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Standoff causes evacuation in Waco

Waco police help remove a woman from her home in Waco Sunday morning after an armed veteran crashed his car through a gate at the Department of Veterans Affairs office and began a standoff with authorities, forcing the evacuation of hundreds of residents.

AP Photo

By C. Bryson Hull
Associated Press

WACO — A veteran armed with a rifle and what he said were explosives crashed his car through a front door at a Veterans Affairs office Sunday and held police off for 14 hours before giving up.

Jason Leigh, 48, who police said was upset over problems with his veterans benefits, walked out of the office located in the same town as the Branch Davidian siege about 9 p.m.

Leigh walked out into a cold, windy night shirtless and with his hands up, ending a daylong standoff with police that forced hundreds of residents out of homes near the Veterans Affairs Regional Center.

Police debriefed him at the scene before transporting to jail, to be charged with a federal firearms count, officials said. Federal agents said other charges were possible.

Leigh, a Vietnam veteran according to family members, broke into the center around 6:45 a.m., Waco Police Department spokeswoman Marcia Bourque said.

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He immediately called a 911 operator from a cellular to inform police what he was doing, police said.

The building, in a neighborhood of homes and businesses, was largely empty at the time of the break-in except for security personnel.

"It's my opinion that he didn't want to involve anybody (in the crisis)," said police negotiator

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A.M. BRIEFING

TODAY
Partly cloudy with high in mid-50s. • Weather on 4A

AP Photo

McDougal dies

FORT WORTH — James McDougal, the Whitewater insider who turned on President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and became an important witness in prosecutor Kenneth Starr's investigation, died Sunday in a federal medical prison. He was 57.
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Monty Python

ASPEN, Colo. — It was a full Monty, Python, that is, if you counted Graham Chapman's ashes. The legendary English comedy group that started smashing taboos three decades ago appeared on stage together Saturday night for the first time since 1981, announcing plans for a reunion tour and showing that nothing — even the death of a member — is sacred.
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U.N. approval

WASHINGTON — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Sunday that, contrary to U.S. assertions, the United States would need to consult with the U.N. Security Council before mounting a military strike against Iraq. Annan stressed that if Iraq breaks the agreement on full access for U.N. weapons inspectors he reached with President Saddam Hussein, "It would be much easier to get agreement in the council to take military action."
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City Hall trial

HOUSTON — It started with a single tip from an informant to the FBI. On June 6, 1995, the snitch told agents that then-Houston City Councilman Ben Reyes had taken cash payments in connection with a concession-stand contract at local airports. The tip planted a seed. The agents pounced.
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Riding the high wire to applause or agony

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Raul and Marlyn Segura often find themselves in hog heaven.

Or rather the Seguras regularly take their "hog" into the heavens to shock thousands of people around the nation.

The Seguras are a husband-wife motorcycle daredevil team with the traveling Circus Gatti. They recently astounded audiences in Midland with their high-wire motorcycle acrobatics act.

Mr. Segura on Sunday drove his specially rigged red motorcycle up and down a thin wire in Midland College's Chaparral Center, as his wife was suspended from bars dangling from the bike.

Mrs. Segura did a variety of flips and turns as the audience watched. Mr. Segura stood up in the bike and even rode upside down.

Mr. Segura, 31, said it's all in a days work. The Sarasota, Fla. native said his work may look dangerous, but daily practice makes things easy.

He and his wife have done the act for five years but have been in the circus all their lives and come from generations of circus performers. Ms. Segura is from Monterey, Mexico.

"I've done trapeze and other things — things that kind of build you up to this," he said.

His bike's wheels are fitted so that he can travel smoothly up and down the wire, but there's still the danger of the piece of machinery toppling off the wire.

"You've got to stop at the right time," he said. "It's an everyday bike, but it's been customized."

The circus is a way of life for the Seguras. They can't even imagine another kind of job and they couldn't tell you exactly how long they've been in the circus.

"It's hard to say when I was in it," he said. "You just play around (ear-

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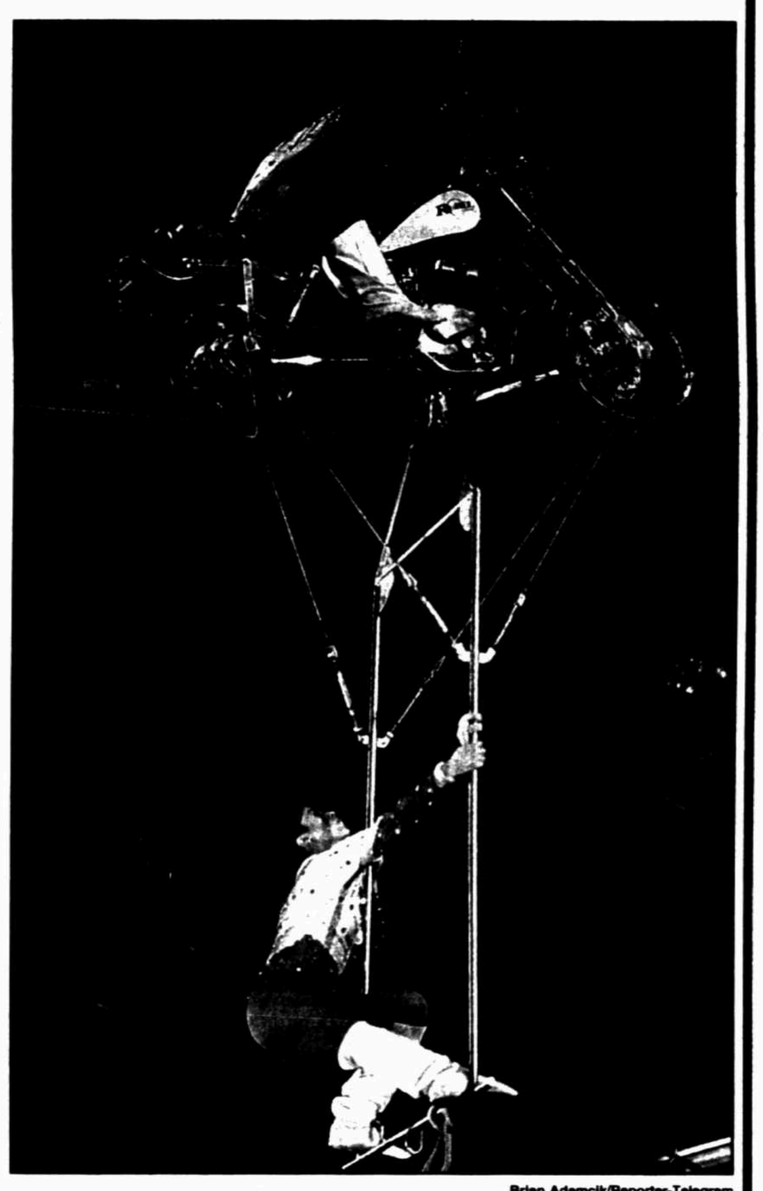

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Marlyn Segura steadies herself while balancing below her husband, Raul.

Tall City gets trace of snow late Saturday

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Midland probably will not have any more snowfall this week despite some light flurries over Saturday night, according to the National Weather Service.

A trace of snow fell at Midland International Airport over Saturday night, but the Tall City avoided the severe winter weather that plagued other parts of the state during the weekend.

