" are set for 1 p.m. Saturday at Midland Park Mall. The auditions, hosted by MCT, are for students who are going into the seventh through 12th grades. Rehearsals begin the last week in May and continue Monday through Friday during the day. Rehearsals will take place through opening night July 10. For more information on this MCT Education Program show, call director Tracy Goodwin, 682-2544.

Barbershop quartet

The Sun Country Gentlemen of the Permian Basin Chapter of the International Barbershop Society is to perform 7:30 p.m. Saturday at the Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado Ave. They will be joined by "The Black Gold Harmony Chorus," a Sweet Adelines chorus, and "Jubilee," the division champion quartet from San Angelo. Advance tickets are $6 for adults and $5 for senior citizens and students; tickets at the door are $7 for adults and $6 for senior citizens and students. For ticket information call Brian Sadovsky at 694-3536 or Bill McClure at 699-4371.

Park ministry

A park ministry is planned for 1:30 p.m. Saturday at Dennis the Menace Park. The event includes puppet show and Christian music. For more information call Gloria Youngblood at 520-0301.

McPlush fast food

DALLAS — Did somebody say McDeco? When Lee and Ed Bailey decided to make-over one of their 23 McDonald's franchises, they let the location be their inspiration. The restaurant, on the third level of the posh Dallas Galleria mall, is the fanciest of the decidedly extra-fancy restaurants owned and operated by the Balbrook Partnership.

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Munchausen mom

SAN ANTONIO — A baby taken from his mother at birth will remain in state custody, a judge ruled Thursday after a hearing over whether the mother has a rare disorder causing her to injure her children to get attention. Judge David Peeples ruled Cynthia Lyda and her husband Paul Lyda may have full weekend visits with their 1-month-old son Benjamin. Until now they've been permitted to see him only an hour each week.

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NAFTA grant

EL PASO — The U.S. Labor Department has approved a $45 million grant to help retrain 3,500 workers displaced by NAFTA in El Paso, identified as the city most affected by the trilateral trade pact. The workers, primarily former garment industry employees, will be given access to job placement programs, GED preparation, computer literacy classes and many other programs, Labor Secretary Alexis Herman said Thursday.

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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.

Christian Motorcyclists' Association, Warfield Truck Stop, 7 p.m., 694-9765 or 697-5037.

Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 S. G St., 694-4166, 580-7545, 684-8726 or 699-5563.

Southside Lions Club, noon, Southside Lions Club Building.

Ranchland Hills Ladies' Association, bridge luncheon, 10 a.m., Ranchland Hills County Club.

Midland Woman's Club Shopper's Luncheon, 11:30 a.m., Hogan Park, open to public.

Tall City Road Riders, dinner ride, 7 p.m., leave from Team Bank, 694-5310.

Midland A&M Club, 11:30 a.m., Ranchland Country Club, 1600 E. Wadley.

Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, 1:30 p.m., Dot, 683-3775 or Kim, 580-HELP.

Cook-off expected to draw 10,000

Carnival, live music to be featured at Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce event

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Downtown will soon ring with the sounds of "A Family Fiesta," the theme for this year's Mex-Tex Menudo, Chili & Fajita Cook-Off scheduled for May 29-31.

The 11th annual event is expected to draw 10,000 visitors to the downtown Midland area over three days. This is the first year that the event will be downtown; previously it was at Twin Cities Speedway.

Drawing people from across West Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma, 33 percent of the event's attendance is expected to be from outside the Permian Basin, according to cook-off organizers.

The Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce is adding a carnival to the event this year to provide more family-oriented entertainment to the cook-off, according to Bo Zertuche, event chairman.

"Our goal is to provide an event that is more inclusive of all segments of the community, emphasizing the family aspects and diversified entertainment attractions," Zertuche said.

While in years past musical groups performing concerts at the menudo cook-off have been primarily Tejano bands, this year there will be a wide range of musical styles to appeal to all facets of Midland's population, according to Zertuche.

"This year, we're having Tejano, rock 'n' roll, R & B, gospel, Norteño and Mariachi bands, he said. Norteño is a polka derivative that utilizes a 12-string *bajo* instead of a guitar, according to Zertuche.

This is also the first year that the cook-off will be in May, taking the outdoor festival out of the heat of midsummer.

The Hispanic Chamber has mobilized a "volunteer army" of more than 300 people to help coordinate the event, but more volunteers are welcome, he said.

"With an event of this magnitude, you won't find us turning any volunteers away," he said.

The cook-off itself will be at the newly expanded Centennial Plaza and courthouse lawn area; the carnival will be set up on a block of city property between Illinois and Texas avenues just east of Baird Street.

"Centennial Plaza, with its recently expanded landscape, provides an aesthetically pleasing environment with plenty of seating and shaded areas," Zertuche said.

Please see COOK-OFF/2B

Agency backs federal organ donation plan

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

To help alleviate confusion about a proposed federal plan regarding organ donations, the Southwest Transplant Alliance has thrown its support behind the measure, which is aimed at increasing the availability of donated organs.

The STA organizes organ donations and transplants for the Permian Basin and a large part of the state from Dallas to El Paso, to Galveston, Corpus Christi, Temple and Tyler.

Recently the U.S. Health and Human Services Department proposed a new national system for distributing organs for transplant, according to Pam Sylvestri, community services manager for STA in Dallas.

Some Texans have become wary of the proposal because of confusion related to the decision-making process for organ donations.

Ms. Sylvestri explained that the government would not be taking the decision-making process away from medical professionals, but would provide a more comprehensive listing of donated organs and awaiting recipients, as well as augmenting the organ distribution system, she said.

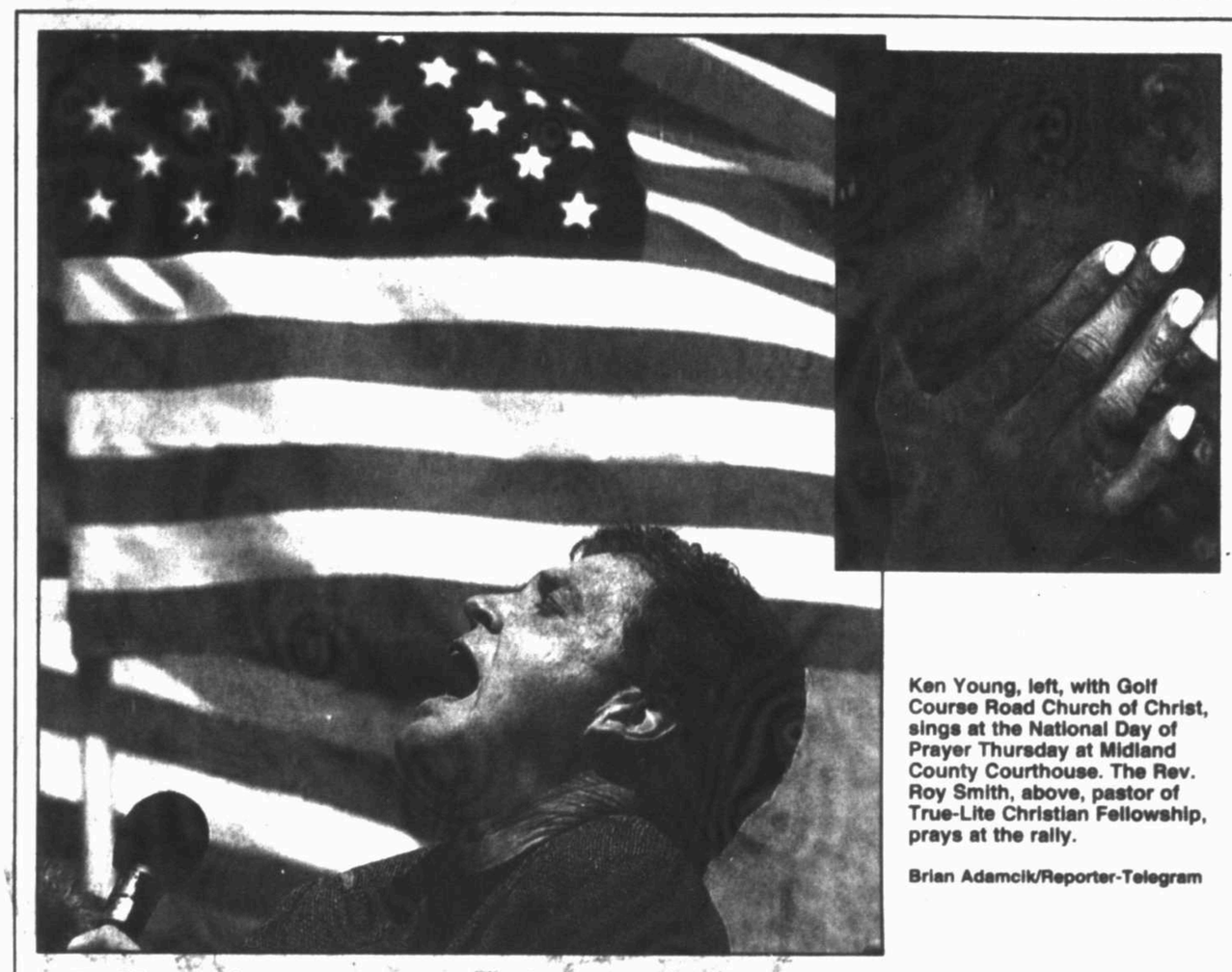
The proposed system was actually designed by medical professionals at the request of the Health and Human Services Department (HHS), she said.

Under this proposal, organs would be transported out of Texas to recipients in other states and organs would be transported to Texas recipients from out-of-state.

"You may have heard that HHS wants organs to be distributed nationally, and that organs can't be distributed that way because of the limited time that they can be out of a donor's body," Ms. Sylvestri said. "HHS has not asked that organs be distributed nationally, only that they be distributed on a broader regional basis than they are now."

Controversy has arisen in the past

Please see DONATIONS/2B



Ken Young, left, with Golf Course Road Church of Christ, sings at the National Day of Prayer Thursday at Midland County Courthouse. The Rev. Roy Smith, above, pastor of True-Lite Christian Fellowship, prays at the rally.

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Midland ministers observe National Day of Prayer

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

One by one, Midland ministers took their turn at the center prayer table, knelt, bowed, and praised God for his amazing and "infinite mercy and grace," prayed for God's will to be evidenced in leadership and lamented the erosion of moral and spiritual equilibrium in the United States.

"It is wonderful to be together in the body of Christ ... all cultures," proclaimed Mark Ballard, pastor of Living Way Church, at the National Day of Prayer observance Thursday at the Midland County Courthouse square.

About 40 ministers, including ordained preachers and lay ministers, offered specific prayers for political leaders, including U.S. Supreme Court justices, Gov. George Bush, congressmen, Mayor Bobby Burns and Midland County Judge Jeff Norwood.

As the prayers were amplified to the seemingly prayerful and occasionally hand-holding, multi-cultural congregation on the courthouse lawn, 20 U.S. flags and a lone Texas flag waved in the brisk wind.

Ballard, who coordinated the Midland event, said that nationwide "people of faiths" come together in prayer at public places to "pray for the nation and the needs of our country.

"The dynamic of prayer affects a nation," Ballard said following the noon public prayer meeting. "Christianity, rather than being intolerable, encompasses all people. Just look at Mother Teresa."

Please see PRAYER/3B

Need for speed

The Texas Department of Transportation uncovers a 60 mph sign on Loop 250. The higher speed limit went into effect Thursday between Big Spring Street and Interstate 20.

Brian Adamcik Reporter-Telegram



Walk-a-thon to benefit local non-profit troubled teen, adult outreach programs

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Go for a walk to help a teen in need.

Teen Challenge of the Permian Basin will hold a walk-a-thon 10 a.m.-1 p.m. May 16 to benefit outreach programs for troubled teens and adults.

Teen Challenge is an international non-profit recovery organization that uses counseling and biblical teachings to help both teens and adults deal with serious problems.

Albert Ibarra, director of Teen Challenge Outreach, said that the walk-a-thon will help continue youth counseling programs.

"It helps promote community," Ibarra said. "It helps the community prevent children, who will become teens, from becoming criminals and violent people. It's trying to share a message of hope with these kids. We're working with kids, and teens and families who need assistance, not a hand out."

Participants may donate whatever amount they wish. The Wal-Mart Foundation will match up to $1,000 in donations from the walkers, he said. The group's goal is to raise at least $6,000.

The walk-a-thon course is at the parking lot of Sam's Club. Participants will do laps equaling one mile by walking back and forth from the Sam's entrance to the southern end of the parking lot.

Hamburgers and hot dogs will be available for donations to Teen Challenge, Ibarra said.

As an incentive, the group that donates the most money will either receive a free night of golf at Putt-Putt Golf & Games for up to 30 people or a free meal at Mr. Gatti's for up to 30 people, he said.

Ibarra said there's a continuing need for outreach with young people in the Permian Basin.

"A lot of these kids are giving up at an early age. We're having a lot of the kids in the (Alternative

Please see WALK/3B

RICK LÓPEZ

Newsroom reality satisfied childhood dreams of reaching for the stars

It's ironic how lost dreams catch up with you later in life. Watching McDonald Observatory director Frank Bash talk to local school kids on Thursday brought to mind a strange twist of fate that I recently encountered. (Warning: This may be mushy.)



López

It began with my first visit to the observatory when I was 10. That year, my family drove to Fort Davis National State Park in the autumn, when the foliage blends into the fiery sunset and the nights are cool enough for a thick sweater.

That day, an elderly couple we met at the park rangers' station told us about the towering telescope on the top of Mount Locke —just a few miles away from the campsite.

Though we were running on a tight schedule and Dad was tired of driving, my teen-age sister and I persuaded our parents to take us to the observatory that afternoon.

We picked up a brochure from the visitor center and learned that tours were available that day. Minutes felt like hours as we waited for the tour guide to show us around. We finally got to the Harlan Smith Telescope, and I was awestricken from the moment I walked inside the facility to the time I left.

Though the atmosphere was lax, I could tell that the equipment there was expensive and used for intense studies. The steel walls that housed the mainframe computers reminded me of something out of a sci-fi book.

We took a bumpy elevator ride to the viewing room, where our guide promised we'd be able to catch a glimpse of the heavens. However, the personnel he needed to operate the lens had left for the evening.

Of course, this was a great disappointment for my sister and me, but Mom and Dad consoled us by making a stop to the visitor center and buying us a few constellation charts.

As soon as we got back to the campground, sis and I pulled out our books, climbed to the top of the station wagon and tried to spot the Big Dipper. In years that followed, I told myself that I'd be a part of their study team one day and have access to their telescope.

Eventually, I lost interest in physical science, and journalism piqued my interest. By the time I was 19, I landed by first job with the Laredo Morning Times, where I began typing wedding announcements and the occasional police blotter.

I wondered what I got myself into. I wanted to change the world with my words, but instead, I was writing about bridesmaids in pink taffeta.

My life changed when I saw my first piece of work go to the printing press, which rhythmically pounded away like boiler-room engines in a steamship. I saw the newsprint being ripped off its spool and into the offset press machine. At the end of the process, my stories were splashed in black ink for the community to read.

The whole concept of newspaper reporting came together that night. Someone did something outstanding or controversial, someone took the time to write about it, someone illustrated it for our readers and someone sold an ad to pay for it. I promised myself that the newsroom would be the only place I'd call home.

A couple of years later, I was assigned to cover the opening of the Hobby-Eberly Telescope, a breakthrough in astro-

Please see LÓPEZ/3B

DEATH NOTICES

Linda King

RANKIN — Linda King, 48, of Rankin, died Wednesday, May 6, at her residence.

Graveside services are to be 2 p.m. Saturday, May 9, at the Friendship Cemetery in Cushing with the Rev. Billy Thomas officiating. Services are under the direction of Richard W. Box Funeral Home in Crane.

She was born June 4, 1949, in San Angelo.

She lived in Rankin Since 1979. She was a homemaker. She was a Baptist.

Survivors include her husband, Malcolm King of Rankin; her father and stepmother, T.L. and Faye Pitcox of Ranger; one brother, Larry Pitcox of Abilene; three sisters, Judy Olvera of Van, Elaine Collier of San Angelo and Ruth Richards of Bandera.

Cirilo Melendez

BIG SPRING—Cirilo A. Melendez, 70, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, May 5, at a Big Spring hospital.

Graveside ervices are to be 10 a.m. today, May 8, at Mount Olive Cemetery with Horace Yanez officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home in Big Spring.

He was born March 11, 1928, in Rio Verde, San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

He moved from Mexico to Big Spring 17 years ago. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church. He had worked at Co-Op Gin before retiring in 1991.

Survivors include his wife, Maria Melendez of Big Spring; six sons, Hector Melendez, Jose Alfredo Melendez, Jose Melendez, Ismael Melendez and Dario Melendez, all of Big Spring, and Rodrigo Melendez of Monterrey, Mexico; one daughter, Estefana Melendez of Rio Verde, Mexico; his mother, Petra Melendz of Rio Verde, San Luis Potosi, Mexico; three brothers, Otilio Melendez and Isidro Melendez, both of Big Spring and Fernando Melendez of Houston; two sisters, Antonio Melendez de Rodriguez and Socorro Melendez de Garcia, both of Rio Verde, San Luis Potosi, Mexico.

OBITUARIES



Woodrow Phillips

Services for Woodrow C. "Woody" Phillips, 79, of Midland are set for 11 a.m. Saturday, May 9, 1998, at Pipkin Funeral Home Chapel. Pastor David R. Becker and the Rev. Ralph Buffington will officiate. Burial will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Pipkin Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements.

Woody was born July 4, 1918, in Cisco, Texas. He graduated from school there. He moved to Midland in 1951, from Port Neches. Mr. Phillips passed away May 6, 1998, at his residence.

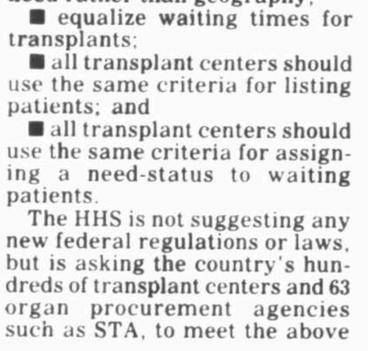
He worked as an electrician for 35 years with Arco, retiring in 1981. He was a member of the Masonic Blue Lodge of Midland No. 623, Scottish Rite Bodies of Lubbock and Suez Shrine of San Angelo.

He is survived by his wife, Wanda Phillips of Midland, Texas; one son, Loyd Connell Phillips and his wife, Pat, of Lubbock; three daughters, Joyce Taylor and her husband, Jackie, of Midland, Ann Thompson and her husband, Larry, of Lubbock, and Wanda Elaine Smith and her husband, Kenney, of Denver City; one brother, Leo Phillips of Tyler, Texas, and one sister, Mozelle Phillips of Cisco, Texas, and special friends, Fred and Cora Sweeney of Ruidoso, N.M.; 10 grandchildren, Dusty Taylor of Midland, Joel Taylor of College Station, Texas, Elizabeth Taylor of Midland, John Thompson of Germany, Amy Thompson Stell of El Paso, Chad Smith of Eden, Scott Phillips and Brad Phillips, both of Lubbock, Christine Van-Pool and Beth Sanchez, both of Albuquerque, N.M.; and five great-grandchildren, numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives and friends.

His parents, Oliver and Vera Phillips, one sister, Drusilla Stillwell and one grandson, Rohn Smith, preceded him in death.

Serving as pallbearers will be Richard Casey, Newt Ivy, Raymond Smith, Charlie Dunn, Alton Speed and Thomas (Sandy) Nunn.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made in memory of Woodrow (Woody) Phillips to Texas A & M Corps Endowment Fund, 1501 Texas Ave. S., College Station, Texas 77840 or to the charity of your choice.



Richard Ellison

Richard Dow "Rook" Ellison was born February 7, 1944, in Big Spring, Texas, to W.D. Ellison and Mary Grace (Tonn) Ellison. He was reared in Midland and attended school here. He joined the Air Force, serving from November of 1961 to October of '69. He served three of those years in France and one in Vietnam. Following his discharge, he returned to Midland. He worked with his father in the family business, Ellison Contractors, as a contract painter. In 1982, he took over the business and continued to operate it until his death. Mr. Ellison married Mary Sue Reynolds December 23, 1962. He was a member of the Wilshire Park Baptist Church and an avid pilot, spending his free time at Sky West Airport in Midland.

He is survived by his sons, Aaron Dow Ellison and Richard Andrew Ellison, both of Midland; his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.D. Ellison of Midland; his brother, Don Ellison of Midland; his sister, Mary Lain of Amarillo; his grandson, Jacob Chad Ellison of Midland; and two nieces and two nephews.

Mr. Ellison died at a local hospital Thursday.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 3 p.m. Saturday at Wilshire Park Baptist Church with Steve Tims and Gil Lain officiating. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Serving as pallbearers will be Dwayne Patton, Darrell Wells, Johnny Dean, Charles Adkisson, Arthur Valencia and Bruce Skaggs. Honorary pallbearers will be Dan Williams, John Schlagal, John Cook, Larry Cross and Boogie Childers.

Alice Mattix

Alice O. Mattix died May 6, 1998, in Midland, Texas. She was born May 28, 1903, in Rule Geard, Kansas, to George and Hattie Mattix.

Ms. Mattix was a member of the First Christian Church and was a graduate of Tulsa Business College, earning a degree in business administration. She was an executive secretary to several major oil companies for more than 40 years.

She is survived by her sister, Blanche McDonald of Palm Springs, California; numerous nieces and a nephew, numerous grandnieces and grandnephews; and by Kaye Nassett, a loyal companion and caregiver.

Family visitation has been set from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Friday at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services have been scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Pallbearers will be members of the First Christian Church.

Memorials may be directed to First Christian Church, 1301 W. Louisiana Ave., Midland, Texas 79701.



Dolores McCalman

Dolores McCalman, 72, of Midland, Texas, passed away on Tuesday, May 5, 1998, following a lengthy illness.

A memorial services is scheduled for 1 p.m. on Friday, May 8, 1998, at Ellis Chapel on Andrews Highway in Midland with the Rev. Molly Krueger officiating. A funeral service will also be held at 10 a.m. Monday, May 11, 1998, at the Memorial Park Cemetery Chapel located at 51st and Memorial in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where she will also be interred. The Rev. Tom Harrison will preside over this service.

Dolores was born June 14, 1925, to Albert and Mabel Bensing in Billings, Oklahoma. She married Robert L. McCalman on January 16, 1948, in Hobbs, N.M.

Survivors include her husband; daughter, Carla Miles of Midland; sons, Kevin McCalman of Midland, Kerry McCalman of Claremore, Oklahoma; grandchildren, Richard and Robert McKee, both of Midland and Sarah Tobias of Odessa; also, two great-granddaughters, both of Midland.

Memorials may be directed to the American Lung Association.

Playwright to attend performance

From Staff Reports

David Williams, the playwright of "Brothers," the 1997 winner of the McLaren Comedy Playwriting Competition, will be attending the Saturday performance at Midland Community Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley Ave.

"Brothers" was chosen from 154 plays sent in from 27 states.

Williams lives in Fair Oaks, Calif., with his wife, Carol Ann. For the past 16 years he has hosted the highest rated radio program in Sacramento. In addition, he has spent 20 years acting and directing at Stagedoor Comedy Playhouse, Sacramento's only all-comedy live theater. He has written for local and regional magazines and newspapers, television and radio commercials and promos.

"Brothers" is his first play. For reservations call the MCT box office, 682-2544. "Brothers" runs through May 23.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department
Wednesday

Theft: A blue Ford Escort was taken from 2604 Cessna Drive. Shauna Stemps made a report at 2:30 p.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Wednesday

Assault: Cindy Caskey reported an assault from 110 E. County Road 137. It occurred at 9:52 p.m.

Anyone having information concerning any of those reports should contact the Midland Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

COOK-OFF: Summer Safety Awareness program will feature mascot characters

(From 1B)

Portions of Baird Street, Texas Avenue and Main Street will be closed off to provide a continuous path between Centennial Plaza and the carnival.

The carnival will begin on the evening of May 28 with the cook-off officially beginning at 6 p.m. May 29. The cook-off area includes a gate fee of $2. All children under 12, however, are admitted free.

Tickets to the May 29 concert are $5. Concert and dance tickets for May 30 and May 31 are $10 advance and $12 at the gate.

On May 30-31, the cook-off and daytime activities continue throughout the day until 5 p.m. with evening concerts beginning at 6 p.m.

Events on May 30 will begin with a parade at 11 a.m. from Dennis The Menace Park to Centennial Plaza. The cook-off reopens May 31 at noon.

A Summer Safety Awareness program, set for 1 p.m. May 30, will be offered free to children and parents. It will feature a number of mascot characters such as Juice the Moose and the Jackalopes' Slap Jack.

Arlington baby bitten by pet rat

ARLINGTON (AP) — A 6-month-old boy remained hospitalized Thursday for treatment of nearly 100 bites from his family's 5-pound pet rat, police said.

The 21-year-old mother of Lamonte Coruthers called 911 Wednesday to report her baby was bleeding, police spokesman Dee Anderson said.

The infant was rushed to Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth for treatment of numerous puncture wounds. The child also suffered severe loss of blood, Anderson said.

Lamonte's worst wounds were into the muscle of his upper left arm, probably requiring reconstructive surgery, Anderson said.

The child also sustained wounds to his face, right arm and left foot, he said.

Lamonte was in fair condition Thursday night at Cook, said hospital spokesman Randy Sachs.

Animal control officers captured and euthanized the white rat, which had apparently escaped from a glass aquarium and still had blood on its fur, Anderson said.

DONATIONS: Plan designed to equalize distribution

(From 1B)

regarding the availability of transplanted organs. In the smaller centers with fewer than 50 patients waiting — often the wait is much shorter and these centers would like to keep this arrangement.

But larger centers, and now the federal government, are questioning the practice that lets one person die without an organ while a person in far less dire need receives the organ — just because of a state line separating them, Ms. Sylvestri said.

According to Ms. Sylvestri, the HHS plan has four main goals:

- distribution of organs on need rather than geography;
- equalize waiting times for transplants;
- all transplant centers should use the same criteria for listing patients; and
- all transplant centers should use the same criteria for assigning a need-status to waiting patients.

The HHS is not suggesting any new federal regulations or laws, but is asking the country's hundreds of transplant centers and 63 organ procurement agencies such as STA, to meet the above goals.

Unfortunately, this problem exists because of the lack of available organs for transplantation, Ms. Sylvestri said.

If every possible organ was made available for transplantation, rather than burial, this situation would be alleviated, she said.

"We always have to be open to improving the way we are doing the things we do," Ms. Sylvestri said. "If we had enough organs, we wouldn't have to worry about allocation."

STA urges those who would donate their organs to discuss the issue with their families.

While stickers are available to add to driver's licenses — it is ultimately the family that must give their approval for organ donation, she said.

DPS raids Dallas gambling parlor

DALLAS (AP) — Eight-liner amusement machines have come up losers again in the latest raid by the Department of Public Safety.

State authorities seized 23 machines Wednesday and arrested the owner of the Gold Touch parlor in Garland and one of his employees.

They were charged with misdemeanor possession of a gambling device and promotion of gambling.

Eight-liners, which look like casino slot machines, offer players eight ways of winning certificates that can be traded for valuable prizes.

The latest raid is the 15th.

TODAY'S FUNERALS

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DOLORES McCALMAN
1:00 p.m. - Ellis Chapel

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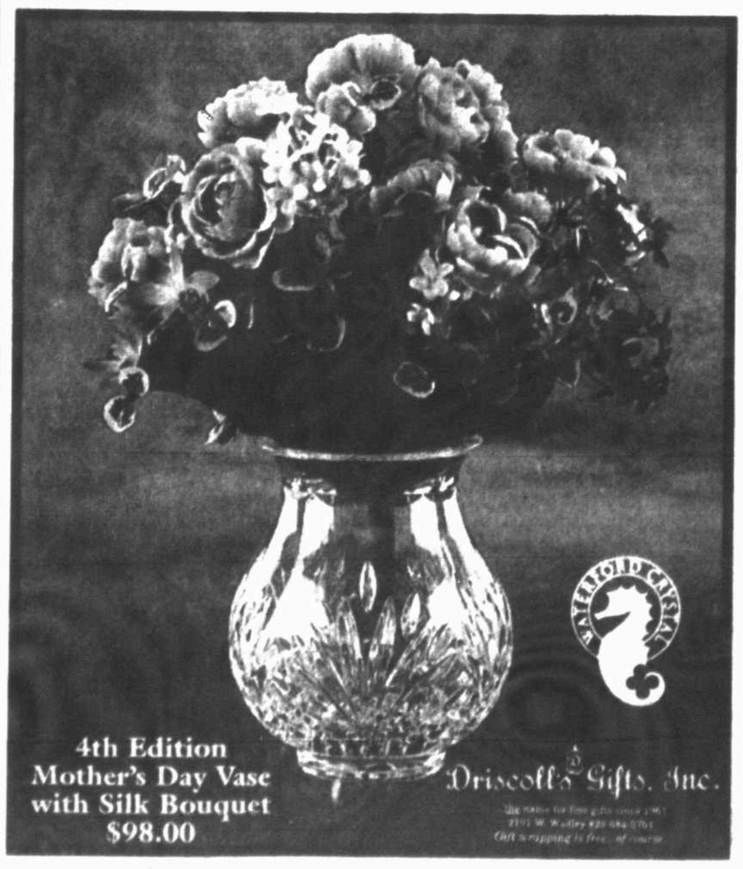




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The Law Of Your Mother

One of my favorite celebration days is coming Sunday. If anyone in our world deserves praise and honor from the living, it is those mothers who lead and live by God's plan.

Solomon says in Proverbs 6, *"my son {daughter}, keep your father's command, and do not forsake the law of your mother. Bind them continually upon your heart; tie them around your neck. When you roam, they will lead you; when you sleep, they will keep you; and when you awake, they will speak with you."*

Mom, it is clear that your choice to follow the laws of God will clear a trail for your children to follow. If you don't follow Him, they won't be safe in following you! The laws of my mother were: (1) *Remember who you are!* "God is watching, and I am too." Strange how she already knew about my goofs before I told her! (2) *Remember where you are going!* Education, job and career, marriage and home. Just remember your responsibilities and goals in life. (3) *Remember Life's Plan!* Hear Solomon, *"tie them around your neck"* so those laws from God will lead you when you roam, keep you when you sleep, and speak to you when you awake. Thank you, Mother, for the "law" you gave me!

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(From 1B)

Education Programs at Midland Independent School District).

"We encounter a lot of youth with low-self esteem. When we talk with the kids, we show them the consequences of a continued downward spiral. What we try to do is offset that."

The outreach program includes sessions on gang awareness, intervention and drug and alcohol prevention and education. A group goes to the Culver Youth Home on Saturday. Members also work with the Texas Youth Commission, or juvenile justice system, on Sundays. Other programs include one for helping divorced and single mothers on Monday and one for youth ages 12 to 17 on Thursday.

"We try to promote an alternative to hanging out and getting into trouble," he said. "We try to promote a positive atmosphere."

Teen Challenge does not receive public funds, but is supported by donations from area churches and private citizens.

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For more information and for entry forms, contact Ibarra at 687-0348. Donations may be mailed to Teen Challenge Outreach, P.O. Box 251, 79702.

LÓPEZ: Gazing into heart of nebula well worth 10-year wait

(From 1B)

nomical technology that enables sky watchers to practice the science of spectroscopy.

It'd been years since my last visit to Fort Davis, but I could remember all the landmarks I'd seen when my family made biannual voyages to the state park until I was 16.

Since none of the other reporters arrived at Fort Davis the night before the inauguration, I was given my own tour of the facility. At the height of the adventure, I was given a chance to look through the Smith telescope's lens for five minutes. I didn't find new planets or sight any comets, but I was using the second most-cited telescope in astronomy literature.

For the entire five minutes, I gazed into the heart of a nebula. It seemed much different from the way they usually appear in textbooks. Not even the best artist or camera could capture its beauty. It was an image I'd never forget, and worth the 10-year wait. I called my sister right after I came back to the hotel room and described it to her. (I told you I'd get mushy.)

It's been a few months since that happened, but watching the excitement in the students' eyes brought back the memory like it was just yesterday. Perhaps they won't have to wait as long as I did to live one of those magical moments.

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Rick López is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

PRAYER: Smith lamented loss of civility in schools

(From 1B)

Jon Stasney, rector, of St. Nicholas Episcopal Church, grieved over the "legalized murder of over 35 million unborn babies, created in the image of God," following the 1973 landmark Roe vs. Wade Supreme Court decision that legalized abortions.

"Repentance on the part of our whole country" is needed, Stasney said, in honoring the gift of life.

Those who proclaim the Scripture "are commanded to pray regardless of any kind of results we might see," Stasney said. "We are called to pray for those in authority over us ... and to recognize that, fundamentally, God is the authority over all. We are all under the judgment of God. And we all need God's help to do things his way and to live according to his will.

"Our Lord taught us" to pray that God's "kingdom may come on Earth as it is in heaven so that his will might be done here instead of our will (which often becomes) self-will run riot."

The role of a political leader, ought to be that of a servant rather than autocrat, noted Dave Becker, pastor of First Nazarene Church.

His plea to God was "on behalf of the leader of the free world.

"I believe that our president should be that kind of leader ... to do what God would have you to do," Becker said. "Ultimately, he should be a servant of the Lord. He holds himself up as a servant of the people and often says, 'I need to get back to work for the people.'"

Becker said that "one of the greatest things (Clinton) could do in working for the people would be to give an example of Christ-likeness in his life."

Sharae Buskirk, pastor of Words of Hope Ministry, said that the exhortations on the National Day of Prayer "inspire us to focus on God on an on-going basis and to pray for each other."

Dr. George Y. Lohmann, a Midland physician, attended the event "because I don't think that complaining or griping or demonstrating has the power to change this country back to the country that we should have. ... (B)eing on our knees in prayer (does).

"The Lord promises to answer our prayers when we pray in his will and a Christ-loving nation is his will," Lohmann said.

As her husband prayed, Jan Raies watched over the couple's three sons, Joshua, 7 months, Micah, 4, and Will, 6.

"We are here to support my husband, Billy Raies," who is pastor of Christian Life Center. "Our life is about ministry, about serving the Lord, and how we live our lives," Mrs. Raies said. "And we want our children's lives to be the same. It's a life commitment."

She said that her prayer is to "see the United States come back to a place of serving God and honoring God in all that we do. We are trying to live our lives according to the word. And we want our children to see that."

Raies, who said that he is unworthy of his family's support but is certainly blessed by it, said that he was heartened by the prayerful mode of "so many leaders in our community who seem to be sharing the same burden, the passion, (which is) the glory of God."

Roy Smith, pastor of True-Lite Christian Fellowship, lamented the loss of civility, decency, and Christ-like compassion in schools and in governments.

"And I walk the halls of our high schools, and I see the violent tendencies in our children," Smith, 40, said. "And I see the things that I used to care about that they have no care for."

Smith said that he "didn't care to fight or to smart back to teachers and threaten teachers' lives and stuff like that.

"It is an everyday occurrence in our schools. My daughter (Lakeisha Smith, 16) tells me things that just are almost unbelievable that's going on: the disrespect in the classroom."

Smith said that if he could "see something come out of (National Day of Prayer) I would love to see us go back to the morals and the integrity that we had when we were children.

"I credit (disrespect in the classrooms) to a lack of seeking God," Smith said. "Those precepts and those principles" that strengthened the nation "have just escaped us. "Therefore, all the lawlessness has set it; it's frightening.

"When I think about my grandkids having to go through the world today, I wouldn't want to put anybody through that unless there is a change."

However, Smith said, the hope is that "our hearts will go back to God" through the power of prayer and moral leadership.

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Upscale mall gets upscale McDonald's

By Robert G. Wieland
Associated Press

DALLAS — Did somebody say McDeco?

When Lee and Ed Bailey decided to make-over one of their 23 McDonald's franchises, they let the location be their inspiration.

The restaurant, on the third level of the posh Dallas Galleria mall, is the fanciest of the decidedly extra-fancy restaurants owned and operated by the Baibrook Partnership.

"We've had a lot of head-turning," Jon Kelley, director of operations for the partnership that operates the local chain, said Wednesday on the eve of Thursday's grand re-opening.

Ms. Bailey decorates the restaurants with lighting from wall sconces to chandeliers. Condiments served from antique buffets.

"We normally do a Ralph Lauren traditional style, with (wall) papers and lots of wood and marble. Very upscale and cutting edge," she said. "We take a lot of pride in our business and we want each and every restaurant to reflect this."

For the Galleria, she chose an Art Deco theme with a tropical flair.

Polished black granite frames the entrance while black and white tile is patterned to mirror the arch over the door.

The front counter is a graceful concave sweep of green granite and the walls are covered with a colorful print of banana fronds.



AP Photo

Customers sit at tables at the newly remodeled McDonald's with an Art Deco theme with a tropical flair at the Galleria shopping mall in Dallas on Wednesday. The restaurant at the mall is the fanciest of the decidedly extra-fancy restaurants owned and operated by the Baibrook Partnership.

Bright arrangements of silk flowers adorn the gleaming curved counters and cascade from the tops of columns.

"It's a very pleasant atmosphere," said customer Kevin Fowler, 36, finishing his fries beneath a large picture of a parrot. "I was just surprised that the prices are the same."

The menu also features familiar McDonald's fare including the new McFlurry shake.

But Kelley says the decor does make a difference in the bottom line.

"There is a definite correlation between the investment (in decoration) and the resulting increase in sales," Kelley said.

Ms. Bailey said customers like the added value of enjoyable surroundings.

"I think the customers like to feel at home," she said.

The McDonald's Corporation in Oakbrook, Ill., part of the Baibrook joint venture, also is comfortable with the new look the Baileys have brought to the Golden Arches, she said.

"The interior is pretty much up to the operator," Ms. Bailey said, adding, "They have a lot of faith in us."

Jane R. Robertson, spokeswoman for the Galleria, said the McRemodeling job is a perfect fit for the mall anchored by Nordstrom's, Macy's, Saks Fifth Avenue and Marshall Field's.

"It's something that's high style," Ms. Robertson said. "What McDonald's has done is really significant."

Grant will help workers displaced by NAFTA

EL PASO (AP) — The U.S. Labor Department has approved a $45 million grant to help retrain 3,500 workers displaced by NAFTA in El Paso, identified as the city most affected by the trilateral trade pact.

The workers, primarily former garment industry employees, will be given access to job placement programs, GED preparation, computer literacy classes and many other programs, Labor Secretary Alexis Herman said Thursday.

"This initiative will clearly help those workers who are being left behind and who need the adjustment. They will now receive the necessary training and skills to compete in this new global economy," Herman said.

She said the move will also show that job dislocation does not have to go hand-in-hand with the expansion of the global marketplace.

Community leaders greeted the announcement with enthusiasm.

U.S. Rep. Silvestre Reyes, D-El Paso, called it "a great first-step toward getting El Paso back on track and we're all excited about this opportunity."

El Paso has been identified as the nation's most affected city after having lost some 7,000 jobs to what have been identified as NAFTA-related layoffs since the agreement was enacted.

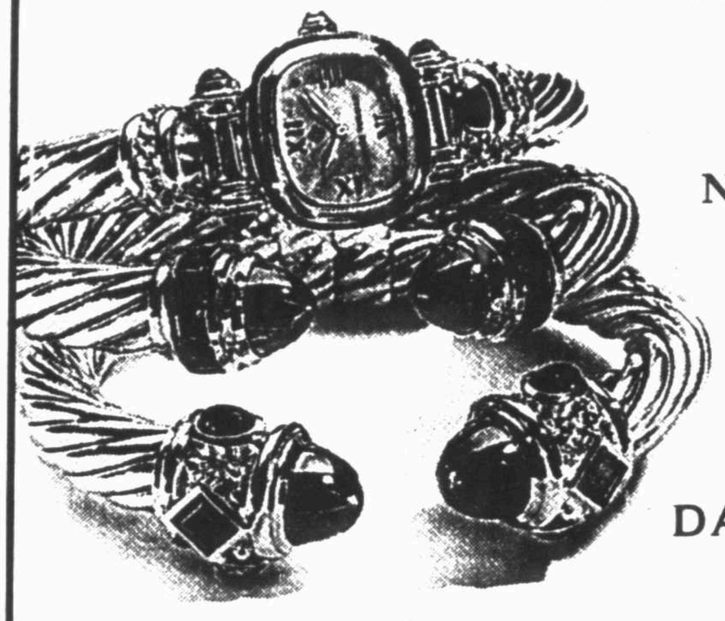
The loses are tallied by the number of people who qualify for federal retraining programs intened to help workers displaced by the treaty.

Herman said the grant is only the beginning of aid efforts.

Under the grant, $15 million will be released June 1 to help local officials get the retraining and reeducation programs established.

More funds will be requested as other programs come on-line, said Norman Haley, executive director of the Upper Rio Grande Private Industry Council, which will be involved in the efforts.

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Judge gives limited visitation to mother accused of having rare Munchausen's Syndrome by Proxy

By Kelley Shannon
Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — A baby taken from his mother at birth will remain in state custody, a judge ruled Thursday after a hearing over whether the mother has a rare disorder causing her to injure her children to get attention.

Judge David Peeples ruled Cynthia Lyda and her husband Paul Lyda may have full weekend visits with their 1-month-old son Benjamin. Until now they've been permitted to see him only an hour each week.

"An erroneous decision in this case either way, seems to me, has harmful consequences," Peeples said. "I'm not sure I can say there is no risk."

But the judge said, preventing the baby from bonding with his parents if there is no risk of child abuse also is detrimental.

Paul Lyda expressed that worry during his court testimony Thursday.

"This child does not know who his Daddy and Mommy are," he said.

Peeples ordered that the baby be examined before, after and sometimes during his weekend visits by a state nurse or caseworker to make sure there is no abuse by the mother.

The judge's temporary order came after a four-day hearing focusing on whether Ms. Lyda, 31, has a disorder called Munchausen's Syndrome by Proxy, which causes a person to injure a child in order to gain admiration as a devoted mother or caregiver.

Much of the testimony centered around Ms. Lyda's dealings with an older son, Joseph Martinez. Ms. Lyda was captured on videotape four years ago blowing into his feeding tube while Joseph, then 8 months old, was at an Air Force Base hospital in San Antonio.

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> — David Peeples, judge

That incident and one with another older son led to federal charges against Ms. Lyda last week.

Joseph Martinez recovered and now lives with his father in Arizona along with two of Ms. Lyda's other children.

Lawyers for the state allege Ms. Lyda suffers from the unusual syndrome. Her attorneys claim she does not and that a genetic condition is to blame for her older children's medical problems.

Cynthia and Paul Lyda insist she has never harmed her children. The couple, surrounded by friends and lawyers, left the Bexar County Courthouse on Thursday overtaken by emotion and refusing to speak with reporters.

Paul Lyda's attorney, Michael Mery, made a brief statement.

"Only God can bring life and death," Mery said. "I think that is what he has done. He's given life to the Lyda family and all the glory and honor and praise go to Him."

Court testimony indicated there may be explanations for why Ms. Lyda took some of the actions she did with her older children. For instance, blowing on a feeding tube was a way to clear it, according to testimony.

"My opinion after three days of testimony is she was not trying to harm that child," Peeples said later, referring to the feeding tube incident.

Ms. Lyda went to court last week to try to regain custody of Benjamin. Instead, she was arrested and jailed on federal charges alleging she endangered two of her older children.

Ms. Lyda was released on bond.

The federal indictment accuses Ms. Lyda of turning off an older son's respirator, which left him in a vegetative state. It also accuses her of blowing into Joseph's feeding tube.

She could face up to 212 years in prison if convicted of the six federal charges against her.

Ms. Lyda also is under investigation in Arizona for the death of another son and of a foster son.

Another of her children with Paul Lyda, 16-month-old Gideon, was taken from her by state social workers shortly after his birth.



Hank the Cowdog

Chapter 5
Yummy Sardines

The Case of the Dancing Cowboy
By John R. Erickson

(In the previous chapter, Slim, a ranch hand takes Hank the Cowdog and his sidekick, Drover, for a pickup ride. Hank takes the opportunity to grill Drover about why he had run off and left Hank chasing ashes from an explosion while Slim was burning garbage. Hank is still mad that Loper, the rancher, had laughed at him, and wants to find out why he was the scapegoat. But Drover can only think of billy goats and what goats eat. Hank's interrogation of Drover goes nowhere fast.)

Slim slammed the mailbox shut—that's kind of a tongue-twister, isn't it? And turned onto the little road that led to his house. When we reached the front door, he pushed it open and said, "Get in there, dogs, and catch a mouse."

I went streaking inside. Drover went inside, too, but he didn't "streak." He lollygagged around, as he usually does, and at that speed he couldn't catch a mouse even if the mouse threw up his hands and surrendered.

Paws, I guess. Threw up his paws. Mice don't have hands, see.

Right away, I flushed out three head of mice and chased one of them to the three sacks of trash sitting beside the back door. He dived into the trash and so did I.

My goodness, what a mess. The mouse managed to escape—I mean, who could find a little mouse in that mountain of garbage?—the mouse managed to escape, but only by the tiniest of margins.

Unfortunately, the three sacks of garbage didn't manage to escape and they, well, became "rearranged," shall we say, all over the west side of the kitchen.

Sardine cans. Vienna sausage cans. Bean cans. Cans filled with cold bacon grease and cigar butts and coffee grounds.

Yes, the, uh, rearrangement caused quite a mess.

I was standing there, giving the area one last noseatory scan, when Slim walked up. "That's probably enough, Hank. I'm sorry I brought up the subject of mice."

He opened up one of the cabinet doors and reached for a can of... something. Ah ha, it was the sardines he had promised. He looked back at me and grinned. "You ready for this, pooch?"

All at once, my tongue shot out and swept across my lips.

Slim laughed and held up a small, flat can. Again, my tongue shot out and swept my lips. It appeared that my mouth had begun to water, so to speak.

"Yummy sardines."

I moved my front feet up and down. A whine leaped out of my throat, and yes, my mouth was watering like crazy. Could we hurry this deal up?

He squinted his eyes at the can. "There's just one little problem, Hankie. This can's pooched up in the middle, which means the sardines might be spoilt."

No problem there. Shucks, I ate spoiled sardines all the time, and could we hurry up?

"That's why I saved 'em for you, but I don't want you getting sick in my house."

Sick? That was ridiculous. No dog in history had ever gotten sick on sardines. I could almost taste 'em, yummy sardines.

"Well, I reckon we can give it a try, but if you get to feeling sick, let me know."

Sure, you bet, anything at all.

He opened the can and set it down on the floor. Right away, I turned a menacing glare towards Drover and showed him some fangs. "These are my sardines, pal, so don't even think what you're thinking."

"I was just thinking that sardines make me sick."

"Fine. Go chase your tail."

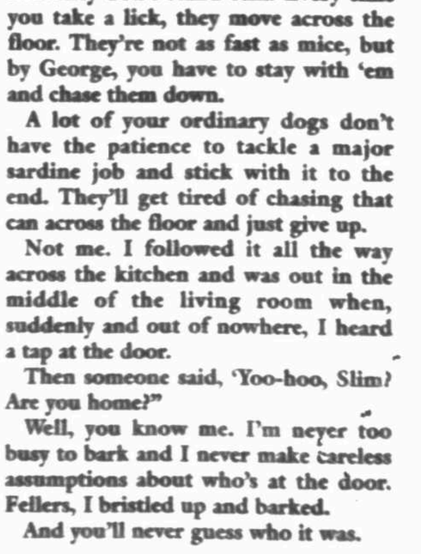
Having disposed of Drover, I turned back to my feastly treasure and ... wow! Those were some wonderful-smelling sardines, and I was so excited that my legs were quivering.

Sardines packed in oil. My favorite kind.

Slim watched with a lopsided grin as I tore into those yummy delicious awesomely wonderful sardines. I gobbled them in huge bites, hardly noticing that, yes, they had a slightly rancid taste to them.

Maybe they were a little past their prime, but that was no big deal. As you may know, we dogs have a digestive system that allows us to eat many food items that would make others ill.

Great sardines! Don't know as I'd ever had better, which just went to prove what I'd always said: A little age on a sardine don't hurt a thing.



Slim watched me eat awhile, then he got down on his hands and knees and started picking up the garbage mess.

"I don't understand what brings these durned mice into my house. You'd think a mouse would rather stay outside where it's nice and clean."

After finishing up the chunks of yummy sardines, I threw myself into the task of licking the oil out of the can. See, I wanted to do my little part to keep the house clean.

The only trouble with sardine cans is that they don't stand still. Every time you take a lick, they move across the floor. They're not as fast as mice, but by George, you have to stay with 'em and chase them down.

A lot of your ordinary dogs don't have the patience to tackle a major sardine job and stick with it to the end. They'll get tired of chasing that can across the floor and just give up.

Not me. I followed it all the way across the kitchen and was out in the middle of the living room when, suddenly and out of nowhere, I heard a tap at the door.

Then someone said, 'Yoo-hoo, Slim? Are you home?"

Well, you know me. I'm never too busy to bark and I never make careless assumptions about who's at the door. Fellers, I bristled up and barked.

And you'll never guess who it was.

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Veteran to be exhumed from Tomb of Unknowns

WASHINGTON (AP) — Fourteen years after President Reagan presided over the burial of a Vietnam veteran in the Tomb of the Unknowns, the remains will be exhumed to see if they can be identified after all.

Relatives of Air Force 1st Lt. Michael J. Blassie, a missing Vietnam War pilot, believe his remains are buried in the tomb. The decision announced Thursday, his sister said, could put them "one step closer to bringing our family member home."

Defense Secretary William Cohen agreed to disinter the remains "after weighing the sanctity of the tomb with the need for the fullest possible accounting," said Pentagon spokesman Kenneth Bacon.

"If we can identify the remains now we have an obligation to try," Bacon said. The families, he said, "deserve nothing less."

Blassie's family requested the remains be exhumed for possible identification in the hope modern and sophisticated forensics techniques can help.

"I can't say we're surprised, but we're certainly pleased," Pat Blassie, the pilot's sister, said Thursday. "We've been told that in a best-case scenario, we will have word in one month. And the worst-case scenario is that it will take 10 to 12 weeks."

White House spokesman Mike McCurry said the exhumation is a result of "a very strong commitment that this president and this administration have to the fullest possible accounting for those who are still missing from the Vietnam War."