A trace fell in Midland sometime after 10 p.m. Saturday, according to John Frazar, a meteorologist with the Midland NWS office. The low on Sunday morning dipped to 27 degrees with high winds.

The normal low for Sunday was 38 degrees. A trace is .001 inches of precipitation. Forecasters aren't predicting precipitation for today.

Frazar said it's not that unusual for it to snow in the area in early March. Midland-Odessa was free of accidents overnight, according to authorities.

Some Midlanders woke up Sunday morning without ever realizing it snowed, although a few patches remained unmelted in the shade.

The local flurries came as part of a storm system that dumped several inches of snow across the nation and other parts of West Texas — including Lubbock and Amarillo — Frazer said.

"We often get snow in March," Frazar said "They got snow up there (in Lubbock). They also got snow to the west and this was a storm that came through with a cold frontal system and came through the northwestern area. It was over from Colorado through the eastern part of New Mexico and West Texas."

Midland County avoided weather-related accidents, but some parts of West Texas — mainly Scurry County to the northeast — weren't so lucky.

Tatum had its highways dumped with snow after about 10:45 p.m., Frazar said, and authorities discouraged travel. Snyder also had problems.

"Up in Snyder the roads were bad and they had to pull some cars out of bar ditches," he said. "That was early this morn-

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Clinton weighing two tracks on using executive privilege

By Ron Fournier
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Though braced for a showdown over executive privilege, President Clinton's inner circle knows the legal doctrine has its limits: His most intimate conversations with aides about Monica Lewinsky are unlikely to remain confidential.

Members of Clinton's political and legal teams, deeply divided over the issue, said in interviews that the president is now considering asserting executive privilege — but in a more targeted fashion than previously thought.

The officials said there are two broad categories of president-to-staff conversations at issue:

■ Strategy sessions at which Clinton sought advice about how to handle fallout from allegations that he had sex with Ms. Lewinsky and lied about it.

An example: Two senior advisers recalled Clinton asking whether he should mention the controversy in his State of the Union address. "How would I do it?" the president was quoted as saying.

■ Any discussion with aides describing his relationship with the former White House intern.

These officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the strategy sessions are what the White House wants to shield from the Whitewater grand jury, on the ground that future presidents and advisers must feel they can give and receive advice confidentially.

"In general, the White House is interested in preserving the ability for presidents to have honest, frank discussions with staff," White House press secretary Mike McCurry said.

Former Clinton White House counsel Lloyd Cutler reinforced that argument Sunday in a television appearance. He said subpoenas come addressed to "The White House" and must be handled by the White House counsel.

"If he has a conversation with another White House aide about how to respond to the subpoena, or how tactically to deal with Kenneth Starr, it seems to me that is within the scope of executive privilege. Otherwise, you would have Kenneth Starr ... looking behind the hand of the poker player on the other side of the table," Cutler said on ABC's "This Week with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts."

Discussions about Clinton's relationship with Ms. Lewinsky, potentially the most revealing and explosive conversations in the hours and days after the controversy erupted in January, are much less likely to be argued as privileged

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AP Photo

Remembering the Alamo

Members of the San Antonio Living History Association reenact "Dawn at the Alamo" Friday in front of the Alamo in San Antonio. The final battle at the Alamo occured just before dawn on March 6, 1836.

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Serbs declare Kosovo siege over on eve of intervention meeting

DONJI PREKAZ, Yugoslavia (AP) — Serbian police declared their crackdown on ethnic Albanian separatists in Kosovo over Sunday, a day before a key international meeting on whether the West should intervene to avert another Balkan disaster.

But prospects for lasting stability looked shaky after a four-day sweep in the southern province that resulted in devastated villages, burned houses, thousands of evacuations and at least 52 dead but possibly many more.

Leaders of the ethnic Albanians, who comprise a 90 percent majority in Kosovo, claimed a lull in the fighting was planned to deceive the West. They called for mass rallies throughout Kosovo (pronounced KOH'-soh-voh) on Monday to protest "Serb terror."

Late Sunday, the ethnic Albanians' information center reported that Serb forces using heavy guns were firing on three other villages in the Klina region of Kosovo. The report could not immediately be confirmed.

Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic took away Kosovo's autonomy in 1989 and has insisted the province is solely the concern of Yugoslavia, a two-part federation of Serbia and Montenegro.

Washington sounded a tough tone going into Monday's meeting about Kosovo with the so-called Contact Group of world powers in London. The group was set up during the Bosnian war to work out policy aimed at bringing peace to the Balkans.

U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said no options have been ruled out, warning that the conflict could spread wider if not swiftly halted.

"The time to stop the killing is now before it spreads," she said after talks with Foreign Minister Klaus Kinkel in Germany.

The official casualty toll from the two recent sweeps of villages west of the Kosovo capital, Pristina, remained 46 Albanians and six Serb policemen killed, but ethnic Albanians claimed the casualties were higher.

Foreign diplomats and journalists had been kept at the edge of the Drenica conflict region throughout the crackdown, which the Serbs said was in response to increasing attacks by the pro-independence Kosovo Liberation Army.

AP Photo

Serb policeman walks past the destroyed house of Adem Jashari, alleged leader of ethnic Albanian terrorist Kosovo Liberation Army in the village of Donji Prekaz, some 30 km west of Pristina Sunday.

But the Serbs apparently wanted to declare their action over before the Contact Group meeting, where they can count on fellow Slav Orthodox country Russia to limit any tough action against them.

On Sunday, they used buses to shuttle reporters and officials into the region, driving them through dozens of ghostly, virtually deserted villages whose Albanian residents had fled.

"The operation to liquidate the heart of Kosovo terrorism has ended," said the Serb deputy chief of Kosovo province, Veljko Odalevic.

In Donji Prekaz, a prime target of the Serbs, about half the village's 50 houses had been destroyed or heavily damaged and there were gaping holes in facades from heavy weapons, bullet-riddled or charred walls and shattered glass.

Worst hit was a walled compound of five new houses that belonged to Adem Jashari, who the Serbs say was the KLA's leader. The militant group has claimed responsibility for the killings of over 50 people since it surfaced 19 months ago.

Evidence of heavy shelling was everywhere in the small targeted valley, with concrete utility poles snapped in half and empty high-caliber shells dotting roads and fields.

The acrid smell of burned houses filled the air, and hungry chickens and cows left behind by fleeing villagers roamed around looking for food.

Dozens of special police troops with machine guns and bullet-proof vests guarded the village. They said the action was prompted by the "terrorist" activities of Jashari, 43, whom they claimed to have killed, and his relatives.

"Whenever we tried to enter the village they shot at us," said one high-ranking policeman. "We had to wipe them out, just like any police in the world would do."

He said a number of other fighters have escaped to the hills and that the Serb action may continue "one day" in order to catch them.

Meanwhile, Milosevic made another statement of defiance after meeting with Turkish Foreign Minister Ismail Cem in the Yugoslav capital Belgrade. The official Tanjug news agency said Milosevic objected to "interference" by other countries.

About 7,000 Albanian women gathered in Pristina to rally against the crackdown. They raised blank white sheets of paper above their heads — symbolizing mourning and no rights — and turned toward the Drenica region for a moment of silence.