The remains were placed in the tomb in 1984, several years after government scientists ruled they did not belong to Blassie.

Reagan presided over the funeral and awarded the Vietnam veteran the Medal of Honor, the nation's highest military award. Reagan also acted as next-of-kin and accepted the interment flag at the end of the ceremony.

The Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery is dedicated to the nation's unidentified war dead. It is watched over 24 hours a day by a military honor guard. The Vietnam remains are buried in a separate crypt between two other crypts containing World War II and Korean War unknowns. They are in a row, directly in front of a sarcophagus containing remains of a World War I unknown.

John Metzler Jr., the cemetery's superintendent, said an 8-foot-high fence will be erected around the site as workers prepare the tomb for the disinterment. A brief ceremony is scheduled for May 14, when a flag-draped casket containing the remains of the Vietnam unknown are to be removed.

Cohen expects to attend the ceremony, a senior Pentagon official said.

The remains will be taken under military escort to the Army Forces Institute of Pathology at Walter Reed Army Medical Center, where a forensic examination will begin.

In theory, the remains could belong to eight other Air Force or Army fighter and helicopter pilots who went down in the An Loc area the same time as Blassie but whose bodies were never found, the Defense Department said.

Last week, Charles Cragin, assistant secretary of defense for reserve affairs, recommended to Cohen that the remains — the pelvis, right upper arm and four ribs — be examined to try to clear up conflicting evidence about whether they belong to Blassie.

Some evidence found with the remains, including dog tags and gear, indicates they could be those of the St. Louis pilot, whose A-37 attack plane was shot down over South Vietnam in May 1972, Cragin said.

However, other evidence such as blood type and physical characteristics — based on old forensic methods that could be unreliable — didn't match, he said.

Government scientists said they will use DNA matching on the bones to determine blood type and whether it contains any Blassie family genetic material.

David Rankin, a U.S. Army forensic anthropologist, said he will examine the bones to estimate age, race, sex and height.

Rankin said he will also prepare bone samples for DNA testing at the Army Forces DNA Indentification Laboratory, which could take four months.

The tests may not be conclusive, Rankin cautioned, because exposure to heat, bacteria and other conditions may have deteriorated the DNA.

Forensic evidence indicated the unknown Vietnam remains were of a man age 26-33, between 5-feet-5 1/2 and 5-feet-11 1/2 tall, and with type O negative blood. Blassie, who was about 6 feet tall and age 24, had type A positive blood.

Of the nine remains collected from the area around the same time, Capt. Rodney Strobridge, a 30-year-old Army helicopter pilot, most closely matches the forensic evidence, according to Cragin. He was 5-feet-9 and 30 years old with type O-negative blood. Strobridge crashed the same day as Blassie. But Cragin said other evidence found with the remains indicates they aren't from Strobridge, including an A-37 ejection seat, parachute and life raft — gear his AH-1 Cobra helicopter didn't have.

Settlement talks break down in Minnesota tobacco trial

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Settlement talks in Minnesota's multi-billion-dollar lawsuit against the tobacco industry broke off as the start of jury deliberations drew near Thursday.

Tobacco companies, the state and Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Minnesota had been discussing a deal worth more than $5 billion, but talks collapsed just before closing arguments in the 3 1/2-month trial began.

Andy Czajkowski, chief executive of Blue Cross, said the chances of a settlement were "extremely slim." One problem, he said, was a tobacco industry demand that companies be protected against lawsuits filed by Minnesota counties.

The state and Blue Cross are suing for $1.77 billion they say they have spent treating smoking-related illnesses, plus punitive damages.

With negotiators on the sidelines, tobacco attorneys began their closing arguments to the jury. The plaintiffs will get their turn on Friday.

Peter Bleakley, the lead tobacco attorney, told the jury the state failed to prove the industry misled consumers about the health hazards of smoking.

"The case is not about popularity. Believe me, the defendants are well aware of the fact that they're not very popular these days," said Bleakley, an attorney for Philip Morris Inc.

Bleakley denied that the industry manipulated nicotine to hook smokers, targeted minors in advertising, conspired against the development of safer cigarettes or made products that resulted in increased health care costs.

David Bernick, the third of six defense attorneys to address the jury, suggested it was implausible that tobacco companies would conspire to block research that might have led to a safer cigarette.

"The people who populate this industry, they prey on each other. They are all over each other. That's the bottom line," said Bernick, an attorney for Brown & Williamson Tobacco Corp.

Despite the release of thousands of formerly secret tobacco industry documents, the state and Blue Cross failed to show that the companies covered up research into smoking and health, Bernick said.

"There will be no silver bullet," he said. "Nobody has unlocked the secret of a safer cigarette," he said. "Nobody has unlocked the secret of how smoking has caused disease. No one has withheld details from the marketplace of those critical elements. They're not here."

Justice Department investigating whether police let gunman bleed to death

LOS ANGELES (AP) — The Justice Department's civil rights division and the FBI are investigating whether Los Angeles police allowed a bank robber to bleed to death after a wild shoot-out last year in North Hollywood.

Michael J. Gennaco, head of the civil rights section, told The Associated Press the federal probe has been under way since shortly after the Feb. 28, 1997, shoot-out, but was recently expanded to include facts uncovered by the Los Angeles Times.

The Times said Emil Matasareanu, shot 29 times, bled to death after lying in the street for about an hour without treatment. Police and paramedics waited to call an ambulance because they at first thought Matasareanu was dead, the newspaper said.

The Times reconstructed the shoot-out using police and fire radio transmissions, internal reports, videotape footage, photographs and witness interviews. The paper won a Pulitzer Prize for its spot coverage of the gunbattle.

Department spokesman Cmdr. David Kalish said Thursday that authorities have known about the federal inquiry for some time.

Matasareanu, 30, and Larry Eugene Phillips Jr., 26, were wearing body armor and wielding automatic weapons when they held up a Bank of America. The ensuing firefight left 11 officers and five others wounded.

Matasareanu bled to death after a close-quarters shoot-out while trying to drive away. Phillips, on foot, died after shooting himself in the head at about the same time a police bullet hit his neck, according to the coroner's office.



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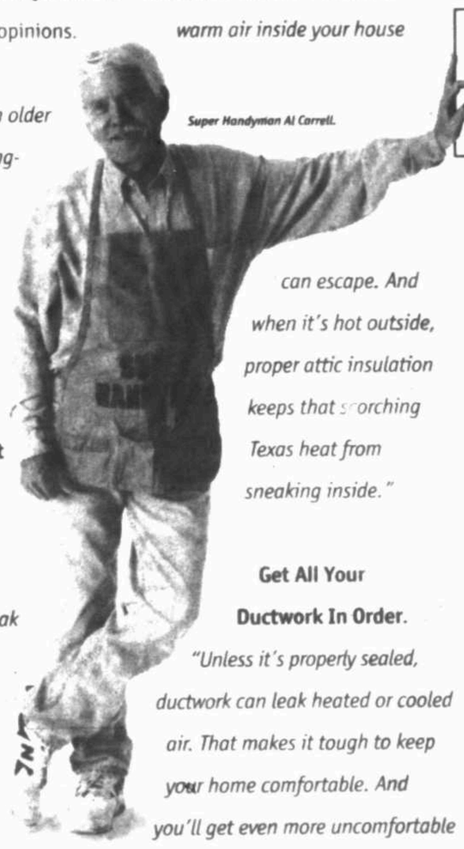
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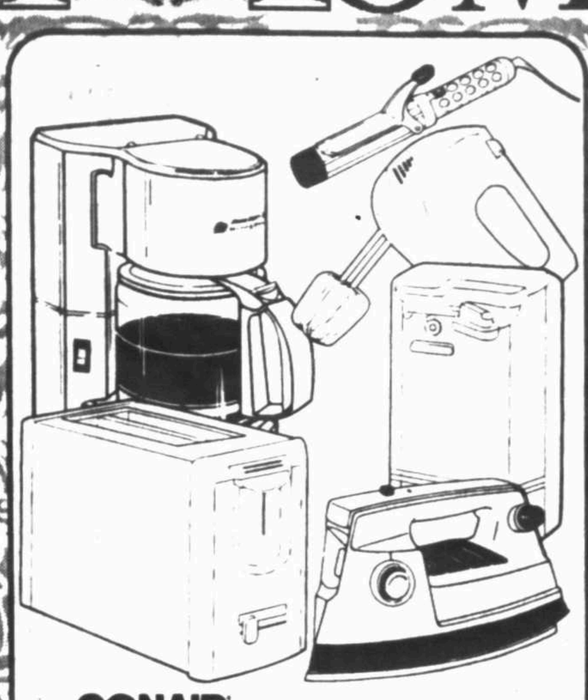
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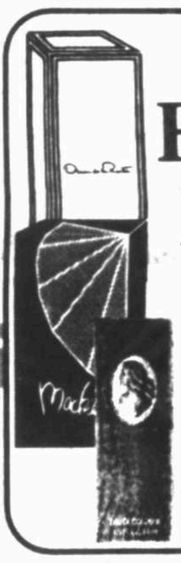
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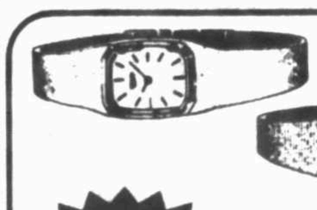
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Participants can form their own teams or be placed with other players. Teams must consist of four amateur players whose combined USGA handicap index totals 43 strokes or more.

Entry fee is $150 per player or $600 per team of four players. Entry fee includes lunch, range balls, cart fee, green fee and tournament fee, metal bag tag, key chain and ball marker, valuables pouch, golf glove, sleeve of balls, golf course companion booklet, drinks and snacks on the course, cocktails and hors d'oeuvres at the awards ceremony and participation in other events at the tournament.

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...FRATERNAL ORDER of Eagles Aerie #2982 will meet 8 p.m. 13 at the VFW 7208, 1306 E. Taylor. The Auxiliary will meet 8 p.m. May 12 at the same location. New officers and officer elections will be discussed. All members are urged to attend. For more information call 694-3234 or 682-6851...

...COMMUNITY AND Senior Services Auxiliary will have is annual business meeting and barbecue dinner at 6 p.m. May 19 at Kingsway Mall. Members and their guests are invited to attend. Brisket will be served; attendees are asked to bring salads, vegetables and desserts. Officers will be elected. For reservations and information call 689-6693...

...COL. THEUNIS Dey chapter, National Society Daughters of the American Revolution (NSDAR), will meet 11 a.m. May 11 at No. 1 Lazywood Lane. Reports on the Continental Congress will be given. Mrs. John M. Ivancevich, Texas state chairman of the speakers staff, will speak on the DAR schools. Mrs. Ivancevich is immediate past junior membership chairman of NSDAR and current chairman of the membership committee. She is a member of the board of trustees for the Tamassee and Kate Duncan Smith DAR Schools...

...DOLL CLUB of the Permian Basin will meet for "Show and Tell" at the regular meeting scheduled for 10 a.m. May 9 at 4209 South County Road 1290 on Coors Road. All interested people are invited to attend. For more information call 683-1367...

...HUMAN RESOURCE Professionals of the Permian Basin will meet noon-1 p.m. May 12 at the Center for Energy and Economic Diversification, 1400 North FM 1788 in Midland. Janet Prichett, attorney with Bullock, Scott, Neisig and Owen, will speak on "Employment Law: Hiring and Firing." Cost of the luncheon is $10 for members and $15 for non-members. Reservations are due by 5 p.m. May 8. Call 682-5241...

...PYRACANATHA GARDEN Club will celebrate its 50th anniversary with a coffee 10 a.m.-noon May 19 at Manor Park Activities Room, 2208 N. Loop 250 West. All garden club members and all other interested people are invited to attend...

...MIDLAND SOCIETY of University Women will meet for its annual scholarship luncheon 11:30 a.m. May 13 at the Woman's Club. Scholarship recipients and their parents will be guests...

FAMILY MATTERS

Forgiveness is key to spiritual healing

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: After years of counseling, I finally came to deal with the fact that my mother never was a mother to me. She was selfish and critical and negative about everything I ever did. One of my earliest memories is me standing on a chair at the sink, trying to wash the dishes and my mother yelling at me for not getting them clean enough. To this day I hate doing the dishes. I swear I did more housework than she every did, and to this day I hate housework.


May

She always favored my older brother and never made him do anything around the house. I even had to clean his room because he was a boy and couldn't do it right! Even to this day she will make a big fuss over any little thing that my brother does and say nothing good about anything that I do. It's not fair, but I do know now that I can't change her.

My counselor helped me to realize that these were all my mother's problems and not mine. I have enjoyed some peace since I came to love myself for who I am and not look to my mother for that love.

I haven't seen my counselor since we moved several years ago. Since then I have been fine with not seeing my mother. My big problem is that this Mother's Day my mother wants everyone to come to her house and celebrate her 70th birthday and Mother's Day. She's planned a big party for herself and invited most everyone in the family and lots of other people.

I know that I should go, but I don't know how I can do it feeling the way I do. My husband says that I should try to put my feelings aside and go and pretend. I hate the thought of having to do that.

I don't want to suppress my feelings like I used to do. I'm hurt and angry over not having a mother who loved me. All the Mother's Day junk just makes it worse. How can you "honor" a mother who treated you like a stepchild? Sometimes I don't even believe that the television/advertising "mother" we see exists anywhere.

I'm better but I'm not anywhere over this. Should I go to her party anyway? I know that it would create a big family furor if I don't go, but I don't want to.

Do I have to sacrifice my feelings one more time just to make everyone else happy? MOTHERLESS CHILD

DEAR MOTHERLESS: You do have a difficult dilemma. Given the timing, I hope my response reaches you in time.

Focus on forgiveness. You are not over the hurts caused by your mother's "un-motherly" behaviors. Furthermore, you may never be completely over these hurts. Think in terms of forgiveness for your sake, not hers — she apparently has never asked for your forgiveness.

In his book, "Forgiveness: How to Make Peace with Your Past and Get on With Your Life," Dr. Sidney Simon writes that forgiveness is, among other things:

- A by-produce of an on-going healing process;
- An internal process that happens within us;
- A sign of positive self-esteem— we are no longer building our identity around something that happened to us in the past;
- The letting go of the intense emotions attached to incidents from our past;
- An acceptance that nothing we do to punish them will heal us; and
- A freeing up and putting to better use the energy once consumed by harboring resentments and nursing unhealed wounds.

One of the teachings of "A Course in Miracles" states it even more directly: "Forgiveness is the key to happiness."

Pray for your mother. Only God can help you with this process. Also, write your mother in a private, unshared "Mother Journal," which will give you a way to express, not suppress, your feelings. Keep the journal private and when you have said all that you need to say — and you will know when that is — go to a special place and burn the journal.

You have come a long way in your journey toward dealing with childhood wounds. Take that next step toward healing those wounds. This is the God step. Christ taught us of the importance of forgiving, but did include a warning, "if you forgive others their failings, your heavenly Father will forgive yours; but if you do not forgive others, your Father will not forgive your failings either." (Matthew 6:14) As hard as it may be, pray for your mother that you may be set free.

Wonderful mothers really do exist in this world. You have had none and I have had two. I was blessed to have a loving, caring mother for the first 20 years of my life. Then in the last 25 years, I have been blessed to again have a loving, caring mother — my mother-in-law.

May God bless you that you may find a true mother in your journey.

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

Questions for this column should be addressed to Family Matters, P.O. Box 10485, Midland, 79702.

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Home remedies can be powerful

By Monica Anderson
N.Y. Times News Service

It has come to my attention that castor oil is a laxative. All of these years, I've been thinking that castor oil was like, oh, I don't know, an antibiotic or something.

My mother and grandmother treated every illness under the sun with castor oil. And, by golly, it worked! My grandmother, like her mother before her, and countless generations before that, believed in using herbs and other natural remedies to treat common illnesses.

I'll never forget the time I ran through my aunt's glass patio door while playing tag with my cousin. I suffered several small lacerations without severing a major artery. Still, I was a mess. My mother fainted when she saw me, a rarity in my family. My grandmother always said fainting was a waste of time.

Anyway, I'm bleeding and crying while my cousin laughs at me and my grandmother plucks pieces of glass from my arms with her good tweezers. She had my aunt wipe them with alcohol and hold them over the burner on the stove first to kill any germs. I was glad to see that since my cousin and I had recently used them to pick fleas off the dog. My aunt had to step over my poor mother who had fainted near the door to the kitchen. My grandmother was very annoyed.

"I brought that girl up better than that," she said, frowning. By the time mother came around, I was bandaged like an Egyptian mummy.

My memories of the days after my accident are mostly senses and sounds. I remember the odor and sting of sulfur, the soothing sensation of aloe vera, the slickness and shine of the cocoa butter and always the heinous, hideous, horrible taste of castor oil. I can't imagine that most physicians would recommend this course of treatment for cuts or abrasions. I'm sure the HMO wouldn't pay for it. But today, only two small scars remind me not to run in the house.

My dear husband is also a big fan of home remedies. I'll never forget the time he helped me get rid of congestion. I'd been coughing and blowing my nose for days when he offered to make me a "hot toddy" like his daddy always made when he had a cold. He brewed some herbal tea to which he added honey, lemon and a strong, brown liquid. I could smell the alcohol even through my stuffed-up nose.

"Are you sure this will work?"

"It's guaranteed," he said. "Tomorrow you'll feel like a new person."

I managed to get half of it down and, in minutes, I was fast asleep. Sure enough, the next day my cold was history. I could breathe through each nostril, which was good because the pain in my chest had been replaced by nausea and pain in my head!

My mother promised to rush right over with the perfect remedy. You know it was castor oil. I tried to get down a tablespoon and barfed all over the bedroom. Mom fainted, and my flustered husband offered to make another toddy. I started laughing, and that made me feel better. I tell you, there's something to these home remedies.

Monica Frazier Anderson is a wife, mother and dentist. Write to her in care of the Star-Telegram at 1111 W. Abram St., Arlington, Texas 76013.

DEAR ABBY

Hunter has snared wrong woman

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I have the prettiest girlfriend in the world — and the nicest, I thought, until I realized that "Gwen" does not understand or respect my favorite sport: hunting.


Van Buren

Yesterday, my hunting partner and I took Gwen with us hunting for wild turkeys, so she could understand the appeal. I explained everything to her the night before, but hunting day was a disaster. She wasn't up at 4:30 a.m. like I told her to be. Then she dressed and fixed her hair and did makeup the way she usually does. She absolutely refused to wear the face paint and camouflage I'd given her.

In the woods, she refused to whisper or walk quietly. Her hairspray attracted mosquitoes and bees, and she wouldn't stay where we told her to. To top it off, when we finally spotted a turkey and got close, Gwen threw up her arms and screamed, "Run, turkey! Run!"

My friend couldn't stop laughing. I am so angry I haven't been able to speak to her since. Abby, how could this woman be so insensitive to my feelings? Now I'm no longer sure this relationship is a good idea. Gwen is good-looking and can cook, but is this relationship worth salvaging? I'm not giving up my turkey hunts! — TURKEYLESS IN ARKANSAS

DEAR TURKEYLESS: How can you call yourself "Turkeyless" when you brought Gwen with you?

Whatever her feminine virtues may be, Gwen is clearly not someone who's likely to develop a love for blood sports.

If your ideal woman is one who enjoys rising at 4:30 a.m., wearing camouflage while she accompanies you on a hunting expedition, you're barking up the wrong tree. Gwen may look like a trophy, but you've been chasing a decoy.

DEAR ABBY: My 91-year-old great-aunt, "Ethel," and I share a common interest in antiques and collectibles. Aunt Ethel's children and grandchildren have never expressed an interest in what they call "junk." Over the years, Aunt Ethel has given me various items that I cherish. One gift in particular she had had for more than 30 years before giving it to me about two years ago.

When she gave it to me, her daughter, "Sandy," asked her if she was sure she really wanted to give it away. Aunt Ethel said yes, she was sure. A week later, Sandy told me that Aunt Ethel shouldn't have given away the item. I offered to give it to Sandy because I didn't want to cause any conflict, but she refused it because it had already been given to me. She said she just wanted to let me know she was upset about it.

Now, Aunt Ethel has called and said that she's sorry to go back on her word, but she wants me to return the gift. I asked if she is having problems as a result of having given it to me, and she admitted that she is. So I know she is not asking for herself.

My family and friends are divided. Some say Aunt Ethel wanted me to have the item and I should keep it. Others say I should return it. What should I do? — UNDECIDED IN LOS ANGELES

DEAR UNDECIDED: Return the gift. Whatever the value of the item, it has become an issue, and it is not worth starting a family feud over.

For Abby's favorite family recipes, send a long, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Cookbooklet No. 1, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

Abigail Van Buren's column is distributed by Universal Press Syndicate.

Birds flock to national park

CADIZ, Spain (AP) — At the mouth of the Guadalquivir River near here is Coto Donana National Park, a noted park and natural habitat formerly a royal hunting reserve in the 14th century. It encompasses 196 square miles of coastal dunes, woods and scrubland. Important as a confluence of bird migratory routes between Africa and Europe, the site is perfect for bird watchers. Nearly half of Europe's bird species can be seen here.

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CASA DE AMIGOS

Casa de Amigos is located at 1101 E. Garden Lane. For more information about services provided call 682-9701. Activities include:

■ Monday: 9 a.m. billiards/bowling; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.

■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. gem and mineral; 10:15 a.m. sing-a-long; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. bingo.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. advisory meeting; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. table games.

■ Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. adult classes; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. billiards; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Bible study.

MIDLAND YMCAs

The Midland YMCAs have many activities scheduled for Prime Time adults. For more information contact Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, 682-2551; Alamo YMCA, 901 N. Midland Drive, 694-2528; Northeast YMCA, 2301 Butternut, 682-8469.

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Low impact aerobics; 7 a.m. YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.

■ Call for information, Y's Way to a Healthy Back.

■ By appointment, Specialized Strength Training for Seniors.

Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 10:15 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 pm. and 5 p.m. Arthritis Water Class.

■ Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 1-1:45 pm. P.A.C.E. class, dry land class for people with arthritis (arthritis classes co-sponsored by Northwest Texas chapter of the Arthritis Foundation).

■ Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. lap swim, open swim and water walking.

■ Saturday: 1-4:30 p.m. lap swim, open swim and water walking.

■ Tuesday and Thursday: 9:30-10:30 a.m. aqua aerobics.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information, call 685-7231. Activities include:

■ Monday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, needlework and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 681-7636. Activities for May 11-15 include:

■ Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 9:30 a.m. art class; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. aging parents program; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

■ Tuesday: 8:30 a.m. Kaffee Klatsch; 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. line dancing for fun; 11:30 a.m. lunch; noon nursing home cost program; 12:30 p.m. art class; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards; 1:30 p.m. ATAC exercise class.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics class and Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

■ Thursday: 9 a.m. prescription help, billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:30 a.m. country/western dancing and country line dancing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. defensive driving class and art for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards; 1:30 p.m. ATAC exercise class.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. defensive driving class; 1 p.m. bridge, cards and dominoes.

Defensive driving classes on May 14 and 15 are for pre-registered students. Aging parents program is a series of videos which will be shown on Mondays during May, and on May 22 and 29. Information on individual topics to be covered may be obtained at the center. Prescription assistance is available 9-11 a.m. Thursday. Participants need to bring proof of income and empty prescription bottles.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 5212 Sinclair. For more information call 699-5825. Weekday schedule includes:

■ 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, dominoes, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., discussion, current events, Dear Abbey, devotion prayers; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.

■ Men's bowling, second Friday of each month; women's shopping trips, first Friday of each month.

Birthday parties and visits by the Kitchenettes are monthly.

Licensed professional staff includes nurses, activities director and certified nurses aides present daily. Transportation is insured.

COM AQUATICS SENIORS AND THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE

City of Midland Aquatics has programs of water exercise for seniors. The schedule is:

■ Monday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; 8 a.m.-noon, aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic deep aerobics; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.

■ Tuesday: 7-9:30 a.m. water walking; 9:30-10 a.m. stretch and strengthen; 10 a.m.-noon aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic aerobics; 12:30-1:30 p.m. arthritis plus; 7-8 p.m. healthy happy hour.

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■ Saturday: 11 a.m.-noon water walking.

CITY OF MIDLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

Recreation and leisure activities at Hillcrest Manor, Langtry Village and Parker Place are managed by City of Midland Housing Authority and coordinated through Community and Senior Services. The schedule is:

■ Monday: 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place.

■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. wellness clinic at Parker Place; 10 a.m. shopping at the Mall for Hillcrest Manor and Langtry Village; 2 p.m. senior update at Parker Place and exercise at Hillcrest Manor; 2:45 p.m. exercise at Langtry Village; 3:30 p.m. senior update at Langtry Village.

■ Wednesday: 10 a.m. bingo at Parker Place; 2 p.m. bingo at Hillcrest Manor.

■ Thursday: 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place; 2 p.m. exercise at Hillcrest Manor; 2:45 p.m. exercise at Langtry Village; 3 p.m. Gospel singing at Hillcrest Manor; 3:30 p.m. bingo at Langtry Village.

RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is recruiting persons 55 years and older to volunteer with non-profit agencies. RSVP will match volunteers' skills and interests to community agencies' needs. The program is sponsored by Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair. For more information, call 689-6693. A sample of current opportunities include:

■ Courtyard Care Center needs a piano player to play golden oldies and hits from the Big Band area. Shifts are 11 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Thursdays. Another RSVP volunteer will assist by providing vocals.

■ Midland Association for Retarded Citizens needs Pop Bottle Chaperones to monitor and supervise clients during recreation time, 7-10 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2-5 p.m. Sundays.

■ Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children needs Grandparent Extraordinaires to serve as role models by interacting with children utilizing positive parenting skills. Training will begin 6-9 p.m. June 1.

Retirement no time to slow down

By Lana Cunningham

Fear keeps its distance from Regina Dabney. Nothing stops her from trying new ventures.

Over the years, she has hosted a television show, owned an arts and crafts store, trained people for a rental car agency, traveled around the country representing a crafts firm, taken classes at Midland College, taped historical interviews and, most recently, helped organize Seniors and Lawmen Together.

"I've always felt I could do anything anyone else is doing — maybe not do it better," she said with a laugh.

And in her 70 years, she's never been afraid to try. Raised in Kansas, she eventually moved to Dallas, where she reared her two children. She lived 15 years in San Angelo, until three years ago when she decided it was time to move to Midland to be near her daughter and granddaughter's family that includes a husband and three great-grandsons.

Not long after her move, Ms. Dabney found a church home at First Christian Church. "This is my other family. I always go to the early service. We meet in the chapel and it feels like I'm in a cocoon," she said.

Having learned early in life that the only way to meet people is to reach out and greet them, Ms. Dabney began sharing her warmth and love of life with one person after another. Through those contacts, she was invited to help organize Seniors and Lawmen Together (SALT). "This is a triad of sheriffs, police officers and senior citizens," she explained. "We apprise seniors of all the things where people are trying to take advantage of the elderly. We make people more mindful they have to take care of themselves."

Chairing the organization in its formative stage, Ms. Dabney said, "I like to be in on the ground floor; I feel like I have a part of it."

That involvement lead next to her participation in the Citizens on Patrol program. "This should be mandatory for everyone," she said. "I didn't know what went on in the world. I rode with a policeman for eight hours. I learned all about gangs" and other activities that transpire in Midland.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Although she has lived in Midland for only a few years, Regina Dabney has made a name for herself as a willing volunteer for several agencies, including Seniors and Lawmen Together (SALT) and the Confederate Air Force's American Air Power Heritage Museum. She also believes in continuing her education through courses at Midland College.

Once participants have completed the COPS course, they go out in pairs to monitor neighborhoods. "We do it in our cars and it's observation only. We call in on our car phones" if they see someone or something suspicious occurring.

Soon Ms. Dabney added the American Air Power Heritage Museum at the Confederate Air Force to her resume. As an oral history interviewer, she tapes World War II veterans' remembrances of their wartime experiences. "I just returned from San Antonio where there was a reunion of a class of wartime cadets. The youngest was 73."

Soon she'll trek to Bastrop to help interview five brothers who served in the war.

Age doesn't stop her from learning. At the age of 65, Ms. Dabney passed a Certified Nursing Assistant course. And at Midland College she has taken several Continuing Education classes, including Computer and You. "I don't know why seniors are afraid of computers. You don't have to be a good typist or a genius. You can't break them," she joked, mirth dancing in her eyes. "People are so remiss if they don't take advantage of Midland College."

Dabbling in a wide range of interests has colored her life. "I was the first person to train managers for Hertz Rent a Car agency. I had a television show on station KOAM at Pittsburgh, Kan. It was an arts and crafts show that aired for several years and went to a wide audience in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Kansas." After moving to San Angelo, she tried a similar show for a few months.

While living in Dallas, she owned an arts and crafts store. Then she traveled in the country, giving workshops for Duncan Ceramics. Ms. Dabney's fingers still stay busy, the evidence being three felt Christmas stockings she's made for the great-grandsons.

"I always keep busy — I have never been bored," she said, noting that when she's not being a part of her family's lives and working in organizations, she's outside planting vegetables or doing yard work.

"I have never been without a goal, whether it's pulling weeds or planning to go to Germany. That's why people will just up and die — they don't look forward to anything." Asked about her goal, Ms. Dabney doesn't hesitate with an answer — she's going to Germany to research her mother's family.

Midland has an abundance of opportunities for people, believes the woman who knew no one outside her immediate family when she moved here. "How anyone can sit in this town and not do something, I just do not understand," she said.

"When you reach a certain age or when you get older, if you don't have a good attitude and a willingness to share and be available when the opportunity comes along, you're not going to be happy. You have to make the best of what's presented to you at the moment."

While Ms. Dabney is enjoying what comes her way, fear doesn't have a chance to get close.

DR. PAGE

Asthma becoming larger problem for seniors

By Henry F. Page, M.D.

Perhaps it is the wicked winds of El Nino blowing in germs from Germany, parasites from France, microbes from Ireland and various viruses from Oriental climes that account for this year's dramatic increase in pulmonary disease in general and asthma in particular. For whatever reason, it is now a major problem for the geriatric set.



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Asthma is air hunger caused by obstruction in the bronchial tubes, which limits air flow to and from the lungs — a panic-causing situation. The incidence of asthma has risen dramatically, with about 12 million Americans involved, most of them young. However, it becomes a geriatric problem because, when superimposed on people who are already suffering from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, it assumes serious consequences. The basic cause is inflammation leading to a reactive narrowing of the airways resulting in various levels of obstruction.

Genetic factors probably play a role, but environmental factors appear dominant. These factors include viral infections, allergens, cigarette smoke and air pollution. Symptoms may be one or all of these: cough, wheeze, shortness of breath, chest tightness and mucus production.

Attacks may be triggered by allergies (pollens, house dust, mites, mold spores, animal dander); exercise (achievable and also crucial); viral respiratory infections; sinusitis; emotions (a trigger but not the basic cause); diaphragmatic hernias; sensitivity to drugs or food; hormonal changes; irritants (dust, cigarette smoke, sprays); chemicals at work; and poor ventilation.

Influenza and pneumococcal vaccines help prevent attacks, as does avoiding the abovementioned triggers. Moving one's living location usually proves of little help.

With proper management one can live a normal, productive life, but this requires knowledge and understanding of the condition on the part of the patient, which is obtainable from a knowledgeable physician aided by various laboratory, diagnostic and therapeutic tools. A prime example is Olympic champion Jackie Joyner-Kersee.

A complete medical evaluation is important because asthmatic complaints can be mimicked by many other conditions. All that glitters is not gold; all that wheezes is not asthma. At times the situation can be confusing. Consider the consternation of the local Don Juan, who assumed that his lady friend's excited, gasping breath reflected passion, when it reality it was asthma!

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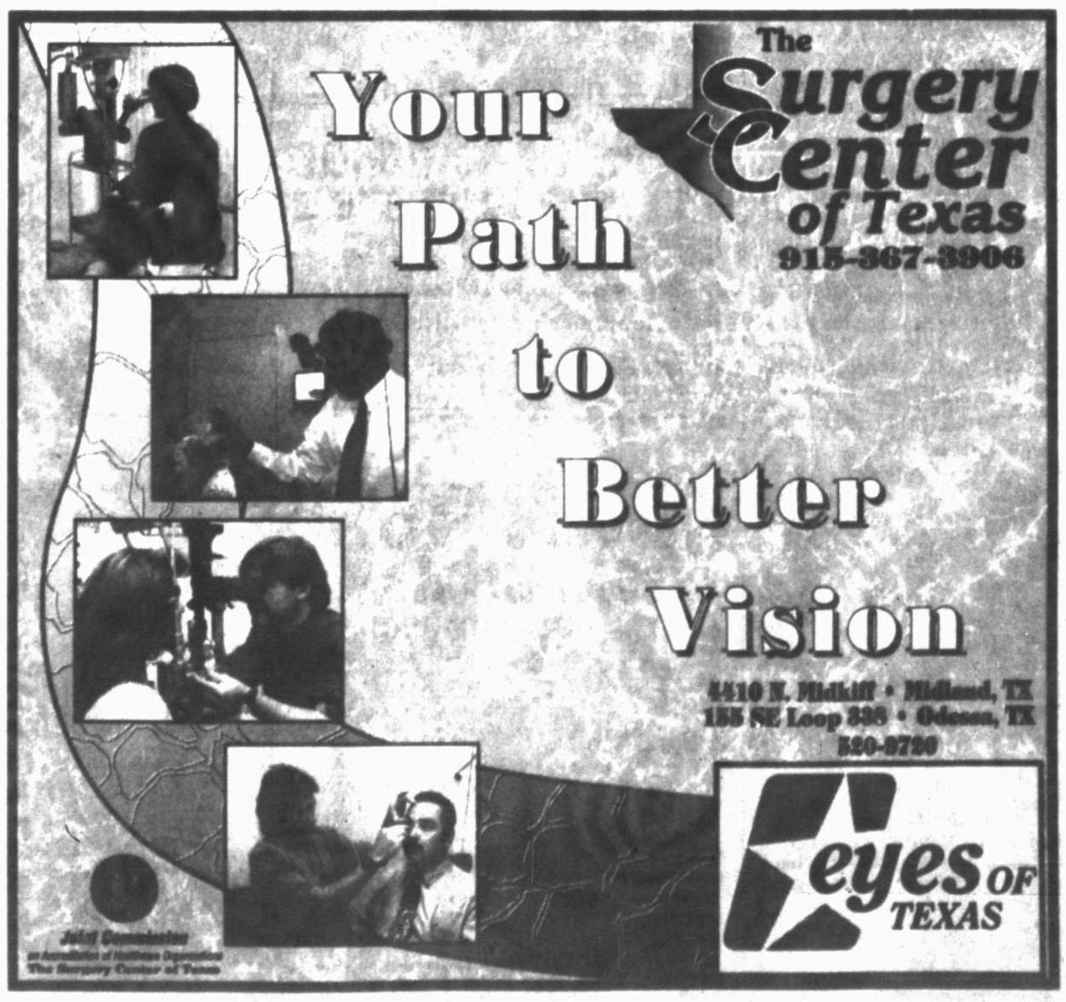
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Nobel laureate denies prediction of cure for cancer 'in two years'

NEW YORK (AP) — Nobel laureate James D. Watson is injecting a further note of caution into reports of a breakthrough in treating malignant tumors in mice, denying he told a newspaper that a cure for cancer is imminent.

Watson, the co-discoverer of DNA, had been quoted in a front-page story in The New York Times on Sunday as saying Dr. Judah Folkman "is going to cure cancer in two years." In a letter to the Times published Thursday, he denied making that remark, although he did call Folkman's experiments "the most exciting cancer research of my lifetime."

The Times said Thursday it stood by its story and the quote, which were picked up by The Associated Press.

Watson was one of several enthusiastic researchers quoted in the story about experiments by Folkman, a researcher at Boston's Children's Hospital, which have rid mice of malignant tumors. The researchers also cautioned, however, that treatments successful with mice have often failed when applied to humans, and that much work remains to be done.

In his letter, Watson noted that "the history of cancer research is littered with promised treatments that raised people's hopes, only for them to be dashed when the treatments were put to the test in humans."

He said he told Times science writer Gina Kolata at a dinner party six weeks ago that the drugs, endostatin and angiostatin, "should be in National Cancer Institute trials by the end of this year and that we would know, about one year after that, whether they were effective."

Times spokeswoman Lisa Carparelli said, "We're confident of the story we ran and don't wish to be in a position of quarreling with a respected source and authority. We're glad we were able to let Dr. Watson further explain his view."

Watson was unavailable for comment at his laboratory in Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., but an aide, Wendy Goldstein, said he remains cautiously optimistic about the drugs. He wrote the letter "just looking to set the record straight," she said.

Goldstein said Watson spoke with Kolata at the dinner party while attending a scientific meeting in California.

Kolata's article discussed the successes of early tests of the drugs, which choke off the blood supply a cancer needs to grow — an approach Folkman first envisioned 25 years ago. Findings of his lab tests appeared in the journal Nature last November.

Among others who have expressed optimism, the director of the National Cancer Institute, Dr. Richard Klausner, was quoted in the Times story saying the drugs were "the single most exciting thing on the horizon" for treating cancer. And Dr. James Pluda, who will direct the institute's trials of the drugs in patients, said he and others were "electrified" by a lecture on the results in mice.

The story ignited a frenzy of interest.

Daily News columnist Mike McAlary, who has colon cancer, wrote a column Wednesday that captured the excitement under the headline "I Cling to This Hope For Life."

"On Sunday, we opened the newspaper and there was hope on the front page," McAlary wrote. "Maybe we don't have to die. Maybe some will live long enough to be saved."

The company that developed the drugs, Entremed, saw its stock soar in trading on Wall Street earlier this week. And publisher Random House said Thursday it had signed a deal for a book about Folkman's research by Newsday science writer Robert Cooke, tentatively titled "Conquering Cancer."

Such optimism brought warnings and reminders from many researchers that the drugs remain untested on humans.

"Cure is a four-letter word no one uses. You're just scared to say that," said Dr. Noel P. Bouck of Northwestern University.

Dr. Bruce Cheson of the National Cancer Institute said, "It's an exciting laboratory observation. Hopefully, of course, it will prove meaningful for people, but that is some time off now."

Random House senior editor Scott Moyers, who signed the book deal for an undisclosed price, said Cooke has access to Folkman and will have his cooperation.

Kolata, the Times reporter, and her agent, John Brockman, briefly circulated a book proposal to publishing houses early this week, but Kolata withdrew it Tuesday "after discussing with her editors the difficulty of staying with the story after acquiring a financial stake in the story," Carparelli said.

Carparelli said the Times asks reporters not to undertake books on developing stories that the reporter is still covering.

Kolata referred questions to Carparelli; Brockman did not immediately return a message left at his office.

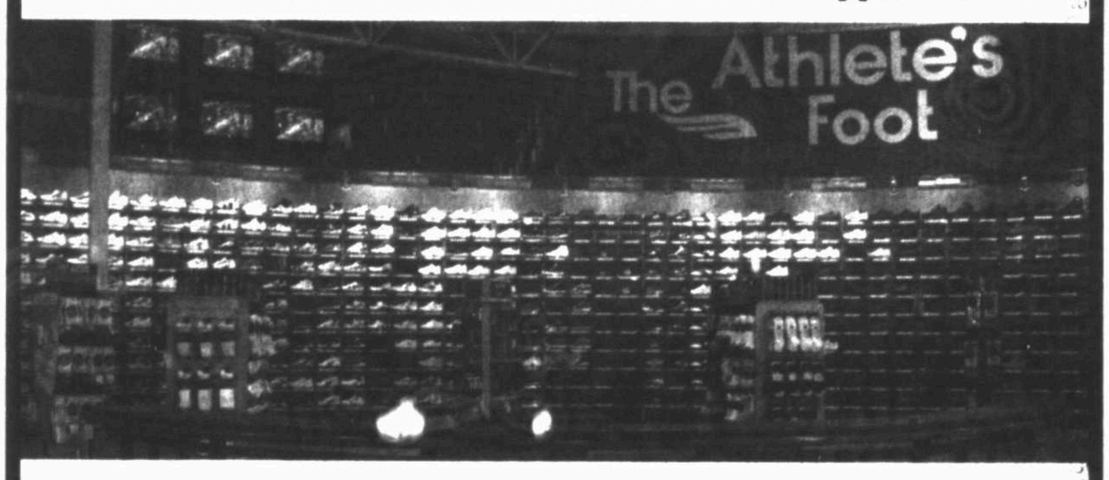
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No historical sources claim King David 'founded' Jerusalem

By Athar Siddiqui
Hearst News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — For the past few decades, anyone with a casual interest in the Middle East has been told that Jerusalem was "founded" 3,000 years ago by King David and was "liberated" in 1948 and 1967 by noble Jewish citizen soldiers who "returned" to their rightful home, despite the hostility of Arab Muslims.

Countless books, articles and television programs have reinforced this rosy view of the unchallenged nature of Jewish claims to Jerusalem as the "eternal" capital of Israel.

But do these claims stand up to the test of historical accuracy? The history of Jerusalem actually reaches back about 5,000 years. There are no historical sources claiming that King David "founded" the city.

Historians, and the Bible, note that David conquered a city that had been in existence for 2,000 years.

The original inhabitants of the city were Canaanites, Jebusites, Amorites and other non-Jewish groups.

The city's name is probably derived from "Ur Shalem," the City of Shalem, a local god.

The word "Zion" is of Canaanite origin, meaning "hill" or "height."

The book of Ezekiel states: "Thus says the Lord to Jerusalem. Your origin and your birth are of the land of the Canaanites, your father was an Amorite, and your mother was a Hittite."

Clearly, David was an occupier, not a "founder" of Jerusalem. Even after David conquered the city, it did not become exclusively Jewish.

Judges 1:21 tells us: "But the people of Benjamin did not drive out the Jebusites who dwelt in Jerusalem, so the Jebusites have dwelt with the people of Benjamin to this day."

That day was about five centuries before the time of Jesus. The presence of non-Jews in Jerusalem continues to this day. Palestinian Muslims and Christians are in large part the descendants of those who lived in the city for the past 5,000 years.

They are not interlopers who must give way to the "rightful" owners of the land. In the intervening millennia, Jews actually ruled the city for about 600 years.

Between the 7th and 19th centuries, the Jewish population of Jerusalem did not exceed 500 to 600 people at any one time. During periods of Christian rule, no Jews resided in the city.

What about the poor Jewish refugees struggling to reclaim their capital in the two wars of liberation"? In 1948, 30,000 Palestinians were expelled from the suburbs of west Jerusalem.

Karen Armstrong, in her "History of Jerusalem," describes what happened: "The Haganah began to attack the large middle-class suburbs ... Raiding parties cut telephone and electricity wires. Loudspeaker vans drove through the streets blurting such messages as 'Unless you leave your houses, the fate of Deir Yassin (where 250 Palestinians were massacred) will be your fate.'"

According to U.N. resolutions at the time, Jerusalem was to be administered by an international body that would protect the holy sites of all faiths.

Despite these international agreements, Israeli authorities made skillful use of home demolitions, settlement building, land confiscation, withholding of building permits and daily humiliations, all designed to change the character of the city from predominantly Arab Muslim and Christian.

Essentially, Israel wants Arab land, but without Arabs.

The so-called peace process has not stopped, or even slowed, these illegal actions.

It may interest nonexperts to learn that it was the coming of Islam that permitted any Jews to reside in the city.

Historically, three periods witnessed an increase in Jewish population. The first followed the Muslim conquest of the city in the 7th century; the second came after the Muslim recapture of the city from Crusaders in 1187; the third came after the occupation of the city by Ottoman Turks in 1516.

As Jews fled Spain and the Inquisition, Muslim rulers opened their borders and offered refuge.

Jewish writers throughout the centuries extolled Muslim tolerance.

Salman ben Yeruham wrote in A.D. 950: "As it is known, Jerusalem remained under the rule of the Rum (Byzantines) for more than 500 years, during which they (the Jews) were not able to enter Jerusalem.

"When by the mercy of God of Israel the Rum departed from us and the kingdom of Ishmael (Muslims) appeared, the Jews were granted permission to enter and reside there."

This tolerance flowed from Islam.

Muslims are proud of the story of the Caliph Umar who received the keys to Jerusalem from the Christian patriarch Sophronius in the 7th century.

When the caliph was asked to pray in a Jerusalem church, he refused, saying he did not want to provide a pretext for Muslims to appropriate a Christian holy site.

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Throughout centuries of Islamic rule, the holy sites of Judaism and Christianity never were permanently altered, as they could have been had the desire to seize or destroy been present.

Today, Israel routinely bars Muslim and Christian Palestinians from religious sites in Jerusalem.

The Christian population of the city drops daily. Muslims believe that on the Day of Judgment, all humans will assemble in Jerusalem. Perhaps the city will see some peace and tolerance before that day comes.

Jerusalem belongs to all faiths.

Turner waives honorary degree after students accuse him of racism

ST. PAUL, Minn. (AP) — Ted Turner declined an honorary degree from Macalester College after students accused him of racism because of the mascot for his major league baseball team, the Atlanta Braves.

Turner was to speak at commencement ceremonies May 17 but backed out in a letter to the school Wednesday. U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan, a 1961 Macalester graduate, also is scheduled to speak.

"It has come to my attention that my selection has generated controversy on campus, and I do not want to detract from the recognition your institution will bestow on the Secretary General," Turner said in the letter.

About 125 students and members of the American Indian Movement gathered Tuesday to use Turner's scheduled appearance to ask administrators to add an American Indian speaker to the ceremony, allow future seniors to vote on graduation speakers and start an American Indian studies program.

"We can't sit by and let this happen," said senior Eric Lehto of Grand Rapids, Minn. "At Mac there are three pillars: internationalism, multiculturalism and community service. We need to uphold those."

American Indian groups have protested sports mascots and team nicknames connected to their heritage, including the Atlanta Braves. Protesters find the fans' "tomahawk chop" and mock-Indian chanting at games offensive.

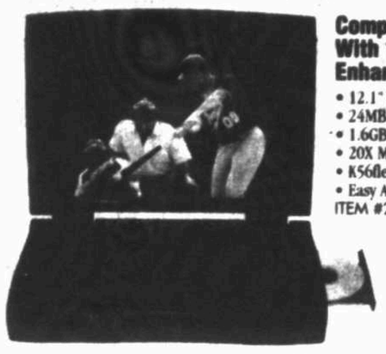
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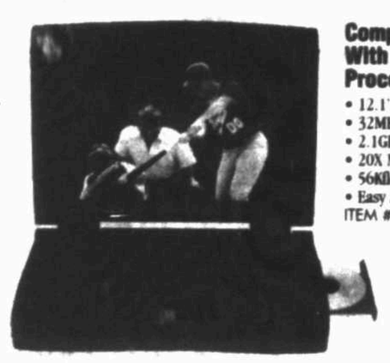
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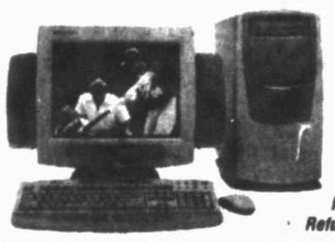
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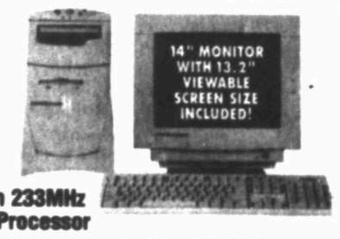
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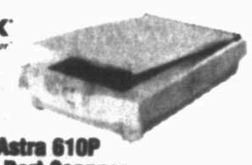


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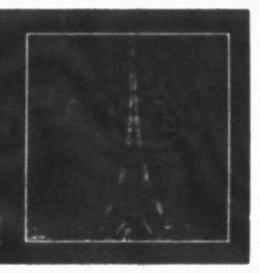
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In New York State Museum's attic, history is stacked everywhere

By Bruce Scruton
Hearst News Service

ROTTERDAM, N.Y. — Ever wonder what a state museum packs away in its "attic"?

Typical of many homeowners' attics, there is the usual assortment of tables and chairs, tools, some bicycles and even a few mattresses.

But also packed among the racks and rows of history cars and trucks, flour mills and woodworking shops, an old drug store — intact with pill bottles and the one-cent scale — and a collection of Colonial-era plows.

There's even clothing from the original Woodstock festival.

Tucked inside an industrial park in Rotterdam, N.Y., the "attic" is actually a third of a quarter-mile-long warehouse. It's crammed with at least a quarter of the museum's 400,000 items. This is where curators from the New York State Museum come to pick out what they want to show.

"Almost all this has been on display at one time or another," said Geoffrey N. Stein, one of the five current museum curators.

As Stein and fellow curator Ruthanne Brod wandered through the warehouse one recent morning, they shared stories about the items stuffed inside boxes, stored under dust covers and sitting on shelves.

"Some of this was gifts to the state," Brod said, "and some were purchases, back when we had the money to make purchases."

Pieces of the collection also were donated from other state agencies, associations or museums.

"By law, (state agencies) have to offer us items before they can be thrown out," Stein said.

The collection of plows is courtesy of the state Agricultural Society, which donated it to the state in the 1860s.

"It's probably the most complete collection in the country," Stein said, noting that Lindenwald, homestead of President Martin Van Buren, is borrowing one for the summer.

"We were the only ones who had a plow from that time period," he said.

The warehouse is not open to the general public. Museum officials are even wary of publicizing the warehouse's location, citing security reasons. But historians, architects and academics can view the collection by appointment.

That's why one corner of the building holds the charred remains of an old Dutch house from East New York. Vandals burned the restored house years ago, and the museum staff rescued some of the remains.

"There's the Dutch door," Brod noted. "You can see how they were actually made." Leaning against a set of shelves is the ticket rack and transom from the Helen Hayes Theater in New York City.

"We're not sure what it's worth," Stein said about the collection. "We haven't been out in the marketplace trying to buy for some time."

The science of amassing a museum collection is not just looking for old things.

"Lots of ends," Stein said when asked what makes a particular piece important to museum curators. "The end of an era, the end of a building's life, the end of manufacturing in New York."

Which explains the modern-looking dump truck, painted in the yellow and blue colors of the state Department of Transportation and backed into a far corner. The truck was built by Brockway, a New York business that closed in 1976.

"About 10 years ago, DOT was going to auction off that last model. We got it and even drove it up here."

The museum also has one of the last manual typewriters made by Smith-Corona, in its original container.

The end of eras can also be found in boxes of silver molds from Oneida Silversmiths, while on another shelf are the wooden molds into which metal was pounded to shape weather vanes.

An offered item becomes more collectible if there's a documented history behind it. Such as the clothing one donor wore to the original Woodstock festival. She had pictures, published in Life magazine, of her wearing the outfit.

Which of today's consumer goods and products will be worth saving for future generations of visitors to the museum? "We have no choice, we can't collect everything," said Stein, who is in charge of a variety of collections.

Brod, who is curator of toys, clothing and textiles, thinks of a couple of things she would like to get now — Cabbage Patch Kids and Beanie Babies.

"Something representative of the fad," she said. "We already have a Hula-Hoop and a Pet Rock." And commemorative items, such as political campaigns, or the Bicentennial Conestoga Wagon from 1976.

"We try to be perceptive," Stein said, "but time is the absolute judge."

FDA approves plasma-washing technology that purges infection

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hospitals in a few weeks can buy blood plasma that has literally been scrubbed to eliminate the small chance of infection with certain viruses, including the AIDS virus.

The Food and Drug Administration approved this "solvent-detergent plasma" Wednesday, a new technology that works by dissolving the fatty coating of HIV and two types of hepatitis and then washing them away.

SD plasma will replace some of the 2.5 million units of plasma, the liquid part of blood, used to treat certain diseases in tens of thousands of Americans. It does not, however, clean the red blood cells that are transfused into millions of Americans every year.

The approval comes as the Justice Department is conducting an antitrust investigation of the American Red Cross' exclusive contract for the plasma, but the first batches will be ready to ship to interested hospitals in two weeks.

The nation's blood supply already is very safe because of intense testing. But scientists have been hunting for ways to make it even safer, avoiding even the occasional infection that now slips through.

SD plasma "provides an added layer of protection," said Red Cross President Elizabeth Dole.

But it has a drawback. The plasma can be washed only if donations from up to 2,000 people are pooled. That means if a virus that doesn't respond to the washing technique — such as hepatitis A or some dangerous new pathogen — slips in, many more people would be exposed. Doctors today often prefer to use plasma packaged from one donor.

"There is a tradeoff here," said Mark Weinstein, the FDA's director of hematology. "You can be more confident than if one received untreated plasma that one would not get viruses such as hepatitis B, hepatitis C or HIV from this product.

"But on the other hand, there is this element of being a pooled product, which is an unknown risk."

"It is a process which should make plasma even safer," said Dr. Paul Holland of the Sacramento Blood Center in California. But because of the pooling risk, his center is seeking FDA approval for an alternative safer plasma and predicts hospitals will wind up using both products.

The New York Blood Center developed the solvent-detergent technology. It has been used in drugs made from plasma, such as immune globulin or hemophiliacs' clotting factor, for years.

But in 1994, the New York Blood Center created a company called Vitex, or V.I. Technologies Inc., to sell it for cleaning whole plasma. Vitex, in turn, licensed the Red Cross as the exclusive distributor.

The Associated Press reported last month that the Justice Department was investigating the deal, centering on concern that the arrangement created a monopoly. The Red Cross denies antitrust violations and will sell SD plasma to its competitors, for an undisclosed markup but for less than retail price. Still, smaller blood banks that combine to provide half the nation's blood supply fear the move could put some of them out of business.

Who should use SD plasma?

"That's an interesting and difficult question," said Dr. Harvey Klein, transfusion chief at the National Institutes of Health, who is concerned that SD plasma may be aggressively advertised as safer without acknowledging the drawbacks. "This is probably safer in terms of the organisms we're familiar with. But it probably has an additional risk should a new, nonlipid-envelope organism emerge."

SD plasma will have to be marketed carefully, the FDA cautioned. "Many people at the FDA ... will be watching very closely to see how this new product is promoted," said agency spokesman Lawrence Bachorik.

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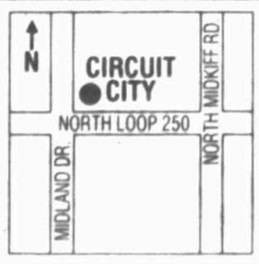
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TV racism gets static from children

By Teresa Moore
N.Y. Times News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Kids of all races said they were troubled by the television world in which blacks usually play the bad guys or the maids and Asians and Latinos are all but invisible, according to a landmark study released Wednesday.

The report by Children Now, a national group based in Oakland, Calif., is the first to ask children what they think of the way race and class are presented on entertainment and news programs.

A majority of youth of all races said it is important to see people like themselves on television. Kids of all races said they wanted to see more diversity within programs.

"We were surprised by the power and the clarity of what kids said and how early they see what's there," said Lois Salisbury, president of Children Now. "Three-quarters of the children told us they had at least one close friend of another race. They want television that reflects their reality."

The study includes focus groups and a poll of 1,200 children ages 10 to 17, equally divided among whites, blacks, Latinos and people of Asian descent.

Answers for all children are weighted to reflect the distribution of different ethnicities among the general American population.

Across all races, children said television tends to portray whites as smarter, richer authority figures, while minorities — usually African Americans — are shown as poor, lazy, silly and criminal.

"The networks are not only reinforcing but establishing prejudice," said Dr. Alvin Poussaint, a clinical professor of child psychiatry at Harvard Medical School.

Young San Franciscans echoed the study's findings.

"When people see Latinos, they think of gangs (on television)," said Nicole Forks, 14, an African American eighth-grader. "Blacks are into crime. Whites get to be positive, like the president."

Anna Gee and Helen Mui, both 13, like the block of black sitcoms on UPN and the white teenagers on "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and "Dawson's Creek."

But Anna and Helen, who are quick to note that their families come from the same province in southeastern China, have a hard time naming any prominent Asians on TV.

"Sometimes there are Asians on commercials, but the shows are mostly white people or black people," Anna said. "When Asian people get on TV, they're usually in the background. They don't let them speak."

After school, the friends hang out at Columbia Park Boys and Girls Club in a setting that is the inverse of what they see on TV: lots of Asians, even more Latinos, fewer African Americans and a sprinkling of whites.

"The school district is 40 percent Asian," Helen said. "But you hardly ever see an Asian on television. That doesn't seem fair. Asians didn't come to America to be disrespected."

According to the study, children glean strong messages about respect and social hierarchies from television.

"If they see their groups on television, they count. If they aren't on television, they don't count," Salisbury said.

Faced with the predominantly white and black world on television, many Asian and Latino kids find black role models.

Alex Martinez's family comes from Guatemala. His friend Ricky Joves' family is from the Philippines. They shared a shy smile and then spoke the name of their all-American hero in unison: "Michael Jordan."

Among the children in the study, Jordan and actor-rapper Will Smith were the only figures who placed in the pop culture pantheons of all races.

Although Alex, 14, said he believes people's real-life interactions with people of different races matters more than anything on TV, Ricky, 15, said that what kids see — or more important, don't see — on television is critical.

"We should be recognized a little, and you're supposed to be proud of who you are," Ricky said. "You might think you don't have a chance because you're Latino or Asian."

Kids of color are not the only ones who are deciphering television's race messages.

"Latino women are totally ignored except for the crying mother or the pregnant teenager," said Kitty McCarthy, a white 15-year-old sophomore at Lick-Wilmerding-Lux High School. "Asians are mostly ignored or portrayed as not speaking English."

Poussaint said it is significant that in the study children of all races called for interracial interaction on television.

He said that when he was a consultant on the NBC hit "The Cosby Show," Bill Cosby made a point of showing the African American Huxtable family interacting with whites, Asians and Latinos.

"Networks are still thinking you make a 'Seinfeld' that's mostly white and a 'Friends' that's mostly white and then you have all these black sitcoms," Poussaint said. "There is this inertia about moving away from the way television is segregated."

More Americans returning home to work

WASHINGTON (AP) — When Thomas Wolfe wrote "you can't go home again" he obviously wasn't thinking of America's workers.

In the decade of the 1980s the number of people working at home jumped 56 percent, the Census Bureau reported today.

And it's no doubt a lot higher now.

Previously unpublished data from the 1990 Census showed 3,406,025 people working at home that year, 3 percent of all working people.

That was up from 2,179,863 who worked at home in 1980, a figure that had been declining since it was first measured in 1960.

"The decade of the 1980s marked a rebirth of work at home in the United States," reported Census population expert Phillip A. Salopek. "It is noteworthy that this impressive growth occurred before the expansion of the Internet."

Thanks to the growth of computer use, the bureau noted that a 1997 survey for Telecommute America estimated the number of people "telecommuting" to work via computer had reached 11 million.

In 1960, when the Census Bureau first asked about working at home, it found 4,662,750 people in that category. That fell to 2,685,144 in 1970 and continued to decline in 1980 before turning upward again.

"Quite a lot of the decrease" in working at home before 1980 was a result of the decline in family farms, explained Census' Gloria Swieczkowski. Why the sudden turnaround: "I don't guess we really know that for sure."

She said Census and private population analysts are eager to see the total who work at home in the upcoming Census 2000.

The Census report on people working at home in 1990 showed:

■ A slim majority, 52 percent, were women, although they made up just 45 percent of people who worked outside the home.

■ Home workers were 92 percent white, 4 percent black and 5 percent Hispanic. Those working outside the home were 83 percent white, 10 percent black and just under 8 percent Hispanic. Hispanics can be member of any race and are included in figures for blacks, whites and others.

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Class 4A Regional semifinals, Big Spring vs. Keller Fossil Ridge, 7:30 p.m., Will Hair Park, Abilene.

NFL in Houston

HOUSTON — The Houston businessman hoping to get the city a National Football League expansion team says Houston could get on a fast track returning to pro football if a stadium financing plan is in place within two weeks.

NFL Commissioner Paul Tagliabue and the league's stadium committee would come to Houston June 30 if a plan is ready by May 19 when the owners begin meeting in Miami, Bob McNair said Wednesday.

"Assuming that plan is satisfactory to them, the commissioner would set a meeting for July to present a stadium plan," McNair said. "We have every reason to believe we're going to meet that schedule."

McNair's remarks came after he met for 90 minutes with about 85 Houston business executives to update them on efforts to land an NFL franchise to replace the Houston Oilers, who fled to Nashville, Tenn., when city officials refused to build a new stadium.

McNair wants help from the executives to pressure officials to speed up stadium negotiations with the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority.

McNair has proposed that the authority build a $275 million retractable-roof stadium next to the Astrodome, using $145 million in public funds and $65 million each from the football franchise and the Houston Livestock Show & Rodeo, which also would use the stadium.

Authority officials are waiting to complete financing of the new downtown baseball park, now under construction, before negotiating a football stadium deal.

Arnsparger back

ITHACA, N.Y. — Bill Arnsparger, the architect of the Miami Dolphins' famous "No-Name Defense" in the early 1970s and former head coach of the New York Giants, came back to the game Thursday as special teams coach at Cornell.

New head coach Pete Mangurian, in making the announcement, called Arnsparger "one of the top defensive minds in the country."

A 23-year NFL veteran Arnsparger retired following the 1994 season. He will join his son, David, on the Cornell coaching staff as a part-time assistant. David Arnsparger was hired as the Big Red's defensive secondary coach in March.

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MHS pitchers must recover from shelling

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

They've battled all season long to reach where they are today, and the Midland High Bulldogs bear some battle scars which don't have time to heal.

But that's not going to matter much when MHS hosts Amarillo Tascosa today at 5 p.m. at Zachery Field in game one of a best-of-three Region I-5A baseball bi-district playoff series. It hasn't always been pretty for the Bulldogs, least of all in Tuesday's District 4-5A seeding game with Abilene High.

At Snyder's cozy Moffett Field, five Midland High pitchers couldn't keep Abilene High in check for five innings, and the Eagles soared away with a 27-14 run-rule victory which earned them the first-round bye. Midland High, on the other hand, is forced to come back three days later with a shellshocked pitching staff that could be stretched to three games in two days.

Then again, this could be par for the course for a team which lost its first two district games, won five in a row, lost two in a row, then won three straight to earn a district co-championship.

"This team's been very resilient all year," Midland High coach Barry Russell said. "We've bounced back from losses before so we can do it again.

"These kids have got a lot to prove and these kids maybe haven't been given the credit they deserve."

Whether they have gotten credit or not, there can be no argument with where they stand right now. They certainly will have more support than they counted on earlier in the week, thanks to winning a coin flip which allowed the Bulldogs to host the series, which will continue with game two at Zachery at noon Saturday and, if necessary, a third game to immediately follow.

What might remain a concern is the state of the pitching staff entering the series. Tuesday's football-like score at this point of the season might raise eyebrows.

"We're firing our defensive coordinator," cracked Russell.

If there was good news, it was that the team's top two pitchers, Joey Schlaffer and Lee Martin, didn't throw a high number of pitches and either one could be ready to come back and start today and Saturday. Laynce Nix, Jeff Beard and J.R. Rojas couldn't get the job done against Abilene High in relief, and Russell takes some blame for that since he had been working more in preparing his defense and starting

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UIL SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS

Good in the Clutch

MHS can count on Salcido to drive in big runs

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

There was one sure way to see fear in the faces of District 4-5A softball opponents this year. Just let Midland High's Francesca Salcido step up to the plate.

Salcido, a senior who will play at Midland College next fall, has been so productive in the offensive lineup for the Lady Bulldogs that no team wants to see her come to bat.

She has continued that torrid RBI surge in the current state playoffs, and is coming off a game with two more RBIs against El Paso Bel Air, a 17-1 victory produced by the potent MHS lineup, which has more sluggers than just Salcido.

But Salcido has been a high-powered ignition switch for the Lady Bulldogs. In one district stretch, she had three consecutive game winning hits. She is a terror to opposing teams.

"We have a lot of good hitters on this team and a lot of players who can drive in runs," notes MHS softball coach Rich Wieligman, "but I don't think there is a question that you would pick Salcido to be at the plate with runners in scoring position. She has torn up the league this year."

Salcido has power, but hits with consistency. She probably isn't going to strike out. She may not always get a hit, but it's a good bet that she will hit the ball hard — very hard.

She is a great gap hitter, which presents a problem for opposing teams. With a gap hitters, who drive the ball to right center or left center, you have to play them straightaway, but then you leave a gap unless you are prepared to totally give up the lines and Salcido can turn on the ball, too.

"She's going to hit it somewhere," Wieligman said. "She always does and she has that knack of doing it with runners on base."

Salcido is making her first playoff appearance since moving to Midland three years ago.

"I played as a freshman at Austin Bowie, but we didn't go to the playoffs," Salcido said. "Then I came to Midland

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Midland High catcher Francesca Salcido has been a top run-producer for the MHS softball team. The Lady Bulldogs take on Richland Hills in a regional semifinal playoff game Saturday in Abilene.

MC's Davis inks to play with Lamar

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Midland College Lady Chaparral guard Jill Davis has had plenty of success throughout her basketball playing career.



Davis

Davis hopes to take some of that success with her to Lamar University in Beaumont as she signed a letter of intent Thursday to play next season with the Lady Cardinals.

"I don't know how many games we've won here but we didn't lose many, and that was the same in high school," Davis said. "Hopefully I can help Lamar do the same thing."

Davis leaves Midland College after two successful seasons in which she was an integral part of the Lady Chaps' back-to-back Western Junior College Athletic Conference co-championships. This past season, Davis averaged 7.0 points, 3.2 assists and 1.2 rebounds per game for the 25-8 Lady Chaps, which made it to the Region V championship game.

"Midland has a good junior college program and it was fun for me here," said Davis, who is returning close to her home in New Boston. "Hopefully, I'll bring some experience and maybe some leadership to the team.

"Being at Midland College was a great

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Angels erase five-run lead, nip Generals

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

When a Texas League team can spot another 16 hits, a five-run lead and still come back to win, it is no wonder it can call itself "division leader".



The Midland Angels, who lead the Texas League by two games over El Paso, was that team Thursday at Christensen Stadium as they battled back from a 7-2 deficit to win their second straight inter-divisional game over the Jackson Generals.

The Angels improve to 19-15 for the season while the Generals, who won the first two games of this series, fall to 14-20. The two teams will meet today at 7 p.m. in the rubber match of the series.

The Angels found themselves in a big hole as Jackson tattooed Angels starter Ramon Ortiz for 13 hits and seven runs over four-plus innings. Of the 13 hits giv-

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Lady Rebs take on Dallas' top team

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

ABILENE — Midland Lee's three-game state softball playoff road has already been filled with close calls and Houdini escapes, but the Lady Rebels face an even tougher challenger at 7 p.m. here today.

Lee, 22-11, will face powerful Irving Nimitz, 28-1-2, at Redbud Park in a Region I-5A semifinal contest and the Lady Vikings have been The Dallas Morning News' No. 1-ranked area team all year long.

Nimitz won its district championship, so has played only two playoff games thus far. The Vikings opened the playoffs with a 7-1 win over Crowley, which was ranked sixth by the Dallas newspaper.

However, like Lee, Nimitz had a tough Region I-5A quarterfinal match against Wichita Falls Rider, winning 2-1, the same score that Lee advanced by in a win over District 4-5A champion Abilene High, a team that Lee lost to twice during district play.

"They will all be tough from here on out," said Midland Lee softball coach Perry Young. "You can expect every team to be tough at this point, but we're playing great defense and we're hitting the ball hard. We'll just see what happens."

Lee is the only team in Region I to finish in third place that has survived to the region semifinals. Midland High is the only second place team left in the Region I field.

Nimitz has relied heavily on junior pitcher Amber Mosher, who has compiled an impressive 27-1 record this season with a fastball in the 60 mph range. She is also one of the team's top hitters. Catcher Deeanna Williams hit .494 and drove in 27 runs in the regular season. Right fielder Stacey White is also considered a top-notch defender and hitter.

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Stars open Edmonton series by taking little bit of revenge

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — The Dallas Stars figure they owe the Edmonton Oilers some playoff misery.

Defenseman Sergei Zubov scored on two long-distance slap shots and Ed Belfour sparkled in goal Thursday night as the revenge-minded Stars beat the Edmonton Oilers 3-1 in the first game of their Western Conference semifinal series.

Game 2 of the best-of-seven series is set for Saturday in Reunion Arena. The top-seeded Stars have plenty of motivation, having suffered a crushing first-round playoff knockout by the Oilers last year.

Zubov powered two long shots past Curtis Joseph in the first period for a 2-0 Stars lead. Mike Keane added an insurance goal early in the third period when he beat Joseph to the glove side after a perfect goal-mouth feed by Mike Modano, his third assist of the game.

"Two goals early got us going," Zubov said. "It felt pretty good. It's good to start on a good note. Eddie kept us in the game in the second and third periods. We played very good."

Modano agreed Belfour was the difference.

"Eddie likes being sneaky good," Modano said. "This is a real confidence builder for him."

Zubov's first goal came from 35 feet out on a power play. Modano won the faceoff and Darryl Sydor got the puck to Zubov in the middle of the ice and a screened Joseph never saw the shot. It was the first goal Joseph had allowed in the last 166:54 of the playoffs after posting back-to-back shutouts against Colorado in the first round.

Zubov scored again in slightly over five minutes. It was just one second after another Dallas power play had ended. At mid-ice and just inside the blue line, Zubov one-timed a pass from Modano, hitting the net behind a sprawling Joseph from 60 feet.

"It felt real good to get two quick goals and get ahead like that," Belfour said. "It's always nice to see the guys flying early and I was feeling good,

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AP Photo
The Edmonton Oilers' Janne Niinimaa (24) skates around the Dallas Stars' Juha Lind during the Stars' 3-1 victory in their playoff series opener Thursday in Dallas.

BASEBALL PLAYOFFS

Region I-5A

Bi-District Pairings

El Paso Franklin (14-9) vs. El Paso Bel Air (17-10), Friday, 5 p.m. (CDT) at Franklin.

Abilene High (15-10), bye

Lubbock Coronado (17-12) vs. San Angelo Central (14-3)

Game 1: Friday - 4:30 p.m. at San Angelo Central

Game 2: Saturday - 1 p.m. at Lubbock Coronado

Game 3: Saturday - If necessary, immediately following game two

El Paso Socorro (24-3), bye

Grand Prairie (15-12) vs. Keller (18-9)

Game 1: Friday - 7 p.m. at Grand Prairie

Game 2: Saturday - 2 p.m. at Keller

Game 3: Saturday - If necessary, immediately following game two

DeSoto (15-11) bye

Mansfield (21-8) vs. Arlington Martin (16-8-2)

Game 1: Friday - 7 p.m. at UTA.

Game 2: Saturday - 1 p.m at Martin

Game 3: Saturday - If necessary, immediately following game two

Carrollton Newman Smith (23-4), bye.

El Paso Coronado (14-3) vs. El Paso Hanks (21-7).

Game 1: Friday - 4 p.m. at Coronado

Game 2: Saturday - 11 a.m. at Hanks

Game 3: Saturday - If necessary, immediately following game two

Lubbock Monterey (24-4) bye

Amarillo Tascosa (20-8) vs. Midland (20-11)

Game 1: Friday - 5 p.m. at Zachery Field

Game 2: Saturday - noon at Zachery Field.

Game 3: Saturday - If necessary, immediately following game two

El Paso Jefferson (16-8) bye

Wichita Falls Rider (17-11) vs. Duncanville (20-5)

Game 1: Friday - 7 p.m. at Duncanville.

Game 2: Saturday - 2 p.m. at Wichita Falls

Game 3: Saturday - If necessary, immediately following game two

Ft. Worth Paschal (21-10-2) bye

Fort Worth Southwest (14-14) vs. Arlington Lamar (17-7)

Game 1: Friday - 7:30 p.m. at Lamar

Game 2: Saturday - 4 p.m. at Southwest

Game 3: Saturday - If necessary, immediately following game two

Lewisville (19-10), bye.

Region I-4A

Bi-District Pairings

Dumas (19-6) vs. Levelland (16-10)

Game 1: Friday - 7 p.m. at Plainview.

Game 2: Saturday - 1 p.m. at Plainview

Game 3: Saturday - If necessary, immediately following game two

Andrews (21-3-1) bye

El Paso Burges 6, Big Spring 5.

Frenship (22-7) bye

Granbury (20-11) vs. Ft. Worth Eastern Hills (12-12)

Game 1: Friday - 7 p.m. at FW Southwest.

Game 2: Saturday - noon at FW Southwest.

Game 3: Saturday - If necessary, immediately following game two

Fort Worth Brewer (20-7), bye

Dension (19-9) vs. Keller Fossil Ridge (15-14)

Game 1: Friday - 7:30 p.m. at Denison

Game 2: Saturday - 1 p.m. at Fossil Ridge

Game 3: Saturday - If necessary, immediately following game two

Ft. Worth Arlington Heights (25-4), bye.

Pampa (11-17) vs. Snyder (23-6)

Game 1: Friday - 7:30 p.m. at Amarillo Tascosa

Game 2: Saturday - 1 p.m. at Tascosa

Game 3: Saturday - If necessary, immediately following game two

El Paso Riverside (18-7), bye.

El Paso (14-9) vs. San Angelo Lakeview (11-14)

Game 1: Friday - 1 p.m. at Alpine.

Game 2: Saturday - 11 a.m. at Alpine.

Game 3: Saturday - If necessary, immediately following game two

Canyon Randall (19-5-1), bye

Weatherford (13-13) vs. FW Western Hills (16-8)

Game 1: Friday - 7:30 p.m. at Weatherford.

Game 2: Saturday - 1 p.m. at FW Western Hills.

Game 3: Saturday - If necessary, immediately following game two

Sherman (19-7), bye.

Burkburnett (16-13) vs. Azle (18-12)

Game 1: Friday - 7 p.m. at Graham.

Game 2: Saturday - 1 p.m. at Graham.

Game 3: Saturday - If necessary, immediately following game two

Brownwood (23-2), bye.

Lady Steers can move into regional finals with victory vs. Fossil Ridge

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

The Big Spring softball team is a history-making win away from a chance to play for state.

Today at Abilene's Will Hair Park, the Lady Steers, which have won 15 straight games, get an opportunity to advance past the regional semifinals, the same round in which their season ended last year.

If Big Spring wins No. 16 against Keller Fossil Ridge at 7:30 p.m., the team will advance to its first-ever Region I-4A finals where the Lady Steers will play the winner between El Paso Ysleta and Weatherford.

"We just want to go farther than last year," said Big Spring shortstop Melissa Martinez, who hit a three-run homer in the Lady Steers' win over Fort Stockton on Tuesday.

The Lady Steers are in their second year of playing UIL softball and have shown what they can do during that time. Last year, coach Wes Overton's team took second in the district and advanced to this round before being eliminated by Weatherford. This year, Big Spring won the district with a perfect 10-0 mark. After waiting two weeks to play its first playoff game, Big Spring thundered past 4-4A foe Fort Stockton, which was a big relief to their coach. It was their third win over the Lady Prowlers.

"It was something I was thinking about all day," said Overton of how hard it was to beat a district foe three times in a season. Monday, Midland Lee defeated Abilene High for the first time in three games.

"Especially when Lee beat Abilene High, I thought that if it happened once and it can happen again."

Wednesday, Overton reflected on Andrews' 2-1 loss to El Paso Ysleta. Andrews, a state qualifier in 1997, and Big Spring played four times this season (with each school winning two times). Overton would have loved nothing more than a 4-4A region final.

"I was looking forward to a chance of playing them again," Overton said. "We beat Ysleta twice at the Snyder tournament and I thought Andrews would have a good chance of beating them. I guess that is why you play the game."

Big Spring (29-4) will play the role of the favorite against Fossil Ridge (21-10). At the West Texas Classic in Midland, Big Spring ripped the Lady Panthers 12-0, but Overton is not willling to put a great deal of stock on that result.

"We played them in the tournament in February, and on that night when it was freezing cold," Overton said. "Friday's game will be different as far as the weather and pressure of the game."

GET USED TO THEM, MC FANS: Midlanders who saw Big Spring's 11-4 win over Fort Stockton got a good look at two members of Midland College's first recruiting class. Martinez and Jessica Cobos combined to go 4-for-8 with a double, homer, four runs and five RBIs.

"Ever since we were little, we have dreamed of playing college softball together," Cobos said of playing with her friend Martinez at MC. "It is a dream come true for us."

BIG SPRING NOTES: El Paso Ysleta (22-3) and Weatherford (30-4-2) will play at noon Saturday in Midland... Big Spring is 3-1 in playoff competition.... Big Spring's Jessica Sisneros (18-1) will be inside the pitching circle. Sisneros allowed four runs and eight hits on Tuesday.

"Our pitching has to be as good or better than it was on Tuesday," Overton said. "We don't have an overpowering pitcher. She relies on location. If she can hit her spots, we have a good chance."

SOFTBALL PLAYOFFS

Region I-5A

Regional Quarterfinals

Midland Lee def. Abilene High 2-1

Irving Nimitz def. Wichita Falls Rider, 2-1

Midland High def. El Paso Bel Air, 17-1.

Richland def. Flower Mound Marcus, 4-0.

Regional Semifinals

Midland Lee.(22-11) vs. Irving Nimitz (28-1-2), 7 p.m. Friday, Redbud Park in Abilene

Midland High (22-11) vs. Richland (29-9), 2 p.m., Saturday, Redbud Park in Abilene.

Region I-4A

Regional Quarterfinals

Big Spring def. Fort Stockton, 11-4

Keller Fossil Ridge, def. Burkburnett, 2-1

El Paso Ysleta def. Andrews, 2-1

Weatherford def. Graham, 8-7.

Regional Semifinals

Big Spring (29-4) vs. Keller Fossil Ridge (21-10), Friday, 7:30 p.m., Abilene at Will Hair Park.

El Paso Ysleta (22-3) vs. Weatherford (30-4-2), noon, Saturday, Midland.

LEE: Team faces Nimitz

(From 1C)

Lee has outscored playoff opponents by a meager 6-2 margin in the playoffs, but that was good enough for three victories. Freshman pitcher Mandy Hacker (3-0 in the playoffs) has allowed only two playoff runs in 18 2/3 innings (0.75 ERA). Freshman backup Brandie Row has retired all seven playoff batters she has faced, recording a save against Abilene High.

What really makes this game interesting is the possibility of another Lee-MHS matchup next weekend. Midland High (21-11) plays Richland Hills (29-9) at this same park at 2 p.m. Saturday. If both local teams can win, a first-ever playoff softball game between two Midland schools will take place.

But the task at hand is tough enough for both teams as the playoff fireworks get heated.

REBEL PLAYOFF NOTES: Lee had eight hits against AHS, all singles, on Monday with Ceresa Mays and Maressa Underwood getting two hits each... Underwood's bases loaded single in the fourth inning scored Mays and gave Lee the win. Nicole Pullen drove in Underwood with a sacrifice fly in the third inning for Lee's only other run... Lee left runners in scoring position in three innings... Underwood and Jennifer Bryant have both hit safely in all three Lee playoff games... Lee owns a 2-1 record in the Region I-5A semifinal round. Only in its fourth season of UIL softball, Lee has never been eliminated from the playoffs before the semifinal round. The win over AHS ensures that record remains intact...

BASEBALL: Tascosa owns victory over MHS from TOC

(From 1C)

pitchers for the playoffs.

"I just think we kind of went through the motions with the bullpen in practice," Russell said.

Tascosa is no stranger to Midland or even Zachery Field this season. On the final day of the Tournament of Champions in the beginning of March, Tascosa played Midland High at Zachery and rallied from an 11-5 deficit to win 15-11 when Mike Bruegel hit a grand slam off Aaron Pullin in the seventh inning.

The Rebels didn't know they were going to the playoffs until Monday, when they defeated Amarillo High 21-8 to claim District 3-5A's third and final playoff spot.

"We've been in must-win situations for the last four games so that helps us in a best-of-three series," said Tascosa coach Kent Meador, whose team is in the playoffs for the first time in five years.

Bruegel, the team's clean-up hitter, led Tascosa with seven homers this season and drove in 30 runs. John Scharbauer, the team's No. 2 hitter, led the Rebels by hitting .473 and driving in 35 runs. Chad Westenburg, who pitched a complete game victory over Amarillo High, is a hard thrower who posted a 7-2 record this season and will definitely see action in the series (Neither coach has committed to a starting pitcher for today's game).

"Westenburg throws hard, so hitting the ball will be important," Russell said. "We've also got to play defense. We're a good pitching team, but we were a poor pitching team Tuesday. We got behind in the count too many times and that sometimes makes your defense sit back and they're not prepared for when the ball's hit to them."

Meador anticipates a high-scoring series and is also concerned about his defense making plays. With the potential shortage of pitching, the series at Zachery could be a feast for offensive aficionados.

Regardless of how the series is played, Russell is hoping his team remains as loose as it has been most of the season, when many players have killed time before games by kicking around a hacky sack in front of the dugout.

"The big thing is your composure," said Russell, who while coaching at Victoria Stroman and LaPryor took his teams to the area round of the playoffs. "You've got to relax. It's the second season and it's supposed to be fun."

The Bulldogs can take some cues from two players who have been there, albeit in another sport. The top two hitters in the lineup, senior Ross Nobles and sophomore Blake Johnston, were starters on Midland High's state championship basketball team.

"Ross and I have talked a little bit to the guys about the playoffs, but (the Abilene High loss) was our wake-up call," said Johnston, who hit a pair of three-run homers Tuesday. "We can't just show up and win."

MHS: Salcido provides hits in clutch for Lady Bulldogs

(From 1C)

and tried playing catcher at (Midland) Lee and then transferred to Midland High as a junior. So, I've never been in the playoffs, so this is really exciting to be part of that in my senior year. I can tell you that I was a little bit nervous going into the playoffs."

Playing with three different high school teams can bring on some tough adjustments, but Salcido says there hasn't been too many problems. Facing the unknown is the toughest test.

"When I came to Midland High, I didn't know what to expect. I didn't know the girls and they didn't know me," Salcido said. "But we have a lot of young players on this team and we kind of all grew together. This team is really close. They are all always smiling and willing to learn. That makes it fun."

Still, Salcido waits for her turn in the churn. She wants to be at the plate with the game is on the line, an experience that left her when the playoffs started. MHS has won so handily over playoff opponents, that it hasn't taken one key hit to win a game.

"I like to be in those situations with runners on base," Salcido said. "I just love to drive in a run, but softball is really a team game and you can't drive in runs if no one is on base to get me in those situations. This team has put a lot of runners on base and we've been able to score. We also have a lot of team speed and that helps. It all works together."

Salcido is also an outstanding defensive catcher. Not many teams test her arm. Bel Air tried early in the game and Salcido nailed the runner by a good two feet.

She brings a lot to the plate for Midland College's first-year program next fall and that's why MC softball coach Tommy Ramos wanted her.

"She can do a lot of things, but there aren't many players out there who can hit the ball any harder," Ramos said. "She is the type of player that we've tried to sign this year."

But first is the state playoff run, and Salcido is quickly arriving to the point where her bat will be even more important.

DAVIS: MC star picks Lamar

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experience for me," she added. "The gym here is nice and the people come out and support you."

The 5-foot-6 sophomore guard said she will miss Midland College and the friends she's leaving behind.

"In junior college you know you'll be gone in two years, and it's hard," she said. "I'll miss everybody but we'll still keep in touch."

Davis will join five other junior college recruits for new Lamar coach DeAnn Kraft, who's joining Lamar after serving as assistant women's basketball coach at San Diego State University. Lamar is also new to the Southland Conference after moving from the Sun Belt.

The Lady Cardinals, who went 5-22 last year, should fit the style of play that Davis is used to playing.

"They're like (MC) coach (Ron) Jones' style," Davis said. "They like to run, fast-break a lot. It's going to be pretty much the same thing. They've got a new coach from San Diego State and she's trying to come in and change the program."

"Jill will provide support in our backcourt as she can play both guard positions," Kraft said is a released statement. "She brings a competitive nature to the team as well as good perimeter offense."

Going on and playing on the Division I level has always been a dream for Davis.

"All my life, playing Division I is where I wanted to be. When I came here two years ago that was my goal," said Davis, who plans to major in biology and then go to optometry school.

Lady Chap coach Jones will certainly miss a player whom he counted on many times to perform in clutch situations.

"She's played a major role in us winning co-conference championships two years in a row," Jones said. "She's stepping into Lamar with a lot of new players and a new coach and she will bring a lot of experience playing in a high level of competition.

"I think it's a good fit for her. I know coach Kraft will measure her well and it'll be a good situation for both of them. Signing with a Division I school is something that's good for her and good for our program. So I'm happy that she's doing what she's wanting to do."

Burges ends Big Spring's season, 6-5

Staff Report

MONAHANS — El Paso Burges came up with two runs in the fifth inning and picked up two in the bottom of the seventh here Thursday night to stage a dramatic come-from-behind 6-5 Class 4A bi-district baseball victory over the Big Spring Steers.

Burges will now play Fresnhip in the area playoffs next week at a site and date still to be determined.

"It was pretty exciting," said Burges coach Dow Osborne, who got the Mustangs to this stage of the playoff and beyond on a regular basis as a 5A school, going all the way back to 1972.

Last spring, in its first season at the 4A level, Burges lost to San Angelo Lake View in the third and deciding game of the bi-district round. This was a one-game matchup.

In the dramatic final frame, Burges had David Fortenberry on first and Jose Gropeza on third. Fortenberry stole second.

"Big Spring pulled in its infield and we faked a squeeze," Osborne said. "Then we took the squeeze off and (Armando) Montoya hit a ground ball that went into left field."

That scored two runs and Burges advances.

Big Spring had four runs in the second inning and another in the third to hold a big 5-1 lead early in the game.

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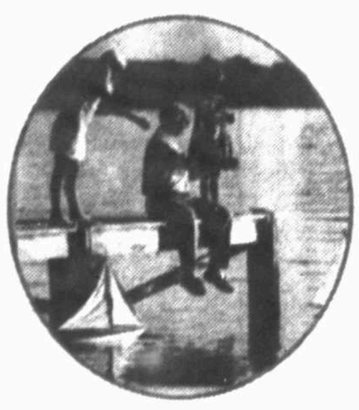
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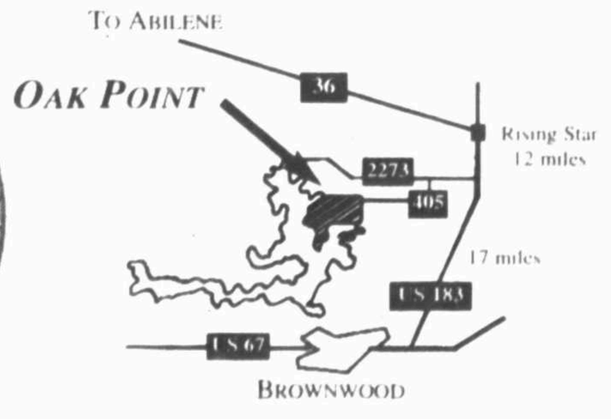
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INDIANS 7, RANGERS 2

CLEVELAND	ab	r	h	bi	TEXAS	ab	r	hbi
Lofton cf	3	3	3	0	TGdwin cf	3	0	1 0
Vizquel ss	4	2	3	4	McLmr 2b	3	0	0 0
Justice dh	5	0	1	1	Greer lf	4	0	1 0
Thome 1b	3	0	0	1	JuGnz rf	3	1	0 0
SAlmr c	5	0	0	1	WClark 1b	4	1	1 2
Giles lf	4	0	0	0	IRdrgz c	4	0	0 0
MRmrz rf	4	0	1	0	Stevns dh	4	0	0 0
Whiten rf	0	0	0	0	Elster ss	3	0	0 0
Frymn 3b	4	1	1	0	FTatis 3b	3	0	1 0
DaBell 2b	4	1	3	0				
Totals	**36**	**7**	**12**	**7**	**Totals**	**31**	**2**	**4 2**

Cleveland	103	100	002 — 7
Texas	000	000	002 — 2

E—Fryman (5), Elster (4). DP—Cleveland 1, Texas 1. LOB—Cleveland 7, Texas 5. 2B—Lofton (7), DaBell (3), 3B—Vizquel 2 (2). HR—WClark (5). SF—Vizquel, Thome.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Colon W,3-1	9	4	2	2	3	7
Texas						
Sele L,5-2	8	10	5	5	3	3
Bailes	1	2	2	2	0	1

T—2:21. A—28,504 (49,166).

TIGERS 6, ATHLETICS 3

DETROIT	ab	r	h	bi	OAKLAND	ab	r	hbi
BLHntr cf	5	0	0	0	Hndrsn lf	1	0	0 0
Randa 3b	4	1	2	0	McDnld rf	4	1	1 0
Hgnsn rf	4	1	3	2	Grieve dh	3	1	1 3
ToClrk 1b	3	0	1	1	Blwers 3b	4	0	0 0
LGnzlz lf	4	1	1	0	Giambi 1b	3	0	0 0
Easley 2b	3	1	0	0	KAbbot ss	4	0	0 0
Tmbrlm dh	5	1	2	3	Hinch c	4	0	0 0
JOliver c	5	0	2	0	Spiezio 2b	3	1	1 0
DCruz ss	4	1	1	0	Christns cf	3	0	0 0
Totals	**37**	**6**	**12**	**6**	**Totals**	**29**	**3**	**3 3**

Detroit	010	002	210 — 6
Oakland	002	010	000 — 3

E—ToClark (2), KAbbott (4). LOB—Detroit 11, Oakland 4. 2B—LGonzalez (9), JOliver (4). HR—Higginson (6), Tomberlin (1), Grieve (3). CS—Henderson (5). SF—Grieve.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
JThpsn W,2-4	8	3	3	2	4	4
ToJones S,4	1	0	0	0	0	1
Oakland						
Candiotti L,3-4	6	1-3	10	5	5	2 2
Mohler	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
TJMathews	2-3	2	1	1	2	1
Groom	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Teigheder	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Candiotti (Easley), by Candiotti (Randa). T—2:51. A—7,119 (45,177).

ROYALS 5, RED SOX 3

BOSTON	ab	r	hbi	KANSAS CITY	ab	r	hbi
Grcpnr ss	3	0	1 2	Damon cf	4	1	1 0
JnVntin 3b	4	0	0 0	Offrmn 2b	2	2	1 2
MVghn 1b	5	0	1 0	HMrris 1b	2	0	0 1
Jffrson dh	4	1	1 0	Mack rf	1	0	0 0
Buford ph	1	0	1 0	EnYng rf	1	0	0 0
O'Lry lf	5	0	2 0	JKing dh	3	0	0 1
Httberg c	4	1	1 0	Conine lf	4	0	1 0
Cmngs rf	4	1	1 0	Palmer 3b	3	1	1 1
DLewis cf	4	0	2 0	Sutton rf	3	0	0 0
Lamka 2b	3	0	1 0	MiSwy c	3	1	1 0
Leyritz ph	1	0	0 0	Halter ss	3	0	0 0
Bnjmin 2b	0	0	0 0				
Totals	**38**	**3**	**10**	**2**	**Totals**	**29**	**5**	**5 5**

Boston	001	000	020 — 3
Kansas City	001	021	01x — 5

E—Garciaparra (9), Rapp (1). LOB—Boston 13, Kansas City 3. 2B—Garciaparra (5), O'Leary (9). HR—Offerman (1), Palmer (10). SB—Offerman (8). SF—JKing.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Rose L,1-3	6	5	4	3	1	1
Corsi	1	0	0	0	0	0
Eckersley	1	0	1	1	1	1
Kansas City						
Rapp W,2-3	7	6	1	0	2	5
Service	2-3	3	2	2	1	1
Whisenant	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
UMtgm S,7	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Rapp (Garciaparra). PB—Hatteberg. T—2:40. A—14,703 (40,625).

NL Boxes

EXPOS 2, ROCKIES 1

COLORADO	ab	r	hbi	MONTREAL	ab	r	hbi
Lnsing 2b	4	0	0 0	Sntnglo 2b	3	0	1 0
Burks cf	4	1	2 0	Grdzln ss	3	1	0 0
LWlker rf	4	0	1 1	VGrero rf	4	1	1 0
Bchette lf	4	0	0 0	DeMay lf	3	0	0 1
CGdwin pr	0	0	0 0	Stovall lf	1	0	0 0
Castilla 3b	4	0	1 0	RWhite cf	4	0	0 0
Helton 1b	3	0	1 0	Fllmer 1b	2	0	0 0
NPerez ss	3	0	1 0	McGire 1b	0	0	0 0
Vn Wal ph	1	0	0 0	Andrws 3b	1	0	0 0
Mnwrn c	3	0	1 0	Widger c	3	0	2 1
JmWgt p	2	0	0 0	CPerez p	2	0	1 0
Clbrnn ph	1	0	0 0	Urbina p	0	0	0 0
DeJean p	0	0	0 0				
Totals	**33**	**1**	**7**	**1**	**Totals**	**26**	**2**	**5 2**

Colorado	000	000	001 — 1
Montreal	000	002	00x — 2

E—Grudzielanek (8). DP—Montreal 2. LOB—Colorado 6, Montreal 7. 2B—NPerez (7), Santangelo (10). 3B—Burks (2). CS—Burks (2), Fullmer (3). S—Santangelo, CPerez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Colorado						
JmWright L,2-3	7	5	2	2	4	5
DeJean	1	0	0	0	1	0
Montreal						
CPerez W,1-3	8	7	1	1	0	4
Urbina S,7	1	0	0	0	1	1

CPerez pitched to 2 batters in the 9th. T—2:18. A—7,075 (46,500).

DODGERS 4, MARLINS 3

LOS ANGELS	ab	r	hbi	FLORIDA	ab	r	hbi
EcYng 2b	3	2	1 0	Floyd lf	4	0	0 0
Cedeno cf	5	1	2 0	Rnteria ss	4	1	2 0
Piazza c	4	0	0 0	Kotsay cf	4	1	1 0
Karros 1b	3	0	1 0	Shffield rf	3	1	1 2
Mndesi rf	4	0	2 2	Bonilla 3b	4	0	1 0
Zeile 3b	4	0	0 0	Esnrich 1b	2	0	0 1
THbbrd lf	3	1	2 1	Stnifer p	0	0	0 0
Hindaw lf	1	0	0 0	FHrdia p	0	0	0 0
Vzcaino ss	3	0	0 0	JPwell p	0	0	0 0
RMrtnz p	3	0	0 0	Roskos ph	1	0	0 0
Rdnsky p	0	0	0 0	CJhnsn c	4	0	0 0
				Cunsell 2b	3	0	0 0
				Hrnnd p	2	0	0 0
				DLee 1b	1	0	1 0
Totals	**33**	**4**	**8**	**3**	**Totals**	**32**	**3**	**6 3**

Los Angeles	000	020	200 — 4
Florida	300	000	000 — 3

E—Renteria (6). DP—Los Angeles 1, Florida 2. LOB—Los Angeles 8, Florida 5. 2B—EcYoung (7), Sheffield (9). HR—THubbard (3). SB—Sheffield (3). S—RMartinez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
RMartinez W,4-2	8	6	3	3	3	7
Radinsky S,6	1	0	0	0	0	1
Florida						
Hammond	6	6	2	1	3	4
Stanifer L,0-2	1	2	2	2	2	1
FHeredia	1	0	0	0	0	1
JPowell	1	0	0	0	0	0

T—2:36. A—14,639 (41,855).

METS 4, CARDINALS 1

ST. LOUIS	ab	r	hbi	NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi
Clayton ss	4	0	0 0	Wilson lf	4	0	3 1
DeShds 2b	3	0	0 0	LLopez 3b	4	0	0 0
McGwr 1b	4	0	1 0	Olerud 1b	4	0	1 0
RLnkld cf	2	0	0 0	Huskey rf	3	1	1 0
BJrdan rf	3	1	1 1	Baerga 2b	3	0	0 0
Gant lf	3	0	0 0	McRae cf	3	1	1 0
Gaetti 3b	3	0	0 0	ACstillo c	3	1	0 0
Mrrero c	3	0	0 0	ROrdz ss	2	0	0 1
Osbrne p	2	0	0 0	Yoshii p	2	1	1 2
Frsctre p	0	0	0 0	Becker ph	1	0	0 0
McGee ph	1	0	0 0	McMcl p	0	0	0 0
Acevedo p	0	0	0 0	JFrnco p	0	0	0 0
Totals	**28**	**1**	**2**	**1**	**Totals**	**29**	**4**	**7 4**

St. Louis	000	100	000 — 1
New York	000	040	00x — 4

E—Gaetti (1). DP—St. Louis 1, New York 1. LOB—St. Louis 2, New York 5. 2B—Yoshii (1). HR—BJordan (5). SB—Wilson (1). S—Baerga. SF—ROrdonez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
Osborne L,1-2	6	6	4	0	2	3
Frascatore	1	1	0	0	0	1
Acevedo	1	0	0	0	0	0
New York						
Yoshii W,2-1	7	2	1	1	2	6
McMichael	1	0	0	0	0	1
JFranco S,6	1	0	0	0	0	2

WP—Osborne. T—2:11. A—14,715 (55,775).

BRAVES 6, PADRES 3

SAN DIEGO	ab	r	hbi	ATLANTA	ab	r	hbi
SFinley cf	4	1	1 0	Weiss ss	4	0	1 1
Gvnola 2b	2	1	1 0	Lckhrt 2b	4	0	0 0
Gwynn rf	3	1	2 1	ChJnes 3b	3	0	0 0
Joyner 1b	4	0	0 0	Grrga 1b	4	1	2 1
GVghn lf	4	0	1 2	Klesko lf	4	2	2 0
GMyrs c	3	0	0 0	Rocker p	0	0	0 0
Sheets 3b	3	0	0 0	Lgtnbr p	0	0	0 0
Wall p	0	0	0 0	JLopez c	3	0	1 1
MaSwy ph	1	0	0 0	Tucker rf	3	1	0 0
Gomez ss	3	0	0 0	AJones cf	3	2	2 0
JHmtn p	2	0	0 0	Smoltz p	2	0	2 3
Cnfrcco 3b	1	0	0 0	GerWm lf	0	0	0 0
Totals	**30**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**Totals**	**30**	**6**	**10 6**

San Diego	200	010	000 — 3
Atlanta	000	402	00x — 6

DP—San Diego 1, Atlanta 2. LOB—San Diego 4, Atlanta 5. 2B—SFinley (10), GWynn (5), Weiss (9), Smoltz (1). 3B—GVaughn (3), Klesko (1). HR—Galarraga (11). CS—ChJones (2). S—Giovanola, Smoltz. SF—JLopez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Diego						
JHamilton L,3-2	5	2-3	10	6	6	2 3
Wall	2	1-3	0	0	0	0 3
Atlanta						
Smoltz W,3-0	7	5	3	3	3	7
Rocker	1	0	0	0	0	0
Ligtenberg S,3	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by JHamilton (Tucker). T—2:09. A—31,811 (50,528).

PHILLIES 4, DIAMONDBACKS 1

ARIZONA	ab	r	h	bi	PHILA	ab	r	hbi
DWhite cf	3	0	0	0	Glnville cf	4	2	2 0
Dllucci lf	4	0	1	0	Jfferies lf	4	0	2 1
TLee 1b	3	0	0	0	Amaro lf	0	1	0 0
MWlms 3b	2	0	0	0	Roien 3b	3	0	2 2
Fbrgas c	4	0	0	0	Brogna 1b	4	0	1 0
TBtsta ss	4	1	1	0	Lbrthal c	4	0	0 0
Brade rf	4	0	0	0	Abreu rf	2	1	1 1
Stnkwc 2b	4	0	1	1	MLewis 2b	3	0	0 0
AnBnes p	2	0	0	0	Rlaford ss	3	0	0 0
FRdrgz p	0	0	0	0	Schling p	2	0	0 0
					MLeitr p	1	0	0 0
Totals	**30**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**Totals**	**30**	**4**	**5 4**

Arizona	000	000	100 — 1
Philadelphia	011	000	02x — 4

E—Relaford (3), Schilling (1). DP—Arizona 1, Philadelphia 1. LOB—Arizona 7, Philadelphia 4. 2B—TBatista (1), Jefferies (7), Roien (9). 3B—Glanville (4). HR—Abreu (2). SB—Jefferies (3). CS—Abreu (3). S—AnBenes.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
AnBenes L,2-3	7	2-3	8	4	4	2 6
FRodriguez	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Philadelphia						
Schilling W,4-3	7	3	1	1	3	12
MLeiter S,3	2	0	0	0	1	2

WP—Schilling. T—2:36. A—13,838 (62,363).