Albright warns that Serbian conflict could lead to wider war elsewhere in Balkans

PARIS (AP) — On a swing through Europe, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright warned Sunday that the conflict in Serbia's Kosovo province could spread elsewhere in the Balkans. She exchanged ideas with German and French leaders on how to stop the fighting before it does.

Among proposals she discussed on the eve of an international conference in London on the embattled province were extension of a U.N. peacekeeping force in Macedonia, bordering Serbia, and expansion of a West European force based in next-door Albania.

Albright flew to Paris after a brief stay in Bonn and met in the French capital with Foreign Minister Hubert Vedrine. He said "urgent measures" are necessary to bring calm to Kosovo, but offered no specifics and said his meeting with Albright produced no conclusions.

The secretary of state's day began in Rome and ended in London after the intermediate stops. Others expected at Monday's meeting in the British capital were Kinkel, Vedrine and diplomatic leaders from Britain, Italy and Russia.

On Thursday, the Clinton administration blamed Serbia for the unrest and withdrew several modest concessions offered to Belgrade just last month as a reward for positive steps it had taken in support of the Bosnian peace process.

In a similar vein, an administration official traveling with Albright said European participants in the London meeting would discuss cutting back assistance programs to Serbia and other measures.

On a separate track, the London meeting also was intended to seek ways to encourage a dialogue among the interested parties to the conflict, especially the Serbs and the Kosovo Albanians.

Albright's European travels, starting with Friday's visit to Italy, were designed originally to consult on the Iraq situation. The Kosovo crisis overshadowed the Middle East, however, as the death toll mounted in the province along with fears of a wider war.

Appearing with Kinkel, Albright said "dialogue and reconciliation" are needed between the Serb government in Belgrade and the rebellious Albanian majority in Kosovo. In recent days, the administration has hinted at the possibility of military action to end the fighting.

The skies over Europe were alternately cloudy and clear as Albright proceeded with her hopscotch tour of four countries. The mixed weather patterns mirrored the lack of consensus among participants in Monday's talks.

Russia is seen as the most reluctant of the six to recommend decisive action, having described the situation in Kosovo as an internal matter. France and Italy also are seen as cautious.

Kinkel's alarm over the situation was based partly on his government's worry that another wave of refugees could be flushed out of the Balkans and descend onto German soil. Early in the decade, hundreds of thousands of Bosnians fled warfare in that country, many winding up in Germany.

Albright believes lack of an international response to the Bosnian conflict helped fuel the bloody strife there. She worries that a similar turn of events could occur in Kosovo if Belgrade is not pressured to back down. The United States and Italy, among others, support restoration of the autonomy Kosovo had until a decade ago when Yugoslav President Slobodan Milosevic withdrew it.

Over the past week, more than 50 people have died, all but a few of them members of Kosovo's Albanian population.

In a Sunday television interview in the United States, U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan seemed to endorse keeping the U.N. force in Macedonia, led by an American contingent, past its cutoff date this summer. "I ... am confident that the member states will take a second look and not insist on withdrawing the troops from Macedonia," Annan said.

Albright was noncommittal in Europe about the possibility. She said the mission has performed a useful role and believes it should continue to do so.

More than 900 U.N. peacekeepers are stationed in Macedonia, of which some 350 are Americans.

U.S. envoy to try to get Cyprus peace talks back on track

LARNACA, Cyprus (AP) — A U.S. envoy to Cyprus faces the difficult task of convincing the leader of the breakaway Turkish Cypriot state to take part in a new round of peace negotiations.

Thomas Miller, the State Department's Special Coordinator for Cyprus, arrived Sunday to promote new talks between Greek and Turkish Cypriots.

The island has been split by a U.N.-patrolled zone since 1974, when Turkey invaded after a coup by supporters of union with Greece.

Miller hopes to meet Cypriot President Glafcos Clerides, the Greek Cypriot leader, and Rauf Denktash, president of the breakaway Turkish Cypriot state.

But the chances of persuading Denktash to attend seem slim. Last week, he sent Clerides a letter saying he would not take part in such talks unless his state is recognized and the European Union cancels entry negotiations with Cyprus.

Denktash also has refused to meet the previous two EU envoys who came to see him, saying he would not meet an EU representative until it abandons the entry talks.

The Turks were angered last year not only by the EU's rejection of Turkey's application for membership but also its decision to open membership negotiations with the Greek part of Cyprus.

Miller's visit is seen as preparing the ground for Richard Holbrooke, who brokered the 1995 Dayton accord on Bosnia and who President Clinton has appointed his personal envoy for Cyprus.

"Ambassador Holbrooke will come here when he thinks he can make a difference. He is very much focused on the Cyprus question," Miller said.

"What I do promise from the U.S. government ... is that all of us involved in trying to bring a resolution of the Cyprus problem will give it a maximum effort," he said.

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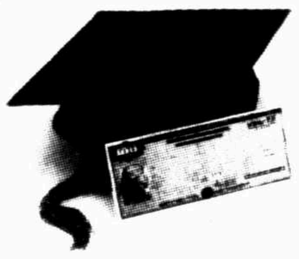

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Annan says U.S. must consult U.N. before any attack on Iraq

WASHINGTON (AP) — U.N. Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Sunday that, contrary to U.S. assertions, the United States would need to consult with the U.N. Security Council before mounting a military strike against Iraq.

"If the United States had to strike, I think some sort of consultations with the other members would be required," Annan said on ABC's "This Week with Sam Donaldson and Cokie Roberts."

Annan stressed that if Iraq breaks the agreement on full access for U.N. weapons inspectors he reached with President Saddam Hussein, "It would be much easier to get agreement in the council to take military action."

But he noted that three permanent members of the Security Council, Russia, France and China, have objected to giving the United States carte blanche to launch military action.

The Clinton administration insists that U.N. resolutions approved at the time of the Gulf War give the necessary legal authority for unilateral action in the event of Iraqi violations.

But the administration consulted extensively with other U.N. members and allies around the world as it prepared to attack Iraq last month over the stonewalling of U.N. inspection teams. The attack was averted narrowly when Annan went to Baghdad and convinced Saddam that he must open all sites to weapons inspectors.

State Department spokesman James P. Rubin, traveling with Secretary of State Madeleine Albright on Sunday in Europe, said he was not aware of Annan's comment but would not be surprised if the Security Council discussed how to respond to Iraqi noncompliance with council resolutions.

"A discussion is not ruled out, but it isn't required that that discussion yield a positive decision on the part of the council," Rubin said.

Annan also said that the Security Council should consider a request from Russia that a Russian be named as a second deputy on the U.N. weapons inspection commission.

Bill Richardson, U.S. ambassador to the United Nations, has indicated the United States might veto that request. Russia has been sympathetic to Iraq's demands that economic sanctions be ended. The Americans are reluctant to put a Russian in a senior role in the inspection team because the teams must determine when Iraq has destroyed all its weapons of mass destruction, a condition for the lifting of economic sanctions.

"I will proceed in the sense of putting the issue before the council members, and the United States can exercise its veto, but at least the council will be able to discuss whether it is a legitimate request," Annan said.

The Ghanaian diplomat said he also will urge the Security Council to extend the U.N. troop presence in Macedonia in light of Serbia's military strikes last week in neighboring Kosovo. The U.N. mandate in Macedonia ends on Aug. 31.