PIRATES 8, REDS 7

CINCINNATI	ab	r	hbi	PITTSBURGH	ab	r	hbi
Stynes lf	4	1	1 2	Wmack 2b	3	3	1 0
Shaw p	0	0	0 0	AMrtin lf	3	2	1 2
WGrne 3b	4	1	3 1	Kendall c	5	2	3 3
DYng rf	4	0	1 0	KYng 1b	2	0	0 0
Belinda p	0	0	0 0	Ward cf	3	0	1 2
LHrris lf	1	0	1 0	JGillen rf	3	0	2 1
Tbnsee c	5	1	1 0	Dssens p	0	0	0 0
BBoone 2b	3	1	1 2	Rincon p	0	0	0 0
Larkin ss	5	1	2 0	Loiselle p	0	0	0 0
Casey 1b	3	1	1 0	Strange 3b	4	0	0 0
RSndrs cf	4	1	2 2	Plcvich ss	4	1	1 0
Wthers p	1	0	0 0	Loaiza p	2	0	0 0
Sllivan p	1	0	0 0	MMrtnz ph	1	0	0 0
GWhite p	0	0	0 0	Peters p	0	0	0 0
Wtkins rf	0	0	0 0	Alnswrt cf	1	0	0 0
Nieves ph	1	0	0 0				
Nnnally rf	0	0	0 0				
Totals	**36**	**7**	**13**	**7**	**Totals**	**31**	**8**	**9 8**

Cincinnati	021	012	100 — 7
Pittsburgh	200	030	12x — 8

E—Polcovich (3). DP—Cincinnati 2, Pittsburgh 2. LOB—Cincinnati 8, Pittsburgh 8. 2B—WGreene (4), RSanders (1), Kendall (7), Polcovich (4). 3B—RSanders (1). HR—Stynes (5), WGreene (6), BBoone (6), AMartin (5). SB—Larkin (6), Womack (12). S—Weathers. SF—Stynes, Ward.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cincinnati						
Weathers	4	1-3	3	5	5	6 4
Sullivan	1	2-3	1	0	0	0 3
GWhite		1-3	1	1	1	1 1
Belinda L,1-5		1	3	2	2	1 1
Shaw		2-3	1	0	0	0 0
Pittsburgh						
Loaiza		6	8	6	6	2 6
Peters		1	2	1	1	1 0
Dessens W,1-1		1	2	0	0	0 0
Rincon		1-3	1	0	0	1 1
Loiselle S,8		2-3	0	0	0	0 1

WP—Weathers, Loaiza. T—3:06. A—8,400 (47,972).

Wednesday's Late Boxes

MARINERS 10, WHITE SOX 9

CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi	SEATTLE	ab	r	hbi
Drham 2b	3	3	2 0	Cora 2b	5	2	2 0
MOrdz cf	4	2	2 0	ARdrgz ss	5	0	0 0
FThms dh	4	1	2 3	Grfy Jr cf	3	2	2 1
Belle lf	5	1	1 1	Segui 1b	5	1	2 2
Vntura 3b	3	0	2 2	EMrtnz dh	2	2	1 2
Norton pr	0	0	0 0	DWlsn c	5	1	1 3
Crdero 1b	5	0	0 0	RDavis 3b	3	2	3 1
Sierra rf	4	2	2 3	Ducey rf	4	0	0 0
Cmeron cf	0	0	0 0	Amaral lf	3	0	2 1
Kreuter c	4	0	1 0				
Caruso ss	5	0	1 0				
Totals	**37**	**9**	**13**	**9**	**Totals**	**35**	**10**	**13 10**

Chicago	110	020	500 — 9
Seattle	202	101	31x — 10

E—Baldwin (1), Ducey (1). DP—Seattle 2. LOB—Chicago 9, Seattle 8. 2B—FThomas 2 (10), Belle (11), Ventura (8), Caruso (5), Grifley Jr (5), Amaral (4). 3B—Durham (3), Cora (2). HR—Sierra 2 (3), EMartinez (5), DWilson (3), RDavis (6). SB—Amaral (2). S—MOrdonez. SF—Amaral.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Baldwin	5	1-3	9	6	5	3 2
Simas		2-3	0	0	0	0 1
Foulke		1-3	3	3	3	1 0
CCastillo L,0-2		1	1	1	1	1 0
Karchner		2-3	0	0	0	1 1
Seattle						
Cloude	5	7	4	4	4	2
Spoljaric	1	1	1	1	0	0
Timlin	0	3	3	3	0	0
Fossas	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Slocumb W,1-2	1-3	2	2	1	1	1
Ayala S,6	1	0	0	0	2	1

Spoljaric pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. Timlin pitched to 3 batters in the 7th. WP—Slocumb. T—3:14. A—21,243 (59,084).

BLUE JAYS 6, ANGELS 5

TORONTO	ab	r	hbi	ANAHEIM	ab	r	hbi
Stewart cf	4	1	0 0	Erstad lf	5	1	2 0
SGreen rf	5	1	3 2	GAndsn rf	5	1	2 2
Cnseco lf	4	1	2 1	Edmnd cf	4	1	2 2
JoCruz cf	1	0	0 0	Fielder 1b	4	0	1 0
CDigdo 1b	3	0	0 0	NMrtin pr	0	0	0 0
Stanley dh	2	0	1 0	DvHlns 3b	5	0	3 0
Samuel dh	0	1	0 0	Bolick dh	5	0	0 0
Sprgue 3b	4	0	0 0	Wlbeck c	4	0	0 0
TFrndz 2b	4	2	2 2	CGrcia 2b	3	1	1 0
Fltcher c	4	0	2 0	DSrcna ss	4	1	1 1
AGnzlz ss	4	0	0 0				
Totals	**35**	**6**	**10**	**5**	**Totals**	**39**	**5**	**12 5**

Toronto	100	101	210 — 6
Anaheim	050	000	000 — 5

DP—Anaheim 3. LOB—Toronto 6, Anaheim 10. 2B—Stanley (5), Fletcher (5), Erstad (13). 3B—GAnderson (3). HR—SGreen (6), Canseco (9), TFernandez (2), Edmonds (5). SB—GAnderson (3), DvHollins (4), CGarcia 2 (2). CS—SGreen (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Hanson	6	11	5	5	3	5
Escobar W,1-1	1-3	0	0	0	0	3
Plesac	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
RaMyers S,8	1	1	0	0	0	0
Anaheim						
Olivares	6	8	3	3	3	7
Hasegawa L,1-1	1-3	2	3	3	1	2
Cadaret	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
PHarris	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Percival	1	0	0	0	0	2

Hanson pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. WP—Hasegawa, Cadaret. T—3:20. A—17,392 (45,050).

Leaders

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—DeBell, Houston, .391; Gwynn, San Diego, .390; Weiss, Atlanta, .387; Bichette, Colorado, .371; Allensworth, Pittsburgh, .362; Taubensee, Cincinnati, .358; Olerud, New York, .357.

RBI—McGwire, St. Louis, 38; Castilla, Colorado, 37; ChJones, Atlanta, 32; Galarraga, Atlanta, 29; JLopez, Atlanta, 28; Piazza, Los Angeles, 28; DeBell, Houston, 28; Alou, Houston, 28; Burks, Colorado, 26.

HOME RUNS—Castilla, Colorado, 14; McGwire, St. Louis, 12; ChJones, Atlanta, 11; Galarraga, Atlanta, 11; Burks, Colorado, 10; Floyd, Florida, 9; JLopez, Atlanta, 9.

STOLEN BASES—Biggio, Houston, 14; Womack, Pittsburgh, 12; ECYoung, Los Angeles, 12; Stynes, Cincinnati, 10; Clayton, St. Louis, 9; OVeras, San Diego, 8; DeShields, St. Louis, 8; Sosa, Chicago, 8.

PITCHING (5 Decisions)—Hampton, Houston, 5-0, 1.000, 2.84; Lima, Houston, 5-1, .833, 3.04; Millwood, Atlanta, 4-1, .800, 3.41; Tomko, Cincinnati, 4-1, .800, 2.64; Schmidt, Pittsburgh, 4-1, .800, 4.71; Nen, San Francisco, 4-1, .800, 1.40; Neagle, Atlanta, 4-1, .800, 3.24; Tapani, Chicago, 4-1, .800, 4.40; Glavine, Atlanta, 4-1, .800, 2.13.

STRIKEOUTS—Schilling, Philadelphia, 90; RMartinez, Los Angeles, 51; Wood, Chicago, 45; Stottlemyre, St. Louis, 45; Nomo, Los Angeles, 44; KBrown, San Diego, 44; Reynolds, Houston, 42.

SAVES—Shaw, Cincinnati, 11; Beck, Chicago, 9; DJones, Milwaukee, 9; Loiselle, Pittsburgh, 8; Hoffman, San Diego, 8; BWagner, Houston, 7; Urbina, Montreal, 7; Wohlers, Atlanta, 7.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—IRodriguez, Texas, .424; HMorris, Kansas City, .395; TWalker, Minnesota, .382; Segui, Seattle, .376; Thome, Cleveland, .374; GHill, Seattle, .360; TMartinez, New York, .352.

RBI—JuGonzalez, Texas, 41; TMartinez, New York, 34; Justice, Cleveland, 33; Griffey Jr, Seattle, 31; Palmer, Kansas City, 30; JKing, Kansas City, 30; Garciaparra, Boston, 27; Thome, Cleveland, 27.

HOME RUNS—Griffey Jr, Seattle, 13; ARodriguez, Seattle, 11; Palmer, Kansas City, 10; MVaughn, Boston, 9; Canseco, Toronto, 9; Giles, Cleveland, 8; Stevens, Texas, 8; Segui, Seattle, 8; JuGonzalez, Texas, 8; JKing, Kansas City, 8.

STOLEN BASES—TGoodwin, Texas, 14; BLHunter, Detroit, 11; Lofton, Cleveland, 11; Stewart, Toronto, 9; Jeter, New York, 9; Durham, Chicago, 9; Erstad, Anaheim, 8; Offerman, Kansas City, 8; Henderson, Oakland, 8.

PITCHING (5 Decisions)—Helling, Texas, 6-0, 1.000, 2.93; KHill, Anaheim, 5-1, .833, 3.22; Rogers, Oakland, 5-1, .833, 3.17; Cone, New York, 4-1, .800, 6.61; Key, Baltimore, 4-1, .800, 3.14.

STRIKEOUTS—PMartinez, Boston, 66; RJohnson, Seattle, 59; CFinley, Anaheim, 47; Moyer, Seattle, 41; Colon, Cleveland, 40.

SAVES—Gordon, Boston, 12; MJackson, Cleveland, 10; Percival, Anaheim, 8; RaMyers, Toronto, 8.

Texas League

By The Associated Press

First Half

Eastern Division

	W	L	Pct.	GB
Arkansas	20	13	.606	—
Shreveport	17	15	.531	2 1/2
Tulsa	16	17	.485	4
Jackson	14	20	.412	6 1/2
Western Division				
Midland	19	15	.559	—
El Paso	17	17	.500	2
San Antonio	16	17	.485	2 1/2
Wichita	14	19	.424	4 1/2

Thursday's Games

Arkansas 12, El Paso 3
Midland 9, Jackson 7
Shreveport 4, San Antonio 3
Wichita 5, Tulsa 3, 1st game
Tulsa 7, Wichita 1, 2nd game

Friday's Games

Arkansas at El Paso
Jackson at Midland
San Antonio at Shreveport
Wichita at Tulsa

Saturday's Games

Arkansas at Midland
Jackson at El Paso
San Antonio at Tulsa
Wichita at Shreveport

USA Invitees

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. (AP) — The players invited Thursday by USA Basketball to the USA Basketball Men's National Team Trials May 29-31. The finalists for the two 12-member teams will be announced June 1:

Goodwill Games

Shane Battier, Duke; Calvin Booth, Penn State; Elton Brand, Duke; Brian Cardinal, Purdue; Keith Carter, Mississippi.

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Ryan Humphrey, Oklahoma; Jermaine Jackson, Detroit; Alvin Jones, Georgia Tech; Jumaine Jones, Georgia; Lari Ketner, Massachusetts.

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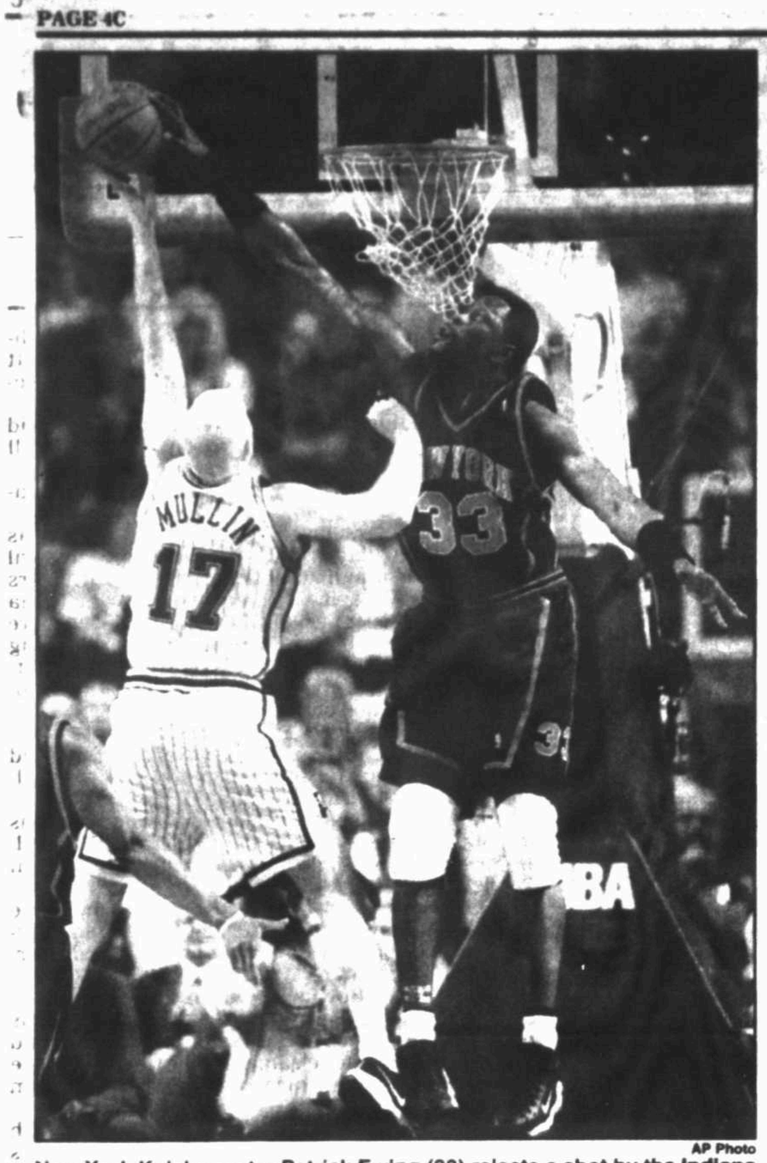
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Adam Harrington, Northfield, Mass.; Al Harrington, Elizabeth, N.J.; Jon Harris, Edwardsville, Ill.; Vincent Hart, Gary Ind.; Ben Johnson, Minneapolis.

DerMarr Johnson, Kensington, Md.; Jason Kapono, Artesia, Calif.; Steve Lepore, Lakewood, Ohio; Kevin Lyde, Forest Heights, Md.; Danny Miller, Mount Holly, N.J.

Michael Miller, Mitchell, S.D



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New York Knicks center Patrick Ewing (33) rejects a shot by the Indiana Pacers' Chris Mullin during their playoff game Thursday in Indianapolis. Ewing returned to action after missing 4-1/2 months with a wrist injury, but it didn't help the Knicks; the Pacers won 85-77.

Cowens uses Mason as chess piece

By Joe Macenka
AP Sports Writer

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — Dave Cowens admitted Thursday he enjoys dabbling in chess. The Chicago Bulls made that discovery one night earlier.

By employing the unusual defensive move of using 6-foot-8, 250-pound Anthony Mason to guard Michael Jordan, the Charlotte Hornets were able to hold Chicago's star to a subpar performance and defeat the Bulls 78-76.

Cowens, the Hornets' second-year coach, broke into a sly smile and a chuckle Thursday when asked if he would use the same strategy Friday, when Charlotte goes for a 2-1 lead in the Eastern Conference semifinal series.

"Maybe we can try to stay one move ahead," Cowens said. "You know how in chess you try to get that horse out there early and pop around a little bit. You get that horse out of that back line and start attacking, you never know where he's going to end up."

In Game 2, Charlotte's version of a chess knight ended up spending much of the contest chasing Chicago's answer to a king. Jordan didn't score for more than 19 minutes during one stretch and finished with 22 points, 14 below his playoff average.

Taking Mason away from his usual matchup against one of Chicago's forwards or centers meant Cowens created a defensive shift that often left his guards mismatched against the Bulls' frontcourt players. Luc Longley had 15 points, but Chicago's other big men didn't capitalize on their height advantage. Toni Kukoc, Dennis Rodman and Scottie Pippen took a combined 36 shots and missed 27.

Chicago coach Phil Jackson was particularly annoyed that many of those misses came from the outside. Those perimeter shots are not going to be tolerated again, Jackson added, if his big men find themselves with similar height edges in Game 3.

"We will take advantage of it," Jackson vowed defiantly.

Cowens knows his strategy carries a risk of backfiring. There is a long history of Jordan responding to subpar outings and special defenses by putting on scoring displays that almost seem designed to punish his opponents.

"We're playing against a guy who's got the strongest will of all," Cowens said. "I'm sure it's him against the Hornets right now, in his mind set. He's not going to let us win in his mind."

Both teams will be trying to correct some problems as the best-of-7 series shifts to the Charlotte Coliseum for the next two games.

The Hornets, one of the NBA's best shooting teams in the regular season, have been held to 38 percent in their two playoff games against the Bulls, including 34 percent shooting by Glen Rice, the league's No. 6 scorer.

The Bulls, who shot 47 percent against Charlotte in the regular season, have seen that figure dip to 39 percent in the series.

Jordan made 10 of 21 field-goal attempts Wednesday night, but the rest of Chicago's starters shot a combined 25 percent.

In Game 1, Jordan and Pippen combined for 60 of the Bulls' 83 points. In Game 2, those two players had 35.

"It's probably been three weeks since we played a real good game," Jackson said. "I thought that some of us are going through the motions and just letting everybody else take the responsibility, letting Michael take the responsibility for scoring and not carrying their own weight."

The result is that not only is there no more talk about Chicago going 15-0 in the 1998 playoffs, but another loss by the Bulls on Friday night would put them behind in a postseason series. That's something that hasn't happened since 1995, which also was the last time Chicago failed to win the NBA title.

"If we play like this we certainly don't deserve to be champions," Jackson said. "We're not going to get by any other people in any other round if we play basketball like we're playing right now."

Ewing's return can't bring Knicks victory

By Chris Sheridan
AP Basketball Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — He fumbled the ball the first time he touched it, he dribbled it terribly, shot it poorly and didn't lead his team to a storybook victory.

No, Patrick Ewing's comeback wasn't the stuff of legend.

"I thought I was going to have a better game," Ewing said following his first game in 4 1/2 months, an 85-77 victory for Indiana over the New York Knicks that gave the Pacers a 2-0 lead in their second-round series.

This was the night the Knicks had been waiting for since Ewing, who went down in December with what was thought to be a career-threatening wrist injury, vowed to return for the playoffs.

But as should have been expected, he was rusty. So much so, in fact, that he may have been more of a liability than a lucky charm.

He was on the court with the starting five, but lost the opening tip in what would turn out to be a long list of instances when Ewing simply was not his old self.

"We were not going to let him step out here and be a savior," Pacers guard Reggie Miller said. "We talked about it, Rik (Smits) took it personally and we weren't going to let that happen to us."

Ewing looked tentative in catching a 60-foot pass less than a minute into the game and had his first shot blocked. His next attempt was blocked, too, and he missed his first five shots en route to shooting 3-for-11 and getting 10 points and six rebounds in 27 minutes.

Ewing had a few defensive lapses, too, none of which were more costly than when he left Smits wide open with 1:31 left for a jumper that gave Indiana a 79-73 lead.

The Knicks would pull to 79-77 on a layup by Ewing with 46 seconds left, but the Pacers held New York scoreless the rest of the way and wrapped up the victory by going 6-for-6 from the free throw line.

Game 3 in the best-of-7 series is Saturday at New York, and the Knicks will be trying to avoid falling behind 0-3 — a deficit that would be nearly impossible to overcome.

"The one game I have under my belt will help me in the next one," Ewing said. "It'll be hyped in New York. It'll be a different story. I'm looking forward to it. I think I can make a big difference."

Smits scored 22 points and Miller had 21 for the Pacers, who again got a strong contribution from their reserves (28 points).

John Starks scored 20 off the bench to lead New York, while Allan Houston had 16 and Larry Johnson, returning from a two-game suspension for fighting with Alonzo Mourning of Miami in the first round, had 15.

Neither team shot well — both barely surpassed 40 percent — and there was no tremendous advantage for either team in rebounding or 3-point shooting.

If anything, Indiana gained an advantage by committing only eight turnovers to the Knicks' 16.

If one play epitomized how rusty Ewing was, it came late in the second quarter when the Pacers were opening their first sizable lead. After Charles Oakley waved him over to take the ball on an isolation play, Ewing received the pass, squared to the basket and began dribbling.

Rather than handle the ball with his fingertips, Ewing was dribbling with his palms — slapping at the ball like he hadn't done it in months.

Smits reached in and poked the ball away. Ewing was late getting back downcourt and Derrick McKey beat him for an offensive rebound and a putback that made it 39-33 as Indiana was on its way to a 46-39 halftime lead.

"He did all right. He hasn't played in five months," Knicks coach Jeff Van Gundy said of Ewing. "Early on he made some turnovers and got into foul trouble. In the second half he played much better. His presence back on the floor was good for us."

Lakers have momentum entering Game 3

By John Nadel
AP Sports Writer

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — It was sudden and without warning, like someone flipped a switch.

Just like that, starting in the second quarter, the Los Angeles Lakers were in control, dominating the Seattle SuperSonics.

And at KeyArena, no less, where the Sonics had lost just seven of their previous 45 games.

The Lakers outscored the Sonics 62-27 between the end of the first quarter and the middle of the fourth Wednesday night to take an insurmountable 81-53 lead in Game 2 of their Western Conference semifinal series.

The Lakers went on to a 92-68 victory to even the best-of-7 series and give them momentum entering Friday night's Game 3 at the Forum.

Los Angeles' burst came after being outscored 28-13 in the fourth quarter of Game 1, giving Seattle a 106-92 victory, and 26-19 in the first period of Game 2.

According to Lakers coach Del Harris, there was nothing magical. And, he stressed, it was only one game and guaranteed nothing during the rest of the series.

"There was much more of a sense of urgency with our players," Harris said following practice Thursday. "It was the same game plan in Game 1. The difference is, we were more aggressive preventing the ball from getting into prime spots.

"We did a much better job in our prevention defense. The game plan wasn't any different; the result was."

That's an understatement. The 68 points were the fewest allowed in a playoff game in Lakers history, and the fewest ever scored by the Sonics in a playoff game.

Seattle shot just 32.9 percent, prompting backup guard Greg Anthony to say, "I think without question we couldn't throw a rock in the ocean tonight."

The Sonics went 4-of-16 from 3-point range compared to 11-of-21 in the opener.

Gary Payton scored 12 points, shooting 6-of-17, and Detlef Schrempf scored only one point, missing all six field goal attempts. Payton had 25 points and Schrempf 19 in Game 1.

And the Lakers outrebounded the Sonics 62-43 after being outrebounded 52-42 in the opener.

"In a series, you can have a game like this and recover," said Sonics reserve Jerome Kersey, who had 12 points and seven rebounds in Game 1 and seven points and three rebounds in Game 2. "We have to come Friday and attack them at both ends of the floor. That's what they did to us."

The Lakers won handily despite the absence of sixth man Kobe Bryant, who missed the game because of the flu. Bryant didn't practice Thursday, and Harris said his status for Game 3 was undetermined.

"He's not well today, I can tell you that," Harris said. "It might be a one-day thing, it might be a three-day thing. I don't think you really know how long it's going to last until it's over.

"We'd all like to see Kobe play; we're not going to play him until he's well."

Harris said the Lakers made a point of doing a better job against Seattle's 3-point shooters in Game 2, and it worked.

"We know they're the best 3-point shooting team in the league, we weren't going to give them that," Harris said. "Our team has a lot of pride in making adjustments, putting out the current fire. We like to say, 'Show us the fire, we'll call the crew and put it out.'"

ENMU hoops coach resigns

PORTALES, N.M. (AP) — Eastern New Mexico men's basketball coach Earl Diddle, accused of grabbing the crotch of one of his players, will resign Friday, the same day his contract expires.

In a brief statement Thursday, the embattled coach announced he was resigning but said it "had nothing whatsoever to do with the recent stories about (former player) Karisman Taylor."

At least three players, including Taylor who alleged Diddle grabbed him in the crotch, had accused Diddle of abusive behavior.

Diddle did not say why he was resigning other than he planned to "focus on other opportunities."

Diddle's contract with the university expires at midnight Friday.

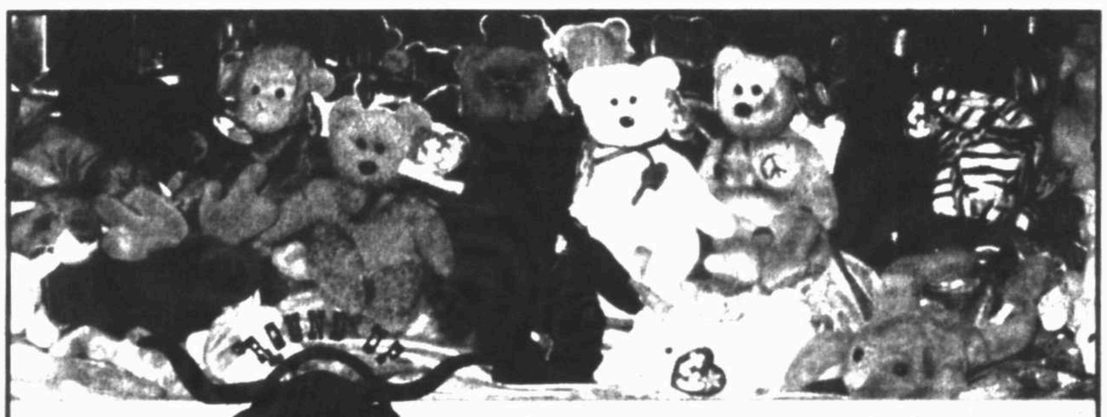
He has been the Greyhounds' coach for 10 years and leaves with a 152-124 record. Last season the Greyhounds were 8-18 and 3-11 in the Lone Star Conference. ENMU's best season under Diddle was 1992-93, when it went 23-7.

"It has been an enjoyable 10 years," Diddle said in the statement. "The university has been loyal to me. I feel that I have been loyal to the university."

The initial allegations of abusive behavior by Diddle came from Taylor, who quit the team in January and later approached school officials about his complaints.

"I wasn't going to take it anymore," Taylor said in a phone interview last month.

Taylor's father, Leman, said Diddle "constantly dogged (Karisman) ... poked him in the chest, head-butted him a number of times, got him in a headlock and grabbed him in the crotch in front of everybody."



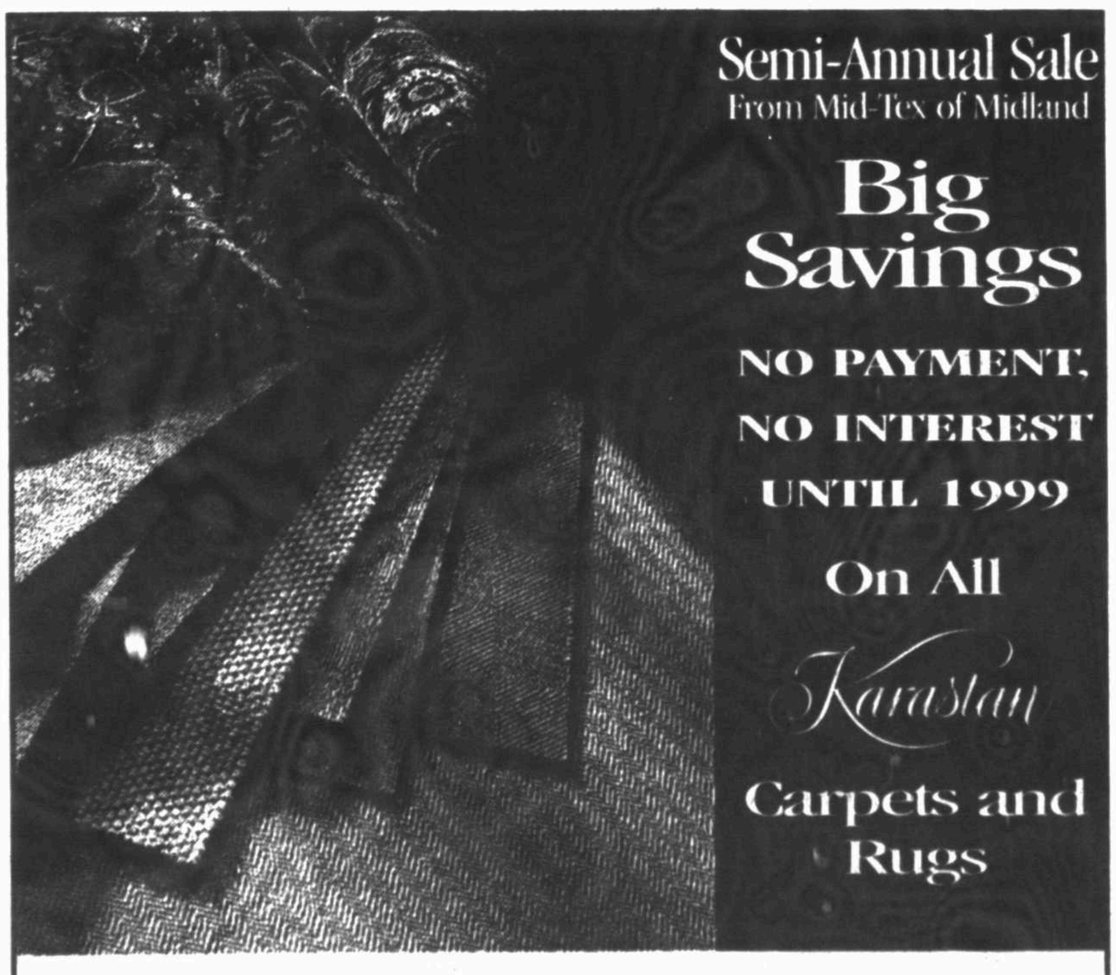
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LOCAL SPORTS

Hereford standout signs with MC

Midland College women's basketball coach Ron Jones has announced the signing of Hereford High School's Julie Rampley to a basketball letter of intent.

A two-time First Team All-State selection, she averaged 17.5 points, 7.2 rebounds, 5.7 assists and 4.5 steals in leading the Lady Whitefaces to a 28-5 record in her senior season. The 5-foot-10 Rampley was named the Lubbock Avalanche Journal Player of the Year and was four times selected to the Amarillo Globe News Super Team. She has also been chosen to play in the Texas Girls Coaches Association All-Star game this summer.

"We are extremely pleased to have Julie join our program," Jones said. "She is not only an outstanding player who can do many things on the court. She is an exceptional young lady off the court as well. I think she is a perfect fit our style of play. I am also excited about the intangibles she will bring to the team."

Brenda Kitten, Hereford's girls athletic director and Rampley's volleyball coach, believes Midland is getting a special kid.

"She's one of the most competitive kids I've ever coached. I don't care whether it's volleyball, basketball, or tiddly-winks. She's the type of athlete, the more pressure in a game, the more she thrives."

Rampley chose Midland College over conference foe Howard College, Grayson College, West Texas A&M, and the University of Texas-San Antonio.

Blackmagic wins title

The Blackmagic '86 girls won the U-12 Division in the Cinco de Mayo soccer tournament over the weekend, defeating Mirage '86 in the finals by a 1-0 margin.

Blackmagic got to the finals with a 7-0 win over the Amarillo Drifters. In the preliminary rounds, Blackmagic defeated the Drifters, 4-2; San Angelo Allstars, 2-0; and the Lubbock Jazz, 1-0.

Blackmagic team members are: Adrienne Barber, Megan Blackwood, Melissa Brolen, Elizabeth Burleson, Shaderia Evans, Georgia Kay Foster, Jessica Fuchs, Amy Gillette, Colleen Kimbro, Amanda Lozano, Erin Maruz, Traci Mayfield, Catherine Palmer, Alleigh Wooten. Coach: Susan Alexander.

Hakes, Dixon Fling winners

Becky Hakes and Jo Dixon won low gross honors while Dorothy Moring and Audrey Foster took the low net title in the 1998 Spring Fling golf tournament Thursday at Hogan Park.

First Flight: Gross: 1. Becky Hakes, Jo Dixon; 2. Lethia Collins, Shirley Newman. **Net:** 1. Dorothy Moring, Audrey Foster; 2. Terry Manney, Liz Hughes.

Second Flight: Gross: 1. Kathy Armstrong, Eileen Bean; 2. Frankye Johnson, Barbara McIntosh. **Net:** 1. Lane Reynolds, Bonnie Long; 2. Sherrin Evans, Leslie Lawson.

Third Flight: Gross: 1. Renee Beique, Phenette Damer; 2. Wanda Forbes, Jo Ann Hilliger. **Net:** 1. Vera Espinosa, Dottie Turk; 2. Marion Axle, Mary Witcher.

Indians' Colon loses shutout, wins game against Rangers

Associated Press

ARLINGTON, TEXAS (AP) — Bartolo Colon made only one bad pitch all night.

Colon pitched a four-hitter, losing his shutout when Will Clark hit a two-run homer with one out in the ninth inning as the Cleveland Indians beat the Texas Rangers 7-2 Thursday night for their sixth straight win.

■ AL Roundup

"I was trying to get the ball down and didn't," Colon said. "I just made a mistake and you can't do that against those kind of hitters."

Colon (3-1) struck out five and walked two for his third career complete game. Colon's only other complete games were a four-hitter against Anaheim on April 4 and a nine-hitter against the Angels last July 28.

"Early on he struggled and got behind hitters," Indians manager Mike Hargrove. "But he had an outstanding two-seam fastball. I don't think this is the best we'll see of him."

Omar Vizquel went 3-for-4 with two triples and four RBIs for the Indians. Kenny Lofton and David Bell had three hits each.

A night after losing to the Yankees 15-13, Texas advanced just one runner past first base before the ninth. The Rangers, who lost their fourth straight, hit into two double plays, and saw their major league-leading average drop from .309 to .304.

Rangers starter Aaron Sele (5-2) lost his second straight decision, allowing five runs and 10 hits in eight innings as his ERA rose from 2.72 to 3.18.

"I got the ball up a little," Sele said. "They dunked a couple of balls and got some good bunt base hits. They're a hot team and I made some mistakes."

After averaging more than eight runs per game in Sele's first five starts, the Rangers have scored just five runs in his last two.

"Since the Detroit series, we haven't been swinging the bat as well as we did earlier," said Rangers' manager Johnny Oates. "The bottom line is, we're getting behind and have to play catch up."

David Justice hit an RBI single in the first, and Vizquel's two-run triple and Sandy Alomar's run-scoring grounder made it 4-0 in the third.

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Vizquel hit a sacrifice fly in the fourth. The Indians increased the lead to 7-0 in the ninth off Scott Bailes on Vizquel's RBI triple and Jim Thome's sacrifice fly.

"I'm swinging the bat real well right now," said Vizquel, who is hitting .394. "I'm seeing the ball well and the guys in front of me are getting on base."

Clark's homer in the ninth was his fifth of the season.

Notes: Rangers outfielder Roberto Kelly was placed on the 15-day disabled list retroactive to April 26 because of a pulled left hamstring. ... Rangers right-hander Al Levine was recalled from Oklahoma of the Pacific Coast League after being optioned there Monday. ... Justice was called out in the first inning for passing Vizquel at third base on a popup to shortstop. Justice was trying to score from second on Alomar's pop with one out.

Tigers 6, Athletics 3

OAKLAND, Calif. (AP) — Andy Tomberlin and Bobby Higginson hit two-run homers as Detroit rallied for the second straight day.

Tomberlin, who earlier had an RBI single, hit his first homer of the season in the sixth to make it 3-all. Higginson hit his sixth homer an inning later off Tom Candiotti (3-4).

Justin Thompson (2-4) allowed three runs and three hits in eight innings to win for the first time in seven starts since opening day. Todd Jones pitched a perfect ninth for his fourth save.

Royals 5, Red Sox 3

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Jose Offerman hit his first home run in 463 at-bats since last May 18, and Boston lost consecutive games for the first time since getting swept at Anaheim in a three-game series from April 6-8.

Offerman connected for a two-run shot in the fifth off rookie Brian Rose (1-3). Dean Palmer added his 10th of the season, a solo drive in the sixth inning.

Pat Rapp (2-3) allowed one run — unearned — and five hits in seven innings. Jeff Montgomery pitched the ninth for his sixth save.

Expos' Perez stops Rockies

Associated Press

MONTREAL — Carlos Perez had been good enough to win each of his seven previous starts this season but didn't. His teammates finally came through Thursday night.

■ NL Roundup

Perez (1-3) took a shutout into the ninth inning and won for the first time in 12 starts since last Sept. 3, leading the Montreal Expos over the Colorado Rockies 2-1.

"Eight consecutive quality starts," Montreal manager Felipe Alou said. "What we see is a guy who could probably be 8-0. Fortunately, today we rallied big and gave him two runs."

Perez allowed seven hits in eight-plus innings, struck out four and walked none. He did not allow a runner past first until Neifi Perez's leadoff double in the eighth. Perez was stranded at third when pinch-hitter Gregg Colbrunn popped out and Mike Lansing grounded out.

"I like to pitch in that situation," Perez said. "Like when Perez hit a double with nobody out and they hit the ball to center to move the runner to third.

Mets 4, Cardinals 1

NEW YORK — Preston Wilson, stepson of Mets first base coach Mookie Wilson, got three hits in his major league debut and Masato Yoshii's pitching and hitting led New York over the St. Louis Cardinals.

Wilson went 3-for-4, drove in a run and stole a base as the Mets won their third straight. The Cardinals lost their third straight, and have dropped six of seven at the start of a 10-game road trip.

Yoshii (2-1) worked seven innings and allowed only two hits, including Brian Jordan's home run. The Japanese-born pitcher helped himself with his first big league hit, a two-run double that made it 3-1 in the fifth.

Braves 6, Padres 3

ATLANTA — John Smoltz drove in three runs and got his third win to lead Atlanta to its fourth straight win.

Atlanta, which has won nine of 10, is off to its best start after 34 games — 24-10 — since 1969.

Smoltz (3-0) capped a four-run fourth inning with a two-run double off Joe Hamilton (3-2) and added an RBI single in the sixth. The right-hander gave up five hits and three runs with seven strikeouts in seven innings.

Dodgers 4, Marlins 3

MIAMI — Ramon Martinez survived a shaky start to pitch eight innings, and Raul Mondesi capped a comeback with a two-run single for Los Angeles.

Trenidad Hubbard hit his third homer for the Dodgers, who broke a three-game losing streak with their 11th come-from-behind victory. Florida lost its fourth game in a row.

Martinez (4-2) gave up three runs in the first inning, then allowed only two hits after that. Scott Radinsky completed a six-hitter with a 1-2-3 ninth for his sixth save.

Phillies 4, Diamondbacks 1

PHILADELPHIA — Curt Schilling struck out 12 — his sixth time in double digits this season, and allowed three hits in seven innings.

Schilling (4-3) raised his major league-leading strikeout total to 90, which is 45 ahead of the No. 2 pitcher — Chicago's Kerry Wood. It was the 35th time in his career Schilling fanned 10 or more.

Schilling, who walked three, had allowed only one hit until the seventh, when the Diamondbacks scored their only run on Andy Stankiewicz's RBI single. Mark Leiter finished the three-hitter for his third save.

Pirates 8, Reds 7

PITTSBURGH — Jason Kendall's two-run single in the eighth capped Pittsburgh's second comeback of the game as the Pirates dodged three Cincinnati homers and two rain delays for the win.

Bret Boone, Willie Greene and Chris Stynes homered as the Reds led 3-2 and 7-5 before the Pirates rallied against Stan Belinda (1-5) with Kendall's double and Turner Ward's RBI single in the seventh.

Veteran Caps subdue Senators

WASHINGTON (AP) — In a capital battle of youth vs. experience, the veterans made the difference.

Thirtysomethings Adam Oates, Peter Bondra and Brian Bellows scored to break open the game and Olaf Kolzig made 36 saves as the Washington Capitals defeated the Ottawa Senators 4-2 Thursday night to take Game 1 in the Eastern Conference semifinals.

The Caps also got a goal from their rookie star, Richard Zednik, as they try to advance to the conference finals for only the second time in franchise history. Daniel Alfredsson and Andreas Dackell scored for the Senators, who are coming off their first playoff series victory since the franchise was resurrected in 1992.

Oates, 35, outraced the Ottawa defense for a breakaway score — his 36th career playoff goal — to break a 1-1 tie in the second period. Bondra, 30, whose sprained ankle kept him out of three games in Washington's first-round series victory over Boston, scorched a perfect drive from the top of the left circle early in the third for his 17th playoff goal. Less than two minutes later, 33-year-old Bellows got his 48th playoff score to make it 4-1.

Bondra's score was the most impressive. Goaltender Damian Rhodes appeared to have the net covered as Bondra skated down the left side, but the 52-goal regular-season scorer found an opening — just inside the far post from 35 feet out.

Kolzig, who led all goalies in saves in the first round, seems to pull off at least one unbelievable save every game in these playoffs, and Thursday was no exception. In the first period, when Shawn McEachern appeared to have an open net to poke home a rebound, Kolzig fell backwards and reached out to catch the puck just before it crossed the line.

ANGELS: Midland rallies for victory

(From 1C)

en up by Ortiz, seven were for extra bases. That included three homers — two by Jamie Saylor and Gary Trammell to start the game and a grand slam by former Rice standout Lance Berkman in the fourth inning.

However, if it was the pitching which got the Angels in a hole, it was the same staff which kept the hole from getting any deeper. Lou Pote and Juan Alvarez (3-1) did their job over the last five innings, allowing three hits and forcing Jackson to strand seven runners on base (five of which were in scoring position).

"Pote and Alvarez did a good job for us," Angels manager Don Long said. "Pote came into the game (in the fifth) with runners on second and third and got three ground ball outs. That is a big part of the game to keep their lead at five. We just kind of battled back."

That left the game in the hands of the second most prolific offense in the Texas League, and the "Hammering Halos" did their part against the league's best pitching staff. Jackson's Paul O'Malley, who came into the game with a 1.89 ERA, left the game, having allowed six runs (four earned) over five innings of work.

The big hits in the pivotable four-run sixth inning, which pulled the Angels to within one run, were consecutive RBI singles by Eddie Christian and Matt Curtis and a two-run single by Chuck Abbott, which made the score 7-6.

In the seventh, Jason Herrick drove a pitch from Edgar Ramos (0-3 for the season) over the fence and to the scoreboard beyond left field. Keith Luuloa then walked and moved to third after consecutive singles before scoring on a wild pitch for an 8-7 lead.

In the eighth, Luuloa, who had sacrifice flies in the first and third innings, singled home Trent Durrington to give Midland a 9-7 advantage. Luuloa, who was filling in for Troy Glaus at third base, was 2-for-2 with two runs scored and three RBIs.

"We had opportunities throughout the game and didn't capitalize on them," Long said. "We just hung in there and ended up getting the job done."

Long went on to say that the Angels are not just a one-man team, a point which has been demonstrated repeatedly this season.

"We are a team and we don't relay on any one person to create our offense," Long said. "You look at (Troy) and he is doing some good things but look at some other guys. Luuloa filled in at that No. 3 spot and the first two at-bats and he gets a base hit that puts us up two runs."

"Regardless of who it is, when someone is not in the lineup, we don't want to miss a beat. That is the essence of being a team when you can be that productive."

THURSDAY'S ANGELICS: Today's probable starters are Midland's Matt Wise (2-1, 4.15) and Jackson's Wade Miller (3-0, 2.12)... Today, nine color TVs will be given away, one each inning... Midland's Glaus, who has 16 homers in 33 games and 130 at-bats, didn't play in the game...

TEXAS LEAGUE NOTES: Texas League President Tom Kayser was in attendance Wednesday and Thursday. Kayser commented on the sale of the Jackson franchise to Nolan Ryan's family, which should be completed by the end of the season.

"The biggest thing is that Austin will be rated by Baseball America in its next issue as the best market without a baseball team," Kayser said. "When you bring in an owner of the stature of Nolan Ryan, it is a dream come true. You couldn't ask for a better scenario."

Jackson's move to Austin (or outside the Austin city limits in Round Rock) will mean that the Texas League will have a West Division with the four Texas teams (Austin, San Antonio, El Paso and Midland). The East Division would be made up of Arkansas, Tulsa, Shreveport and Wichita, which would move from its current position in the West.

"I would say that is strong possibility. It only makes sense," said Kayser of the likelihood of the reconfiguration.

"You would have great natural rivalries with Wichita and Tulsa and San Antonio and Austin. Wichita and Tulsa have been clamoring to play each other more, and they will go from playing 10 times to 32 times. It will also be great for everyone. They (the teams) will also save money on transportation."

Midland Angels 9, Jackson Generals 7

Jackson	AB	R	H	BI	Midland	AB	R	H	BI
Saylor 2b	3	2	1	1	Hutchins cf	5	2	1	0
Trammell dh	5	2	3	1	Herrick rf	4	1	1	1
Berkmain lf	5	1	2	4	Luuloa 3b	2	2	2	3
Sanchez 1b	5	0	1	0	Buxbaum 1b	4	1	1	0
Neal 3b	4	0	1	0	Christian lf	3	0	2	1
Maddox cf	4	1	3	0	Curtis dh	4	1	2	1
Lopez ph	1	0	0	0	Thurston c	3	1	1	0
Amezuca c	5	0	2	1	Abbott ss	4	0	1	2
Alexander rf	3	1	2	0	Durrington 2b	3	1	0	0
Perez ss	5	0	1	0					
Totals	40	7	16	7	Totals	32	9	11	8
Jackson					210	400	000	—	7
Midland					101	004	21X	—	9

E - Saylor, Neal. DP - Jackson 1, Midland 2. LOB - Jackson 11, Midland 8. 2B - Maddox, Amezuca 2, Alexander, Abbott. HR - Saylor (5), Trammell (2), Berkman (8), Herrick (3). SB - Trammell (1), Durrington (8). SAC - Luuloa. CS - Amezcua. IBB - Herrick.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Jackson						
O'Malley	5.0	6	6	4	2	1
Ramos L, 0-3	1.0	4	2	2	1	2
Hodges	2	1	1	1	1	1
Midland						
Ortiz	4.0	13	7	7	2	2
Pote	2.1	3	0	0	1	2
Alvarez W, 3-1	2.2	0	0	0	2	1

WP - Hodges. Balk-O'Malley, Ortiz. PB - Amezcua. HBP - O'Malley (Christian), O'Malley (Christian), Hodges (Durrington). A-2,290. T- 2:58.

STARS: Dallas starts off series with win

(From 1C)

seeing the puck well and had a few lucky breaks."

Dallas lost a goal to video replay in the second period. Modano tipped in a shot but the goal judges ruled he had his stick too high.

"When the goal was disallowed we sagged and it hurt us," said Dallas coach Ken Hitchcock. "We made a mistake trying to sit on the lead and we had a diffcult time in the last period and a half."

Edmonton outshot Dallas 17-5 in the second period and Valeri Zelepukin finally broke through against Belfour by sneaking a rebound shot through the goaltender's legs. It was the first playoff goal for Zelepukin.

A five-minute game misconduct penalty against Grant Marshall, who elbowed Kelly Buchberger in the face, put the heat on Belfour with 6:16 go. The Oilers got off 10 shots but did no damage.

"We kept them to the outside and our penalty killers did a good job," Belfour said. "They had only one or two good chances."

Buchberger's right eye was closed after the game but he said he'll play Saturday.

"We can't retaliate," Buchberger said. "I'll let the league deal with it."

Oilers coach Ron Low said "it's not an elbow it's a butt-end, not only is it a butt-end but it's a butt-end in his eye. It's one of the worst I've seen in a long time."

Belfour turned away 31 shots while Joseph stopped 11.

"I felt we had 14 good chances and we should have scored more than one goal," Low said. "Belfour was pretty good."

Joseph got beat although he didn't face half as many shots as Belfour.

"I've got to keep my chin up," he said.

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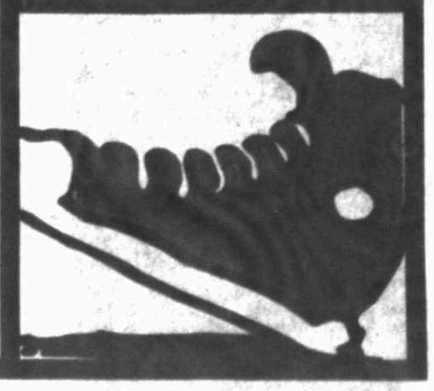
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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Chrysler	294571	53½	+4 11/16
Compaq s	287815	32½	+1¼
PhilSvc g	101117	6	-1½
AmOnline s	78187	89¾	+1¾
PhilMor	68937	38 11/16	- 9/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AnnTaylr	20	+3⅜	+20.3
Talbots	23⅜	+3 15/16	+20.3
BT Off	13 5/16	+1 9/16	+13.3
Inteical	5 13/16	+ 9/16	+10.7
Vishay	21	+2	+10.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PhilSvc g	6	-1½	-20.0
SigRestr s	17	-2	-10.5
AdvCmG n	11 13/16	-1⅜	-10.4
IMC Gl wt	4⅛	- 7/16	-9.6
Bufete	4	-⅜	-8.6

DIARY

Advanced	1,027
Declined	1,932
Unchanged	540
Total issues	3,499
New Highs	51
New Lows	30
Volume	707,175,260

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	69404	109 11/32	- 7/16
PC Quote	15578	2 11/16	+1/2
Harken	14086	6 1/16	- 1/16
ViacB	11340	57⅞	+1
Keane	9790	44⅝	-2¼

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
PC Quote	2 11/16	+1/2	+22.9
Envrotst	12¾	+2	+18.6
BioR B	33¾	+5¼	+18.4
NA Vacc	18⅛	+2⅜	+15.1
MilestnSci	19⅜	+2⅛	+12.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Tag-It n	3¼	-⅜	-10.3
CoreMatl	5 9/16	- 9/16	-9.2
NHIcre s	34½	-3⅛	-8.9
Cmputrn n	2⅛	-⅛	-8.1
Jinpan n	6⅝	- 9/16	-7.8

DIARY

Advanced	247
Declined	335
Unchanged	166
Total issues	748
New Highs	13
New Lows	6
Volume	39,629,020

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
3Com	255869	32⅛	-2 9/32
Microsft s	195057	83⅜	-3
Techclone	100970	2	+ 7/32
Intel s	98662	81	-⅜
EntreMd	79796	33 1/16	+1 15/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
4Health n	8⅝	+2½	+40.8
Ecogen	3 7/16	+ 15/16	+37.5
Ancmp wt	9 11/16	+2 9/16	+36.0
OmniUSA	2 1/32	+ 17/32	+35.4
BostRest	2¼	+½	+28.6

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CwnBk	2½	-1	-28.6
Voxel un	5½	-2	-26.7
CredMng	5⅞	-2⅛	-26.6
ErgoBilt	3⅜	-1⅛	-25.0
JcrCm wt	2	-⅝	-23.8

DIARY

Advanced	1,677
Declined	2,524
Unchanged	1,413
Total issues	5,614
New Highs	92
New Lows	64
Volume	716,273,300

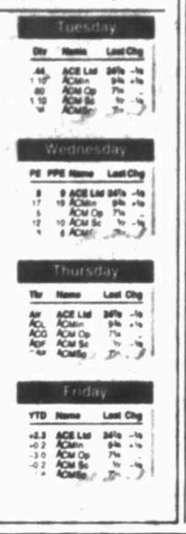
HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

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 ...
YTD: Percent change in price since December 31.
How to use: The year-to-date percent change compares the most recent price with the company's price as of Dec. 31. The number is a good way to compare and track the performance of different companies in the same industry or the same town.

Benchmarks are important in investing and the year-to-date percent change can be a useful field of information when used as a benchmark. If you were considering investing in the automotive industry, for example, you could watch to see which auto stock was enjoying the best performance so far this year by looking at this field.

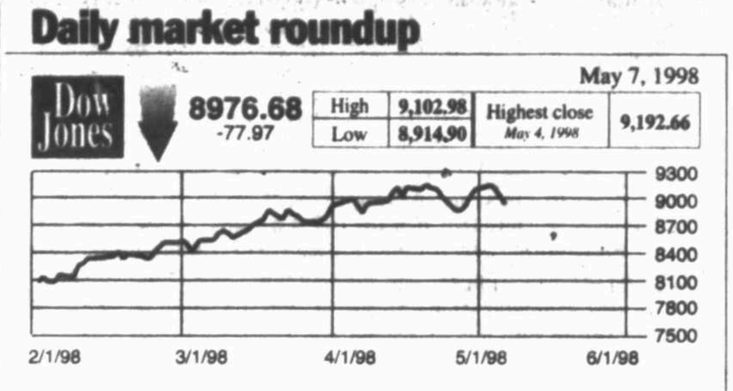
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Daily market roundup



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52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
9,261.91	6,983.11	Dow Jones Industrials	8,976.68	-77.97	-.86	+13.51	+25.78
3,701.42	2,583.17	Dow Jones Transportation	3,384.84	+4.09	+.12	+3.94	+29.33
291.90	218.56	Dow Jones Utilities	281.49	-1.15	-.41	+3.08	+25.70
587.91	422.56	NYSE Composite	570.22	-4.35	-.76	+11.55	+33.57
753.75	567.91	Amex Index	742.25	-1.08	-.15	+8.42	+30.00
1,931.83	1,305.33	Nasdaq Composite	1,835.14	-21.54	-1.16	+16.86	+37.89
1,132.98	811.80	S&P 500	1,095.14	-9.78	-.89	+12.85	+33.51
492.28	248.65	Russell 2000	475.96	-3.41	-.71	+8.91	+32.17
10,782.75	7,706.98	Wilshire 5000	10,459.44	-86.95	-.84	+12.49	+35.04

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

YTD	Name	Last	Chg
	A-B-C		
+5.6	AAR s	27⅝	+1/16
+23.4	ABN Amro n	24 1/16	...
+18.0	ACE Ltd s	37¼	-13/16
+.8	ACM Sc	10 3/16	+1/16
-4.7	ACMSp	6 1/16	-1/16
+.5	ACMMD	13 9/16	-1/16
+14.6	ACNielsn	27 5/16	+5/16
+17.3	AES Cp	s54 11/16	-1 1/16
+28.6	AFLAC	65 3/16	-3/16
-8.8	AGCO	26 11/16	-1/16
-.6	AGL Res	20 5/16	-1/16
+15.5	AK Steel	s20 7/16	+1/16
-1.0	AMB Prtn	24 7/8	+3/16
+5.5	AMF n	, 26⅜	-1/16
+14.3	AMR	148 13/16	...
+3.3	...	...	...
+14.5	ARCOCh	53 1/16	...
-17.8	ARM Fn	n21 11/16	+3/16
-5.6	AT&T	57 7/16	-
1 1/16	...	...	...
+7.8	Alvx Cp	19 7/8	-5/16
+16.9	Aames	15 1/8	+1/16
+8.9	AbtLab	71 5/16	+5/16
+44.6	AberFitch	45 3/16	-15/16
+4.7	AberFit wi	44 5/16	-7/16
+49.2	AccuSttl	34 1/16	-15/16
+14.0	AdobEx	27 9/16	- 1/16
+63.3	Administf	42 1/4	+5/16
-15.6	AdvCmG nd	11 13/16	- 1/16
+43.0	AMD	25⅛	-1/16
+47.1	Aeroflex	12⅞	-1/16
+35.3	AeroVick	66 1/8	+1/16
+14.6	Aetna Inc	80⅞	+1/16
+28.5	AffCmpSv	s33 13/16	-1/16
-34.5	AftMgrs n	39	...
+30.6	Agnico g	6 1/16	-1/16
+1.2	Agrobrd n	36 1/16	-1/16
+24.1	Agrium g	15⅞	-1/16
+11.7	Ahmans	74 1/16	-13/16
+5.9	AirProd	87 1/16	-1/16
-.6	AirNetS	21 1/16	-1/16
+23.7	AirPrds	38 1/16	+1/16
+10.7	Airgas	15 1/16	+1/16
+22.0	AirTouch	50 1/16	-
1 1/16	...	...	...
+2.0	AlaP pfB	25 1/2	
+1.2	AlaP pfC	25 1/2	
+2.0	AlaP adj pf	25	
-.7	AlaPC pfQ	25	-1/8
+21.6	AlexAlx	47 1/16	-1/16
+29.3	Alkmyrn	u29 3/4	+1/4
-9.4	Alberto	29 1/16	-1/16
-3.7	Albertsn	45 1/16	+1/16
+16.3	Alcan	32 1/16	-1/16
+56.0	Alcatel	39 1/16	+1/16
-12.3	AlegEngy	28 1/16	-1/16
-1.9	AlegTeldy	25 1/8	+1/8
+36.2	Alleganceu	s48 1/16	+1/16
+18.3	AllenTel	151 1/16	-1/16
+22.5	Allergn	41 1/16	-1/16
+31.8	AllCap s	26 3/16	+1/16
-2.8	AllWrld2	13 1/16	-1/16
-9.2	AlldGrp s	26	
+13.7	AlldSgnl s	44 1/16	
+30.5	AlmrFn	65 5/16	-1/16
+3.4	Allstate	93 3/16	+1/16
-3	Alltel	40 15/16	-1/16
-2.3	Alpharma	21 7/16	-1/16
+8.3	AlpineGr	20 5/16	+1/16
+44.2	Alumax	49 3/16	-3/16
+6.5	Alcoa	74 15/16	-1 1/16
+44.8	Alza	48 1/16	-1/16
+54.1	AmaxG	3 9/16	-1/16
+22.3	AmbacF s	58 1/16	+1/16
+3.4	Amrites	56 1/16	-1/16
-8.9	Ameren n	39	...
+98.3	AmOnline s	u89 3/4	+1 1/16
+80.7	AmWest	29 15/16	+3/16
+32.4	ABankrs s	60 7/16	...
-14.3	AmBkInt	4 1/16	-1/16
-9.4	AEP	46 3/4	+1/16
+11.6	AmExp	99 9/16	+1/16
+22.1	AGenCp	66	-1/16
+19.4	AGnDE pf	84 1/16	-1/16
-4.0	AGnHosp	s25 1/16	-1/16
+15.3	AGreet	45 1/16	-15/16
+24.7	Ameristr	s22 1/16	...
+18.8	AHomeP	s45 7/16	...
+15.6	AminfG	s125 1/16	-1/16
+31.0	AmPCrn	32 3/4	-1/16
+22.4	AmRadio	46 1/16	-1/16
-29.6	AResidSvc	11	-1/16
+26.6	AmStd	48 1/16	-1/16
+18.7	AmStors	24 1/16	-1/16
+185.4	AWsta	4 1/16	+1/16
+6.4	AmWtr	29 1/16	-1/16
+26.0	Americrd	34 1/16	-1/16
-8.7	AmerUtil	54 1/16	-1/16
+7.5	Ameritch s	43 1/16	-1/16
-9.7	Ameritrs	33 1/16	-1/16
+2.5	Amoco s	43 1/16	-1/16
1 1/16	...	...	...
-8.1	AMP	39 1/16	-1/16
+11.2	AmSouth s	40 1/16	-1/16
-21.8	AmwayAs	15 1/16	-3/16
+18.5	Anadrk	71 15/16	...
1 9/16	...	...	...
+34.3	Anang	17 1/16	-1/16
+3.3	Anheus	45 1/16	-1/16
+49.5	AnnTay	20	+3/16
-8.7	Anntaylr	4 1/16	-1/16
+6.2	Acrn cp s	82 1/16	-1/16
+1.1	Apache	35 7/16	-1/16
+3.7	Apnov	38 1/16	-1/16
-20.5	AppleMg	8 1/16	-1/16
-37.2	Apria	8 1/16	-1/16
+1.7	Arainul	18 1/16	-1/16
+19.3	Arcadia n	8 1/16	-1/16
-3.5	ArchDan	20 1/16	-1/16
-8.1	ArdenRlt	28 1/4	
+35.4	Armco	6 1/16	-1/16
+10.4	ArmW	82 1/16	-1/16
-14.8	Arrow Ele s	27 5/16	-1/16
+17.1	Arvin	39 1/16	-1/16
+7.2	Asarco	24 1/16	-3/16
+15.6	Ashton	9 1/16	-1/16
+.8	Ashland	54 1/16	
+23.3	AsiaPac	2 5/16	-1/16
+33.4	AsiaPrp	13 1/16	...
1 1/16	...	...	...
-21.1	Asdf sta	d18 1/16	-1/16
+2.9	AscFCap	73 1/16	-1/16
+22.2	AstraA s	21	-1/16
+22.7	AstraB s	20 1/16	-3/16
-1.1	AtRich s	79 1/16	-3/16
-4	**ATMOS**	**30**	**+1/16**
+21.6	AtwdOcn s	57 1/16	-1/16
-6.4	AutnFit	17 1/16	+1/16
+4.0	AutoDt	63 15/16	-1 1/16
+2.6	AutoZone	29 1/16	+1/16
+13.5	AveryD	50 7/16	-1/16
-20.2	Avis n	25 1/2	-3/16
-5.0	Avnet	62 1/16	-1/16
+30.8	Avon	80 1/4	-2 3/16
+21.6	Aztar	7 1/16	-1/16
+4.1	BB&T Cp	66 1/16	...
+28.9	BCE g s	42 7/16	-1/16
+3.0	BJ's s	37 1/16	-1/16
+26.7	Bus Wtr n	39 1/16	-1/16
+6.5	BMC	17 1/16	-1/16
+ 9	BOC ADS	33 1/16	-1/16
-25.3	BP Pru	12	-1/16
-7.3	BRE	26 1/16	-1/16
+71.8	BT Off	u131 1/16	...
+1 9/16	...	...	...
-5.4	BakrHu	41 1/16	-1 1/16
-3.1	BallardM	23 1/16	-1/16
1 9/16	...	...	...
+43.4	BallyTotF	31 1/16	...
+1 3/16	...	...	...
-8.1	BaltGE	31 1/16	+1/16
+13.7	BancOne	56 1/16	-13/16
+2.3	BncoFrn	28	-
1 1/16	...	...	...
-4.5	BcoRioP n	13 1/16	-1/16
-15.1	BkTokyo	11 1/16	-1/16
-.8	BkNY	57 1/16	-1 1/16
+11.6	BankAm s	81 1/2	-13/16
+1.4	BkAtlA s	13 1/16	-1/16
-10.6	BkBost	103 7/16	-3/16
+15.8	BankTr	130 1/16	+1/16
+8.6	Bard	34	-1/16
+2.8	BarnNbl	s34 1/16	-1/16
+25.2	BarrettRs	37 7/16	-1 1/16
+14.8	BarrickG	21 3/16	-9/16
+12.0	BatlMt	6 7/16	-1/16
+29.3	Bauschl	51 1/16	-5/16
+7.9	Baxter	54 7/16	+13/16
-3.8	BayApt	37 1/16	+1/16
-4.9	BayNtwk	24 1/16	-1/16
+15.1	BearSt	54 1/16	-5/16
+3.4	BearS pfE	53 1/16	-1/16
-16.8	Beazr Hm	23 1/16	-5/16
+46.1	BeckCour	s58 7/16	-1 3/16
+35.4	BectDk	67 1/16	...
1 9/16	...	...	...
+2.9	Checkpnt	18	-5/16
+2.1	ChelGCA	39	-1/16
-33.9	ChesEng	d5	+1/16
+9.7	Chevron	84 1/2	-
1 3/16	...	...	...
-17.8	ChileTel	24 9/16	-1/16
-35.1	ChinaEA	10 1/2	-3/16
+8.5	ChinaTlc n	35 5/16	+1 1/16
-19.9	Chiquta	13 1/16	-1/16
+1.2	Choicehl n	16 1/16	-1/16
+52.0	Chrysler	u53 1/16	...
+4 11/16	...	...	...
+1.0	Chubb	78 1/16	-7/16
-1.5	CIBER s	28 9/16	-1/16
+18.1	CinnBell s	36 15/16	-1 1/16
+15.4	CinMil	29 7/16	-1/16
+40.0	CineOd	1 1/4	...
-12.9	CINergy	33 3/16	-1/16
+13.2	CircCtyCC	40 1/4	-1/2
+29.2	CirCrCar	11 5/8	-7/16
-11.6	Circus	18 1/16	-1/16
+16.1	Citicorp	146 7/16	-
1 1/16	...	...	...
+9.9	Citzutil	10 7/16	...
-2.5	CityNC	36	-3/16
+15.8	ClaresSt	22 1/16	+1/16
+11.8	Clayth	20 1/16	-1/16
+12.6	ClearC	89 7/16	+5/16
+5.6	CliffsDrs	s52 11/16	-2 1/16
+2.0	Clorox s	81	+1
+24.3	CoachUS	45	-3/16
+20.1	Coastal	u74 1/16	+1
-23.1	CstlPhys	1 9/16	...
+62.2	Coastcst	22 1/16	+3/16
+13.5	CocaCl	75 11/16	-5/16
+2.5	CocaCE	38 7/16	-
1 1/16	...	...	...
-7.1	CCFemsa s	18	+1/16
+16.8	Coeur	10 7/16	-1/16
+14.3	Cogniznt	51	-9/16
+20.2	ColgPal	88 5/16	+3/16
+65.2	CapPrCHI	4 1/16	...
-13.5	Carematrx	24 7/8	...
-1.1	CastlAM	22 7/16	-1/16
25.0	CatlSc wt	9 1/2	+1/16
15.1	CatlSci	5 1/16	-1/16
+8.5	CFCda g	4 1/16	-1/16
+4.9	ChrtMkM n	13 1/16	+1/16
+13.2	ChaseCp	15 5/16	-1/16
+9.4	Chiref	23 1/16	-1/16
+4.1	ChfInt pf	30	...
+1.0	Citizinc	8 5/16	+1/16
+77.2	ClrvwC n	19 5/16	-1/16
-15.3	Cognitrn	16 1/16	-3/16
-5.4	CohenStr	10 5/16	+5/16
-50.7	ColLb	8 1/16	-1/16
13.8	ColuEng s	7	...
+15.6	Comforce	9 1/16	-1/16
+18.8	CmdrAp	3 9/16	...
-21.1	CmdrAwt	1 1/16	+1/16
+19.4	CompTch	10	-1/16
+18.4	Comptek	9 1/16	-1/16
+9.0	CVS Corp	69 13/16	+7/16
+18.4	CabWire	32 3/16	-
1 5/16	...	...	...
-3.6	CablTdsg	s24 15/16	-3/16
-4.6	CablTrn	14 5/16	-5/16
+27.8	Cabot	35 5/16	-3/16
+40.8	CadbyS	58 1/4	-3/16
+47.7	Cadence	s36 3/16	-1/2
+9.3	Calenergy	31 7/16	-7/16
- 8	Calgon	10 11/16	-3/16
+2.9	CalFPC pf	27	-
25/28	...	...	...
-8.3	CallGolf	26 3/16	-3/16
+10.2	CallonP	17 15/16	-5/16
+11.6	Camco	7 1/16	-
2 3/16	...	...	...
-5.8	CamdnP	29 3/16	-5/16
-7.1	CmpR g	13 7/32	...
-3.5	CampSp	s53 11/16	-1/16
+37.0	CdnRy g	64 3/16	-1/16
+11.9	CdnPc g	30 1/2	-1/16
+72.7	CapOne	93 15/16	-5/16
-5.6	CdnOccu g	21 3/16	...
-66.7	ecCancTr	1 1/16	...
-16.7	CanyonRs	1 9/16	-1/16
+65.2	CapPrCHI	4 1/16	...
-13.5	Carematrx	24 7/8	...
-1.1	CastlAM	22 7/16	-1/16
25.0	CatlSc wt	9 1/2	+1/16
15.1	CatlSci	5 1/16	-1/16
+8.5	CFCda g	4 1/16	-1/16
+4.9	ChrtMkM n	13 1/16	+1/16
+13.2	ChaseCp	15 5/16	-1/16
+9.4	Chiref	23 1/16	-1/16
+4.1	ChfInt pf	30	...
+1.0	Citizinc	8 5/16	+1/16
+77.2	ClrvwC n	19 5/16	-1/16
-15.3	Cognitrn	16 1/16	-3/16
-5.4	CohenStr	10 5/16	+5/16
-50.7	ColLb	8 1/16	-1/16
13.8	ColuEng s	7	...
+15.6	Comforce	9 1/16	-1/16
+18.8	CmdrAp	3 9/16	...
-21.1	CmdrAwt	1 1/16	+1/16
+19.4	CompTch	10	-1/16
+18.4	Comptek	9 1/16	-1/16
-34.4	CorrectCp	24 5/16	-5/16
+23.5	Cotellignt	23 5/16	-9/16
+8.0	CntwCrd	46 5/16	+1/16
+2.8	CousPr	30 1/16	-1/16
+3.1	Covance	20 1/2	...
+21.7	CoxCm	u48 3/4	-1/16
+22.2	Crane Co	53	+1/16
-10.2	CresRE	35 3/16	-3/16
-.8	Crestar	56 9/16	-1 1/16
-1.3	CrimiMa	14 13/16	-1/16
+11.6	CrmpKnl	29 9/16	+3/16
+10.5	CrosTbr s	18 1/16	-11/16
+5.4	CrosTim	17 1/16	-1/16
+12.1	CrwnArn	10 7/16	...
+3.4	CwnCork	s51 1/16	-3/16
+2.3	CwnCrk pf	47 7/8	-13/16
+14.9	CullgnWtr	57 3/16	-3/16
-4.7	CumEng	56 5/16	+1 1/16
+13.4	CypSem	9 1/2	-1/16
+8.9	Cyprus	16 3/4	-5/16
	D-E-F		
	DDL Elc	3/16	-1/16
-6.9	DPL s	17 5/16	+1/16
-8.9	DCE	32	-3/16
+9.0	DR Horton	18 5/16	...
+37.5	DSP Com	16 1/2	...
+13.2	DTE	39 1/4	-3/16
+47.2	DBenz	u106 3/8	...
2 3/16	...	...	...
-6.9	DaiSem	37 15/16	-1/16
+13.7	DanaCp	54	+1 1/16
+14.1	Danaher	72	-3/16
+32.2	Danone n	47 1/4	-3/16
+27.5	Darden	15 15/16	-1/16
-12.5	DataGn	15 1/4	-1/16
+27.0	DaytHud s	42 7/8	-3/16
-22.3	DeanFd	46 7/8	+3/16
-1.7	DebtStrt n	10 9/16	+1/16
-1.9	Deere	57 1/8	+3/16
+88.9	DeltaGn	su74 1/8	...
+21 1/16	...	...	...
+30.2	DelphiFn	57 7/16	-
1 1/16	...	...	...
+61.1	DeltPne s	49 1/16	-3/16
-3.8	DeltaAir	114 1/2	+3
+44.9	DeltaFn	19 3/8	+1/16
-1.8	Deluxe	33 7/8	-1/16
+30.4	Dept56	37 1/2	-1 3/16
-30.3	DescSA	26 1/16	-1/16
+34.2	DeutTel	25	-1/16
+8.2	DevlOv	40 5/16	-1/16
+26.4	Diageo n	47 7/8	-2
+16.5	Dial	24 1/4	-1/16
+7.8	DiaOffs s	51 7/16	-1 1/16
-14.9	Diebold	43 1/16	+1/16
+60.4	Digital	59 9/16	+7/16
+7.1	Dillards	37 3/4	...
1 7/16	...	...	...
-2.7	DimeBcp	29 7/16	-13/16
-46.7	Dimon	14	-1/16
+20.4	Disney	119 3/16	-5
-1.6	Dole	45	-1 1/16
+35.3	DollarG s	39 1/4	...
+4.0	DollarTh n	21 1/16	...
-8.5	DomRes	38 15/16	-1/16
+18.0	DonLu	92 1/4	-1 1/16
+27.2	DKaran	16 3/8	+1 1/16
+18.6	Donlley	44 3/16	-3/16
+8.0	Dover s	39	-1/16
-4.4	DowCh	97 1/16	-13/16
-10.2	Dowlns	48 3/16	+1/16
-1.1	Dravo	10 7/8	+1/16
+23.8	Dressr	51 15/16	-1 1/16
	DryHYSt n	15	...
-9.8	DrSmtt	9 13/16	+1/16
+22.8	DuPont s	73 1/4	-2
-.6	DuffUtil	10 1/16	...
+2.8	DukeEngy	s56 1/16	-1/16
-2.3	DukeRlt	s23 1/16	-3/16
+10.5	DunBrd	34 3/16	-3/16
+4.4	Dynatech	s48 1/16	+1/16
-13.7	DynexC	11 7/16	...
-41.8	EAInds	4 1/16	...
-.7	EEX Cp	9	-3/16
+41.7	EGG	29½	-1/16
+57.9	EMC s	43 5/16	-1/16
+3.6	EVI Inc	53 7/16	-1
+10.6	Earthgr s	u52	...
+1 1/16	...	...	...
-4.5	EastUtil	25 1/16	-1/16
-9.0	Eastgrp	19 11/16	-1/16
+14.6	EastChm	68 1/4	-1/16
+18.6	EKodak	71 15/16	-1 1/16
+1.1	Eaton	90 1/4	+1 1/16
+36.2	Echlin	48 15/16	+1 3/16
+14.0	Ecolab s	31 9/16	+1/16
+5.3	Edwards s	41 7/8	-9/16
+12.9	EKCO	8 1/4	+3/16
+10.2	ElPasNG s	36 5/16	+1/16
-23.0	Elan	62 15/16	+3/16
+15.1	Elcor s	27 7/16	-3/16
-11.1	ElderTrn	16 1/2	+1/16
-16.5	EDS	36 11/16	-3/16
+12.3	ElfAquit	65 15/16	-3/16
-1.7	ElfOv pfB	25 1/16	-
1 1/16	...	...	...
-6.3	Elscint	7 1/2	-1/16
+4.5	EAndinA	2 1/16	-1/16
-2.7	EmgMkt	11 7/16	-3/16
+12.1	EmrsnEl	63 1/4	-1 1/16
+5.7	EmpDist	20 3/16	-1/16
-3.2	EEIChile	17 1/16	-3/16
-26.2	Empica	12 1/16	...
+30.2	Endesa s	23 11/16	-5/16
+20.1	EngyEast	42 5/16	+1/16
-.8	Enersis	28 15/16	+1/16
+23.7	EnglCp	21 1/2	-1/16
+26.9	Enron	52 3/16	+1/16
...	EnrLLC pf	25 1/16	+1/16
+5.0	EnrnOG	22 1/16	-1/16
-16.0	ENSCO s	28 1/16	-1 3/16
-14.4	Entergy	25 5/16	...
-2.9	EottEng	16 5/16	+3/16
+4.8	Equifax	37 1/16	+1/16
+30.7	EqtCos	65	...
+6.2	EquityCp	24 9/16	-3/16
+1.3	Eqtylnn	14 15/16	+1/16
-11.3	EqOffPT n	28	+1/16
-2.7	EqtyRsd	49 3/16	+1/16
+23.7	EsprSan	25 1/16	+1/16
-5.2	EssexPT	33 3/16	+3/16
+35.2	EthanAl s	52 1/16	+1/16
-4.9	Ethyl	7 5/16	+5/16
+47.6	EurWtFd	s20 15/16	-3/16
-2.6	EverestRe	s40 3/16	-3/16
+56.5	ExcelCm	22 11/16	+1/16
-5.9	ExcRisk	65 11/16	+1 1/16
+17.5	Exel	74 7/16	-3/16
-28.3	ExideCp	18 9/16	-1/16
+11.1	ExtStayA	13 13/16	-1/16
+19.7	**Exxon**	**73 1/4**	-
1 9/16	...	...	...
+7.0	FDX Corp	65 5/16	-3/16
+12.9	FMC	76	-3/16
+1.5	FPL Gp	60 1/16	-3/16
+19.7	FahnVin	20 7/16	+1/16
-18.6	FairCp	20 1/4	-1/16
+1.4	FairCmt	s22 5/16	-1/16
+29.9	FamDlr s	19	+1/16
+2.0	FanniMae	s83 1/16	-7/16
+58.4	Farah	8 13/16	+1/16
-17.0	Fedders	5 3/16	-1/16
+55.6	FedMog	63	-1 3/16
-1.7	FedRlty	25 5/16	+1/16
+4.6	FedSignl	22 5/16	+11/16
+18.3	FedrDS	50 15/16	-1/16
-1.1	FelCor	35 1/16	-3/16
+18.8	Ferro s	28 7/16	-3/16
+55.9	Fiat	23	+1/16
-9.0	FibrMrk	19 9/16	+1/16
+21.1	FidelFin	37 11/16	-1/16
-2.2	FilaHold	19 5/16	-7/16
+36.5	Fingerht	29 3/16	-5/16
+18.9	Finova s	59 1/16	+3/16
-2.8	FstBrnd	26 3/16	+1/16
+5.8	FChiNBD	88 5/16	-

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YTD	Name	Last	Chg
	A		
+5.6	ACnsult n	11¼	+1⅛
+75.2	ACT Net	12⅝	+⅜
+9.8	ACTV	1¹⁵⁄₁₆	-1/32
-29.6	ADC Tel	29⅜	+⅝
+82.5	ADM Tr	⅝	+1/32
-21.3	APACT	10⅛	-1⅛
+34.1	ASA Hold	38⅛	-⅛
+28.6	ASM Lith	u86⅝	+1⅝
...	ATG Inc n	8¹⁵⁄₁₆	...
+130.7	ATL PhAn	u2-⅛	+15/16
+3.1	ATMI Inc	25	-⅛
-34.0	Abacan	1½	-1/32
+135.8	AbleTel	16	+⅝
-32.2	Abraxas	10	-⅛
+137.5	AcaciaR n	u19	+⅝
-14.3	AccentS	⅜	-1/32
+117.2	Acclaim	7⅞	+⅛
-14.3	Accom	1⅛	...
+6.4	Actel	13 7/16	-1⅝
-19.1	ActPerf	30⅝	-⅛
+6.6	AdaxLb	21½	+⅝
-48.5	Adaptec	19⅛	-⅛
+20.8	AdobeSy	49 15⁄16	+⅝
-28.6	AdrianR	⅝	...
-3.6	Adtran	26½	-⅛
+97.6	AdvA&S n	5½	+⅜
+36.5	AdvPCm	39⅜	-⅛
-3.1	AdvRtlC	15⅜	...
-28.3	AdvTiss	8⅞	...
-22.2	AdvantB	19⅜	-⅛
+.5	Advnta lt	18 7/32	+1/32
+18.5	Agouron s	34 15⁄16	-1 3/16
-16.1	AgriBio	14½	+⅝
-7.6	AirExp s	26⅝	-⅜
+117.2	AirTran	8¹¹⁄₁₆	-⅛
+21.0	Akzo	105⅛	-
2 ⅛			
+12.6	AlarisMed	5½	+⅛
+18.2	Alkerm	23½	-⅛
+14.5	AldWste	26 11⁄16	+⅝
+211.8	AlpMic	3⅛	-⅜
-6.0	AlphaBta	2⅞	+⅜
+100.0	Alpnet	u4⅛	+⅛
+79.1	AltaGld	2 19⁄32	+3/32
+29.1	Altera	42¾	-⅞
+51.0	Amazon n	91	+⅝
+158.1	AEagleO s	60	-2
-31.8	AmerEco	7⅝	+1/16
-19.4	AmIntPt	2 29/32	-1/32
-14.1	AmJocol	13¾	-⅛
+31.2	APwrConv	31-1⅛	
+5.8	Amgen	57⅛	-⅞
-7.5	AmkorT n	12⅝	-⅝
	Amresco n	14⅜	
+19.0	Amresco	36	-1 15/32
+3.4	Amylin	5⅝	...
+13.2	Anacmp	u17 11⁄16	+1⅛
-45.6	Anadigc	16⅜	-3/32
-8.9	Andrew	21⅞	+⅛
+.3	AnntyLfe n	22 13⁄16	-1⅛
+17.2	Ansec	18⅝	-⅛
+13.2	Apertus	1 11⁄32	+19/32
+2.6	ApolloG s	32⅜	+⅞
-34.8	ApprITch	¹⁵⁄₃₂	-1/32
+130.0	AppleC	u30	+⅛
+13.8	AppISou	14⅝	-⅛
+37.4	Applebee	24⅝	-⅛
-13.7	AppGrph	45⅝	-⅝
+19.8	ApldMat s	36⅛	-⅜
-62.6	Aquagnx	2⅜	-1/32
-6.1	Arakis	1⅝	+⅛
+.8	AriVasc s	32⅜	-1⅛
-8.0	Artasyn	20⅞	-⅞
-10.1	ArtisanC n	16⅛	-⅜
+72.2	Ascend	42⅛	-1⅛
-8.3	AspecT n	13⅛	+1/16
+35.0	AspectTel	28⅝	+⅛
+48.2	AspenEg	u50¾	½
+5.2	AstorieF	56¹⁵⁄₁₆	-⅛
+.6	AsystTch s	21⅞	-1/16
+51.7	AtHome n	u38⅛	+1½
+2.4	Atmel	19	-⅛
-2.9	AuraSy	3 ⅛	...
-31.3	Auspex	6⅞	-⅛
+28.7	Autodesk	47⅜	-⅛
+51.5	Avanti	25⅜	-⅜
+84.5	AvidTch	44	+1⅛
+18.9	Aware	12⅜	+⅜
+58.4	AxentT	27½	+⅛
-5.2	AxysPhrm	7⅝	-1/32
+10.5	BEA Sys	18⅛	-2⅛
+32.6	BMC Soft	87	-2 9/16
-19.4	BPI Pkg	²⁹⁄₃₂	-1/32
+26.7	Baan s	41 15⁄16	-
1 15⁄16			
+111.1	BakerJ	11⅞	+1/16
+9.1	BncGalic	23⅞	-⅜
+208.5	BanyanSy	9½	-⅜
-44.2	BeTnA	5⅜	+1/32
+32.8	BedBath	51⅛	+2⅝
+14.5	Beringer n	43½	-⅛
+19.8	BioPharm	25	-⅛
-50.0	Biostri	³⁄₃₂	+1/32
+22.7	Biogen	44⅝	+⅞
+8.8	Biomet	27⅞	-⅞
-19.8	BioToG	8⅛	-⅛
-48.0	Biotime s	9⅞	+⅛
+2.5	BlackBx	36¼	+⅛
-7.1	BobEvn	20 9⁄16	+1/32
-9.5	BocaRs	4¾	+1/32
+30.8	Borlnd	9 9⁄16	-⅛
-28.2	BostChk	4⅛	+3/32
+83.6	BstfTSci	4 3⁄16	+9/32
+450.0	BostRs wt	u1½	+9⅝
+12.5	BradPhrm	3⅛	+⅛
-35.3	BrasseleG	½	+1/64
+44.1	Brightpt s	20	+⅛
+18.3	BrioTech nu	15¾	+⅜
+161.5	BroadVis	17	-⅜
-32.2	BrodSft	17⅜	-⅛
+40.6	BrookdleL	24⅛	-⅜
+1.9	BrownTom	19⅝	-⅛
-75.0	BrushCrk	⅛	-1/32
+58.7	Buffets	u14⅞	-3/32
+41.5	BurrBrn s	30⅛	+⅜
+71.1	BusnObj	17¾	-⅞
+39.5	C-CUBE	22⅜	-⅛
+17.3	CBT Gp s	48¼	-1
+9.8	CCC Info	21 11⁄32	-1 3/16
-7.0	CDW Cpt	48½	-⅛
+17.3	CDnow n	26 15⁄16	-1 1/16
+68.8	CFI Mfg n	13½	+1⅜
+33.6	CHS El s	22⅞	+⅜
+225.4	CMG Inf	98 7⁄32	-⅝
+28.6	CNET	38	+1
-29.0	CNS	4¾	...
+72.5	Caere	14⅞	-⅛
+1.8	Caliber n	u17⅝	-1⅛
+26.5	CalAmp	21½	-⅛
+13.7	CambHrt	u10⅜	-1⅜
-18.4	CambNe	3½	-1/32
+21.6	CambTch	50⅝	-1⅛
-52.9	Canmax	½	-3/32
+75.7	CasMagic	2½	...
-98.2	Casmyn n	½	...
+48.2	CathStr	u10⅜	+3⅛
-35.8	CellegyPh	5⅜	+⅛
-70.9	CellexB	½	...
+54.7	Cellstar s	30⅛	+7⅛
+24.1	Centocor	41⅛	+⅜
+16.1	CEurMda	29⅜	+⅛
+19.0	CenGardn	31¼	-⅛
+144.4	CentraBs	2⅜	+⅛
+23.1	CntyBc	22	-⅛
+3.6	CentBusn	17⅞	-⅜
+10.4	Cephln	12 9⁄16	-⅛
1 15⁄16			
+32.8	Cernet	28½	-1
+19.1	CharonMd s	43⅜	-⅛
+5.3	ChmSh	4¼	+⅛
+8.5	ChtOne	68½	-1⅛
-29.5	ChkPnt n	29⅝	-⅛
+32.1	Checkers	1⅛	-1/16
-8.3	ChkFree	24⅛	-⅛
+58.3	Chicos	u10⅝	-⅛
+13.6	Chiron	19½	-⅛
+51.9	ChromCS	15⅜	+⅝
-54.5	Cidco	8⅞	-⅛
-11.9	CienaCp	53⅛	-⅛
+16.7	Cintas s	45½	-⅛
+18.5	Ciprico	13⅝	-⅛
-.6	Cirrus	10⅝	-⅛
+35.2	Cisco s	75⅛	-⅝
+18.9	CitrixSy s	59¼	-⅛
+14.5	ClareTch	21⅜	-⅜
+12.6	Clarify	13½	-1/32
-25.0	ClayEng	11¼	-⅜
+9.2	CloseMed	28⅛	-½
+32.6	Cohernt s	23⅝	+⅝
-26.0	CohoEn	6⅜	-⅜
-40.0	Colossal n	⅜	+1/16
+18.1	Comair s	28-1 7/16	
+10.6	Comcast	35¼	-⅜
+13.7	Comc sp	35⅞	-⅜
+51.0	CmdtUK	u14¼	+⅜
-60.6	CmndSys n	5⅜	-⅜
-16.7	Comintel	1 3/32	+1/32
-36.8	CompDnt	12⅝	...
+31.0	CmpBusi s	28½	-2
-6.8	CmpDwn n	8¼	+⅛
-25.3	CmpuMed	1¹⁵⁄₁₆	+⅜
-10.8	Cmpcm	7⅛	+⅛
+34.4	CptCone	62 3/32	+7/32
-21.2	CmptHz s	35⅞	+⅜
-46.9	CptrLrn s	18¼	...
+2 9/16			
+35.2	Compwr s	43 11⁄16	-2 1/16
+35.4	Comshr	8¼	+1⅛
+16.7	Comvers	45½	-1 1/16
-11.1	ConcMngd	30	-⅛
+30.7	CncEFS	32½	+½
+73.3	ConcCm	4⅛	+1/32
-23.0	Connect s	3¼	-1/16
-75.0	ConHCre	¹⁵⁄₃₂	...
+11.9	Copart	20	-⅜
+5.4	Copytele	3 11⁄16	+3/32
-19.4	CorTher	16⅛	...
+62.3	CoreLab s	29⅜	+1⅛
-15.0	CorpEsp	10⅞	+⅝
+23.5	Costco	55⅛	-1/16
-3.4	CostEner	10½	+⅛
-32.2	Cott Cp	d5²⁵⁄₃₂	-1/16
-2.5	Coventry	14⅞	+1/16
+5.1	CrkrBrl	35 1/16	-11/32
-2.5	CrBioMol	7⅜	-1/16
-14.5	CreTeLtd	18¹⁵⁄₁₆	-1 1/16
-11.8	CredSys	26⅛	-1
-5.9	Crossmn s	26	+⅛
-60.8	CwnBk	d2½	-1
-31.9	CrySys	17⅜	-⅝
-2.2	CubistPh	5 11⁄16	+1/16
+2.1	CurHith	31	+⅜
+58.6	CyberCsh	20⅛	-⅝
-45.2	CyberMd	8¼	-⅛
+146.7	CyberGrd	13⅞	-⅜
+41.0	Cyberonic	21½	-⅛
+56.4	CybrShp n	13 11⁄16	+2⅜
+44.6	Cymer s	21 11⁄16	-⅝
+106.5	CyprBio	23½	-1⅛
-21.2	Cytogn	1 9⁄32	-1/32
-25.1	Cytyc	18⅝	+1⅛
	D E F		
+185.7	DGJewl n	5	+⅛
-18.8	Dll Grp s	22½	-⅛
-25.0	DSC	18	-1/16
-27.1	DSET Cp	nd14⅝	-11/16
	DUSA	11½	-1 1/16
+49.6	Daisytk s	26	+⅜
+31.8	Danka	21	-⅛
-43.4	DaouSys	17 11⁄16	+11/16
+60.0	DtBdcst	7⅞	+⅛
-6.2	DtaDmn	16 9⁄16	+⅜
-18.3	Data IO	5⅛	-⅛
+.8	DtaWks	20	+⅜
+33.8	Datatec	5 15⁄16	+⅛
-41.4	Davox s	19⅛	-⅜
+19.7	Dawson	18⅛	+⅛
-28.1	DawsnP	12½	-⅛
+28.9	DBeer	25 15⁄16	-1/16
+23.4	DeepTech	14 3/16	...
+106.3	DellCmpr s	96⅝	-1⅛
+20.0	Delphf	11⅛	+9/32
-18.4	DiagHlt	9⅞	+⅜
+50.8	Diametrc	8⅝	+⅛
+7.7	Diamnd	9 9⁄16	-⅛
+6.7	Dianon	10	...
+270.0	DigData	2⅝	+3/16
-24.1	DigMic s	11	-1/16
-20.4	Diplomat	3 15⁄32	+1/32
-32.2	Discreet	14⅞	-⅞
-.8	DrSolom	32	+1⅛
+30.5	DlrTree s	54	+⅜
+49.8	DbleClck	n40	-1/16
-4.1	Draxis g	2⅝	...
-45.0	DuraPh	25⅛	-⅛
+11.0	Duramed	6⅝	+⅛
+104.2	DurbanRo	3½	-⅛
-55.6	Dynagn	⅝	+3/16
-42.9	DynHlth	d1¾	-1/16
+3.5	ETrade	23 15⁄16	-⅝
+36.6	e.spire	17½	-⅜
+23.8	ECI Tel	31 9⁄16	+1/16
-11.2	EPL Tch	10⅞	-⅞
-18.7	ESCMed	31½	-½
+.5	ESG Re n	23⅝	-2
-18.9	ESSTech n	8 5⁄32	-1/16
+148.5	Ethnlnk n	64	-4½
-44.8	EthShld n	d13	-⅝
+77.4	Ecogen	3 7/16	+⅝
+44.2	Egghead	9⅜	-⅛
+40.2	800 Trav n	8½	-⅛
+236.4	800 Trv wt	2⅝	+⅛
-28.6	Elcom n	5	-½
+72.0	ElderBr n	28⅜	-⅞
+151.2	ElectGas	u3⅜	-⅛
+18.3	ElcArt	44⅜	-½
-70.1	ElecCom	⅝	+1/32
+38.3	EFII	23	+1⅛
-65.8	Elctarc	⅛	-1/32
+235.7	Elegtl	1 15⁄32	+15/32
+13.3	ElronEl	18½	+1⅛
+1.8	EmmisBd	46⅜	-1⅞
+22.5	EmplySl	5 9⁄32	+⅛
-6.8	Enamelin	12	+⅛
-44.2	Endsonc	6	-⅜
+192.3	EntreMd	33½	
+1 15⁄16			
+34.3	Envoy	89⅛	-⅞
+.4	ErgoSci	15 5⁄16	-1 7/16
-64.0	ErgoBit	3⅜	-1⅛
+44.4	EricTel	53⅞	-⅜
-3.2	EtecSys	45	-1½
+13.6	EuroCr	25⅞	+1/32
+378.9	Euroweb	1⅝	-3/32
+121.3	Excite n	66⅜	-1
+27.8	ExdsCm n	35⅛	-⅞
+14.0	ExpoInt	43⅞	+1
-36.6	FPA Md	11 15⁄16	+3/16
+38.9	FTP Sft	3⅛	+⅛
+36.5	FamGolf s	28½	+⅞
-21.1	FastCm	17⅜	-19/32
-7.1	FfthThrd s	50⅝	-1/16
+79.3	FlaNet	54	-
1⅛			
+87.6	FlexLine	24⅝	-⅛
-24.1	FlstFin s	d13 9⁄16	-⅜
-6.0	FlstTm s	4⅝	-⅛
+16.4	FCmosC	78¼	-1⅛
+18.3	FstHlth	60½	+2⅛
-16.1	FSecCp s	23⅝	-11/16
-.4	FstTenn s	33⅛	-⅜
+.8	FstVirtu n	15⅜	-⅜
-47.9	FstVrtl n	1⅝	...
+62.9	Foamex	16⅝	-⅝
+17.6	FocusEn	3⅜	-⅛
-67.8	Focus wt	1/32	-1/16
+88.0	FontixCp	5⅞	...
+22.0	FdLioB	10¼	-⅛
+19.6	FdLioA	10	-⅛
+47.6	ForeSys	22½	-1 1/16
+27.8	Forward s	27⅝	-1⅛
+15.8	Fossil s	18¼	+⅛
+68.3	4Health n	8¾	+2½
+33.5	FGoldmn s	39⅞	-1⅛
+9.7	FrozenFd	9⅝	-1/16
	G H I		
-5.5	G&K	39 11⁄16	-⅛
+5.3	GTBiotc n	6⅝	+1/16
+52.5	GT Interac	9 3/32	-1/32
+16.7	Gadzooks	24½	+⅛
-16.8	Gartner	31	-1⅛
+73.8	Gemstr	u42⅜	-⅝
+809.1	GMagic	12½	-⅛
+2.6	GenNutr	34⅝	+⅛
-5.9	GeneTie n	30	-⅛
-12.4	Gensia	5 3/32	+1/32
+16.6	Gentex	31⅞	+⅛
-53.3	Genus	1⅝	+1/16
+.8	Genzym	30 1/16	+1/32
-67.3	GeoTk	½	...
-49.4	Geoworks	4⅞	+⅛
+84.6	Glenayre	16 1/16	-1/16
+32.0	Globlnd s	22 7/16	-
1 11⁄16			
+68.4	GlbTlcn	46	-½
-15.4	GlbVilag	1 15⁄32	-1/32
+37.9	Globalstr s	67⅜	-1⅛
+1.2	GoldBks	10 7⁄16	...
-4.7	GoldStBc wt	d6 3⁄16	-3/16
-42.9	GolfTSy	⅛	...
-88.2	GrndUn n	¼	-1/32
+17.5	Gulfisland	23½	+⅛
-33.8	Gymboree	d18¼	-⅛
+19.5	HBO s	57⅜	-3/16
...	HMTTch	13	-1/16
-15.4	HNC Sft	36⅛	-1⅜
-11.5	HUBCO	34⅝	...
+31.6	Harbngr	37	-⅛
+56.3	HarmLgt	17	-⅜
-37.5	HarvRest	15/32	-1/32
+25.0	HarveyE	12½	-⅛
-67.2	HayesCp	4⅛	-⅛
+118.7	Headway	9½	-⅛
+91.6	HlthMSys	11⅜	-⅛
+57.6	HltCrlm	1⅝	-1/32
-19.1	HlthcrRc n	18	-⅝
+13.0	HrstArT n	33⅝	+½
-50.0	Heartprt	10⅜	+⅝
-10.3	Hehst s	41 15⁄16	-⅛
+23.3	HelenTr s	19⅞	-1½
-.6	HelixTch s	19⅜	-⅛
+13.0	HiPlains	3¼	+1/16
+142.0	HllsEden n	15⅛	+⅛
+2.9	HlywdE	10 15⁄16	-⅜
-65.1	HmeHlth n	3⅜	+1/16
-70.3	HmecmC	4⅝	-⅜
-1.7	HrznOff n	14⅞	+⅛
-7.5	HuntBnk	33 1/16	-⅜
-20.6	HrrcneH n	6⅜	-1/16
+39.4	HutchT	30½	-1/16
-30.8	HvideM	17⅝	-⅛
+9.4	HypTele n	19	+⅝
+2.0	I-Link	6¼	-⅛
-21.7	I-STAT	12⅜	+1/16
+51.7	ICC Ind	22	-⅛
...	LaTeko	⅜	...
-.9	LamRsch	29	-1⅛
-20.4	Lance	20 5⁄16	+⅝
+8.2	Landrys	25⅛	+⅜
+9.2	Larscom	10⅜	+1/16
+39.9	Lason	37⅛	+⅞
-.5	Lattice	47⅛	-⅝
+131.2	LmHaus s	53⅜	-4⅛
+76.8	LatsTalk n	18⅛	...
-19.4	Level3 n	59⅝	-
1 11⁄16			
+66.2	LevelOne s	31⅛	-⅛
-39.2	Lightbrd n	11⅛	-⅞
+48.4	Lincare	84 9⁄16	-⅞
+32.6	LinearT	76⅛	-1
+81.3	Logic n	15⅜	+⅞
+18.8	LneSStx	20 25⁄32	+⅜
+62.1	Loronix	2⅜	+⅛
+48.6	Lycos	61 9⁄16	-2⅜
	M N O		
+15.5	MCI	49 7⁄16	+1/32
-10.3	MDSI g	16⅝	-⅛
+58.8	MMC Nt n	27+1 7⁄16	
+8.1	MRV Cm	25⅝	-⅛
+16.3	MVSI n	7⅛	-⅛
+23.3	MacroCh	11⅛	-3/16
+98.5	Macrmdia	u16⅞	-1⅛
+36.4	Madden	10⅝	+1/16
+72.6	MadgeNt	6 11⁄16	-1/16
-3.9	MagPhr	7⅜	+⅛
-10.3	MarkAssc	nd19⅝	-2⅛
+25.6	Manugist s	56 1/16	-3 1/16
+11.4	MarDri	23⅛	-⅜
+383.3	MktGde	12 11⁄16	
+2 1/16			
+53.0	Martek	12⅝	-⅛
+48.8	Mastech s	23⅝	-⅜
+45.5	Mathsft	4	+⅛
-24.4	MatrixH n	4⅛	-⅛
-36.8	MavTube s	16⅛	-⅞
+6.7	Maxim s	36 15⁄16	-1⅞
+41.8	McLeod	45⅝	-1 7/16
+63.1	McMoRn	5⅛	+⅛
-7.5	Meckim	23	-1
+21.2	Medaph	7⅞	-⅞
+35.7	Medarex	7⅛	+⅜
+12.5	MedindA	11⅛	-⅜
-19.6	Medicis	41⅛	-½
+33.1	MedQst s	46⅛	+1⅝
+13.6	MemoSI	23	-5/16
+9.7	MentGr	10⅝	+9/32
+42.1	Mercntac	38	-2⅛
+46.0	MerldDta	5⅜	-⅛
+26.0	MertMid	7⅞	-⅛
+67.1	MesaAir	8⅛	+3/16
	MetaCreat	11⅛	-1⅛
+8.6	Metalcld	1⅜	+3/32
+28.3	Metamor	34	-⅛
+91.7	MtrmdF n	31⅞	-1⅝
+22.1	MichF	29⅜	+⅛
+.3	MichStr	29 11⁄32	-⅜
-5.4	MicFocu	38⅜	-1⅛
+18.4	MicroWre	16½	+½
+2.1	MicroAge	15⅜	-5/32
+.4	Microchp	30⅛	-1¼
+2.8	MicroPh	9¼	+⅛
+27.9	Microfx	11⅜	-⅛
+47.9	MicronEl	13½	-⅛
+29.0	Microsft s	83⅜	-3
-13.6	Midby	6¾	-1/16
+4.7	MillerEr n	8⅜	-⅛
+8.5	MitrHer s	29⅜	-⅛
+59.1	MindSpr	53½	-2⅞
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+34.8	Mosaix	11⅞	+⅛
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+16.7	NeoRx	6⅝	+1/16
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-8.2	OakTech	5 31⁄32	+1/32
-12.7	ObjDoc	7⅛	+⅜
-1.6	OldKent s	39	-⅛
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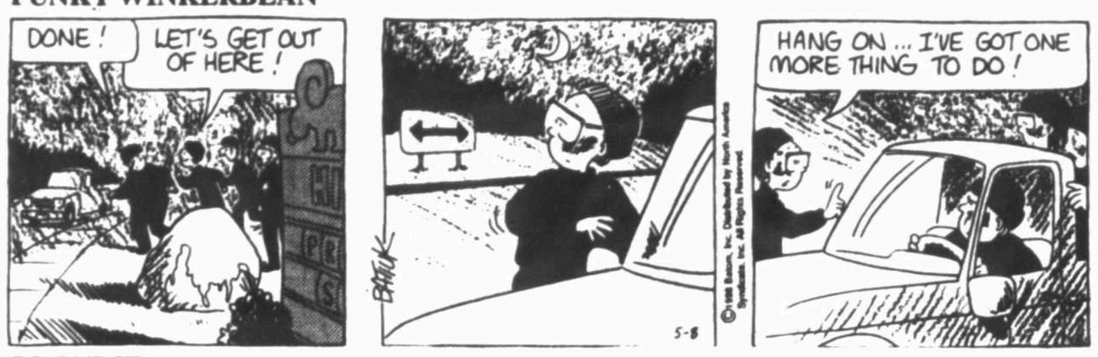
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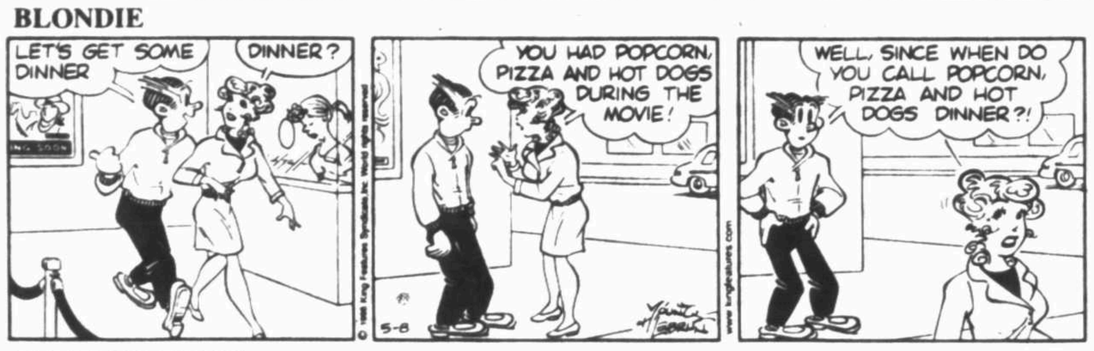
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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 1998

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, May 8, 1998:
You can transform dreams into reality. Focus on career, and develop stronger foundations. You implement your many inspired ideas. Let another play devil's advocate. Work on communications with those in charge; you could easily skip a beat. Socializing is key to your well-being. If you are single, you get exactly what you want on a deep level. If you don't like what happens, look within for answers. Expand your circle of friends, and broaden your horizons. If attached, the two of you chase a rainbow or two, but you have a great time together. Create something you both desire. LIBRA anchors you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Defer to others, keeping your limits in mind. A friend provokes your imagination. Be direct about your thoughts. Popularity peaks; your phone rings, and others knock on your door. Fortunately, you are heading into the weekend! Tonight: Wherever you are, there will be a party.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ More is being said than what the actual words mean. Look at expressions and innuendo, and by all means read between the lines. Investigate what you want professionally. Examine long-term goals with a boss who has been sympathetic. Tonight: Get lots of rest.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Your creativity is high, and you see no end to what is possible. Return calls, and open up to new options. Someone dangles an adventure in front of you. Take a risk, and go for what you want. Let your imagination lead you down the trail you choose. Tonight: Dance to a new tune.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ A partner has a wonderful idea, and you join in. Even though you examine the implications, you feel carefree. Enhance financial security, and increase the value of your residence. Spend time with your accountant before making any commitments. Tonight: Happy at home.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Someone wants to pique your imagination, and does an excellent job of it. Reach out for a friend, and touch base with loved ones. Discussions are animated and intriguing. Take a walk on the wild side. Be free, and help someone loosen up. Tonight: It all happens.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ Be more open about what is happening financially. Someone runs circles around you. A premonition you have at work could be important. Also, check out a project, and follow up on details. Be equally careful with funds. Tonight: Count dollar signs instead of sheep.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ You love to love, and right now, that is what you do well. Stay in contact with your long-term needs. Examine what you want from a love relationship. Keep your needs in focus. Someone would love to lead you astray. Tonight: Magic happens.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Stand back, pinch yourself and check out what is going on. A loved one is intentionally adding confusion and illusion. You might be having a difficult time seeing what is true for you. In your mind and heart, you know which way to go. Tonight: Get a good night's sleep.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Stay connected with your feelings. You give off strong vibes. Use them, create with them and visualize. Nothing is impossible unless you decide that it is. Bring friends together, and make time for important meetings. You are on the path to victory. Tonight: TGIF!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Others trust your judgment, especially with money. However, your special guidance system could backfire. Be open about the origin of your ideas. Schedule a meeting, and establish better understanding at the office. Tonight: It's a struggle to leave work.