"In light of the recent developments I think we all have to reconsider our approach and am confident that the member states will take a second look and not insist on withdrawing the troops from Macedonia," Annan said.

As of March 1, there were 785 U.N. troops in Macedonia, of which 385 were Americans.

In December, the Security Council agreed unanimously to start phasing out the mission looking to a firm Aug. 31 deadline, with "the withdrawal of the military component (to come) immediately thereafter."

At the time, Russian Ambassador Sergey Lavrov said "there could be no question" that the peacekeepers would leave within a few days of the expiration date. Russia has pushed to remove the peacekeepers since the U.S.-mediated end of Bosnia's ethnic wars in 1995.

As outsiders worry, Indonesian legislators back President Suharto

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — International bankers are worried, but Indonesia's legislators have no doubts: President Suharto is the best man to lead the world's fourth-most populous country into the 21st century.

Delegations from all five factions in a 1,000-member assembly formally asked Suharto on Sunday to stand for election this week for a seventh five-year term.

Asia's longest-serving leader accepted each group's nomination during a series of reverential meetings at his suburban Jakarta home, just two days after new doubts were raised about the progress of an International Monetary Fund bailout for Indonesia's battered economy.

"I am ready to accept this nomination and with all my ability I will lead the nation to overcome this crisis," one faction leader quoted Suharto as saying.

Despite the deep economic crisis and outbreaks of civil unrest, Suharto has no challengers in Tuesday's voting by the partly elected, partly appointed assembly, which acts a presidential electoral college.

Assembly delegates also have chosen to overlook his age — 76 — and earlier concerns about his health.

Infused with Suharto family members and friends, as well as serving and retired military officers, the assembly meets every five years under a tightly controlled political system created by Suharto.

The factions, which represent three officially recognized political parties as well as the military and regional interests, are also poised to grant Suharto new wide-ranging emergency powers to deal with the economic mess.

Suharto took control over Indonesia during a period of political upheaval in the 1960s and used emergency powers to outlaw Indonesia's communist party, which he accused of staging an abortive coup. He last had the special authority in 1988.

"He is a great leader who has successfully united this big country," Amir Santoso, a professor at the University of Indonesia, was quoted as saying by Sunday's Jakarta Post.

Suharto's dominance of Indonesian politics has remained intact despite the worst economic crisis in more than three decades. A 70-percent plunge in the value of the rupiah has dramatically forced up inflation and unemployment.

Riots over rising prices shook more than 20 cities last month and dozens of student protests have called for economic and political reform, including Suharto's resignation.

More troubling though is a decision by the IMF on Friday to delay a scheduled second installment of a $43 billion economic bailout.

The $3 billion installment, which had been due this month, won't be paid until at least April amid fears that Indonesia is not vigorously implementing reforms agreed to under the rescue plan struck in January.

The IMF, the United States and other industrialized countries have repeatedly urged Suharto to carry through reforms that end monopolies and cartels, fix the ailing banking system, abolish subsidies and wind down costly projects.

The IMF is expected to wait until Suharto selects a new Cabinet next month before releasing any more funds to Indonesia.

It has also cautioned Suharto not to proceed with a plan to peg the rupiah to the U.S. dollar, saying the move could have disastrous economic effects.

Financial markets are unsure about Suharto's intentions.

Last week Suharto said that while he was committed to carrying out IMF reforms, they had not delivered economic benefits and more needed to be done.

At the end of one meeting on Sunday, one faction leader from the minority Muslim-oriented United Development Party quoted Suharto as saying the IMF rescue deal "did not suit the spirit" of Indonesia's constitution, which called for a cooperative rather than a liberal economy.

Suharto did not talk to reporters and presidential officials were not available for comment.

During his 32 years in power, Suharto has never faced an opposing candidate in a presidential election.

The few who have put their names forward as candidates have been ignored by assembly delegates.

Megawati Sukarnoputri, the daughter of Indonesia's founding President Sukarno and a high profile opposition figure, and Amien Rais, the leader of a 28 million-member Islamic group, have both been shut out of the race.

They have called for democratic reform and have alleged that corruption, collusion and nepotism within Suharto's government have led to Indonesia's dire economic plight.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny	Sunny	Partly cloudy
High 55	High 55	High 59
Low 30	Low xx	Low 28

Today's forecast calls for most sunny skies, with a high between 50 and 55. Winds will be from the east to the southeast at 5 to 15 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for fair skies and a low near 30.

Tuesday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies and a high near 55.

After an overnight low of 27, Sunday's high was 49, compared to the record high for that date of 86 set in 1951. The record low was 18 set in 1932.

Yesterday's precipitation

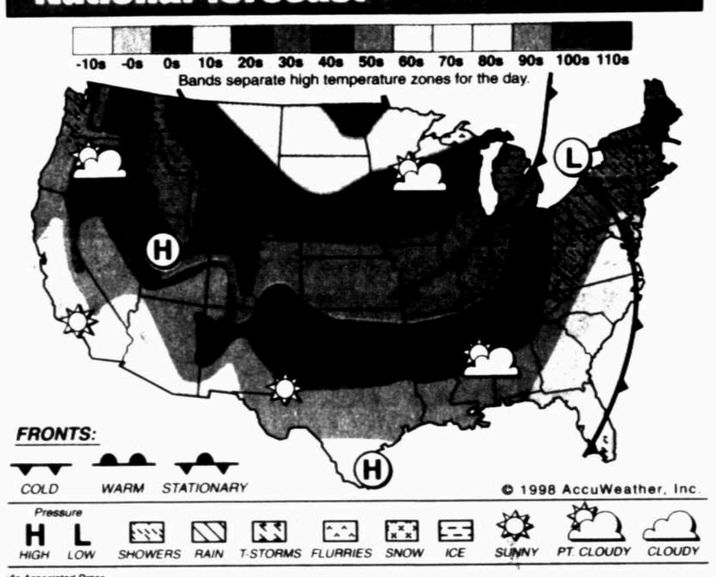
Rainfall Sunday	trace
Rainfall	.00 in.
Total for month	trace.
Total for year	0.74 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	49
low	27
Normal high	69
Normal low	38

Sunrise 7:06 a.m. Sunset 6:52 p.m.

National forecast



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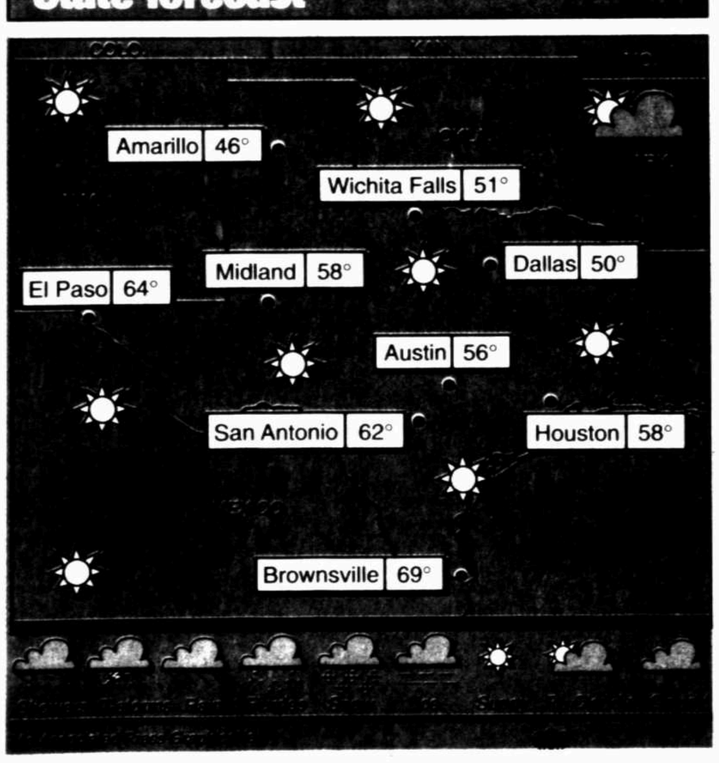
United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:34 p.m. EST