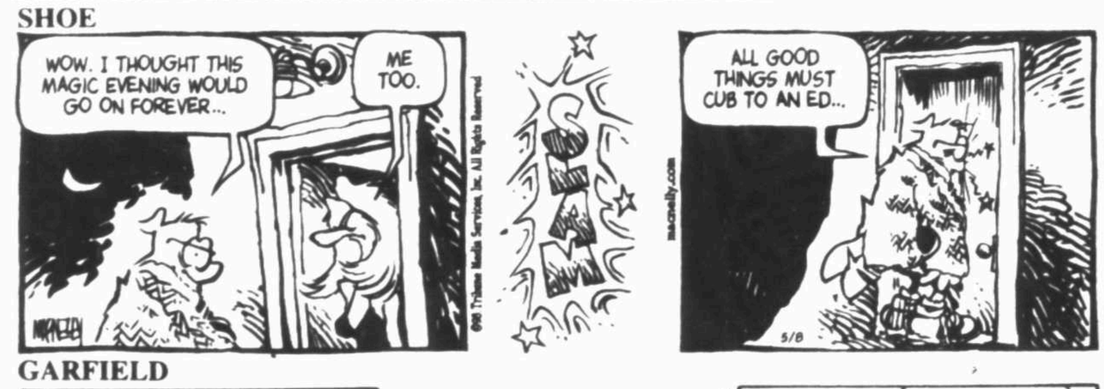
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Express those hidden dreams. By talking about them, you let others suggest fresh paths to these special hopes. Someone clearly finds you enchanting. Make plans for a weekend away or perhaps a drive to the country. Don't forget that important call! Tonight: Take off ASAP.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Talk about what is on your mind. An associate helps you clear up confusion. You have unrealistic expectations or are overly self-critical. Read the fine print on insurance policies, and update them if necessary. Don't hesitate to seek out someone's expertise. Tonight: Dinner for two.

PEANUTS



SHOE



GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

USE YOUR AMMUNITION WISELY

Both vulnerable. North deals.

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	♡ K 10 9	
	◇ 8	
	♣ J 9 7 3	
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♡ 6 4 3		♡ A Q J 5
◇ K J 7 6 3		◇ A Q 10 9 4
♣ 2		♣ 6 4
	SOUTH	
	♠ Q 9	
	♡ 8 7 2	
	◇ 5 2	
	♣ A K Q 10 8 5	

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	2◇	3♣	3◇
4♣	Pass	5♣	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: Six of ◇

According to a famous writer, there is no such thing as a blind opening lead, only deaf opening leaders. West's choice on this deal lends credence to that theory.

The auction was routine. South gave full weight to the queen in partner's suit in electing to go on to game.

West led a low diamond, and the hand was over. East won with the ace but, since there was no way to get to the West hand for a heart lead through North's king, declarer could not be prevented from scoring six club tricks and five spades. Indeed, if East did not cash the ace of hearts immediately, declarer would have scored an overtrick.

No one can fault West for not leading a heart. However, West should have realized that, with five-card support for partner's suit and no possible entry on the side, he would never be on lead again after the first trick. Under such circumstances, it would have been wiser to place the king of diamonds on the table in an attempt to get a second bite at the apple!

That would have worked beautifully. One look at dummy would have been enough to convince West of the necessity to switch to a heart, and two tricks in that suit would have sunk the contract before South even had a chance to get going.

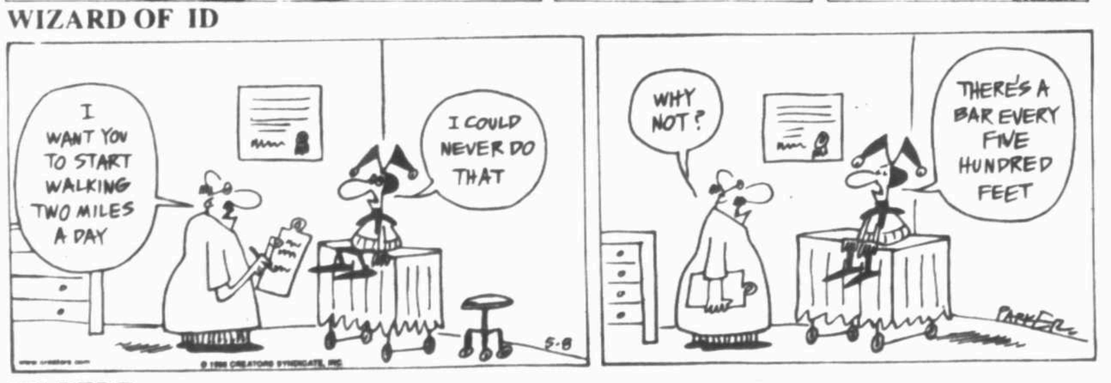
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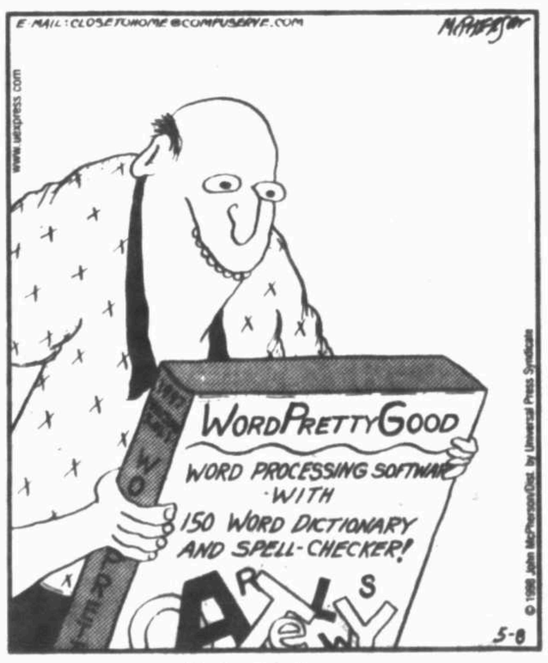


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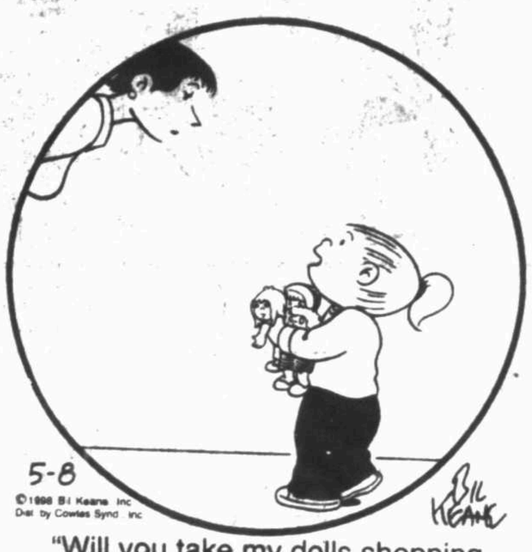
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ANDY CAPP



FAMILY CIRCUS



"Will you take my dolls shopping so they can get me something for Mother's Day?"

DENNIS THE MENACE



"YOU SAY THE BEST THINGS IN LIFE ARE FREE, BUT GUMBALLS STILL COST A NICKEL."

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

FRIDAY EVENING — May 8, 1998 — For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	O	C	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	2	3	News 601	Wheel of Fortune	Sabrina, Witch	Boy Meets World	Sabrina, Witch	Boy Meets World	20/20 1779		News 50224	Cheers 69972	Nightline 3381	Politically Incorrect
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	T... X-Files: Kill Switch 22798		Millennium (Part 1 of 2) 61446		Soldier of Fortune, Inc. 41682		Home Improvement	Mad About You	Vibe 61682	
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 5779	Grace Under Fir	Kid's Say/Things 484605		The Wizard of Oz (G, '39) **** (Judy Garland, Ray Bolger)				News 7547799	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)	Married ... Children	
(9) KWES	9	9	News 8601	Seinfeld 9953	Storm of the Century 10156 (TVG)		Dateline NBC 96576		Homicide: Life on the Street 91840 (TV14)		News 8401243	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)	Late Night Conan	
(12) KMLM	42	12	Joe Good	J. Hagee	Prime Time Roundup 5101069									
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 802953		Washington Week	Wall St/Rukeyser	McLaughlin Group	TechnoPolitics	Cadillac Desert: Mulholland's Dream (Part 1 of 4) 923885 (TVPG)			Telecourse 178408	Off the Air	
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(8) CNBC		8	Business Center	Equal Time W/Ray	Hardball With Chris Matthews 3864392		Rivera Live 3873040		The News With Brian Williams 3860576		Charles Grodin 3863663		Rivera Live 2551953	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Coach 771205	Dances With Wolves (Part 1) (PG-13, '90) **** (Kevin Costner, Mary McDonnell) 592779				News 223243		Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Oakland A's 137069			
(11) WTBS		11	Andy Griffith	Baseball: San Diego Padres at Atlanta Braves 715446							The Man (PG-13, '92) ** (Sean Connery, Lorraine Bracco)			
(14) FAM		14	Hollywood's Private Home Movies 631427		Rescue 911 276514 (TVPG)		Diagnosis Murder 252934 (TVPG)		Hawaii Five-0: The Reunion 272798 (TVPG)		The 700 Club 275885		Bonanza 874205 (TVG)	
(24) BRAV		24	Europa Concert		Vanya on 42nd Street (PG, '94) *** 9246972				Falling From Grace (9:05) (PG-13) 21739514				Inside Actor's Studio	
(26) BET		26	Planet Groove Top 20 Video Countdown				Hit List 591156		Comicview 571392		Rap City Top 10		227	Mid. Love
(27) DISN		27	Escape to Witch Mountain ('95) ** (Erik von Detten) 722224				Hocus Pocus (PG, '93) ** (Bette Midler, Sarah Jessica Parker) 3850206		Growing Pains	Growing Pains	Walt Disney Presents 967175 (TVG)		Zorro 200392	Mickey Mouse Club
(28) CNN		28	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today		Larry King Live 823311		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Burden
(29) ESPN		29	SportsCenter (5:30)	NHL Hockey: Conference Semifinal, Game 1 513040						Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter 666088		Baseball Tonight	Strongest Man
(30) USA		30	Highlander: Color of Authority 626917 (TVPG)		Walker, Texas Ranger 849359 (TVPG)		Pure Luck (PG, '91) ** (Martin Short, Danny Glover) 609986				Cool World (PG-13, '92) * (Kim Basinger, Gabriel Byrne) 193562			
(31) FX		31	Miami Vice 6739514		The X-Files 5903934		NYPD Blue 5912682		In Color	In Color	The X-Files 5902205		NYPD Blue 4390427	
(32) A&E		32	Law & Order: Night and Fog 444953 (TVPG)		Biography 294885 (TVPG)		Investigative Reports: Blood Money: Switzerland's Nazi Gold 274021				Law & Order: Trust 293156 (TVPG)		Biography 694021 (TVPG)	
(33) TLC		33	Vila's Home Again	Vila's Home Again	Real America: 48 Hours 528175		The Mystery of Tutankhamen 504595 (TVG)		When Pigs Ruled the World 524359 (TVG)		Real America: 48 Hours 527446		The Mystery of Tutankhamen 911021 (TVG)	
(34) NICK		34	Doug 579840	Rugrats 674232	KaBlam! 390408	Bewitched 474296	The Wonder Years	The Wonder Years	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi 723972 (TVG)	Newhart 572175	Dick Van Dyke
(36) LIFE		36	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		In the Best Interest of the Child ('90) ** 269234				Attitudes	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Mysteries
(39) OUTDR		39	Great Outdoorsmen	Trailside	Saltwater Angler	Hunting With Hank	Sportsman Journal	Blue Fly-Fishing	Pull 5404359	Georgia Outdoors	Saltwater Angler	Hunting With Hank	Sportsman Journal	Blue Fly-Fishing
(42) UNI		42	Sin Ti 97972 (TVPG)		Esmeralda 23224		Pueblo Chico, Infierno Grande 32972 (TV14)		Vicente Fernandez: Aqui El Que Manda		Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	Al Ritmo de la Noche 496088 (TV14)	
(43) HSE		43	The Last Word	Fox Sports News	Nolan Ryan Outdoors 12156		Golf: Roger Staubach Celebrity FirstPlus Invitational, Second Round 92392				Fox Sports News 11427		Fox Sports News 43175	
(44) COM		44	Absolutely Fabulous: Pilot 2689953 (TV14-DL)		Fabulous	Fabulous	Absolutely Fabulous (8:05) 7028021		Fabulous	Fabulous	Absolutely Fabulous (10:10) 1553175		Fabulous	Fabulous
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(20) DISC		20	Gimme Shelter 459865 (TVG)		Wild Discovery 209717 (TVG)		Discovery News	Storm Warning!	Raging Planet: Tornado 296901 (TVG)		Justice Files: Murder: Family Style 208088		Wild Discovery 609953 (TVG)	
(21) AMC		21	The Sun Also Rises (5:30) (57) *** 8165327				Palm Springs Weekend (7:45)			The Angry Red Planet ('59) 951330			Young Philadelphians	
(22) TNN		22	Dallas 783175		Motor Madness 849392 (TVG)						Dallas 592750		Motor Madness 581866	
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(46) HBO		46	The Year of Living Dangerously (5) 186514		Top Gun (PG, '86) *** (Tom Cruise, Kelly McGillis) 268617				Natural Enemy (R, '96) (Donald Sutherland, William McNamara) 830178		Dennis Miller Live		Breakdown (11:15) (R, '97) *** 84758427	
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PEOPLE

Kirk Douglas says tabloid era has left a mess for young to clean up

NEW YORK — Skater **Oksana Baiul** has checked into rehab for a drinking problem.

"This is a positive move for her and by her," spokesman Shelly Schultz said Thursday. "She's just focusing on her program and we're not bothering her."

The 20-year-old Baiul, who won gold at the 1994 Olympics, began treatment last week at a center founded by Alcoholics Anonymous, Schultz said. He wouldn't disclose where the center is located and said Baiul likely will remain there for a month.



Oksana Baiul is in rehab for a drinking problem.

Baiul, who tours with Champions on Ice, said earlier this year that she began drinking heavily five months before she drove off a country road in Connecticut in January 1997. She was driving close to 100 mph and pleaded no contest to a reduced charge.

The Ukrainian-born Baiul, who moved from suburban Hartford to the Boston suburbs last fall, was ordered by a judge to attend alcohol education classes and perform community service as part of her sentence.

COLUMBUS, Ohio — **Art Linkletter** was hospitalized Thursday after collapsing during a speech in front of 2,000 health-care workers.

The 85-year-old TV personality was 45 minutes into his presentation when his speech slowed and his words began to slur at the Greater Columbus Convention Center.

A photographer, **Greg Miller**, leaped onto the stage and grabbed Linkletter, preventing him from falling as he fainted. While an ambulance was called, Linkletter regained consciousness and was cheered as he was taken out of the ballroom in a wheelchair.

He was admitted to Grant Medical Center, where he was listed in good condition, said Janet Porter, a spokeswoman for Grant/Riverside Methodist Hospitals.

"Everything now looks normal, but he's staying overnight for observation," she said.

LOS ANGELES — **Kirk Douglas** took to the op-ed page of the Los Angeles Times to lament the media's focus on sex gossip.

Douglas used a conversation with son Michael Douglas to make his point in Thursday's paper:

"Dad, you took the time to travel all over the world, at your own expense, talking about democracy in America. I want to do something for my country, too," Michael said.

"Well, why don't you?"

"How?"

"Go into politics."

"Politics!" Michael laughingly responded.

"What's so funny?"

"Oh, Dad. Politics? And have them bring out that I smoked pot in college and I inhaled! And they will write about every love affair I had — or didn't have."

The elder Douglas concluded: "Our generation has certainly left a mess for our children and grandchildren to clean up. But I have faith. ... We must have hope in our children. They will overcome the tabloid era and fulfill the promise of America."

BOSTON — Forget the bare-bones acoustic guitar. **James Taylor** was backed by strings galore when he sang his new song, "Boston to Belfast," at Symphony Hall.

Taylor headlined the Boston Pops' opening night Wednesday. Earlier in the day, he and conductor Keith Lockhart fine-tuned arrangements of favorites like "Fire and Rain."

Lockhart said he was thrilled to work again with the man who wrote "the soundtrack of our lives." The two performed together at the opening of the FleetCenter in 1995.

Taylor chose the Boston Pops' season opener for the debut of the new song, which he wrote while on a trip to Belfast in March. At the rehearsal, Taylor got choked up singing the song.

Lockhart said he and his musicians were star-struck working with Taylor. "I'd look out and see these moony faces looking at him," he said. "They kept missing their entrances."

SCHREIBER, Ontario — **Bob Seger** spent his 53rd birthday here in northern Ontario, offering himself as a possible witness against a man accused of assaulting him.

But the singer wasn't called Wednesday at a hearing for Ned Basher, who pleaded guilty to the assault last June in the bar of a hotel Basher owns.

It wasn't clear what prompted the confrontation, but Basher ejected Seger from the hotel in Schreiber, about 80 miles northwest of Sault Ste. Marie, Mich.

Basher was sentenced to nine months probation, anger management counseling and ordered not to have any contact with Seger.

"Justice has been done and the police were great," Seger said.

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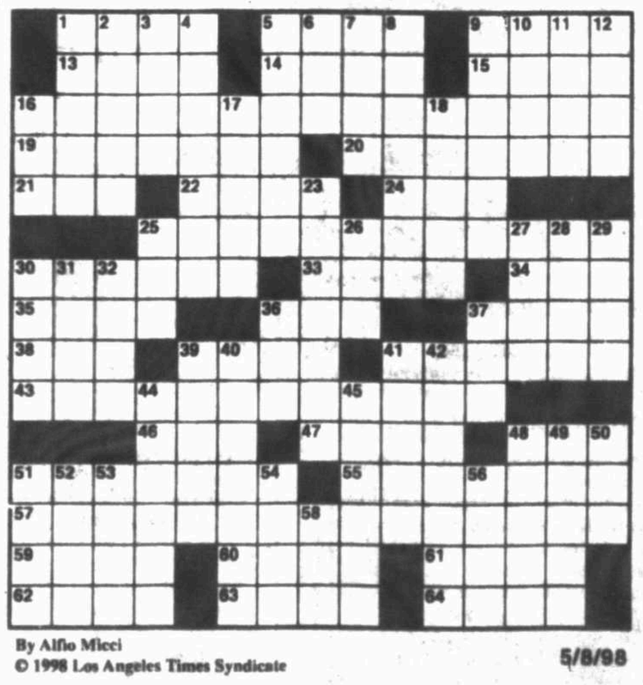
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Prices steady

NEW YORK — Crude oil was little changed after erasing last week's gains, as traders dismissed the likelihood of further production cuts from the world's biggest producers.

Speculation on Friday that the Saudi Arabian oil minister would meet with his peers from Venezuela and Mexico to discuss cuts sent prices surging. Yet a meeting among the three ministers, who in March coordinated pledges from 17 oil producers to reduce world supply by 2.3 percent, never occurred.

Now, decisions on whether to make more cuts are unlikely until after the late-June meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries, analysts said. New York futures still are 20 percent below a year ago, a sign the March cuts were not enough to eliminate a global oil surplus.

Crude oil for June delivery fell 13 cents to $15.24 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. A mid-morning rally to $15.68 a barrel was attributed to buying related to today's expiration of June crude oil options, brokers said.

June gasoline fell 0.34 cent, or 0.6 percent, to 52.19 cents a gallon on the Nymex.

OPEC's next meeting will be in Vienna on June 24. Some Middle East oil ministers will meet this weekend in Damascus, the United Arab Emirate oil minister, Obeid Al-Nasseri, said this week.

Dollar rebounds

NEW YORK — The dollar edged higher against the mark Thursday as German central bankers tried to counter recent bullishness for European currencies.

The dollar was also slightly higher against the Japanese yen, but positive sentiment for the U.S. currency was dampened by revived fears of market intervention by the Japanese central bank to support its currency.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 133.24 yen, up from 133.18 late Wednesday. The dollar bought 1.7676 marks, up from 1.7665.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Wednesday: 1.4721 Swiss francs, down from 1.4746; 5.9260 French francs, up from 5.9225; 1,742.39 Italian lire, up from 1,742.00; and 1.4371 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4383.

The British pound was quoted at $1.6491, down from $1.6596.

Rolls-Royce sold

LONDON — German automaker Volkswagen roared ahead Thursday in the race to buy Rolls-Royce Motor Cars, outbidding rival BMW's offer for the British luxury car company.

Engineering group Vickers PLC said it has agreed to sell Rolls-Royce to VW — Europe's largest automaker —for 430 million pounds ($690 million) in cash, and it recommends that shareholders approve the deal.

The new offer is 90 million pounds ($144 million) higher than the bid Vickers accepted from Bayerische Motoren Werke AG for the luxury carmaker on April 29.

Baby Bell pact

DENVER — U S West and Qwest Communications announced a marketing pact Thursday that puts the Baby Bell's foot in the door of the long-distance market and gives its new ally a better shot at 25 million customers.

Under the deal, which immediately drew fire from rivals, Qwest will pay its partner an undisclosed recruiting fee for each client in U S West's 14-state domain that chooses Qwest for long-distance service.

The bait is a flat rate of 10 cents a minute that U S West consumers who use Qwest will pay for long distance. Rates will vary for business customers according to usage.

Stock markets continue their retreat

■ Markets sink for third consecutive session.

Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — Stocks sank for a third straight session Thursday as Alan Greenspan sidestepped the debate on interest rates and inflation in a speech just one day before a pivotal economic report.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 77.97 to 8,976.68, down 215 points from Monday's record high of 9,192.66.

A big loss from Disney weighed heavily on the Dow, which recovered from several slides below 9,000 before capitulating during the final hour.

The Standard & Poor's 500 fell 9.78 to 1,095.14, and the Nasdaq composite index fell 21.54 to 1,835.14.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by nearly a 2-to-1 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled a brisk 592.05 million shares.

Thursday's selling came despite the news that Chrysler had agreed to be acquired by Germany's Daimler-Benz for stock initially valued at about $38 billion, or $60 a share.

The prospect of merger-mania in the auto industry wasn't enough, however, to steal the spotlight from Federal Reserve Chairman Greenspan, or Friday's report on payroll and wage levels — a dominant force behind inflation.

Stocks seesawed last week amid conflicting signals on whether the inflation-leery Fed might try to slow the economy with higher interest rates.

But Greenspan, addressing an international banking conference in Chicago, provided no new clues on that debate. Instead, he spoke about improving world financial regulations to help prevent future Asian-style currency crises.

There was limited reaction to two reports released Thursday indicating that upward pressure on company operating costs — and prices — persist.

The Labor Department reported that improvements in productivity — a measure of output per hour of work — slowed sharply to 0.2 percent in the first three months of this year, the weakest showing since the third quarter of 1996. The government agency also reported that unemployment claims fell more than expected last week.

Together, the reports provided more evidence of a strong economy and job market that could force employers to boost wages as they try to keep up with demand.

In other trading Thursday, the NYSE composite index fell 4.35 to 570.22, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 1.08 to 742.25. The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 3.41 to 475.96.



AP Photo

Wall Street traders, including Joseph N. Palma, left, and Steven Brustein, center, take orders Thursday on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The Dow Jones average fell 77.97 points to 8,976.68.

Red Oak Realty buys Davis Co.

Staff Reports

Midland Red Oak Realty Inc. announced the recent purchase of The Davis Company Property Management Inc. to build upon the depth of personnel and systems of the rapidly growing real estate firm.



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"The Davis Company is one of our most prudent acquisitions considering the recent, and projected, growth of our commercial real estate portfolio in West Texas," stated Neill McClung, president of Midland Red Oak.

The new name of the real estate team is MRO Management Inc. - The Davis Company. Don Davis, Bill McClain and their staff will continue to serve the clients of The Davis Company while Midland Red Oak continues to seek additional real estate acquisitions.

Davis mentioned a desire to enhance the company's market share and facilitate long range growth as the main reasons for his decision to sell.

Growth in productivity slows sharply

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Growth in worker productivity slowed considerably in the first months of the year, but economists say it's too early to tell if it was just a bump in the road or a warning that hopes of a worry-free "new economy" are misplaced.

Thursday's report from the Labor Department showing only a slight 0.2 percent gain in productivity in the first quarter of 1998, "was somewhat disconcerting," said Cliff Waldman, of the National Federation of Independent Business.

"But you have to take it with a bit of a grain of salt," Waldman added.

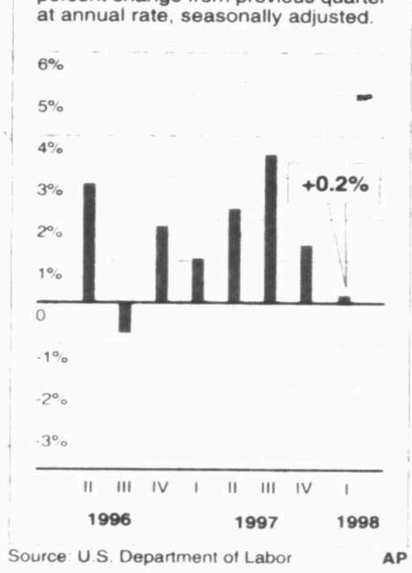
From January through March, growth in output for hours worked fell off from a revised 1.4 percent advance in the final three months of 1997. It was the weakest showing since a 0.7 percent decline in the third quarter of 1996.

Economists cautioned that productivity statistics are volatile and it can take years to confirm any trend. Most predicted Thursday's report won't be enough to convince the Federal Reserve that it needs to raise interest rates later this month to keep inflation under control.

Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, at an international banking conference in Chicago, did not give any indication how Fed policy makers may vote when they meet May 19 to decide interest rate policies.

Consumers remain confident. The nation's largest retailers reported Thursday that April sales were up for the fourth month in a row. And, separately, the Fed said consumer borrowing rose again in March, by 1 percent.

But more than any other factor, productivity determines whether Americans' standard of living improves. That's because, if productivity is rising, employers can pay higher wages without being forced to raise prices.



Sluggish productivity growth averaging only 1 percent a year since 1973 has been blamed for a host of economic problems, including widening financial inequality, slipping purchasing power, and the need for more women to work outside the home to help support their families.

A slight improvement in the last two years, however, has renewed optimism. Productivity rose 1.7 percent last year and 1.9 percent in 1996.

Some economists even speculate that a productivity surge powered by technological advances like computers and cellular phones that make work easier could sustain recent high employment and low inflation indefinitely in a miraculous "new economy."

Thursday's productivity report cast doubt on that theory, however.

For the first three months of 1998, unit labor costs — the amount of wages per unit of output, considered a key barometer of inflation — rose 3.8 percent. That matched a labor-cost rise in the final three months of 1997 that was the worst since the third quarter of 1996.

Last week, unemployment claims fell yet again, by 11,000 to 308,000, the Labor Department said in a separate report Thursday.



AP Photo

Daimler-Benz Chairman Juergen Schrempp, left, and Chrysler Chairman Robert Eaton sign an agreement in London to merge their two companies.

More auto mergers expected

Associated Press

DETROIT — The stunning merger between Chrysler Corp. and Daimler-Benz is likely the first of many, as the merger mania that has hit brokerages, banking and pharmaceuticals visits the auto industry.

"We believe this is just the beginning," Chrysler Chairman Robert J. Eaton said Thursday. "We are leading a new trend that we believe will change the future and the face of this industry."

Automakers are combining largely as a way to save money, speed product development and increase their presence in the increasingly critical battlegrounds of Asia and Latin America.

DaimlerChrysler, as a result of the merger, will recognize $1.4 billion in 1999 and $3 billion within three to five years as it increases revenues and saves money by sharing parts making, research and purchasing efforts.

"What we're seeing is the evolution of the automotive industry," said Richard Scharchburg, professor of industrial history at Kettering University in Flint.

At one time, 3,000 separate companies made automobiles, but that number has steadily shrunk. The past 30 years has seen a reduction from 42 to fewer than 20.

Daimler-Benz Chairman Juergen E. Schrempp said there could be eight or nine automakers within a decade.

Scharchburg goes even further. "It might narrow down to as many as five mega-companies," he said. "I see one major producer in Europe, one major producer in the United States and one major producer in the Far East."

Some automakers could be tempted to pair with the strongest companies before those companies combine with someone else.

Ford Motor Co. bought a British luxury car maker in 1989, increased its ownership in Japanese automaker Mazda to 33 percent last year and on Wednesday said it will consider increasing its 10 percent stake in bankrupt South Korean car maker Kia.

GM, meanwhile, struck a 50-50 partnership with Swedish automaker Saab in 1989 to manufacture and distribute cars under the Saab name. GM also has been talking with South Korea's Daewoo and other South Korean companies.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Climbing out of credit card debt can be difficult journey

By Eric Tyson

Q: I have read about your advice to get rid of credit card debt. I would like to do that but find that I can't pay more than the monthly minimum payment on both my credit cards. I owe $5,000 on a card with a 12 percent interest rate and $3,300 on one at 15.5 percent.



Tyson

I am currently contributing $50 per paycheck to a 401(k) and also hold an annuity worth about $6,000. Can you suggest any strategies for me to get out of debt?

A: First, I suggest that you work at reducing the interest rate on your debt. The high interest charges are hampering your attempts to make headway against the debt.

Consider applying for a new card with a lower interest rate. They're out there. You can check out cards offered by Wachovia (800-842-3262) or AFBA (800-776-2265), which currently offer cards starting at 8.5 percent.

I would stop contributing to your 401(k), especially if your employer doesn't match your contributions. Until you get your credit card debt down to a manageable level, your disposable dollars should be paid to the credit card companies.

In an edited portion of your letter, you mentioned that a representative at your annuity company suggested "borrowing" money from your annuity. If the interest rate on the loan would be lower than the rates you're paying on the credit cards, that would be a sensible move. Make sure, however, that there are no extra fees or penalties associated with the loan that would effectively increase the loan's interest rate.

If you own a home, a sound strategy would be to take out a home-equity loan to pay off your credit card debt. The lower the rate, the more of your money can go to paying down principal. Interest on a home equity loan, unlike on your credit cards, is generally tax-deductible.

Here are some other tips for working your way out of debt:

■ Cut up your credit cards. I can't think of a simpler and more powerful way to force a halt to your debt spending. If you can't do without the convenience of plastic, get a VISA or MasterCard debit card.

■ Track your spending. Before you can cut the fat out of your budget, you've got to locate it. Use your checkbook register, credit card statements and anything else that documents your spending habits to see what you spend your money on in a typical month. You also might want to carry a notebook and record how you spend cash over the course of several weeks.

■ Wean yourself from costly routines and addictions. One thing that might surprise you once you track your spending is that it's the small, routine expenditures that are the real culprits in your spending problem. By making your lunches at home rather than spending $7 a day on them at restaurants, you could save a bundle each year.

■ Buy in bulk and from discounters. Learning to buy in bulk can be difficult, because we tend to shy away from bigger price tags and from stores that don't display brand-name merchandise in eye-pleasing ways. But once you start thinking in terms of unit pricing, you can see that buying in bulk from discount warehouse stores is the best way to spend less on many groceries and household items.

■ Put your monthly debt payments on auto pilot. Through either your bank or your credit card company, explore establishing an automatic payment program so that, on the same date every month, a set amount is deducted from your checking account and sent to your credit card company. You might be surprised by how quickly you're able to chip away at your debt when you're systematic about it.

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NFL rules force rookies to play waiting game

By Teresa M. Walker
AP Sports Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Peyton Manning packed up his Knoxville apartment and said goodbye to his friends at the University of Tennessee. Now he stays busy studying his Colts playbook.

Kevin Dyson spends his days lifting weights, running, working on pass routes with friends at the University of Utah and studying his Oilers playbook.

Neither of the first-round draft picks is where he wants to be.

They would rather be starting their new jobs in Indianapolis and Nashville. But Manning and Dyson, both 1997 graduates, are stuck working out on their own until June 1 — the first day NFL rookies can report.

Manning, the No. 1 pick, asked the NFL for a waiver but was denied.

"I was hoping that the Peyton Manning deal was going through, so I could go up there early," Dyson said from his home in Salt Lake City. "Looking at the playbook, you can learn only so much. You need to be on the field to get that experience."

Archie Manning said his son, already designated as the Colts' starting quarterback, is missing out on valuable time by not being allowed to get to know his new teammates.

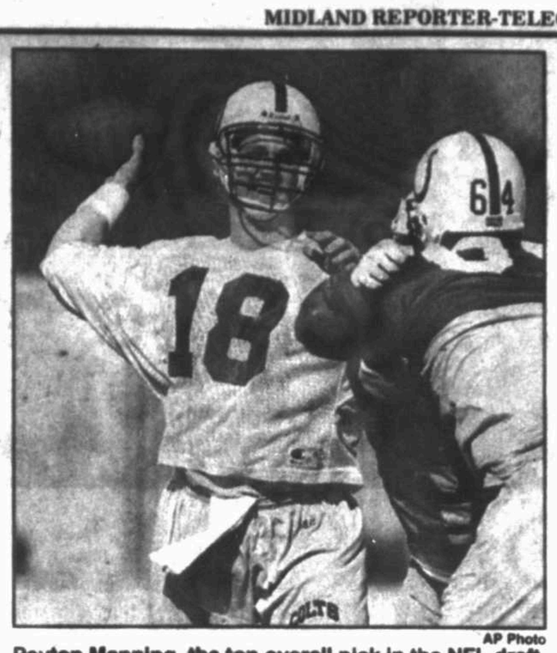
"He could also go in with the quarterback coach and the offensive coordinator and spend an hour, two hours every day continuing to learn their offense," he said by phone from New Orleans. "It would be very beneficial."

At least Manning had the chance to meet most of his teammates during the Colts' three-day minicamp for rookies and veterans in April. The Oilers, who wrapped up a four-day veterans' minicamp Thursday, won't have a camp for rookies until June 2.

Dyson, the 16th pick, is one of nine wide receivers on Tennessee's roster.

"Me being up here and them being down there, they're getting that much more advanced because I have to stay here and work out and do everything here," he said.

The rule is part of the NFL's collective bargaining agreement. It mandates when players can report and is intended to create a level playing field for all teams. Whether the draftees have graduated is not part of agreement.



AP Photo
Peyton Manning, the top overall pick in the NFL draft, drops back to pass during the Indianapolis Colts' minicamp in April in Indianapolis.

"There have been many players prior to Peyton Manning in the same situation who had already graduated but were not allowed to report to the team," NFL spokesman Greg Aiello said. "They have plenty of time to work with their teams come June 1."

Manning and Dyson are the kinds of players the NFL wants — workaholics and perfectionists.

Dyson is three classes short of his second degree, this one in environmental behavior. Dyson, whose first degree is in sociology, has spent the past three summers working with the sheriff's department in Salt Lake City and wants to work with children.

Manning, an honor student who earned a degree in speech communication last May, turned down a return visit to "The Late Show with David Letterman." He chose instead to fulfill three speaking engagements in Tennessee this week.

This weekend he is heading to New Orleans where he will stay until June 1. Once home, he will work out daily with NFL players like Arizona's Aeneas Williams and new Colts' receiver Torrance Small.

Dyson has a workout plan from the Oilers, with program broken down into five weeks. He marks off each week as he tries to stay in shape with his former college teammates who are still in class.

He has grudgingly accepted the fact that his NFL work won't start for another three weeks.

"It's kind of like punishing people," he said. "You do what you're supposed to do in school. You graduate, but you can't go to your employer."

Williams sisters set up another meeting in Italian Open quarters

Associated Press

ROME — Get ready for Williams vs. Williams II.

The Williams sisters, Serena and Venus, routed their opponents Thursday in the Italian Open to set a meeting in the quarterfinals, the second family showdown this year.

In the latest exploit of her short career, the unseeded Serena shocked four-time Italian champ Conchita Martinez. Drawing cheers from the Foro Italico center-court crowd, she eliminated the No. 7 seed 6-2, 6-2.

The ninth-seeded Venus, playing on the nearby grandstand court, needed ousted French qualifier Alexandra Fusai 6-1, 6-1.

"It was a big match for me, I didn't have anything to lose," said Serena, a 16-year-old who has risen more than 400 places in the rankings in just seven months.

■ Tennis Roundup

The sisters' first encounter on the tour came in January, with Venus the winner in straight sets in the second round of the Australian Open.

What seemed unusual about Serena's victory Thursday was its ease against the veteran Spaniard in only the third match the young American has played on slow European red clay.

"I tell myself clay is my favorite surface," she said. "When I go to Wimbledon I say grass is my favorite."

Venus looked overpowering in her match against Fusai, smashing forehands, winning points at the net and showing a deft drop shot.

Asked about her chances of winning the tournament, Venus replied: "I have a tough opponent in the quarterfinals. I don't want to look too far ahead."

Yet another new talent pulled off an upset at night, when 16-year-old Mirjana Lucic beat defending champion Mary Pierce 7-5, 6-4. Lucic, who won last week's Bol Open in her native Croatia, brought to five the number of teenagers in the quarterfinals.

Kuerten rises at German Open

HAMBURG, Germany — French Open champion Gustavo Kuerten, a little less technicolor in his wardrobe this year, sharpened his clay-court game Thursday with a 6-1, 4-6, 6-2 victory over Hicham Arazi at the German Open.

The Brazilian reached the quarterfinals of this tuneup for the French Open, the second Grand Slam event of the year that starts May 25.

Slimmed-down Calcavecchia sets pace after first round of BellSouth

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

DULUTH, Ga. — Slimmed-down Mark Calcavecchia felt like he could play another 18 holes. Weary David Duval was just anxious to get to the clubhouse as he trudged around the back nine.

While they hardly felt the same at the end of the day, Calcavecchia and Duval displayed similar excellence during the first round of the BellSouth Classic on Thursday.

Calcavecchia shook off a three-hour rain delay in the morning and the reappearance of Tiger Woods to shoot a bogey-free 65, grabbing a one-shot lead over Steve Flesch and Estaban Toledo.

Lurking only two shots back was Duval, the hottest player on the PGA Tour with five victories in the last seven months and more than $1.2 million in earnings in 1998.

Duval, who won the Houston Open last weekend, made an eagle at No. 4 with a pitching wedge from 60 feet, then held on through the rest of the round to finish with a 5-under-par 67 on the Greg Norman-designed TPC at Sugarloaf course northeast of Atlanta.

"I got really tired at the end," said Duval, one of the best conditioned players on the tour. "I don't know why. I kind of hit the wall. I was just dragging."

After a three-week break from the tour, Calcavecchia looked as fresh at the end of the long day as he did at the beginning. He used the time off to work on conditioning and flexibility, losing about 10 pounds in the process.

"I feel good," said Calcavecchia, seeking his second victory of the year. "I noticed it yesterday in the pro-am, when we were out on the course for about six hours. Normally, I'd be about to fall over. But I wasn't tired at all."

Calcavecchia, the 1995 BellSouth winner, had the shot of the day, holing an 8-iron from 159 yards at the par-4 fifth hole for an eagle, then added a 40-foot putt for birdie at No. 10 after escaping the bunker. His iron play was spectacular, setting up birdie putts ranging from two to 12 feet on four other holes.

Woods, who had not played since the Masters, shot a 3-under 69, putting him only four shots off the pace even though he didn't take full advantage of the slow, soggy greens and the lack of wind in the afternoon.

"It was one of those rounds where you had a chance to go low," said Woods, who hasn't won on the tour since the Western Open last July. "I was nervous starting out today. I teed it up and said to myself, 'This one counts!'"

Woods made the turn at 3-under, but hit his tee shot at the 608-yard No. 10 into a bunker, then hooked his second shot into the tall grass that borders the left side of the fairway. He had to take a drop and a one-shot penalty, winding up with a bogey.

"I'm very pleased," said Woods, who won his first tournament after a similar layoff a year ago. "I putted well today and didn't make a whole lot of big mistakes."

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Midland Community Theatre: PLAY: "Brothers," 8 p.m. Midland Community Theatre at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111. Admission charged. PICKWICK GALA: Pickwick Players dinner 6:30 p.m., "Godspell" 7:30 p.m., slide show of Ireland, 9 p.m. Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado, 682-4111. Admission charged.

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American Cancer Society: GALA: Round Up '98, 7 p.m. -1 a.m., CAF Hanger, reservations required, 683-6374. Admission charged.

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Permian Playhouse: CHILDREN'S PLAY: "Monkey Magic," performed by the Kaleidoscope Company, 2:30 p.m., Odessa, 915 362-2329. Admission charged.

Sun Country Gentlemen: PERFORMANCE: "Remember Radio" performance of barbershop singing including Jubilee from San Angelo and the women's group Black Gold Harmony. Yucca Theatre, 208 N. Colorado, 699-4371. Admission charged.

White Pool House Museum: OPENING of TRAVELING EXHIBIT: over 500 handmade Mexican Folk Toys. Tuesday, 12-3 p.m., Wednesday-Saturday 10-3 p.m. 112 E. Murphy St, Odessa, 915 333-4072. Free

American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: The American Airpower Heritage Museum is internationally recognized for its collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia. The museum currently has five permanent exhibits, highlighting five different phases of World War II, in the main gallery and two permanent exhibits in the hanger. Take an on-line tour of the museum at http://www.avdigest.com /aahm/aahm.html, 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport, Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 12-5 p.m., call 563-1000, Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation. Film Series: Lest We Forget - A Video Journey Through World War II, Free showing every other Saturday at 1 p.m., moderated by a museum docent and free refreshments.

Fredda Turner Durham Museum for Children: HANDS-ON EXHIBIT: Brain Matters, music, puzzles and games. Through September 13. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 683-2882. Free.

Gallery 1114: EXHIBIT: Through June 14, contemporary Texas artists David Keens, blown glass, and David Blow, computer manipulated distorted photos of natural objects. 1114 N. Big Spring, Thurs.-Sun. 1-5 p.m., 685-9944. Free admission.

HEB Wine Department: EXHIBIT: The Works of Sam Hurt, call 697-1471, 3325 W. Wadley, Mon.-Sun. 24 hours. Free.

McCormick Gallery, Midland College: EXHIBIT: 3600 N. Garfield, Mon.Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., call 685-4500. Free.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBIT: La Salle Shipwreck Excavation, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 2-5 p.m., call 682-2931 or 6888947. Free.

Midland County Historical Society: HISTORIC HOME: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, oldest restored home in Midland, 213 N. Weatherford, guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History - open by appointment, call 682-2931. Free.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Through June 28, Marge Aderson, 1998 Contemporary Artists Series, Eclectic Visions. EXHIBIT: Audubon Texas Animals, through July 26, EXHIBIT: In the Third Dimension: Sculpture from the Museum Collection, through Jan. 15, 1999. EXHIBIT: Through May 31, Out of the Woods: Turned Wood by American Craftsmen,"JeffBrosk: Relief Sculpture," Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m. 683-2882. Free.

The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: EXHIBIT: Celebrate Texas Quilters, invitational show through June 28. 2:30-4:30 p.m., 4909 E. University, Odessa, 550-3811, Free.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 2-5 p.m., call 335-6646. Free.

Odessa Art Association: 4909 E. University, San Miguel Square, Odessa, call 3627988. Free.

Parker House Museum: EXHIBIT: Texas Children and Texas Memories, historic photographs of Texas Children from the late 1800s through the 1950s. 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Wednesday through Saturday. 1118 Maple Ave. Odessa, 915 335-9918. Free.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBITION: The Dongying Sister City Cultural Exchange Exhibit, includes 22 panels of photographs, folk art, handicrafts and calligraphy, SUNDAY RIG TOURS: tours of the modern drilling rig, 2:30-4:30, weather permitting, a docent will be at the site near Interstate 20 to explain the rig for no additional charge, 1500 W. I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5., call 683-4403. Admission charged.

Permian Playhouse: SHOW FOR CHILDREN: "Monkey Magic" performed by the Kaleidoscope Company, 2:30 p.m., 310 W. 42nd Street, Odessa, 915 362-2329. Admission charged.

The Presidential Museum: EXHIBIT: Lone Star Texas: A Nation Among Nations, the real story of the Republic of Texas and annexation in the Union. Through June 20. 10 a.m. -5 p.m. 622 N. Lee, Odessa, 800 862-7123. Free.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: JUNIOR/SENIOR STUDENT ART EXHIBIT: Through May 17. Third Floor Gallery. UTPB Gallery, Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 1-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., 3rd Floor Gallery, 4901 E. University, Odessa, call 552-2806. Free.

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MONDAY, MAY 11

The Haley Library and History Center: EXHIBITS: Saddles from pioneer area families, permanent collection of western and Southwestern art. Artifacts including bit and spur collections, original mission bell from Alamo in San Antonio, 30,000 volumes of books on the history of range settlement and cattle industry. Collections include J. Evetts Haley, Robert N. Mullin, Clayton W. Williams, Sr., Dan L. Thrapp. Open Mon-Fri 9 a.m.5 p.m.. Free.

Midland College: STUDENT ART SHOW: McCormick Gallery, Fine Arts Building, Midland College, 685-4500. Free.

TUESDAY, MAY 12

Museum of the Southwest: ARTIST RECEPTION: Talk by Marge Alderson, painter, Contemporary Artists Series, Eclectic Visions, 7 p.m., 1705 W. Missouri Ave. Free.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

Museum of the Southwest: BROWN BAG LUNCH: "The Empire of Signs" from the video series American Visions in the Turner Mansion Library. Noon. 1705 W. Missouri, 683-2882. Free.

THURSDAY, MAY 14

Israel Jubilee: MUSICAL EVENT: 40-voice choir from 11 churches plus Day Star Dance Troupe, Sounds of Victory and Paul Wilbur. Christians and Jews of the Permian Basin celebrating 50'h anniversary of Israel as a nation. 7 p.m., Holiday Inn Convention Center. 694-3090. Free.

FRIDAY, MAY 15

Celebration of the Arts: PREVIEW PARTY: Distinguished Artist Woody Gwyn and
70 juried artists, food by six culinary artists plus delicious desserts, entertainment by
Sharon Hickox and Reba McHaney, interactive art, dedication of the Distinguished Artists
Wall of Fame. 6:30-9:30 p.m., Midland Center, 105 N. Main, Arts Assembly of Midland, 687-1149. Admission charged.

Marion Blakemore Planetarium: SKY SHOW: 8 p.m. 1705 W. Missouri, 6832882. Admission charged.

Midland Community Theatre: PLAY: "Brothers," 8 p.m. Midland Community Theatre at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111. Admission charged.

SATURDAY, MAY 16

Celebration of the Arts: RUN: Westwood Medical Center Run for the Arts, 8:30 a.m. beginning at Midland Center. FESTIVAL DAY: Gates open 10-6 p.m. for five stages of entertainment, 70 juried artists, Experience the Arts area, activity tent for children, FabricAction colorful playground, festival food. STREET CONCERT: gates open 7:30, featuring Casey Lee Green, Jerry Dugan and West-Wind and David Kersh. Tickets available at Luskey's in Midland and Odessa, CD Warehouse and the Ground Floor, or at the gate. At Midland Center and Centennial Plaza, sponsored by the Arts Assembly of Midland, 687-1149. Admission charged.

March of Dimes: WALK AMERICA: 8:30 a.m., Claydesta Plaza, 570-0172.

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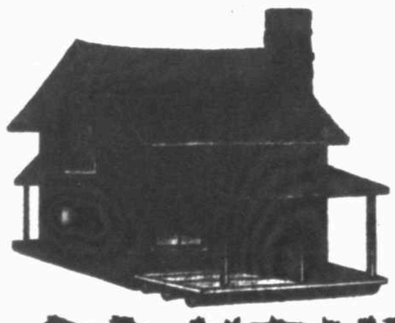
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	Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1	**He Got Game** $7.6, one week, 1,319 screens	$7.6
2	**City of Angels** $55.4, four weeks, 2,433 screens	$6.6
3	**The Big Hit** $19.4, two weeks, 2,149 screens	$5.8
4	**Les Miserables** $5, one week, 1,477 screens	$5.0
5	**Black Dog** $4.8, one week, 2,026 screens	$4.8
6	**Titanic** $586.7, 20 weeks, 2,660 screens	$4.0
7	**The Object of My Affection** $21.9, three weeks, 1,990 screens	$3.99
8	**Paulie** $15.2, three weeks, 1,803 screens	$3.7
9	**Lost in Space** $62, five weeks, 2,271 screens	$2.98
10	**Sliding Doors** $2.7, two weeks, 495 screens	$1.6

Top 10 lists

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. All lists c. 1998, Billboard Publications, Inc.:

Video Rentals

1. "Boogie Nights," (Warner)
2. "The Full Monty," (Fox)
3. "L.A. Confidential," (Warner)
4. "I Know What You Did Last Summer," (Columbia TriStar)
5. "Copland," (Mira Max-Buena Vista)
6. "In & Out," (Paramount)
7. "The Devil's Advocate," (Warner)
8. "Kiss the Girls," (Paramount)
9. "Flubber," (Disney)
10. "Seven Years In Tibet," (Columbia TriStar)

Top Singles

1. "Too Close," Next (Arista) (Platinum)
2. "My All," Mariah Carey (Columbia)
3. "You're Still the One," Shania Twain (Mercury) (Gold)
4. "Everybody (Backstreet's Back)," Backstreet Boys (Jive) (Gold)
5. "Body Bumpin' Yippie-Yi-Yo," Public Announcement (A&M) (Gold)
6. "It's All About Me," Mya featuring Sisqo (Interscope)
7. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden (Columbia) (Gold)
8. "The Arms of the One Who Loves You," Xscape (So So Def)
9. "All My Life," K-Ci & Jojo (MCA)
10. "Let's Ride," Montell Jordan featuring Master P & Silkk the Shocker (Def Jam) (Platinum)

Top Albums

1. "Before These Crowded Streets," Dave Matthews Band (RCA)
2. "'City of Angels' Soundtrack," (Warner Sunset)
3. "'Titanic' Soundtrack," (Sony Classical) (Platinum)
4. "One Step At a Time," George Strait (MCA Nashville)
5. "Big Punisher," Capital Punishment (Loud)

Country Singles

1. "This Kiss," Faith Hill (Warner Bros.)
2. "Two Pina Coladas," Garth Brooks (Capitol)
3. "Out of My Bones," Randy Travis (DreamWorks)
4. "I'm From the Country," Tracy Byrd (MCA Nashville)
5. "Holes in the Floor of Heaven," Steve Wariner (Capitol Nashville)
6. "Dream Walkin'," Toby Keith (Mercury)
7. "I Just Want to Dance With You," George Strait (MCA)
8. "You're Still the One," Shania Twain (Mercury)
9. "Too Good To Be True," Michael Peterson (Reprise)
10. "Bye Bye," Jo Dee Messina (Curb)

Latin Tracks

1. "Suavemente," Elvis Crespo (Sony Disco)
2. "No Se Olvidar," Alejandro Fernandez (Sony Discos)
3. "Asi Fue," Juan Gabriel (Ariola-BMG)
4. "La Copa De La Vida," Ricky Martin (Sony Discos)
5. "Una Fan Enamorada," Servando Y Florentino (WEA Latina)

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JIMMY PATTERSON



Michael Richards, left, Jason Alexander, Julia Luis-Dreyfus and Jerry Seinfeld say so long after Thursday's series finale, airing at 8 p.m. on NBC (Ch. 9).

'Seinfeld' has many memorable sit-com finales to live up to

By David Bauder
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — The End.

Every television series reaches it, but not all say goodbye.

Most never get the chance, since it wasn't their choice to leave. Some can't bear farewells. Others want to preserve the illusion of perpetual life in reruns.

A select few series say goodbye in spectacular fashion. Endings can be funny, maudlin, sad, embarrassing, inventive, memorable — sometime most of the above.

"Murphy Brown" and "Ellen" are both ending long runs with special episodes this month. But the last episode everyone's waiting for is "Seinfeld," the type of Big Event Exit that comes around once or twice a decade.

Series co-creators Jerry Seinfeld and Larry David were responsible for writing the final episode for the ultimate unsentimental show, and keeping it a secret until its airing Thursday, May 14.

"I don't envy what they're going through. There's an awful lot of pressure," said comedian Bob Newhart, who was responsible for one of the best endings in television history.

"Newhart" finished its eight-year run in 1990 with a scene showing Newhart in bed with Suzanne Pleshette, who played his wife in the 1970s sitcom, "The Bob Newhart Show." The entire "Newhart" series about him owning an inn in Vermont was supposed to be a dream of psychiatrist Bob Hartley.

Newhart gives credit where it's due: It was his wife's idea.

He knew it was a winner, and tried hard to keep the final scene a secret. It wasn't written in the script, and the crew learned about it only when it was time to film. Newhart even leaked a false story that the series would end with him dying

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Farewell marks 5 years since the last round at 'Cheers'

By Fraizer Moore
AP Television Writer

NEW YORK — This much we know: "Seinfeld" is coming to an end, and with all the ballyhoo of Viagra hitting town.

Now here are some things we don't know:

1. How the affairs of Jerry, George, Kramer and Elaine will be put in order.

2. Which show will inherit the hallowed slot next season.

3. How ny sitcom will ever again match "Seinfeld" for humor and cultural impact.

Of course, to ponder these matters at length would be a grand waste of time. After all, we need only wait just a few more days to learn the answer to Question No. 1. (Even if you choose not to watch Thursday's "Seinfeld" sayonara, don't bet on escaping talk about it Friday.)

Then next week, when NBC unveils its Fall 1998 schedule, we'll find out the Must-See successor to "Seinfeld."

To penetrate the third question ... well, let's take a historical approach. Five years ago, it was "Cheers" that was overwhelmed by hoopla and handwringing, as it prepared to abdicate its Thursday-at-8 p.m. throne. So let's compare that beloved sitcom, which ended an 11-season run the night of May 20, 1993, with "Seinfeld," about to bring the curtain down on nine seasons.

■ "Cheers:" Its protagonist is a good-looking bachelor who has chronic problems with intimacy. "Seinfeld:" Its pro-

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Ted Danson, left, and Shelley Long in the 1993 series finale of "Chhers."



Jason Alexander, a cast member of NBC's "Seinfeld" sitcom, sits between Jerry Stiller and Estelle Harris, who play his parents.

... and let's hear it for the rest of the gang

By Lynn Elber
AP Television Writer

LOS ANGELES — Sure, we had fun with Jerry, Elaine, George and Kramer. But Newman, Uncle Leo and the rest of the gang deserve appreciation as stellar second bananas.

The "Seinfeld" world was richer and more twisted because of them and the other eccentrics who backed up the lead quartet. Some of the show's funniest moments — the men's bra, the "Schindler's List" dating fiasco — hinged on those supporting characters.

And the actors did them justice, becoming more than foils. In return, even established performers like Wayne Knight (Newman) are enjoying career boosts they acknowledge to be remarkable.

Here, four members of the show's supporting cast talk about their experience with "Seinfeld" and what's next for them.

WAYNE KNIGHT (Newman)
Only Newman deserves this kind of treatment.

Wayne Knight, who plays the show's malevolent postman, was browsing through a shop in Santa Barbara last December while on vacation with his wife.

"This guy walked up to me and said, 'What are you gonna do now that the show is calling it quits?' I asked him what he was talking about."

"Jerry said last night it's over," the man told Knight with a New-

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'Deep Impact': Not such a hot way to start the summer season

By Bob Strauss
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Some say the world will end in fire. "Deep Impact" suggests that we'll all more likely be bored to death.

How any movie about planetary destruction, with a cast and behind-the-scenes talent roster like this one boasts, can turn out so tedious and uninvolving is one of those mysteries it would take a team of NASA scientists to solve.

The basic idea here — to look at the personal, um, impact an impending, catastrophic comet strike has on several diverse lives — is an honorable one. After all, disaster movies don't necessarily have to just be about spectacular devastation. The script is credited to "Ghost's" Bruce Joel Rubin and "The Player's" Michael Tolkin, and "ER" executive producer John Wells did a polish, so among them it should possess a high degree of human interest.

But if you're going to take the character route, you have to put some compelling characters into it. What we have here instead are the most cardboard constructions — ambitious TV newswoman, teen-age lovers just discovering life, paternalistic president, self-sacrificing astronauts. And by keeping the action ploddingly centered on these generic lives, director Mimi Leder dissipates whatever energy the movie could have possessed (and this woman knows from cinematic momentum; her last film was the breathlessly paced "The Peacemaker").

Not only do these people lack any but the most rudimentary individual traits, they don't do anything interesting. Whenever "Deep Impact" ambles near a dramatic idea — a government cover-up of the looming shebang, a socially divisive lottery to choose a few hundred thousand designated survivors — the scenario wimps out and grabs at quick, noble solutions. This is the best-behaved Armageddon that could possibly be imagined.

Tea Leoni is cable news reporter Jenny Lerner. With a hot tip that a cabinet member's resignation is because of someone named Ellie, she's out to break the next White House sex scandal. But surprise: Ellie isn't a smoking bimbo, it's an E.L.E. — Extinction Level Event.

Lerner is soon surrounded by Secret Service guys who drag her to a provisions-laden basement where President Beck (Morgan Freeman) asks her to keep quiet for a couple of days for the sake of, you know, the world.

The only thing that gets you through the first hour and 45 minutes of "Deep Impact" is "Titanic" expectations. You figure that, after putting you through so much witless character noninteraction, the filmmakers owe you some really great destruction.

But what you get is about five minutes' worth of New York City and some mountains getting hit by a tidal wave. It's hardly enough, despite the fact that it gets repetitive in even that short a time. And the New York footage looks just like "Independence Day's," only wet instead of hot.

FINALES: Many final episodes sad, but some are for the wrong reasons

(From 1D)

after being beaned by a golf ball and meeting God, played by George Burns.

"We had no intention of ever shooting it," he recalled. "We had never even contacted George Burns. We put it out because we knew the tabloids would get hold of it."

Advance copies of the last "Newhart" were mailed to TV critics across the country, along with a plea not to spoil the secret. No one did. That's hard to imagine amid today's frenzied atmosphere of speculation about the final "Seinfeld."

Programs rarely reached conclusions in the early days of television. Lucy stayed married to Ricky, the Clampetts kept their home in Beverly Hills, and Gilligan never left his island.

"A series was not about a beginning, a middle and an end. It was about a perpetual middle," said Robert Thompson, professor of television at Syracuse University. "If somehow you ended the story, you've taken away the illusion. You've closed the curtain."

"The Fugitive" broke the mold when David Janssen's character came face to face with the mysterious one-armed man he was convinced had murdered his wife. Janssen chased him to the top of an amusement park water tower, where the one-armed man was shot.

That final episode, which aired Aug. 29, 1967, was the highest-rated single television program ever broadcast up to that point.

Resolving the mystery, however, made the series less valuable when it was offered for syndication in later years, said NBC Entertainment President Warren Littlefield. That's probably why other series didn't rush to copy it, at least until the next memorable finale 10 years later for "The Mary Tyler Moore Show."

The newsroom staff of WJM-TV was fired at the end, except for bumbling newsman Ted Baxter, and the characters left after a tearful group hug and rendition of "It's a Long Way to Tipperary."

"Everybody was sad to be breaking up, even though we were doing it voluntarily," said Grant Tinker, Moore's former husband and producer of the show.

"We were doing something special to say goodbye, not just to the audience but to each other," he said. "It was a sentimental way of putting a punctuation mark at the end, and I don't think we thought it was that innovative."

If you judge what followed, it was. Finales became the rule rather than the exception for long-running series.

A few were sensations. The 2 1/2-hour final M-A-S-H in 1983 was the highest-rated TV show in history, with nearly 106 million viewers, and still hasn't been topped. The last episode of "Cheers" in 1993 also drew huge ratings and spilled over into the cast members' drunken goodbye on the "Tonight Show."

Archie Bunker's goodbye or Theo graduating from college in the last "The Cosby Show" are barely remembered today, since the shows had long since passed their peak. For the same reason, "Murphy Brown" is likely to be overlooked this month.

Some finales are sad for the wrong reasons: The confusing dream sequence ending to "Roseanne" last year was a painful reminder of how the show had gone downhill creatively.

Too many final shows suffer from being "self-indulgent and self-congratulatory," Syracuse's Thompson said. He considers the second-to-last episode of M-A-S-H as its true exit instead of the TV movie that followed.

Some faux finales backfired on their makers. Producers killed off Tom Selleck's "Magnum, P.I." at the end of the 1987 season, only to find out belatedly it had been renewed for another year. They explained it the following fall by saying Magnum had dreamed his own death.

Makers of "Crime Story" thought they had killed off the character Ray Luca at the end of the 1987 season when Luca wandered on to the site of a nuclear bomb test. When the series unexpectedly returned, Luca miraculously appeared in a hospital recovering from radiation sickness.

So if Seinfeld didn't know it already, almost anything goes at the end.

And almost everything has been thought of. Think of any possible ending — Jerry and Elaine get married, the characters are killed off, they move to Los Angeles — and it's been rumored or discussed by devoted fans.

Leave it to Newhart to hear one of the best.

"I had," he said, "heard rumors — although nobody ever contacted me — that Jerry ends up in bed with me."

CHEERS: NBC president hints at 'Frasier' as replacement

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tagonist is a good-looking bachelor who has chronic problems with intimacy.

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Granted, there are also differences between the two shows.

On "Cheers," everybody knew your name. All Jerry and his pals know is the jargon they make up.

"Cheers" forgave us for the flaws we shared with its otherwise nice characters. By contrast, "Seinfeld" nails us for any traits we might share with its Upper West Side popinjays.

Here's one more difference: "Seinfeld" takes its leave with NBC in first place. "Cheers" left the network in third.

In his post-finale monolog, "Tonight" host Jay Leno tweaked NBC as being even sadder than its fans that "Cheers" was gone. "'Cheers' is not just a TV show," cracked the NBC star — "it's all we've got, ladies and gentlemen. This is it."

Warren Littlefield doesn't argue the point. "There weren't a lot of other things going on," recalls NBC's entertainment president. "We had 'Seinfeld,' but most people questioned whether that would be anything other than a fringe series, just a tiny little blip on the screen."

History will record that "Seinfeld" became one of the biggest blips the TV screen ever had, a fringe sitcom the mainstream embraced as a cultural lodestar.

What can ever replace it?

"I think it's fair to say that we've eliminated a half-hour 'Dateline' as a contender," Littlefield jokes when asked about that looming 9 p.m. void.

He ticks off a now-familiar list of bona fide candidates. There's "Friends," which currently kicks off Thursday evening. "Just Shoot Me," a sophomore sitcom now slotted between "Friends" and "Seinfeld." "Mad About You" (now on Tuesday) or "3rd Rock from the Sun" (now on Wednesday).

But probably the favorite is "Frasier," the 5-year-old "Cheers" spin-off now airing on Tuesday. After all, for a decade Dr. Frasier Crane had a thriving practice on Thursday night.

"I think smart money says an established show," Littlefield adds.

PLAYERS: George's dad, Uncle Leo two memorable support players

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manesque cackle. "Maybe you could get a job delivering mail."

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JERRY STILLER (Frank Costanza)

If anyone could hold his own against the manic Kramer, it was George Costanza's dad, Frank, a pile-driver of a man who didn't cut anyone any slack — not his equally shrill spouse or his son or the Korean-speaking nail salon manicurists who didn't know he could translate their catty remarks.

spear."

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LEN LESSER (Uncle Leo)

When Len Lesser auditioned for the part of Jerry's Uncle Leo in 1990, he got the job. But he didn't get the joke.

"Very honestly, I didn't think it was very funny. But they (the producers) started laughing. I remember thinking, 'What ... are they laughing at?' I read some more and they laughed again. I thought, 'I must be doing something they like.'"

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PATRICK WARBURTON (Puddy)

Patrick Warburton, who played fickle Elaine's most enduring squeeze, is traveling in style these days.

He's featured in a Cadillac ad campaign as a stern law enforcement officer who pulls over dancer-actor Gregory Hines in one spot and Gil Bellows ("Ally McBeal") in another. A third ad, in which Warburton plays a park ranger, is upcoming.

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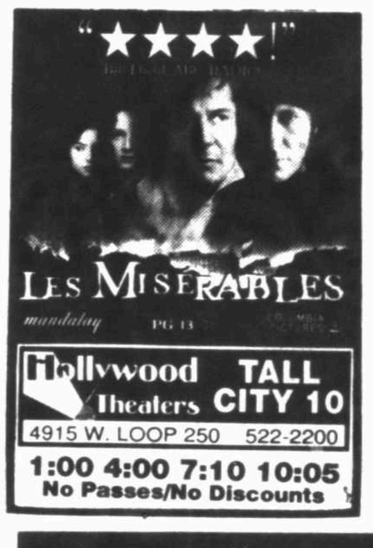
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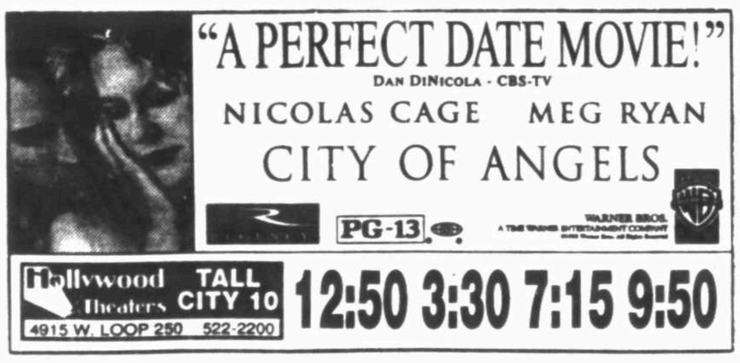
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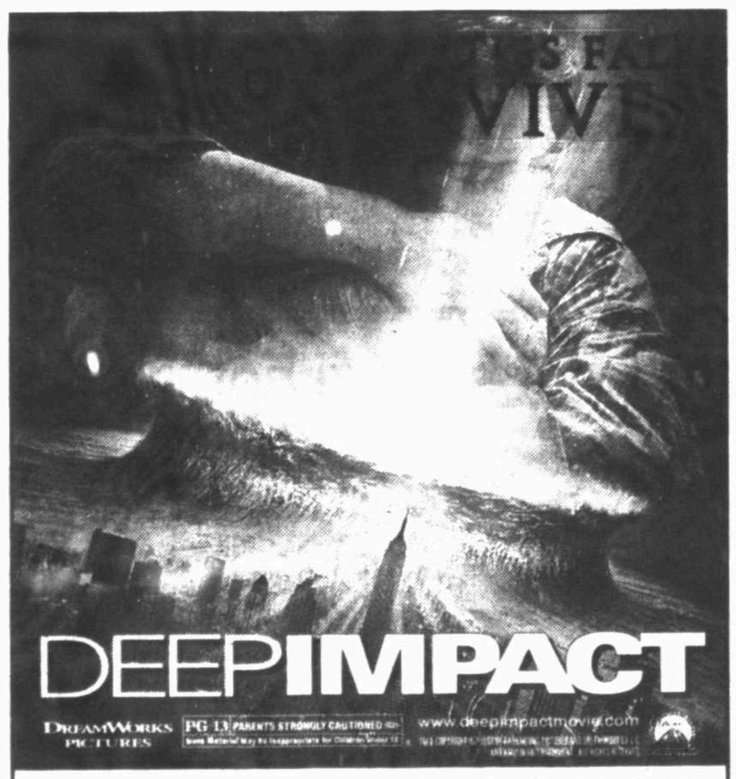














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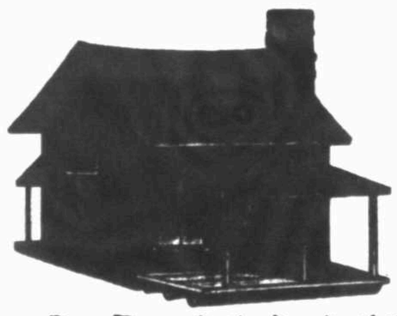
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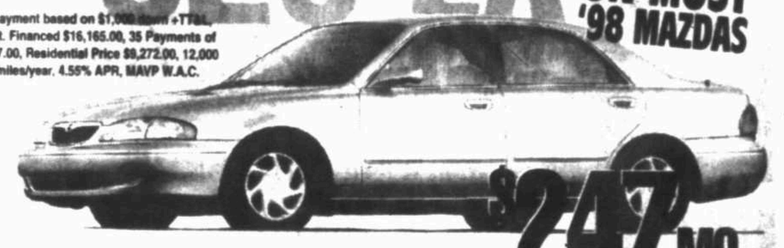
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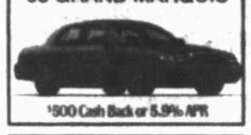
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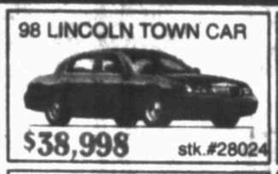
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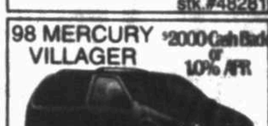
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310 General Help Wanted

EL CHICO Where Tex-Mex Began
Free for Lunch?
EL Chico now interviewing for Daytime Servers. Lunch shifts Monday thru Friday. Apply 2 - 4 pm, (at the corner of Wadley and Garfield).

*GENERAL
GROWING COMPANY...
needs outgoing, enthusiastic and energetic people to become part of a successful team! Full time with a great work environment, and great employees. Must be people friendly and have a positive attitude. Come by today- and start tomorrow!

10601 County Rd. 127 West (Near Warfield's Truck Stop)
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Dependable, hard- working, individual needed for Lab Technician position in Midland. High school education required. For more information please call:
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*MASTER CONTROL OPERATOR
Full time, 4 day work week, some experience required. Send resume and salary requirements to: Chief Engineer, KAMR-TV, P.O. Box 751, Amarillo, TX 79189, e-mail to khigh@kamr.com, or come by 2000 N. Polk, 8- 5 Monday through Friday. NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE. EEO/M/F

MERCHANDISER
Nationwide video distributor seeking Full Time Merchandiser. MUST BE WILLING TO RELOCATE. Merchandising experience a plus. Benefits: Medical, Dental, 401K, Profit Sharing, all expenses paid during training. Salary mid $20's. Please fax resume to: 505-892-1224.

*Restaurant
PIZZA HUT
Now hiring Delivery Drivers. $5.15 per hour, plus 50¢ per delivery, plus tips. Apply in person 2- 5, Monday thru Friday, 4320 Andrews Hwy, 2200 W. Wadley, 427 Andrews Hwy., 4400 N. Midland Dr. E.O.E.

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Work in a clean, grease free environment!
We are looking for the very best! Now interviewing for Bakers 7 Crew Leaders.
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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.

✔ COOK & CLEAN for small private school. 687-4101.

✔ TECHNICIAN FOR carpet and upholstery cleaning. Good personality, honest and dependable. Ability to do physical work and follow instructions. Will train. 520-7600.

ANYTIME GIRLS! Temps/ secretary/ clerical. If and when you are in a bind for a temporary secretary, for vacation, sick days, maternity, etc. Just call Anytime Girls. 915-264-6776 or 915-263-0434.

APARTMENT COMMUNITY is seeking full- time make ready person to join their maintance team. Experience preferred. Excellent benefits. Apply in person at: 5101 North "A" St. No phone calls please.

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ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE position for apartments located in Arlington Texas, with stable company. Must have experience. Please call 699-7941 or fax applications to 699-7976.

ASSISTANT- Odessa American, a 30,000 circulation daily newspaper in Odessa, Texas, has an opening for an Assistant Press Foreman. Qualified applicants must have experience with a doublewide offset press preferably a Harris 1650. In addition, applicants must possess general maintenance knowledge, quality control and have excellent written and oral communication skills. Good salary with excellent benefits package. Qualified applicants should mail their resumes to: Odessa American, Attn: Bob Braswell, P.O. Box 2952, Odessa, Texas 79760-2952 or Fax to: Odessa American, Attn: Bob Braswell, 915-334-8641.

ATTENDANTS, ARE YOU energetic, hard working, & quick learner? If so, we want you!! One of the busiest automotive facilities in Midland is looking for top people. On the job training for the right person. Must have good driving record. Pay based on production and experience. Apply in person only, Cecil's Chevron, corner of Midkiff and Wadley.

AUDITOR Accu-Count Inventory Specialist is now hiring a full time inventory auditor. Experience a must. Call 689-4720.

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When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to: (this is an example)
BOX Z-01
c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702
Readers who are interested in a position offered, but do not want their resume to go to certain companies, can simply address the reply to the specific box number and place it in another envelope addressed to: Classified Supervisor and the address above. Include a list of the companies that you do not want your resume to reach. If the advertiser is anyone on your list, we will shred your resume without opening it. If you have any questions please call 682-6222.
We do not open or screen any mail that has a blind box number on the envelope. The Midland Reporter-Telegram shall not be responsible for any disclosures of information, loss of responses or misdirection of responses.

CARRIER. Seeking individual to deliver San Angelo Standard Times on Midland south side. Earn approx. $550 per month. Call 1-800-588-1884, ext. 293.

CERTIFIED LIFEGUARD needed afternoons and weekends for Martin County Country Club in Stanton. Please call 756-2556 or 756-2314.

CHILD CARE needs a curriculum coordinator. Must meet our requirements for our program. Call 689-6309 or apply at 1007 Austin.

CHURCH NURSERY Worker needed. Sunday morning, Sunday night, Wednesday Night. Must be available for additional nights as needed, and have dependable transportation. $5.15 per hour. Pick up application at Bellview Baptist Church, 1710 N. Big Spring Street.

COMPUTER Hardware Tech- Part time. Non- smoking environment. Send resume to P.O. Box 60429, Midland, TX 79711.

CONSTRUCTION. Needed experience electrical powerline linemen and experience powerline Texoma digger/ operator. Salary $10 to $15 per hour. (254) 722-4533 or (254)848-4100.

DELI CLERKS
Join Our Team Today!
Fiesta Foods currently has part time positions open in our deli.
Apply in person at our 2200 Rankin Highway location!

DRIVER WANTED at Rocky Ford Moving Vans, a North American agent. Apply in person. No phone calls please. 3411 W. Industrial.

DRIVER/ SERVICE Salesman wanted for security work. Must have Class B CDL and submit to drug screening. Base salary plus commission for relationship oriented professional that is a selfstarter and self disciplined. Work with little supervision servicing and expanding client base. Excellent driving record required, clean criminal histor. and strong back. Send cover letter and resume to: P.O. Box 50371, Midland, TX 79710.

DRIVERS needed. Local moving company is taking applications for drivers to cover Texas and surrounding states. Must have Class A- CDL drivers license and must be able to pass DOT physical. Must have verifiable moving experience. Salary depending on experience, top pay for experienced drivers. Drivers never stay out more than two nights at a time. Please call 915-563-1272 or 800-882-9165 between 8 am and 5 pm., Monday thru Friday for an interview.

DRIVERS. Little Caesar's Pizza is now accepting applications for delivery drivers $6.50 per hour plus tips. Please apply at either location.

EXPERIENCED SAFETY Director. Must have experience with DOT, OSHA and MSHA regulations. Send resume to: Price Construction, Inc. Attn: Glen Strickland, P.O. Box 1231, Big Spring, TX. 79721. Salary negotiable.

EXTRA MONEY- Part time. This is a part time marketing position- Approximately 15 hours per week. Selected person will make calls in Midland and Odessa and provide own transportation. Must have neat, professional manner. Qualified person might be a mother of school aged children, retiree or others wanting extra income. Experience in insurance or home furnishings helpful but not required. Reply to: Box J-01066, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

EXXON CASHIER- friendly & dependable wanted immediately for Nights 3 -1 & Graveyards 11:30 to 6:30 shifts. Apply in person Monday thru Sunday. 2503 Rankin Highway.

EXXON GRAVEYARD help wanted immediately. Starting pay $5.50 per hour. Apply n person between 8 & 5pm, 2503 Rankin Hwy.

FASHION CLEANERS is now taking applications for our Quality Control department. Experience is not necessary. Duties include garment inspection and production counting. Apply in person at 801 W. Wall.

FOR RESUMES THAT GET RESULTS call 699-1919. Conventional or computer scannable. Professional, fast, affordable service.

FURNITURE MOVERS with experience. Heavy lifting and Class A, C drivers license required. Leave name /number (915)553-1464.

HAIRDRESSERS AND Nail Tech Stations for lease. Fun environment, pleasant working conditions. Call 694-8869 or 683-7268 evenings.

HANDYMAN DEPOT is a surplus hardware store. Hiring full time and part time positions now. Call 685-0818 or 694-4827 or come by at 2422 Illinois Ave. (Midland).

HELP WANTED. Full time positions available. Must have ID & Social Security number. Apply in person, Raindance Carwash, 1103 Andrews Hwy.

HOUSEKEEPER needed. Must have reliable vehicle to drive children to activities. References requried. Please call 686-2071.

★ TEACHER- Midland
Childcare Center now accepting application for teacher. Apply in person, 3701 Andrews Highway.

INSTALLER/ TECHNICIAN- Heartland Cable Television now hiring! Competitive wage, insurance, benefits, 401K Plan. Please apply at 13710 W. Hwy. 80 E. Odessa, TX 79765 (Close to Pee Wee Dalton's Boots) or Fax at 563-5044.

INSULATION Mechanics and insulators needed. Top pay, 50 hours per week. Please apply at 2924 E. Interstate 20, Odessa.

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24 Hour * Job Hotline
520-4053 ext. 371

LINEMEN with experience- REA spec knowledge. Starting pay $11 per hour depending on experience. Call 915-270-7656 or 915-756-3237, if no answer leave message.

MAINTENANCE POSITION open. Experience needed for large community HVAC preferred, plus benefits. Call 699-7941.

MAINTENANCE. Freightliner of Odessa needs a person to help keep our dealership clean. Good pay, 401K, insurance. Lots of opportunity. Apply: Shop Foreman, 1100 S. Grandview.

MAJOR HEALTH insurance company seeks experienced successful Telemarketer. Pay by the lead. Full or part time. Call 800-880-1085.

MANAGER ASSISTANT/ Cashier needed full time at The Bar. Bookkeeping and computer skills a plus. Must be career oriented. Deliver resume in person to 1607 S. Midkiff, Monday through Friday 3:00 pm- 5:00 pm. No phone calls please!

METAL STUD Framers and Sheet Rockers- experienced only. Apply in person, Midland International Airport, Henley Interiors.

NOW HIRING for all positions. Must be willing to work flexible hour, good opportunity to learn dry cleaning industry. Only the willing to learn need apply. 905 Andrews Hwy. No phone calls.

NOW HIRING Stylist. Immediate opening. Apply at 1000 N. Midkiff.

OILFIELD SERVICE Company needs polyethylene pipe installers and pitliners. Must have Class C drivers license and pass DOT drug screen. Send applications to: Employment, PO Box 50486, Midland, Texas 79710-0486.

PART TIME Deli & Cashier help. Call 694-2043 or apply in person: Don's Grocery and Deli, 1007 Midkiff, Midland.

PART TIME Merchandising position now available. Applicant must have current drivers license and reliable transportation. Ability to lift 15-25 pounds is required. Please apply in person at 2511 W. Industrial, Midland.

PARTS and SERVICE. Personal applications now being taken. Apply in person at Bob's Rental Center, 2700 S. Highway 349.

PARTS PICKUP and Delivery. Heavy lifting. Must have clean driving record and drug test required. Benefits include insurance, uniforms, paid vacation and holidays. Apply at Heavy Vehicle Parts, Inc., at 1003 E. Florida Street, Midland.

PLUGGING COMPANY needs equipment operators. Oilfield experience in cementing, wireline and/ or well servicing preferred. Must pass physical and drug tests. Good benefits. Salary DOE. Midland. 570-0029.

TEACHERS. First Presbyterian Child Development Center seeks part time teachers for Fall school year. 683-0851.

PORTER/ Grounds keeper position for apartments in Arlington, Texas, with stable company. Must have experience. Please call 699-7941 or fax applications to 699-7976.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT, part time needed for local health services non- profit organization. Good communication and organizational skill required. Education and/ or work experience in a social service setting preferred. Bilingual helpful but not required. Fax or mail resume and references 915-682-2161, Attn: Executive Director, Prevent Blindness Texas, P.O. Box 5325, Midland, TX 79704.

❤ 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
We Want to Work With You
Reliable full and part- time co-workers needed. We are willing to work with good people, offering competitive wages, benefits, and very flexible scheduling! No experience needed, we are looking to train! Waitstaff, Cashiers, & Kitchen Help. Be sure to ask about our education assistance program. Apply in person Monday- Friday, 3 pm.
Golden Corral
4709 N. Midkiff
Midland, TX 79705

RESTAURANT- Murray's Delicatessen now hiring Cook, Kitchen, Counter help and Waitstaff. Apply in person, 3211 W. Wadley.

RESTAURANT- The Bar is currently accepting applications for Cooks. Apply in person between 8- 10 am or 2- 4 pm, Monday through Thursday, 606 W. Missouri.

RESTAURANT. Cattle Baron's is now hiring for all positions, full/ part time. Apply in person, between 2- 5 Monday- Friday. No phone calls please.

RESTAURANT. Michael's Charcoal Grill on Illinois is hiring for 11 to 2 shift, Monday thru Saturday. Apply in person 2- 5 Monday - Friday.

SEASONAL. Alamo YMCA is now accepting applications for summer lifeguards and swimming instructors. Applications for the summer may be picked up at 901 North Midland Drive.

SERVICE ADVISOR. Britt Imports is now accepting applications for the position of Service Advisor. Must be well mannered, well groomed and committed to customer satisfaction. Apply in person to Sabine Aldridge, Britt Imports, 1004 S. Midkiff.

SNACK BAR Attendants needed for Summer, May 24 through Labor Day. Must be available weekends and holidays. Experience a plus. Apply in person, Tuesday- Saturday, 9:00 am- 2:00 pm. Ranchland Hills Country Club, 1600 E. Wadley.

SPRINKLER & Landscape Laborers. Call for appointment, 682-1993.

312 Professional Help Wanted

LEASE/ DIVISION ORDER ANALYST

Independent oil and gas producer seeking a lease/ division order analyst with a minimum of 5 years experience. Position will include land secretary duties for the land manager as well as preparation and maintenance of division orders and maintaining of land records/ files. Will require computer knowledge of WordPerfect, Wordpro, Excel and Lotus as well as the ability to input and maintain land records on the mainframe system. Salary will commensurate with experience. Benefit package applies. Please submit resume, salary requirements and references to Box T-05105, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

310 General Help Wanted

SUMMER WORK for College Students & 1998 High School Grads/ Others. Up to $9.15. Flexible part time/ full time openings. No experience necessary. Scholarships available. Conditions apply. 689-0045.

TEMPORARY EMPLOYMENT. Help needed to distribute special event brochures. Must have valid drivers license and liability insurance. Please call 570-8248, Monday- Friday, 9-5.

TRUCK DRIVER needed with CDL and Hazmat. Percentage of truck. Call 684-6555 for Clark or Brad.

WE HAVE current opening for dietary help. If interested, please apply in person at Terrace West Nursing Center, 2800 Midland Drive, Midland, TX.

311 Medical Help Wanted

THERA-CARE
Midland, TX
Lubbock, TX
Now Hiring:
Physical Therapist
Occupational Therapist
Speech Language Pathologist
1-800-530-4722
Available Now!

*LVN
MEDICAL ASSISTANT
Needed for 2 busy surgeons. Monday- Friday, 8:30- 5:30. Sterile technique, colonoscopy experience and good communication skills required. Vascular lab experience a plus. Excellent benefit package. Send resume to: Box N-03020 c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650 Midland, TX 79702

*MEDICAL
INHOME CARE, INC.
RN's and LVN's needed. Bilingual and home health experience preferred. Please come by 808 W. Indiana, Midland for more information. No phone calls please.

NURSEFINDERS
OF WEST TEXAS
Seeking An
R. N. Case Manager
Professional Credentials: Registered Nurse, Texas License.
Experience: Minimum of one year's current experience as an R. N., Home Health preferred.
Bilingual: Spanish speaking a plus.
Please send or fax resume to:
Nurse Finders of West Texas
3300 North "A" St.
Bld. 7, Suite 100
Midland, TX 79705
Attn: Mary Byars, R. N.
FAX: 915-570-8084
No phone calls.

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SEEKING
RN(s) & LVN(s) & CNA(s) FOR STAFF RELIEF
RN(s) up to $37.50
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Med Surg, ICU, ER
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Sign On Bonus $200!
570-8082

***PROVIDERS & SITTERS NEEDED.**
Duties are light housekeeping, cooking, some transportation and etc. Please come by 808 W. Indiana, Midland. No phone calls please. Ask for Karen or Jackie.

BILLING CLERK/ Receptionist needed for busy physicians office. Medical manager software. Good benefits. Please mail resume to 2114 W. Tennessee, 79701 of fax 685-1700.

LABOR & DELIVERY
Registered Nurse
- Texas license required
- Labor & delivery experience required
- Part Time I

For more information please contact Odessa Regional Hospital, Human Resources Department. 915-334-8397. EOE.

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDES- caring dependable, needed for all shifts. Competitive pay rates, $6.00/ hr for certified only. Incentive bonus after 90 days. Apply in person, 3203 Sage, Courtyard Care Center.

CLINICAL ASSISTANT. Extremely busy orthopedic practice seeking a bilingual individual to work in clinical area. Individual must be detail oriented and organized. Previous medical experience is a must. Please mail resume to: 4304 Andrews Hwy, Midland Texas 79703. No phone calls please.

DENTAL ASSISTANT needed for busy restorative and cosmetic practice. Experience required. Please send resume to Dr. Andrew Kauffman, P.O. Box 8307, Midland, Tx 79708.

312 Professional Help Wanted

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY Employer accepting applications for the following positions: RN/ LVNs, Psychiatric Nurses, HHAs, Sitters, Providers. Apply in person at: 1030 Andrews Hwy Ste 215, Midland, Texas. No phone calls please.

EXPERIENCED INSURANCE clerk for busy doctor's office. Experience in filing commercial and workman's compensation. Monday through Friday. Non smoking environment. Please send resume to: Box N- 3019, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

IMMEDIATE WORK available in Midland for home care providers. Please apply at 2817 JBS Parkway #E7, Odessa, Texas 79762. 550-7593.

LVN's, GVN's, RN's, CMA's needed for all shifts. Benefits available, good starting pay. Apply in person at 3203 Sage St., Midland.

NURSES UNLIMITED Inc. Needs personal care attendants. Please call Gabrielle, Monday- Friday, 8 am- 5 pm, 1-915-580-2000. E. O. E.

PARAMEDIC POSITIONS Open. Winkler County EMS, a 911/ Transfer Service located in Kermit, Texas, approximately 40 miles West of Odessa. Phone or fax for application to: Mary Haley, Phone 915-586-5860 Ext 3029; Fax 915-586-5031.

POSITION OPEN for Medical Collections Representative. Experienced in Medicare, Medicaid, PPO and 3rd party insurance. Previous training in Medical Manager software required. SECOND POSITION OPEN for Full Charge Bookkeeper. Accounts Payable, Accounts Receivable, Windows 95 and Excel software. Salary negotiable. Send resumes to: Box B-04044, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

PRIMARY CARE: Opportunity for primary care physician/ internist in Ward County, Texas starting July 1998. Send C.V. to 801 A. East 4th Street, Monahans, TX 79756.

RECEPTIONIST needed for busy physicians office. Medical Manager software, bilingual preferred but not required. Send resumes to: Box P-06094, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

SPECIMEN PROCESSOR Full time. Midland/ Odessa area. Computer skills a must. Medical knowledge helpful. Fax resume Attention: Diana T., 1-888-223-8752.

312 Professional Help Wanted

ACCOUNTANTS WANTED. Public accounting firm wants degreed accountants, enrolled agents or CPA's with 2+ years of experience for full or part time positions. Flexible hours and benefits available. Partnership opportunity for the right individual. Knowledge of preparation software and other accounting software packages required. Respond to Wurster, Armstrong & Williamson P.C., P.O. Box 3487, Midland, Texas 79702. No telephone call please.

APARTMENT LEASING Agent. 114 Units. Sales skills. Computer experience. To $8.00 Hour + Bonus. 30 Hours per week. Fax to 689-8125.

ASSISTANT CONTROLLER- must have experience in all phases of accounting. CPA preferred or working toward certification. Starting salary based upon experience and ability. Must have verifiable work history. Apply in person at BIDCO Corp., 312 E. 2nd., Odessa.

ASSISTANT TEACHER for small private school. A great love for young children is necessary. 687-2222.

CASE MANAGER. Texson Management Group- Sweetwater Juvenile Facility is accepting applications for Case Manager. Must have a Degree in Human Services, knowledge and/ or experience in Juvenile Justice System. Salary range 22K to 24K based upon level of experience. Competitive benefit package offered. Applications/ resumes accepted at 2101 W. Alabama, Sweetwater, Texas 79556. No phone calls please. EOE.

CUSTOMER SERVICE. Exciting career opportunities now available at Olan Mills Portrait Studios For interviews call Jamie at 1-800-249-4555, ext. 7411 and leave your name and number.

DIRECTOR of Christian Education- Full Time. This position will be responsible for providing oversight and coordination of Christian Education program and related ministries. If interested in applying, send a letter of application and a resume to First United Methodist Church, 200 E. Snyder, Hobbs, NM 88240.

ENTRY LEVEL Staff Accountant Position open for Midland based oil & gas company. Degree in Accounting required. Will consider graduate candidate or recent graduate. Knowledge of PC, Spreadsheets, Lotus & Excel needed. Send resume with salary requirements to: Accountant Position, 211 N Colorado, Midland, Texas 79701.

316 Sales Help Wanted

Unique Opportunity For Sales Consultants With College Or Equivalent Backgrounds

One of Midland's top automotive retailers is dramatically changing the way people buy cars and trucks. This unique approach utilizes consultants to professionally match the consumers' needs to the appropriate purchase. Although there is an exciting compensation plan to reward performance, the concept of stabilized income for sales consultants working sensible hours makes the car buying experience fun for both employees and customers.

We require no sales experience. Instead, we seek clean cut, career-minded men and women with college or equivalent backgrounds. After receiving professional training and working in this unique environment, you will be proud that you replied to this announcement and are part of this exciting change.

Apply Tuesday thru Friday

3205 W. WALL MIDLAND, TEXAS
Ask For John or Jim Bob

WE ALSO BUILD AND SERVICE CAREERS

Computer City, a $1.8 billion distributor of computer hardware, software, accessories and related services through direct, corporate, government, and mail-order channels, has exceptional career opportunities in our **Midland** Business Sales office.

BUSINESS SALES OPPORTUNITIES
Commercial Account Managers

Requirements include a minimum of 3+ years business to business sales experience, excellent negotiation and communication skills, and the ability to deliver outstanding customer service.

We offer the best commission plan in the industry, an outstanding benefits plan and much more!

Please mail or fax resume including salary history to: **Computer City, Attn: BSG, Midland Park Mall, 4511 N. Midkiff Rd., #C-7, Midland, TX 79705. Fax: (915) 520-1180.**

We are proud to be a drug-free and smoke-free workplace. EOE/AA

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ENTRY-LEVEL SALES

I need 8 teenagers/ young adults (or others), ages 14 and up who need $50- $200 weekly, working 15- 25 hours per week. If you are outgoing, determined, and can follow a simple system... we will teach you and help you succeed. Parents... this is a good opportunity for your son or daughter to learn that "hard work pays off". You will be selling subscriptions to the Midland Reporter-Telegram, with tons of promotions to help you all the way.

Hurry! Call Mr. Money at 567-3431
Leave a Voice Message
(If you don't need money... Don't Call!)

PART TIME = BIG $$$

I need 5 salespeople who know how to close a sale and can work on their own. You will be selling the Midland Reporter-Telegram. You will have designated areas, tons of new promotions, easy sales, and we will help you all the way. Commissions can easily range from $150- $350 weekly, working 10- 15 hours per week.

Hurry! Call Mr. Money at 567-3431
Leave a Voice Message

PROMOTIONAL SALES

We still need to fill 6 positions for store booth promotional sales for the Midland Reporter-Telegram. We need salespeople **who can close the sale...** lots of promotions - easy sales. If you can sell... you can easily make $100- $300 weekly commissions... doing part- time work.

Hurry! Call Mr. Money at 567-3431
Leave a Voice Message

DRILL INSTRUCTOR. The R. Temple Dickson Juvenile Detention Facility is accepting applications for the position of Drill Instructor. Applicants must have at least two (2) years military experience in the United States Army or Marine Corp and supervisory experience. Competitive benefit package offered. Send resume to: Texson Management Group, Inc., 2101 W. Alabama, Sweetwater, Texas 79556 or fax (915)235-0884. EOE.

FULL CHARGE bookkeeping needed, and all phases of accounting for full time position. Up to $10.50 an hour. Send resume: P.O. Box 2969, Odessa, TX 79760.

INSTRUCTORS NEEDED. Growing Business School needs Additional Instructors to teach: Computerized Accounting Specialist & Network Operations Technicians. Send resumes to: International Business School, 3300 N. "A" Street, Bldg. 8, Suite 110, Midland, TX 79705.

MARKETING- must have finance or banking background. Must be willing to travel U.S. Salary plus incentives. Apply in person BIDCO Corp., 312 E. 2nd, Odessa.

PRESCHOOL DIRECTOR Position opening. The Child Development Center at First Presbyterian Church is currently seeking a Director for our Preschool. The director of our preschool must possess excelled organizational and communication skills, must be personable and meet the Texas Department of Regulatory and Protective Services certification requirements. This is a 28 hour a week position with a competitive salary. Please forward your resume and any questions to Rev. Jim Houston-Hencken, 800 West Texas Ave., Midland, Texas 79701. 684-7821, Fax: 684-8424.

PROFESSIONAL- New Personnel company needs part time Engineering Technicians for the energy industry. Must be computer and spreadsheet literate. Send resumes in confidence to P.O. Box 51904, Midland, TX 79710-1904.

REAL ESTATE Opportunity! Not sales, but License required. Teaching or Lecture experience a must. Resume to: Box B-04047, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

SPORTS DIRECTOR/ ANCHOR

Candidate must have on year TV sports broadcasting experience. Candidate must be able to shoot and edit beta format video tape. Candidate must cover non- traditional local sports. Candidate must be able to write clear, compelling copy quickly. Candidate must be able to perform well under normal newsroom deadline pressures. Send tapes, resumes and salary requirements to:

Bob Lenertz
News Director
KOSA-TV CBS 7
1211 N. Whitaker
Odessa, Texas 79760

WENDY'S NOW accepting resumes for assistant manager trainee. Competitive salary, benefits. Mail resume to Wendy s P.O. Box 9511, Midland TX 79708.

WEEKEND SPORTS ANCHOR

Candidate must have on year TV sports broadcasting experience. Candidate must be able to shoot and edit beta format video tape. Candidate must cover non- traditional local sports. Candidate must be able to write clear, compelling copy quickly. Candidate must be able to perform well under normal newsroom deadline pressures. Send tapes, resumes and salary requirements to:

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Odessa, Texas 79760

314 Clerical Help Wanted

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Dollar General Corporation, a major retailer, is actively recruiting for Store Managers in the Midland, Odessa area.