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Atlanta	62	48	3.58	cdy
Atlantic City	44	43	.85	clr
Boston	40	31	.02	rn
Bridgeport	43	37	.06	rn
Brownsville	71	63	clr	
Buffalo	45	32	.53	rn
Burlington,Vt	43	23	rn	
Chicago	37	36	sn	
Cincinnati	68	46	.29	sn
Cleveland	53	36	.14	sn
Colorado Springs	38	6	cdy	
Columbia,S C	65	53	1.39	cdy
Columbus,Ga	65	59	3.15	cdy
Columbus,Ohio	61	44	.33	sn
Concord,N H	43	22	rn	
Des Moines	32	31	cdy	
Detroit	45	36	.49	sn
Duluth	31	22	cdy	
Fargo	15	9	cdy	
Flagstaff	42	2	clr	
Flint	40	30	.38	sn
Fort Smith	42	42	.11	cdy
Fort Wayne	47	36	.24	sn
Green Bay	34	30	.17	clr
Indianapolis	58	41	.57	sn
Jackson,Miss	64	60	.38	cdy
Jacksonville	84	62	.24	cdy
Juneau	31	17	cdy	
Kansas City	34	34	1.24	cdy
Knoxville	73	52	.47	cdy
Lake Charles	64	55	clr	
Lansing	37	32	.46	sn
Las Vegas	58	37	clr	
Lexington	70	51	.23	cdy
Lincoln	26	26	.69	cdy
Little Rock	52	52	.89	cdy
Los Angeles	70	52	clr	
LMacon	69	57	.85	cdy
Madison	32	31	.36	clr
Medford	51	39	.07	cdy
Memphis	60	59	.49	cdy
Miami Beach	83	73	cdy	
Montgomery	71	60	cdy	
Nashville	73	52	.36	cdy
New Orleans	69	65	.47	clr
New York City	42	41	.38	rn
Newark	43	42	.34	rn
Norfolk,Va	66	48	.64	rn
Philadelphia	45	45	.54	clr
Phoenix	65	45	clr	
Pittsburgh	51	45	.48	rn
Pocatello	32	14	cdy	
Portland,Maine	39	23	rn	
Portland,Ore	50	42	.37	rn
Providence	47	33	rn	
Pueblo	41	13	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	65	50	1.46	cdy
Rapid City	20	0	cdy	
Reno	49	31	clr	
Sacramento	55	45	.16	clr
St Louis	55	43	.94	clr
St Thomas	88	rn	cdy	
Salem,Ore	51	41	.38	rn
Salt Lake City	32	14	cdy	
San Diego	64	50	clr	
San Francisco	59	47	.12	clr
San Jose	62	37	.15	clr
San Juan,P R	84	74	cdy	
Santa Fe	42	21	clr	
St Ste Marie	38	24	.07	sn
Savannah	70	57	.64	cdy
Seattle	49	41	.13	rn
Spokane	35	31	.14	rn
Springfield,Ill	44	39	.90	clr
Springfield,Mo	38	38	.48	cdy
Syracuse	42	27	.45	rn
Tallahassee	69	59	1.42	cdy
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	83	68	cdy	
Toledo	45	36	.38	sn
Topeka	32	32	1.00	cdy
Tucson	63	34	clr	
Tulsa	36	35	.09	cdy
Tupelo	64	57	.78	cdy
Washington,D C	48	46	.78	rn
W Palm Beach	83	73	cdy	
Wichita	29	28	cdy	
Wilkes-Barre	42	37	.23	clr

State forecast



Texas temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	46	28	0.04
Alice	64	54	0.50
Amarillo	35	19	0.06
Brownsville	71	62	
Burnet	52	36	0.08
Childress	42	27	0.03
College Station	55	40	0.11
Conroe	56	42	0.06
Corpus Christi	65	53	0.89
Corsicana	53	37	0.18
Cotulla	63	46	
Dalhart	37	17	
Dallas	53	34	0.07
Del Rio	62	41	
Denton	50	32	0.09
Dfw Airport	52	34	0.05
Harlingen	70	58	0.01
Hondo	59	42	
Houston Hobby	59	46	0.02
Houston Intrctnl	55	43	0.02
Huntsville	55	40	0.09
Junction	55	36	
Kingsville	65	56	
Laredo	63	52	
Lubbock	42	23	0.08
Lufkin	55	40	0.10
Marfa	54	25	
McAllen	71	60	
Mineral Wells	55	31	
Navy Corpus	64	57	0.75
New Braunfels	57	43	0.11
Palacios	59	51	
Paris	M	M	M
Rockport	63	56	0.44
San Angelo	52	32	
San Antonio	57	44	0.06
Shreveport, La	58	39	0.04
Terrell	53	35	0.09
Texarkana, Ark	52	37	0.14
Victoria	58	50	0.07
Waco	55	38	0.05
Wichita Falls	41	29	0.04

STANDOFF: Reports of explosives were denied by suspect

(From 1A)

Patrick Swanton.

He never took hostages and was believed to have been armed with explosives, but later denied it, police said.

"He was very cooperative with us. He had a point that he wanted to make," Swanton said.

As Leigh was debriefed, an Army bomb disposal team inspected the building and Leigh's sport-utility vehicle, along with federal agents and a bomb-sniffing dog.

Once inspectors assure themselves that no explosives were left behind, the residents were to return to their homes, said Michael Reyes, special agent for the federal Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms.

Officials hoped the VA office can open for business Monday morning, he said.

Swanton said Leigh had a medical condition but refused to disclose it, citing privacy laws. He stressed, however, that Leigh doesn't have any drug or alcohol problem.

Swanton said Leigh appeared to be lucid and sober throughout the negotiations.

"He was just concerned about a problem he was having with some veterans benefits," Swanton said. He refused to elaborate.

A caller to Fort Worth television station KXAS identified himself as the gunman and claimed he had a grudge.

"When the trouble started, my files got lost. My appeals got lost in the madness of the VA bureaucracy," the caller told the station.

"I, Jason Leigh, do hereby defend this, my vested interest in the form of this building, to the death or until such time as Congress and or the U.S. Senate pass a law protecting our fallen, disabled and homeless veterans by depositing $1 million in the stated name of 'SOS,' Save Our Soldiers," he said.

Officers evacuated residents in a six-block area around the building and police were negotiating with the suspect, spokesman Larry Murphy said.

Federal and local law officers had surrounded the building and command posts were established at a nearby church and convention center.

Swanton attributed the peaceful end to the standoff to a relationship that Leigh formed with an unidentified police negotiator.

"They became friends," Swanton said.