Qualified applicant should have at least one to two years retail experience, good organizational skills, a positive attitude and a proven ability to lead and motivate others Some supervisory experience preferred. Qualified applicants should send their resume to Dwayne Erickson, District Manager, 4980 Rustic Trail, Midland, TX 79707. No hone calls, please. EOE

SUPERVISORY Position for machine shop and fabrication facility. Experience in shop personnel supervision, machining, and welding is required. Please send resume to: Box P-06093, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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DESIGN DRAFTER. Odessa oil pumping equipment manufacturer has immediate opening for a design drafter with mechanical design experience. Salary based on experience. All work done using PC Computer with AutoCAD and Microsoft Office in LAN environment. Apply at EVI Oil Tools, 905 S. Grandview, Odessa, TX 79761 915-334-4669.

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GAS PLANT Operator. Growing Company seeking gas plant operator. Must have high school diploma. Minimum 5 years operation experience. Instrumentation/ electrical helpful. Must be willing to relocate to Snyder, TX. Qualified persons send resume to: Box P-06091, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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EXPERIENCED Cabinet Maker. Campbell Construction Company seeking experience 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.

LEAD MECHANIC- Knowledge of diesel and gas. Competitive salary and benefits, possible 4 day work week. Call 682-8077.

MACHINIST needed to run lathes, mill, drill press, etc. Job shop- no production work. Big Spring. Call Monday- Friday, 915-267-7612.

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335 Adult Care Needed

PART TIME position available, home health assistant needed for active disabled lady. Duties include bathing, dressing, wheel chair transfers, certification not required. Will train. Must have dependable transportation and home phone. Call 686-0843.

336 Adult Care Providers

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24 HOUR Care for elderly. $1,000 month- private room. $975 semi- private. 687-2533.

PRIVATE DUTY in your home. 20 + years experience in long term care. Excellent references. Nights, evenings or weekends. Call 520-4736, leave message.

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341 Child Care Providers

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350 Business Opportunities

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SEVERAL BEAUTY and barber hydraulic chairs, $50- $100. Shampoo bowls $10, shampoo chairs, appliance holders with and without outlets- $10. Many shop chairs, office partitions. 683-0890.

TWO SPACES/ Garden of Love, Resthaven Park Cemetery. 684- 6902, 684-8680.

LIGHT TABLE- Sandmar Professional- Top Measures 44" x 64"- $300. Call 697-1164.

DREAMER CANDLES. Aroma Therapy Products, Teddy Angels, Picture frames, Stone Critters- More! Anna Marie Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring.

SLIDING GLASS doors with screens and custom made vertical blinds. Call after 6 pm, 520-8321.

410 Misc. Sales

WEDDING DRESS. Size 5. Eggshell color. Short sleeve with matching long gloves. Long train with bustle in back. Purchased from Brides Magazine. Paid over $1,200- Never worn. Asking $650. Call 268-9147 or 520-3412.

MOVING MUST sacrifice ebony Mason & Hamlin piano, $1,500 o b o 682-1926.

2 CEMETERY PLOTS. Good Sheperd (Older Section) Resthaven. $900 each. Serious inquiries only. Call Kay after 6, 915-686-2040.

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HOT TUB- seats 6- 83" x 83" Built by Morgan Spas. Free standing with redwood skirting. $1,500. 683-1468. (if weekday, after 6:30).

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MACINTOSH PERFORMA 400 with new color monitor $325, large light table $200, small light table $100, bunkbed $50. 697-1376.

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413 Jewelry & Furs

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415 Misc. Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

430 Household Goods

USED 3 Person hot tub/ spa. Good condition. Must sell this week! Delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

MOVING SALE! Miscellaneous items including living room, bedroom and patio furniture, pool heater, water softener, and gazebo. Please call, days: 687-8208, nights: 682-6985 for more information.

432 Household Furniture

BEAUTIFUL LIVING room or den couch with hide- a- bed. Exceptional condition and value. $275. 697-6977.

SONY CONSOLE color TV, with remote, $125. Call 694-3908.

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432 Household Furniture

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.

HALL TREE with beveled mirror. $1,250. Belgium light oak with marble 4 piece bedroom suite, $2,000. Highback rocker, $525. 2 Oak chairs, $125 each or $225 pair. Curved glass curio cabinet, $525. By appointment, 683-8384.

OAK TRIM Entertainment Center (10 shelves), only 6 months old, excellent condition, $225. 520-8308.

WAVERLY slipped covered sofa. Large, well built. Will deliver in Midland. $300. 697-6413.

BEAUTIFUL OAK entertainment center- $350, secretarial desk with left hand return, matching credenza, chair, $1,200, executive desk, matching credenza, bookcase, chair- $1,500. 689-8138.

BOYS BEDROOM suite- Lexington, bunkbeds, desk with hutch, night stand, 4 drawer chest- excellent condition, 2 years old, paid $4,000, sell for $1,200, breakfast table and 4 chairs with matching bakers rack, metal and glass, $400. 522-2667.

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CONTEMPORARY COUCH, gray, burgundy, hunter green, navy. Excellent condition, 1 1/2 years old, $200. 699-1917.

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LIGHTED DISPLAY cabinet, very large, white with oak trim & glass shelf, $90. 520-8308.

432 Household Furniture

CRIB 'N YOUTH Bed- light oak with drawers. Very good condition. $200. 682-2204.

OAK TRUNDLE daybed, cherry queen sleigh, king waterbed, glass dining Pier 1, like leather camel sofa, nine drawer dresser, computer table, kitchen, microwave. 689-0422, 4509 Norwood.

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CONTEMPORARY Kitchen dining table, rectangular shaped glass top with black base and 6 black chairs. New, too large for my kitchen area. $700 570-5577.

435 Household Appliances

2 CHAMBERS Stoves for sale. Call 687-6704 for more information.

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2 MIRRORED door Armoire, $1,000, Marble top wash stand, $300, Mirrored, 3 drawer dresser $500. 697-8226 or 580-3706.

COFFEE table, country French antique, carved fruit wood with glass and cane top. $350, 683-6719.

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485 Collectibles

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✔ 2304 STOREY. Saturday, 9- 2. Mens and womens clothing, patio furniture, bird houses, kitchen utensils, silverware, cookware, double bed with brass head board, art, office refrigerator.

411 S. "M" STREET- Museum District. Children & Adult clothing. Baby items. Furniture, bird cages. Saturday, 8:30am.

3215 W. MICHIGAN. Saturday only 9- ? Baby things, computers, motorcycle, furniture/ miscellaneous. No early birds!

SATURDAY ONLY. 8- 1! Tools, crafts, clothes, toys and more!! Memorial Christian Church. 1001 Andrews Hwy. No early sales!!

1311 S. Camp. Friday- Saturday. 8- ? Mother's Day arrangements, clothes, buffet, and miscellaneous!

1100 W. Washington Apt. B. (corner of Washington and "D" St.) Friday- Saturday 9- ? Baby clothes, adult clothes, all sizes, toys and lots more!

3211 W. Ohio. Saturday only, 8- 4. Lots of baby and kids stuff! Much more!

1804 COLLEGE. Old guns $60 to $100, old bayonets $8- $15, Swords, mounted steerhorns, antique survey equipment, Indian baskets, old toy soldiers, Springfield stock. Wanted old swords, daggers, war relics, arrowhead collections.

❤ 1205 COMMUNITY LANE. (in rear, down alley). Saturday 8- 1. 3 Generation garage sale! LP's, Snapper commercial mower, gas edger, drill, Remington youth shotgun. Mossberg shotgun, car ramps, games, Sega, Virtual boy, clothes, mens suits- size 40, girls junior size 2- 6, boys size 12- 18, ladies size 10, and more.

2519 W. Golf Course. Friday- Saturday. (corner of Murray & Golf Course). Household items, tons of baby clothes (newborn to 7), maternity clothes, car seats, furniture, waterbed, clothes, childrens toys, Power Wheels motorcycle, toddler bikes, swimming pool, Little Tykes sand box, cake pans, and more!

1009 MOGFORD. Friday- Saturday. Western jeans, shirts, hats, shower chair, comforter, chair, clothes. Lots more!

2407 W. Cuthbert. Saturday, 9- 4. Rifles, ping pong table, stove, refrigerator, tools, toys, clothes, and lots more!

101 BUTLER, (corner of Main & Cuthbert) Thursday & Friday- 9:00- ? A little bit of everything!

2000 HOLLOWAY AVENUE. (at "M" street, Museum District). Saturday 8 am- 2 pm. No early birds, please! Nice stuff: small appliances, housewares, clothing, lots of other items, too many to list.

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4601 PARKDALE. Saturday, 9- 3. Color TV, cherry wood TV/ VCR stand, stereo equipment, clothes, and miscellaneous household items!

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3809-B STOREY in alley. Desk, chair, large cabinet, shelves, craft supplies, Avon products, pictures, grill, chiming clock, antique trunk & lawnmower. Friday, 8- 5.

4309 MERCEDES Dr. (Jane Long school and Midland Dr.) Friday- Saturday 7-? Small appliances, clothes, gas and electric mowers and edgers, mower parts, miscellaneous.

4604 SEMINOLE 8- 1. Weight bench, Honda 50 dirt bike, treadmill, aquarium, clothes, kitchen ware, and much more!

✿ 4512 PASADENA. Saturday only 8- 1. Furniture, quilting frame, Coleman stove, slide projector, CB radios, exercise bike, picture frames, sewing machine, kitchen utensils, towels, sheets and spreads, walking cane, books and clothes. No Early Birds.

❤ 404 WOODCREST (one block off West Illinois, under the water tower), Saturday 8 am- 3 pm. Boy's clothes (newborn to 12 months), crib, 2 car seats, other miscellaneous baby items, king size bed, 2 twin box springs, glass top table with chairs, miscellaneous.

4804 W. ILLINOIS. Saturday 8 am- 3 pm. Olds trombone, dog house, books, clothes, etc.

❤ 1012 TARLETON. Saturday 9 am- ? Inside Sale!!! Sleeper couch, flotation waterbed, dining table & chairs, desk, microwave, TV, jam box, entertainment center, DSS Satellite, baby swing, clothes, kitchen items, lots of other miscellaneous!

★ 3607 AMELIA Dr. Saturday, May. 9 . 8am- 2pm only. O.V.H. garage door, circular clothes racks, greeting card racks, typewriter, books, books, books, display racks, desks, exercise equipment, flower baskets. Cash only!

3912 ROOSEVELT. Saturday, 7:30- ?? Lamps, set of dishes, treadmill, microwave & table, lots of boys & girls clothes sizes 8 & up, pictures, miscellaneous!!

4301 LEDDY Dr. Saturday, 8- ? Furniture, exercise equipment, antique clocks, Beauty Control items, clothing, kitchen items and linens! Too much more to mention!!

4605 CROCKETT. Saturday only, 8- ? Large garage sale! Skis, TV, computer desk, clothes, and entertainment center.

79705

★ 305 E. OAK. Friday & Saturday 8 am- 1 pm. 3 Family Sale. Table with 4 chairs, vanity, womens, mens, teen, infant and childrens clothing, twin comforter set, toys, changing table, crib bedding and other knick knacks.

3611 SHELL. Huge Sale. 100's of items. Saturday 8 am.

79705

2910 N. "I". Moving sale, Saturday May 9, 8 am. Love seat, recliner, end table, swing set, boys clothes 3T, girls clothes 4- 6, other treasures.

✔ 3800 KNIFFEN. Saturday 8 am- 2 pm (Loop 250 east 1 1/4 miles from Christiansen Stadium). Antique glassware, pottery, chairs. Sewing machine, canning jars, bird cage, Porta Potti, bike, boots, Hilti Hammer Drill, lots more.

✔ 3 FAMILY SALE! Weight bench, weights, set of dishes, gas edger, lawnmower, holiday decorations, patio table, umbrella and chairs, pictures, keyboard, clothing, lamps, antique mantle, golf items, craft supplies, miscellaneous household- Saturday only, 8- ? 5001 Stoneleigh Dr.

4607 CRENSHAW DR. Backyard Sale. Furniture, clothing, miscellaneous. Friday & Saturday 8 am- 4 pm.

✱ 2603 WARD. Saturday, 8 am- ? Four- Families. Beanie babies, coffee table, entertainment center, baby items, small applian.es, ceramics, some clothing, and too many items to list. (No sales before 8 am)

3300 MARIANA. 8- 5. Dollar bag clothes, dresser, dryer. Too much to list!!

❤ 2913 EMERSON PLACE. (enter in alley). Saturday 8- 12. Sofa, 2 winged back chairs, wooden rocker, ceiling fan, 12" girls bike, 32"X 81" & 36"X 81" complete aluminum full glass storm doors, toys, mens, womens & girls clothes & miscellaneous.

CAROL LANE. Block garage sale. Saturday only! 8 to ? Nordic track, queen water bed, dining room suite, VW, office desk, luggage, breakfast set, Little Tykes, tricycle, car seat, toys, area rug, stair stepper, recessed lights, metal door jams, wooden doors, Kirby and other vacuum cleaners, exercise bicycle, recliner, air cleaner, house decorations, clothes.

#7 LINDA COURT, Saturday 8- 3. Moving Sale!!! Bedding, linens, exercise equipment, lawnmower, childrens clothes, baby stuff, lots more!

1703 NORTH "H" (between Scarbrauer/ Golf Course) 4 family, Friday- Saturday 8- 4, Childrens clothes, microwave, trundle bed, linens, and much more!

79706

✔ 1606 E COUNTY RD 145- 4 Miles South I-20 on FM 715. Refrigerator, tiller, bunkbeds, dishes, adult & boys clothes, computer, bicycle, lots of miscellaneous! Cash only! Saturday, 7-3.

SATURDAY ONLY. 8- 4. 801 E County Rd 123. 1 Block West of Lamesa on 123. 2 Desks, beds, dressers, file cabinets, fixtures, clothes, 1985 GMC Vandura Van, and miscellaneous!!

79706

✱ 1412 CR 117 W. (South on Cottonflat rd. to CR 117 - follow signs.) Estate Sale! Friday- Saturday 8- 6. Sofa/ makes queen bed, recliner, Troy Built Jr. tiller, 2 lawn mowers, dishes, king size comforter, 2 TV's, sewing machine, 14' aluminum boat, 17' Glastron Deep V with 135 HP Evenrude. Lots of miscellaneous!

4006 So. Co. Rd 1185. Go down Big spring St. to I-20. Then go 1 1/2 miles south to Ridgeheights, turn left and go to 1st stop sign. Turn left. 5 family sale. You want it! We have it! All sizes and name brand clothing, infant, teen, women and men. Instruments, cake decorating, tack, microwave, pictures, shelves, dressers, lamps, small appliances, Claude Monet pictures, golf, tools, toys, old school desk. Need baby things? We have a porta- crib, bouncer seat, Lion King tent, and car seats. There's just toooo much to mention. Saturday, May 9, 8- ? Come for all the great buys!

1301 S. COUNTY RD. 1090. 3 Family Sale. Saturday 8- 5 pm. Furniture, clothes, baby items.

79707

3407 CRESTMONT. Saturday, 8- 11. Clothes (boys & mens), VCR, home fixtures. Lots more!

4406 ROSEWOOD. Friday only! Lots of miscellaneous, mens & womens clothing, infant boys, little girls.

5109 CANADIAN. Side by side refrigerator, grill guard for pickup, golf clubs, tools, clothes for all sizes, Saturday 8- 12.

3409 WHITTLE WAY (in alley). Saturday only! 9- 1. 2 Car seats, crib linens, matching lamp and mobile, baby items, tent, computer and desk, typing desk, miscellaneous.

4504 MERIDITH. Sale starts Thursday- Friday & Saturday. Curtains, large size women's clothes, lots of miscellaneous.

★ 2113 WINDRIFT (Grassland) Friday 8- ? Saturday 8- 1. Daybed, bedding with accessories, Futon, desk, grill, decroating items, toys, clothing, 1967 VW Bug. Priced to sell!

4103 AMISTAD. Saturday only, 7:30- 2. Multi family sale! Furniture, ladies and childrens clothes, baby items, exercise equipment, too much to list!

★ 3713 HUMBLE. Friday 12- 4, Saturday 9- 1. GIGANTIC FUND RAISER SALE. Over 25 families have donated. Items include childs wheel chair, exercise equipment, lamps, extra nice clothing from childrens to adult, plus large mens and womans to size 20, coffee and end tables, chairs, pictures, 2 piece sectional sofa, octagonal coffee table, lots of Barbies, and baby dolls, Miss Cayces tree, bike, student desk and chair. Too much more to list! Absolutely no early sales!

4506 BELTON Saturday 8- 12. Lots of clothes and miscellaneous. No early birds!

79707

3700 SHELL. Moving Sale. Saturday only. Washer/ dryer, sleeper couch matching love seat, other furniture, More!

4509 NORWOOD, Saturday & Sunday 8- ? Furniture: dining, living, bedroom, kitchen, appliances, exercise, recreation, computer table, 689-0422.

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4309 GREENBRIAR. Friday 9- 2. Portable dish washer, recliner, HP monitor, 4 drawer chests, tricycle, Little Tikes toys, lots of miscellaneous.

6400 DRIFTWOOD, Saturday 8- 12. 5 Family garage sale. Furniture, assorted clothes, baby items, miscellaneous.

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1- Small Dark Wood End Table, $150
1- Octagonal Coffee Table, $75
1- Recliner (Good Condition) $125
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❤ 3905 WESTMONT- 1 block east, corner of Mark & Whittle Way (in alley). Friday & Saturday 7 to ? Womens designer suits- size 14 & 16, maternity clothes size 8, Men, womens, childrens & infants clothes, household & miscellaneous goods.

3506 WEDGEWOOD Alley. Friday- Saturday, 8:00- ? Kirby vacuum, microwave, VCR, Singer sewing machine, clothes, and miscellaneous. No early sales!

4511 WOODHOLLOW (Briarwood addition- in alley). Saturday only 8- 2. 3 Only 386- 25 Compact lap top computers, infants & kids clothes, baby furniture, golf bags, 3 sofas, antiques, miscellaneous.

4503 AMISTAD. Saturday only. Furniture, lamps, baby stroller and other baby items, shoes, toys, lawn mowers, weed eater, dishes, pots and pans, lots of misc. No early sales.

3908 NASWORTHY (on Patio). Family clothing, computer desk, bookshelves, '96 Ford Explorer V8. 8- 4 Saturday.

4336 W. Dengar. Saturday, 8- ? Kids clothes, toys, furniture, oak entertainment center. Lots more!

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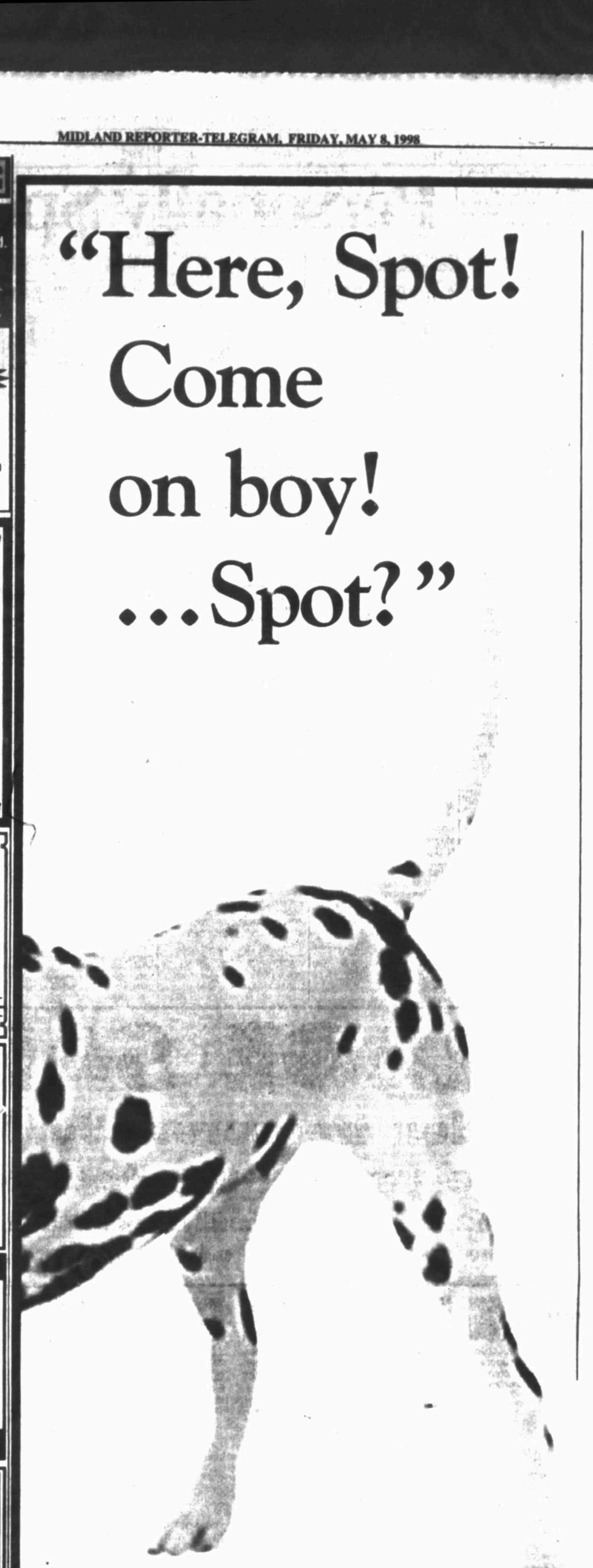
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Fun-loving single white female, 51, 5'5", 130lbs., brown hair/eyes, attractive, educated, enjoys painting, gardening, reading and more, seeking a flexible single white male, 48-58. N/S. Ad# 8097.

WALKING HAND IN HAND
Single Native American mom of one, 18, 5'5", dark hair/eyes, enjoys spending time with her son, movies, sports, walks in the park, dining out, socializing and more, seeks a single male, 18-22. Ad# 7926.

LOOKING FOR YOU
Caring, honest, easygoing single white female, 45, 5'7", 155lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys movies, swimming, boating, long walks, reading, dining out and spending time together, looking for fun-loving, special single white male, 28-50. Ad# 9936.

HEAVEN SENT
Cheerful single white mom, 32, 5'8", red hair, brown eyes, employed, loves romantic movies, picnics, flea markets, horses, dancing and outdoor activities, seeks single white male, 25-50. Ad# 8641.

BRIGHT BLUE EYES
Friendly, laid-back single white mother, 33, 5'9", short red hair, smoker, loves children and meeting new people, seeks a trustworthy, honest, sincere single white male, 34-44. Ad# 7357.

LEARN AND GROW
Single black mom, 19, 5'1", black hair, brown eyes, enjoys going to church, dining out, dancing, laughter, movies and more, seeks a single black male, 19-26, with similar interests. Ad# 9468.

MEET ME HALF-WAY
Professional single white mom, 43, 5'5", brown hair/eyes, enjoys meditation, country-western music, phone chats, seeks single male, 38-60. Ad# 9376.

FUN AND OUTGOING
Professional, divorced white female, 28, 5'4", 170lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes animals, enjoys movies, country music, bowling and dancing, seeks single white male, 28-35, non-smoker. Ad# 9871.

FRESH OUTLOOK
Single white female, 57, 5'8", dark auburn hair, blue eyes, employed, loves dancing, long walks, fishing, sports and movies, seeks a single white male, 50-65, to share quality time. Ad# 7277.

LOOKING FOR MY COWBOY
Single white female, 19, 5'9", 125lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys animals, the beach, traveling, jet skiing, horseback riding and more, seeks a single white male, 20-23. Ad# 8160.

PETITE & PLEASANT
Single Hispanic mother, 20, 4'10", brownish-black hair, brown eyes, enjoys dancing, fishing, going to movies, horseback riding and romantic dinners, seeking a single male, 23-40, who likes children. Ad# 8797.

WHAT A WOMAN!
Personable, sociable single black mom, 49, 5'8", full-figured, black hair, brown eyes, enjoys going to church, singing, dancing, fishing, bingo, reading, writing, dining out, movies and family gatherings, in search of sincere single black male, 40-60. Ad# 8261.

HOW NICE
Single white mom, 30, dark brown hair, blue eyes, loves her two sons, seeking a single white male, 31-42, for a possible relationship. Ad# 9192.

GREAT PERSONALITY?
Single white female, 48, 5'6", 145lbs., blue-eyed brunette, enjoys a wide variety of interests, seeks an outgoing single white male, 45-55, 6'+, who likes country, dancing and movies. Ad# 9754.

CHRIST FIRST
Baptist single white female, 42, 5'2", medium build, reddish-brown hair, brown eyes, enjoys movies, Christian music, cooking and traveling, hoping to meet a single white male, 35-50. Ad# 8118.

LISTEN CLOSELY
Professional single black female, 44, 5'6", medium build, black hair, brown eyes, enjoys football, basketball, movies, bowling and good conversation, looking for a drug free single black male, 38-50. Ad# 8375.

COUNTRY ROMANCE
Single white mom, 45, 5'7", medium build, brown hair, green eyes, likes shooting pool, horseback riding and spending time with kids, looking for a single white male, 35-50, with similar interests. Ad# 8233.

A BREATH OF FRESH AIR
Single white Christian female, 44, medium height and weight, enjoys comedies, camping, fishing, traveling and dining out, seeks an intelligent, understanding, single white male, 39-49. Ad# 9650.

TRUST ME
Single Hispanic mom, 20, 5'5", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys dancing, traveling, cooking, reading and poetry, seeking a single Hispanic male, 18-35, for friendship first, possible relationship. Ad# 7506.

LOTS IN COMMON?
Bi-racial single female, 27, 5'5", brown hair, brown eyes, enjoys music, the movies, travel, reading and dining out, seeks a single white male,27-38, who enjoys life. Ad# 9656.

CHEMISTRY
Loving, single, black Christian female, 31, 5'8", full-figured, black hair, brown eyes, a professional, enjoys music, basketball, football, traveling, moonlit walks, exercising, movies and billiards, seeking a single black Christian male, 30-45. Ad# 8470.

QUITE RIGHT
Kind-hearted, single Hispanic mom, 29, 5'4", 150lbs., auburn hair, brown eyes, enjoys playing with her kids, basketball, cooking, music, dancing and more, seeking a faithful, single Hispanic male, 28-43. Ad# 9338.

UNTIL NOW
Divorced black mom, 30, 5', full-figured, black hair, brown eyes, enjoys horror movies, reading, writing and spending time with her kids, seeks a single male, 38-45, race unimportant. Ad# 8333.

CAN YOU KEEP UP
Single black female, 25, 5'6", 155lbs., brown hair, enjoys working out, seeking outgoing, active single white male, 25-33. Ad# 8705.

THE MAGIC OF LOVE
Hispanic single mom of three, 30, 5'3", 175lbs., reddish-brown hair/eyes, enjoys playing in the snow with her children, dancing and movies, seeks a Hispanic single male, 28-45, who likes children. Ad# 8072.

ENJOYS LIFE
Single black female, 29, 5'5", 130lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys movies and music, reading and outdoor activities, seeks a single male, 26-36, race unimportant. Ad# 9498.

YOU BRING ME JOY
Single black mom, 29, 5'7", 165lbs., brown eyes, enjoys snow skiing, building snowman, spending time with her children, long walks, movies and light jazz music, seeks an honest single black male, 30-35. Ad# 7698.

WELL-EDUCATED
Divorced white mom of three, 48, 5'7", 117lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys boating, fishing, relaxing at the lake and meeting new people, seeks a secure, single white male, 44-54. Ad# 9007.

ARE YOU MY COWBOY?
Single white mom of one, 28, 5'6", 125lbs., long brown hair/eyes, animal lover, likes playing games with her son, seeks responsible, romantic, loving single white male, 25-42. Ad# 7244.

AGE IS JUST A NUMBER
Single white female, 63, 5'6", 148lbs., frosted brown hair, brown eyes, enjoys movies, dancing, dining out, traveling and more, seeks a single white male, 63-70. Ad# 7435.

MAKE ME LAUGH
Single white female, 19, 5'7", long brown hair, green eyes, enjoys reading mystery books, watching hockey and basketball, seeks single white male, 18-25. Ad# 7360.

UPBEAT PERSONALITY
Single Hispanic mom, 27, 5'2", brown hair/eyes, enjoys martial arts, swimming, movies, skating, looking for single male, 27-35. Ad# 8909.

FRIENDS FIRST
Professional divorced white mom, 30, 5'10", black hair, blue eyes, enjoys camping, fishing, sports and rodeos, would like to meet a single white Christian male, 25-40, who likes kids. Ad# 8363.

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Single white female, 42, 5'7", full-figured, blonde hair, blue eyes, loves fishing and music, seeking a single white male, 39-46. Ad# 7883.

FILL MY HOME WITH LOVE
Single Hispanic mom, 34, 5', full-figured, enjoys church, snuggling, quiet evenings, seeks marriage-minded single white or Hispanic male, 26-36, non-smoker, non-drinker. Ad# 9130.

WAITING TO HEAR FROM YOU
Quiet single white female, 60, 5'4", 120lbs., loves chips and dip, enjoys adventure movies, seeks single male, 55-65. Ad# 7201.

QUEEN OF HEARTS
Single white mom, 37, 5'5", 105lbs., dark brown hair/eyes, enjoys crafts, walking, swimming and playing on computers, seeks a tall, intelligent single male, 35-50, with dark hair/eyes. Ad# 9132.

I BELIEVE IN LOVE
Religious single white female, 34, 5'3", blonde hair, green eyes, employed, likes country music, reading, playing the piano and singing, seeks single white male, 32-38. Ad# 7324.

DO YOU KNOW THE FEELING?
Single white mom, 20, 5'10", 150lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys alternative music, stimulating conversation, hanging out with friends, looking to meet a single white male, 20-24. Ad# 8372.

OLD-FASHIONED RELATIONSHIP
Single Hispanic female, 35, 5'1", 165lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys dining out, all kinds of sports music and concerts, seeks sincere, honest, faithful single white male, 35-46. Ad# 7308.

FULL OF JOY
Single white female, 56, brown hair/eyes, enjoys relaxing by the fireplace, the seasonal colors, going to the beach and socializing, seeks an honest, caring, single white male, 55-68. Ad# 8371.

THE GOOD LIFE
Professional, attractive single white female, 46, 5'2", personable, smoker, enjoys traveling, the arts, seeking, single white male, 40-55. Ad# 212.

UP FOR ANYTHING
Single white female, 45, 5'6", full-figured, enjoys reading, going for walks and nature, seeking single white male, 40-50. Ad# 7924.

QUIET SIDE OF LIFE
Laid-back single white mother, 34, 5'6", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys action movies and quality time with her children, seeks a sincere, truthful single white male, 30-40, with a loving heart. Ad# 8327.

IN GENERAL
Family oriented, single black female, 57, 5'6", 210lbs., seeking nice, intelligent single black male, 45+. Ad# 8848.

WIN ME OVER
Single white female, 43, 5'6", brown hair, green eyes, enjoys sports, movies, dining out, seeking a sincere, single white male, 37-50, who isn't into games. Ad# 7040.

MOVE QUICKLY
Single white female, 18, 5'6", employed student, enjoys sports, seeking humorous single white male, 19-28. Ad# 7131.

I'M A PEOPLE PERSON
Retired single white female, 64, 5'10", brown hair/eyes, enjoys classic movies, the outdoors, traveling and more, seeks a humorous single white male, 60-70. Ad# 7311.

AN AMERICAN GIRL
Fun-loving single white female, 18, 5'4", 110lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys horror novels, movies, jet skiing, swimming, partying, socializing with friends and more, seeks single white male, 18-23. Ad# 8897.

CARING LADY
Attractive single white female, 63, white hair, brown eyes, enjoys dancing and candlelit dinners, good conversation, the outdoors and watching sports, seeks an educated, enthusiastic single white male, 60-80. Ad# 7584.

JUST BE YOURSELF
Single Hispanic mom, 30, 5'7", black hair, brown eyes, hardworking, enjoys the summer, looking forward to hearing from a single male, 27-47, race unimportant. Ad# 8881.

HONESTY REQUIRED
Widowed Hispanic mom, 38, 5', 130lbs., dark brown hair/eyes, social drinker, sports fan, enjoys dancing and family time, seeks honest, loyal single male, 30-45, race unimportant, who likes children. Ad# 8905.

FOR COMPANIONSHIP
Attractive single white female, 37, long brown hair, blue green eyes, 5'6", 120lbs., enjoys the fall, reading, traveling and camping, seeks honest, professional single white male, 27-65. Ad# 7724.

HONEST AND TRUTHFUL
Single white mom, 25, 5'7", blondish-brown hair, green eyes, enjoys horseback riding, rodeos, country-western dancing, seeks single white male, 35-55, for possible relationship. Ad# 9123.

COUNTRY-WESTERN ROMANCE
Single white mom, 26, 6'2", brown hair, blue eyes, animal lover, enjoys line dancing, camping, shooting pool, rodeos and quality family time, seeks honest, fun-loving single white male, 20-35. Ad# 9207.

IS THERE CHEMISTRY?
Single Hispanic mom, 50, 5'2", brown hair/eyes, easygoing, fun-loving, enjoys watching movies and much more, seeks warm-hearted single male, 46-60, to spend time with. Ad# 8059.

EASYGOING LADY
Single Hispanic Christian female, 54, 5'2", 135lbs., dark brown hair/eyes, enjoys sports, long walks, quiet evenings and reading, seeks a kind, understanding single white Christian male, 47-58. Ad# 7528.

RIGHT TYPE OF WOMAN
Professional single white female, 31, 5'2", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys drama and foreign films, reading and playing with computers, seeks a single white male, 26-40, who likes dogs. Ad# 9127.

DESIRES OF THE HEART
Spontaneous single white female, 57, 5'6", slender build, brown hair, blue eyes, smoker, enjoys country drives, sightseeing, dancing and traveling, seeks a single white male, 50-65, for friendship first. Ad# 8976.

CELEBRATE LIFE
Single white female, 54, 5'5", 105lbs., goldish-brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys fishing, gardening, animals and outdoor activities, seeks a kind, sincere single white male, 56-71, for companionship. Ad# 8481.

INTERESTED?
Outgoing single white mom, 19, 5'10", full-figured, brown hair, hazel eyes, likes good conversation, spending time with her son, seeks single male, over 18, who is 5'10"+ and must like children. Ad# 8652.

A TAD BIT SHY
Single white female, 59, 5'7", slender, dark hair, green eyes, animal lover, enjoys dancing, painting, reading, cooking, seeks single white male, 60-66. Ad# 7431.

INTRODUCE YOURSELF
Single white female, 18, 5'7", long blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys sports, variety of movies, going to the beach, looking for a financially secure single white male, 18-20. Ad# 9426.

INNER BEAUTY REQUIRED
Professional single black female, 39, 5'9", medium build, black hair, brown eyes, enjoys the outdoors, watching basketball, travelling, puzzles, reading and going for walks, seeking honest, strong single male, 32-42. Ad# 9903.

NOT IN A RUSH
Happy single Hispanic mother, 38, 5'5", 160lbs., short black hair, brown eyes, loves a good laugh, likes scary and romantic movies, country music and dancing, sports, seeks an upfront single Hispanic male, 30-40, for friendship first, maybe more later. Ad# 7354.

SHY AT FIRST
Sincere divorced white mom, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, likes football, basketball, rodeos and more, seeks a tall single white male, 35-55, with similar interests. Ad# 8996.

ARE YOU GOING MY WAY?
Single white female, 21, 5'6", 145lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys football, movies, walking, hiking, fishing, camping and romantic dinners, seeks a single white male, 21-25, who is compatible. Ad# 8063.

NEW EXPERIENCES
Single Hispanic mom, 27, 145lbs., brown hair, enjoys dancing, swimming, traveling and candlelit dinners, seeking a single male, 18-40, for companionship. Ad# 7461.

ABC'S OF COMPATIBILITY
Single white female, 43, 5'6", slender, long red hair, blue eyes, enjoys the outdoors, looking for an honest single white male, 41-54, for a serious relationship. Ad# 9795.

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES
Friendly, single white female, 45, blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys camping, fishing, dancing, the outdoors and dining out, seeking single white male, 40-65, with similar interests. Ad# 9793.

YOUNG LOOKING
Single white female, 42, 5'3", 126lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys working in the yard, drama movies, exercising, swimming and more, seeks a sincere, honest single white male, 25-42. Ad# 7705.

UNTIL WE MEET
Single black female, 30, 5'8", black hair, brown eyes, likes music, basketball and dining out, seeking a single black male, 28-37. Ad# 7851.

SWEET & SENSITIVE
Divorced Hispanic female, 52, 5', brown hair/eyes, outgoing, enjoys her work, movies, good company and more, seeking a sweet, understanding, single white Christian male, 50-54, for a great relationship. Ad# 8442.

THIS IS IT
Single white mom, 22, 5', 99lbs., blonde hair, brown eyes, enjoys singing, sports, movies, dancing, dinging out and more, seeking an honest single white male, 23-28. Ad# 9115.

HELLO THERE
Positive, enthusiastic single white female, 35, 5'6", 130lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys teaching, reading, spending time with friends, relaxing at home and more, seeking a single white male, 36-42. Ad# 9286.

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Divorced white mom, 31, 5'7", medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, fit, fun-loving, enjoys movies, socializing, boating, spending time with friends, swimming, the outdoors and more, seeking a single white male, 28-42. Ad# 9119.

SEARCHING
Outgoing single white mom, 38, 5', 102lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, employed, enjoys traveling, quiet evenings at home, dancing, long walks, country-western music and family times, in search of sensitive, non-smoker, single white male, 39-45. Ad# 8132.

TRY ME
Free-spirited single Hispanic mom, 19, 5'3", full figured, dark hair, brown eyes, enjoys dancing, movies, barbecues, the outdoors, long drives and summer time, looking for single Hispanic male, 21-27, who likes children. Ad# 7469.

FOR COMMITMENT?
Single black female, 21, 5'1", 130lbs, enjoys singing, swimming, taking walks, reading, writing, seeks a honest single black male, 21-25. Ad# 9410.

IN GOOD SPIRITS
Honest single black mom, 35, 5'9", 140lbs., brown hair/eyes, employed, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, go-kart racing and more, seeks truthful single male, 35-50. Ad# 8168.

HONEST COMPANION
Single white mom, 48, 5'7", 125lbs, blonde hair, hazel eyes, professional, likes movies, travel, cooking, the lake, family and dancing, seeks an open-minded single white male, 45-65. Ad# 9966.

PICTURE PERFECT
Attractive, single white mother, 29, 5'2", blondish-brown hair, greenish-blue eyes, petite, motivated, loves animals, the outdoors, the beach, beauty, and laughter, single white male, 25-44. Ad# 7432.

LOOKING FOR MY SOUL MATE
Single white female, 45, 5'5", 280lbs., dark hair, brown eyes, enjoys reading, entertainment and much more, seeks a dedicated, humorous single black male, 40-60, with good morals and values. Ad#.9116.

ALL TYPES OF...
Single white female, 22, 5'4", 160lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys hanging out, the shore, swimming, the beach, action movies, seeks a single white male, 20-26. Ad# 8402.

WHAT'S YOUR NAME
Single Hispanic mom, 34, full-figured, brown hair/eyes, enjoys the outdoors, children, happiness, sports and life, seeking a compassionate single Hispanic male, 32-41, for a possible relationship. Ad# 8792.

MUST BE A GENTLEMAN
Single white female, 24, blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys reading, movies, football, drawing, music, seeks a single white male, non-smoking, 24-40. Ad# 7995.

LOADS OF FUN
Lively single white female, 19, 6'2", brown hair, green eyes, likes poetry, music, reading romance stories, karaoke and dancing, seeks a sweet, romantic single white male, 19-22. Ad# 8279.

COUNTRY GIRL AT HEART
Single white mom, 32, 5'2", 115lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, employed, likes fishing, water skiing, the outdoors and good conversations, seeks family-oriented single white male, 30-42. Ad# 8668.

TIRED OF BEING ALONE
Widowed Hispanic mom, 35, 250lbs., brown hair/eyes, homemaker, likes sewing, nice weather, Spanish music and sports, seeks sociable single male, 40-50, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad# 8588.

ATTRACTIVE !
Caring, fun loving, professional, slender single white female, 42, long blondish/brown hair, seeks trustworthy, secure and caring single white male 40-53, to enjoy life's hopes and dreams. Ad# 8352.

POSITIVE REACTION
Petite single white mother, 29, green eyes, enjoys meeting new people, reading, dancing, going out on the town and spending time with her kids, seeks a laughable, easy-going single white male, 28-40. Ad# 9062.

LIVING DAY BY DAY
Single white female, 56, 5'4", blackish-grey hair, hazel eyes, employed, loves romantic novels, sunsets, windmills and meeting new people, looking for a single white male. Ad# 2841.

MAKE AN INTRODUCTION
Single white female, 44, 5'7", dark brown hair, employed, loves her cat, into the arts, gardening, being outside and going to sporting events, seeks a freindly single white male, 35-49, to share companionship. Ad# 7112.

LIVE FOR TODAY
Personable, faithful single white female, 30, 5'1", short blonde hair, greenish-blue eyes, loves the spring time, reading magazines, rodeos, country dancing and cook-outs, seeks a single Hispanic male, 30-40. Ad# 8716.

QUIET TIMES
Lively single white female, 33, 5'8", blue-eyed blond, enjoys dancing, sports, spending time with her daughters and watching movies, seeking a single Hispanic male, 27-40. Ad# 8006.

ON A POSITIVE NOTE...
Reserved single white female, 46, 5'7", slender, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys comedies, hiking, biking, skiing, snorkeling and gardening, in search of active single white male, 40-51, who enjoys life. Ad# 9260.

FUN IN THE SUMMER SUN
Single white female, 18, 5'9", 170lbs., long dark brown hair/eyes, likes many kinds of music, hanging out with friends, shooting pool, seeks single white male, 18-23, blue eyes a plus. Ad# 7536.

LET'S DO LUNCH
Employed single white female, 46, 5'6", 120lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, smoker, likes all sports, drawing, animals, seeks tall, slender, dependable single white male, 45-55, to spend some time with. Ad# 8399.

COULD IT BE FATE?
Sincere single white mom, 23, 5'6", 130lbs., blonde hair, loves the summertime, chocolate, seeks honest, good-looking single white male, 23-36, who loves country music and dancing. Ad# 7743.

MR. RIGHT?
Shy single Hispanic mom of two, 22, 5'3", long black hair, brown eyes, enjoys music, going to the beach and family outings, would like to share friendship with a dependable, single Hispanic male, 20-32. Ad# 9991.

BIG HEART?
Humorous, stable single white female, 34, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys gardening, camping, the oldies, seeks communicative, honest single white male, 30-40. Ad# 8198.

SWEEP ME OFF MY FEET!
Single white female, 19, 5'8", blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys movies, concerts, pool, music, writing, playing guitar, outdoor activities, seeks handsome, responsible single white male, 18-30. Ad# 7557.

LET'S TALK IT OVER
Outgoing single white female, 51, 5'4", 145lbs., light brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys dining out, dancing, movies and country music, in search of single white male, 45-65, with similar interests. Ad# 7274.

CUDDLE UP TO ME
Full-figured single black mom, 19, 5'7", reddish-brown hair, brown eyes, smoker, enjoys dancing, basketball and music, seeking fun, educated, employed single male, 18-30, who likes kids. Ad# 8603.

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED
Divorced white mom, 39, 5'6", medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys dining out, sporting events, country dancing, seeks single white male, 35-48, to share life's adventures with. Ad# 8822.

THIS ONE RATES
Single white female, 25, 5'7", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys movies, animals, country-western dancing, the outdoors and more, seeking a single white male, 26-34, who has a great sense of humor. Ad# 7522.

NEW BEGINNINGS
Single white female, 51, 5'3", 120lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys nature, shopping, travelling, bowling, reading, dining out, seeking single white male, 49-55, for companionship. Ad# 7227.

IS IT YOU?
Single Hispanic female, 19, tall, brown hair/eyes, enjoys biking and walking, dancing, sports and reading, would like to meet a single Hispanic male, 20-24, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad# 8859.

QUALITY TIME
Single Hispanic female, 36, 5'3", brown hair/eyes, enjoys children, movies, would like to meet an sincere, understanding, SM, 35-50, to share interests and friendship. Ad# 7306.

GOING BACK TO SCHOOL
Shy single white female, 40, 5'4", brown hair/eyes, enjoys music, travel, seeks single white male, 39-48, for lasting relationship. Ad# 9931.

LOOKING FOR MY COWBOY
Professional single white mom, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys football, rodeos, traveling, skiing, singing, dancing and quality family time, seeks a tall single white male, 35-55. Ad# 9092.

LIKES THE QUIET LIFE
Personable single Hispanic female, 38, 5'7", medium weight, brown hair/eyes, loves children, seeks educated, humorous, mannerly single white male, 35-45, non-smoker, non-drinker. Ad# 7966.

LOOKING AT THE STARS
Attractive single white female, 43, medium build, green-eyed blonde, professional, enjoys travel, sewing and reading, seeks a confident, assured, employed single white male, 30-55, without kids at home. Ad# 9146.

CHRISTIAN VALUES
Professional single white female, 46, 5'7", 117lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys theatre, biking, walking, dining out, dancing and watching movies, seeks educated single white male, 45-54. Ad# 9719.

WIN MY TRUST
Single white female, 36, 5'7", full-figured, dark blonde hair, green eyes, a real people person, likes to read, music, do needle work, seeks an honest single white male, 34-43, for a committed relationship. Ad# 8202.

BREATHTAKING
Single Hispanic mom, 36, brown hair/eyes, enjoys bowling, the park, movies, dancing, times with her kids, seeking nice, easygoing single Hispanic male, 30-40, that loves children. Ad# 8564.

HONESTY & PATIENCE
Single Hispanic mom, 22, 5'2", 125lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys spending time with her children, dancing and socializing with friends, seeks single Hispanic male, 25-35. Ad# 7332.

I LOVE LIFE AND THE LORD
Single white Christian female, 45, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, enjoys camping, hunting and the outdoors, seeks honest and intelligent single white Christian male, 40-50, to be a companion. Ad# 8136.

KEEP ME WARM
Attractive single white female, 38, mild-tempered, enjoys listening to music, motorcycles and hugging, desires a tall single white male, for possible relationship. Ad# 7979.

LOOKING FOR MY SOUL MATE
Professional single white female, 47, 5'7", 115lbs., blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys going to the movies, dining out, live plays, concerts and the outdoors, seeks single white male, 45-55. Ad# 8750.

INTERESTED IN YOU
Single white mom, 27, 5'5", slender build, fun-loving, outgoing, student, enjoys the outdoors, spending time with her daughter, summertime, seeking single white male, 33-45, with similar interests. Ad# 1206.

TELL ME NO LIES!
Single Hispanic female, 23, 5', 120lbs., shy, friendly, enjoys movies, country music, bowling, dancing, seeks single white male, 21-34, to spend time with. Ad# 5088.

EASY TO PLEASE
Single white female, 47, 5'2", 145lbs., a smoker, lives in Midland area, enjoys dancing, music, outdoors, seeks single white male, 45-55, medium build, children welcome, for companionship. Ad#.7850.

SHARE YOUR LIVES
Divorced white female, 51, 5'3", brown hair and eyes, enjoys country music, slow dancing, dining out, reading, seeking single or divorced white or hispanic male, 49-55, with similar interests. Ad# 5656.

ARE YOU THERE?
Friendly single white female, 27, 5'6", from Blackwell, enjoys dancing, reading, seeking single white male, under 45, for friendship maybe more. Ad# 2525.

TREAT ME RIGHT!
Friendly single white female, 18, 5'4", medium build, blonde hair, blue eyes, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys socializing, dancing, horseback riding, movies, seeking handsome, employed single white male, 18-23. Ad# 3979.

MUTUAL RESPECT
Single white mom, 34, 5'6", medium build, smoker, non-drinker, from Odessa, enjoys reading, fishing, hiking, romantic walks and dinners, seeks caring, genuine, truthful single white male, under 45. Ad# 1813.

WILL MAKE YOU LAUGH
Spontaneous single white female, 34, 5'6", brown hair, green eyes, serious, humorous, enjoys reading, dancing, outdoor sports, seeks truthful, kind, warm-hearted single male. Ad# 2362.

Males Seeking Females

NICE SOUL
Strong-willed yet sensitive, divorced white male, 46, 5'10", 165lbs., fit, a sports fan, loves movies, traveling, dancing and romantic dinners, seeks an independent single white female, 28-44, who is a good communicator. Ad# 7382.

LOVES LAUGHING
Educated, active, youthful single white male, 47, 6'1", 160lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, likes various music, skiing, traveling and more, seeking an intelligent, family-oriented single white female, 27-39, with a good sense of humor. Ad# 8756.

FRIENDLY & OUTGOING
Single white male, 18, 5'4", 137lbs., brownish-blonde hair, brown eyes, enjoys a wide variety of outdoor activities and movies, seeks a single white female, 18-20. Ad# 9258.

GREAT LISTENER!
Professional single black male, 30, 5'11", 175lbs., heavyset, black hair, brown eyes, likes spending time with someone special, playing sports and conversation, seeks a pretty single white female, 18-45. Ad# 7929.

FOR THE TRUE OF HEART
Single white male, 25, 5'5", glasses, wheelchair bound, in search of a drug-free single female, 18-35, under 5'7", non-smoker, non-drinker preferred. Ad# 7683.

DEFINITELY CHECK HIM OUT
Single hispanic dad, 24, 6'2", 235lbs., goatee & mustache, looking for an intelligent single female, 19-45, with a sense of humor, who appreciates art, likes watching movies and having fun. Ad# 9445.

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KEY To Abbreviations

Bdrm	Bedroom
Ba	Bath
Kit	Kitchen
Dbl	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm	Master Bdrm
Gar	Garage
Bldg	Building
Cond	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying Assumable
QA	Qualifying Assumable
Ac	Acre
3/2/2	Bdrm./Ba./Gar.

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730 Suburban Property

GREENWOOD 4 acres, slab and well with some walls. 1508 SCR #1110. $26,000. 697-0812.

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