The suspect's vehicle was parked alongside the brick, two-story office building where the VA administers medical services in central Texas.

Most evacuees were not allowed to return as of 11 p.m. because police were sweeping the building to make sure there were no explosives inside.

Alisa McCoy was in her pajamas when police had her gather up her mother and black-and-white kitten, Lucky, and head into the cold, gray morning, where 40-mph gusts dropped wind chills into the single digits.

"I left the house in my pajamas, and I really want to go home," Ms. McCoy, 31, said.

Swanton said the suspect did not want anybody to be mad at him.

"He just wanted some benefit reviews," Swanton said. "He was very cooperative with us. He had a point that he wanted to make."

The negotiator also said there was no connection, symbolic or otherwise, to the Branch Davidian standoff. David Koresh and 78 followers died in the April 19, 1993, fire at the sect's compound outside Waco.

In the ATF raid that led to the siege, four federal agents died and 16 were wounded. Six Davidians died in the gun battle.

"This wasn't about Waco," Swanton said. "This was about the VA."

AP Photo

Lloyd Robinson of Waco, right, and his two sons, Shavaar, 8, left, and Rahmel,12, center, sit and wait at the Waco Convention Center after being evacuated from their residence in downtown Waco Sunday after an armed man drove his vehicle into a security entrance at the Veterans Affairs office armed with a rifle and possible explosives.

VA standoff routs neighbors into cold weather

By C. Bryson Hull
Associated Press

WACO — Alisa McCoy might have enjoyed the luxury of spending all of Sunday in her pajamas, if it had been her idea.

On Sunday, it not only wasn't her idea, it wasn't her choice.

On a cold, gray morning when 40-mph winds dropped wind chills into the single digits, Ms. McCoy gathered up her mother and black-and-white kitten, Lucky, and joined about 40 people in a shelter at the Waco Convention Center.

There, they spent the day after a lone gunman broke into a nearby Veteran's Affairs office complex and began an all-day standoff with police.

"I left the house in my pajamas, and I really want to go home," Ms. McCoy, 31, said as daylight waned late Sunday afternoon.

A veteran armed with explosives and a rifle crashed his vehicle through a Veterans Affairs regional office barricade about daybreak Sunday, forcing police to rouse hundreds of residents in a six-block area around the building and move them out.

Police said the 50-year-old man wasn't holding hostages, but demanded money during negotiations with officers that continued Sunday afternoon. No injuries were reported.

The neighborhood surrounding the VA office is a mix of residential and commercial, new housing and old, public and private, poor people and students at nearby Baylor University.

Police came to Ms. McCoy's her home about 8 a.m. She grabbed her kitten, her mother, a pillow and a towel and left.

"I left real fast, because it was a dangerous situation," she said. "I'm starting to miss my personal stuff at home."

By mid-afternoon, she and about 30 of her neighbors sat in a ballroom-size room, chatting with neighbors, eating pizza and taking turns being interviewed by reporters.

The local Red Cross chapter set up the shelter for the residents with no idea how long they would be needing it.

"We're ready to keep them housed and fed until this is over," said Bruce Bennett, the chapter's emergency services director.

About a dozen volunteers arranged cots, food, television and blankets for the evacuees.

Bennett said about 45 people showed up at the shelter Sunday morning, but that number had dwindled to about 30 by the afternoon.

CIRCUS: Season begins in Texas, and travels to Canada

(From 1A)

ly), eventually you pick out things you like, then you focus on them."

His parents got him started early. Mrs. Segura's father introduced her to the circus, and she began as a juggler.

Mr. Segura wouldn't change his way of life for anything. He happily lives and travels with the other performers.

"I like the people. You build relationships," he said. "You live with these people day and night. It's almost like a family. You're working together and playing — fighting sometimes — but you know you have to get along."

He particularly enjoys traveling the nation and meeting new people and touring new places. He's also learned teamwork.

He can remember one dangerous instance when his wife looked out for him on the wire.

"We had one instance when someone tied a rope up there (on the wire) and we got stuck," he remembered. "They wanted to get her off. She said no. If she got off, I was in trouble."

His wife's body provides critical balance for the bike and rider. If she was removed, he would have fallen off the wire.

But Mr. Segura has been a professional performer for 16 years and a little risk isn't going to stop him.

The Seguras are part of the two-hour Circus Gatti show, which features trained elephants, dogs, lions and tigers, trapeze artists and acrobats and jugglers.

Rico Dorado, circus ringmaster, said the circus travels nationwide in cities of all sizes, beginning their season in Texas, and also visits Canada.

Dorado said the circus provides quality, appropriate family entertainment. He tells audiences that the entertainers all lead drug-free lifestyles.

"I like to think that it's the last kind of live, uncensored entertainment that still tours across the United States," he said. "You have people smiling."

Some parents and children in the audience said the show was a hit with them.

Phil Ebensberger of Midland brought his 10-year-old granddaughter Treena Escamilla to town from Monahans to see her first circus. Treena was impressed.

"It's fun," Treena said. "I like the way they do stuff with the animals, like what they do with the tigers. They made then sit on stools and they made them jump through hoops."

Ebensberger said that while Circus Gatti may not be on the same scale as the big cities' Ringling Brothers Barnum and Bailey circus, it's a great show for smaller cities

"This certainly ranks as one of the good ones that can come to a city like Midland," he said.

Robby Reed, Chandra Reece and 5-year-old Karly Reed sat in the upper balcony to watch the show. Little Karly liked the elephant shows the best.

"I got to ride the elephant," Karly said.

Sixteen-year-old Jennifer Ramirez brought her brother Ricky and little sister Samantha with her to the circus.

Ms. Ramirez said it's a great place for siblings to hang out.

"I like getting to see the elephants and tigers," she said. "They just do different tricks with them."

Circus Gatti returns to Chap Center today with 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. shows. Tickets may be purchased at the door an hour prior to each show and are $11 for adults, $10 for teens and $9 for children.

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

The elephant act was a big hit for many audience members.

SNOW: Whiteout caused about 100 wrecks in Amarillo

(From 1A)

ing. They had a snow advisory out for the area."

Matters were even worse in the Texas Panhandle. Up to four inches of snow piled up in the Panhandle, with high winds whipping the late winter snowfall into a whiteout that shut down freeways and stranded some motorists.

About 100 traffic wrecks occurred through a four-hour period by early Sunday in Amarillo, but police said no one was killed by the near-blizzard conditions.

Police shut down interstate highways west and south of Amarillo as the snow accumulated. Visibility approached zero in many areas as snow was whipped by 40 mph winds.

Closed highways included Interstate 40 from Amarillo to the New Mexico state line, Interstate 27 from Amarillo to Canyon and U.S. 60 from Canyon to Friona.

But by Sunday afternoon, skies were clearing from the west and roads were reopening.

The snow, which also extended across the Dallas-Fort Worth area and elsewhere in North Texas, was part of a storm paralyzing traffic across part of the central plains with a foot of wind-driven snow, filling roadside motels with stranded motorists.

Today's Midland forecast calls mostly sunny skies for an overnight low of about 25 degrees and a daytime high between 50 and 55 degrees. Winds from the east to southeast of up 15 mph are expected, but no precipitation is predicted.

The Associated Press contributed to this report

PRIVILEGE: Fears rise that claim would be viewed as stonewalling

(From 1A)

by Clinton, aides say.

An official close to Clinton's legal team would not rule out trying to shield conversations about the Clinton-Lewinsky relationship but said little basis exists to do so. These types of conversations are highly relevant to prosecutor Kenneth Starr's inquiry, the official said.

Former counsel Cutler said he knows of no instance in which White House lawyers tried to keep the Starr grand jury from hearing about "the facts of the relationship between Monica Lewinsky and the president ... or anybody else."

Clinton's political advisers fear any claim of privilege would be viewed as stonewalling by the public. One of his oldest advisers said asserting privilege on the how-to-handle-it conversations would "raise suspicions" but could be justified. Trying to shield conversations about the relationship "would be too Nixonian, even for me," the adviser said.

One of the problems facing Clinton's team is how to sort out the two types of conversations. There were times, officials said, when the relationship and the strategy were discussed in practically the same breath.

One of the advisers offered this hypothetical: What if Clinton said in a meeting, "I did nothing wrong with her. How do I handle this?"

Jane Sherburne, a former White House counsel with no direct knowledge of the Lewinsky case, said the lines are typically fuzzy between privileged and nonprivileged material.

"It may be difficult to separate out information that may have been conveyed to advisers about the nature of the relationship in conversations about strategy," the Washington-based attorney said.

That may explain this slow-motion showdown: Clinton aides have cited executive privilege in refusing to answer questions for prosecutor Starr's grand jury, yet the president has not formally asserted the privilege.

Those questions were set aside while Starr and Clinton's lawyers secretly negotiated. Hoping to avoid a constitutional and political crisis, Clinton's legal team wants to limit testimony without asserting privilege.

If Starr balks, Clinton may be forced to decide whether to reject his political team's advice and let his lawyers go to war.

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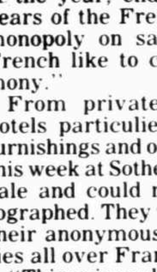

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Queen Elizabeth mulls fewer perks, fewer bows, fewer royal highnesses

LONDON (AP) — No more free plane trips and limousine rides for minor royals. No need — phew — to bow or curtsey every time a prince or princess appears. And fewer royal highnesses all around.

Queen Elizabeth II is reportedly considering these and other changes as the royal family tries to become a modern monarchy — one that will survive far into the future.

The Sun newspaper, trumpeting the dawn of "the people's monarchy," reported Saturday that the queen was considering reducing the number of royal highnesses to the monarch's immediate family.

She is also reportedly thinking about barring minor royals from using royal planes and cars and of phasing out cheap "grace and favor" housing for relatives. The Sun also said the queen had decreed an end to curtsying and bowing, although this has been royal policy for some time.

"These reforms are very much a further indication that the queen is taking seriously what she said just before Diana's funeral ... being in touch, moving with the times," said Ben Pimlott, author of a biography of the queen and a professor of politics and contemporary history at the University of London.

According to The Sun, the title HRH — His or Her Royal Highness — would be limited to the monarch's immediate family and children of the heir. That means Prince Charles' two sons would keep the title, but the two daughters of Prince Andrew and the former Sarah Ferguson would not.

'It will be a leaner and meaner royal family in leaner and meaner times.'
— David Starkey, history lecturer

Princess Diana and Sarah, the Duchess of York, both were stripped of the "royal highness" honor when they were divorced.

Minor royals who could lose car and plane privileges include Andrew's daughters and the queen's first cousins, such as Prince Michael of Kent.

The Sun said the proposals were outlined in a palace document "seen and approved" by Prime Minister Tony Blair's office.

Blair's office said that any such changes were entirely a matter for the queen and would not need the government's approval.

A spokeswoman at Buckingham Palace, speaking on condition of anonymity, indicated that no decisions had been made. "Of course there have been a number of issues under discussion, but nothing is confirmed," she said.

Britain's corps of "royal watchers" gave the move their blessings.

"It shows the queen is responsive to public opinion," said Lord St. John of Fawsley, an expert on the monarchy and constitution.

"It is a big step forward and absolutely necessary," said Harold Brooks-Baker of Burke's Peerage, a guide to British aristocracy.

"It will be a leaner and meaner royal family in leaner and meaner times," said David Starkey, a history lecturer at the London School of Economics.

A Labor Party lawmaker, Alan Williams, was a lonely voice of dissent.

"Frankly, curtsying and the use of titles is all tinkering at the edges," he said.

"I'm glad they're doing it but at the end of the day, they seem to be doing anything but address the problem that the public are fed up with the outrageous wastefulness of the wider royal family and the royal household.

"If they don't address that, they are going to keep facing criticism."

The Sunday Times said Blair is pressuring the queen to show up at the state opening of Parliament in ordinary clothes instead of wearing a full-length white dress, scarlet robe and glittering crown.

The report said Blair would also prefer the queen to travel by car, instead of a horse-drawn coach escorted by cavalry.

The queen, however, wants to keep the annual pageant, which dates back 450 years, saying courtiers feared the royal family would lose dignity if modernization is rushed, the newspaper reported.

A Downing Street spokeswoman refused to comment on the report.

To fund repairs to the castle, she opened Buckingham Palace to paying tourists for the first time.

As for curtsying and bowing, the queen is believed to be much more relaxed about etiquette than her sister, Princess Margaret. Even Margaret's close friends must usually call her "Ma'am," and have said that any companion who crosses the line of familiarity risks an icy stare.

Some newspapers made a fuss when Spice Girl Geri Haliwell failed to curtsy to the queen at a concert in December. A month earlier, the prime minister's wife, Cherie Blair, ruffled traditionalists by turning up at Balmoral Castle in pants, and reportedly failed to dip the knee.

Buckingham Palace said that was "media-generated nonsense."

"There is no sort of etiquette or rules of protocol on how to dress or how to behave with members of the royal family except to be yourself, and hopefully to be polite," palace spokeswoman Penny Russell-Smith said in response to the stories about Mrs. Blair.

Pimlott said some royal courtiers would be happy to do less bowing.

He told BBC radio that one palace functionary confided "that he had physical difficulty bowing to the Duchess of York. There was an element of absurdity about the situation."

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Sotheby's shows off hidden treasures in new setting

PARIS (AP) — An elite group of aristocrats, antique collectors and owners flocked to Sotheby's palatial new setting this weekend to view some of the best of France's privately owned 17th- and 18th-century treasures.

The exhibition marked the beginning of a new auction-house rivalry in Paris, with Sotheby's competing with Christies to attract the best of French art and antiques buyers and sellers.

Sotheby's and Christies are both growing more expansive and publicity-minded here since a French law banning foreign auctioneer sales is expected to change soon following European Union directives.

Under the guidance of aristocrat and former couturier Hubert de Givenchy, Christies will soon open a new venue in the former Artcurial building on Avenue Matignon, near Sotheby's new one facing the French presidential palace and close to the Champs-Elysees.

Both companies expect to conduct lucrative sales here by the end of the year, ending hundreds of years of the French auctioneers' monopoly on sales of what the French like to call their "patrimony."

From private chateaux and hotels particuliers, the fabulous furnishings and objets d'art shown this week at Sotheby's were not for sale and could not even be photographed. They will now return to their anonymous donors' properties all over France.

"This unique show was gathered from about 60 families, and is a unique opportunity to display our new premises," said Princess Laure de Beauvau Craon, the French president of Sotheby's France.

Attracting attention were priceless pieces in mahogany, marquetry and gilt-bronze. They were signed by master cabinetmakers such as Boulle, Cressent and Riesener — names that make antique collectors drool.

The delicate, circular "Teschen table" is a dazzling rarity made in Dresden, Germany, around 1780 by Johan Christian Neuber. It glimmers with 148 semi-precious stones, from agate, amethyst and opal to chalcedony, and is mounted in gilt-bronze and fossilized wood. It belongs to the Chateau de Breteuil.

Also on view were two extraordinary bronze heads of animals flanking the main salon's entry — a head of a rat and another of a rabbit designed for Chinese fountains in Peking by a Frenchman, Pere Castiglione, in 1770.

These endearing creatures were fashioned to spout water around a pond in the Chinese Imperial court as a sort of clock, with the rat supposed to spout at midnight.

The showing will be open to the public March 10-15, in the new location on the Faubourg St.-Honore, just across from the French president's residence, the Palais de l'Elysee.

Sotheby's and Christies have been wheeling and dealing here since the 1960s, albeit through discreet offices.

"We have had offices in France since 1967, but this will be our French window on the world," the Sotheby's France president said. "We expect to be holding sales by late autumn."

Auctioneers in Paris have mixed feelings about the official arrival of the English.

Maitre Jacques Tajan, a top French auctioneer, has described their arrival as a "nonevent."

"For thirty years, the English have grabbed, raked and sold abroad more than half of our (French) heritage," he was quoted as saying recently in the Le Figaro newspaper.

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Restore honor to Texas' unifying move

Once again Texas Independence Day has passed virtually unnoticed in Midland and most of Texas. That is unfortunate.

There were the typical observances from organizations that stress the importance of Texas history. An observance at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 1, on the south lawn of Midland County Courthouse was attended by representatives of the Rip Ford Sons of the Republic of Texas, the Presidents Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution of Odessa, and the Aaron Estes Chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas from Midland. Another observance at 2 p.m. Monday, March 3, at the Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library was attended by members of the Haley Chapter of Daughters of the Republic of Texas, the Aaron Estes Chapter of Daughters of the Republic of Texas, and the Midland County Historical Society.

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The importance of those observances cannot be overemphasized, but those observances should not be the only attention paid to Texas Independence Day.

One of the most important dates in the history of the Lone Star State, March 2, 1836, was the date on which the Declaration of Texas Independence was signed at Washington-on-the-Brazos. That event was followed by a unifying loss at the Alamo and a decisive victory at San Jacinto, which gave birth to a new republic that stretched across the Southwest and helped shape the future and configuration of the United States as we know it today.

Some have described the Texas Revolution as one of the most important events in American history. Because of what was started with Mexico on the banks of the Brazos River, a chain of events was unleashed that eventually led to Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and California being added to the United States, creating a nation that stretched from coast to coast.

These new territories, obtained by annexation and conquest, gave the U.S. the resources and land needed to easily accommodate a continuous stream of immigrants and to populate and build a great nation in less than 200 years.

The Texas Declaration of Independence should be recognized and honored as an event of high esteem. It is not. It is a historical gem that has fallen through the cracks of neglect.

We would urge Gov. George W. Bush and the Texas Legislature to take a leadership position in restoring the Declaration of Texas Independence to a place of historical honor, and to urge schools, organizations and communities across the state to recognize the significance of the declaration with appropriate public ceremonies and celebrations.

Today in History

Today is Monday, March 9, the 68th day of 1998. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On March 9, 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads Monitor and Virginia (formerly Merrimac) clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

On this date:

In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing more than a dozen people.

One year ago: Gangsta rapper The Notorious B.I.G., whose real name was Christopher Wallace, was killed in a still-unsolved drive-by shooting in Los Angeles. He was 24.

JACK ANDERSON

Shenanigan boosts AARP membership rolls

Membership in the nation's largest lobbying organization — the American Association of Retired Persons — has been "dropping like a stone" for several years now, one of their top officials confided to us.

Anderson

The AARP has been desperate to keep this quiet. It has been so desperate to reverse the trend that at one point officials secretly monkeyed with a membership formula to give the organization, literally, an overnight boost of more than 2 million members — without receiving a single new membership application.

To understand what a shock the declining membership numbers — which translates to declining clout on Capitol Hill — is to AARP long-timers, consider the boast that current Executive Director Horace Deets made over breakfast a decade ago.

Then chief of staff, Deets was briefing an incoming executive director on the organization. According to handwritten notes, Deets said that the AARP was confidently expecting to have 41 million members "by (the) 1990s."

These days, AARP insiders know, they'll be happy if they can just stay even with a little over 30 million members by the year 2000. The situation has become so disconcerting internally that top officials have felt forced to make a virtue out of its handicap.

When Deets reports to the board of directors about the numbers, he is neither downcast nor apologetic. He cheerily tells them everything is going along swimmingly, because his "strategy" of "break-even growth" or "modest growth" is going just as planned. It's a bit like the CEO of a major corporation telling his stockholders that the company experienced only a 1/2 percent profit — just as planned, because why make more money?

In fact, the truth is unsettling. This is an organization that, since its founding in 1958, has averaged nearly 1 million new members each year. But not recently. At the beginning of 1994, the AARP had more than 33 million members. But by the end of that year — which featured the organization's support of the Democrats' health care bills despite member objections — they had lost a million members.

The trend has roughly continued each year. Instead of gaining 1 million new members a year, they seem to be losing that amount. And it hasn't changed with the aging of the baby boomers; it's gotten worse. The baby boom generation started turning 50 in 1996, and 4 million did so by the end of the year. But in the first six months, when the AARP had a new pool of two million potential members, membership dropped by 660,000. It was shaping up to be a worse year than the previous one.

Outsiders, and most AARP staffers, are unaware of the depth of the membership drop because the organization hid it with a neat little sleight of hand called the "spouse factor" in July 1995, our associate Dale Van Atta has learned. Van Atta's new book on the AARP, "Trust Betrayed: Inside the AARP" (Regnery), is to be released this month.

Though it's not well-known, the AARP has actually never had many more than 22 million dues-paying members. But the 33 million figure is frequently used because the AARP gives a free membership to each applicant's spouse. So, inside the AARP, when they talk about paid memberships, they refer to it as 22 million "households."

For more than a decade, AARP officials have assumed that there was one living spouse in every two households. So their membership figures, using a formula accepted by advertisers in their publications, multiply the number of households by 1.5 to calculate the full membership number — at least until July 1995.

In a closed-door session, the board agreed that, since the numbers were dropping so precipitously, they would reverse the trend by multiplying the number of households by 1.6. Part of the rationalization was that some numbers suggested that 60 percent of all households included a spouse.

But that's almost beside the point. They'd had those numbers for years and never chose to use 1.6 before. The effect, in a single day, was to increase the number of reported members from 31.65 million to 33.76 million. So they received a paper boost of 2.11 million members in an instant, and the new, 33-million member count was quietly included in the standard last paragraph of all AARP press releases.

To AARP leaders, the membership loss is a serious crisis — and will hamper their ability to influence a Republican Congress that wants to reform programs like Social Security and Medicare despite the group's protests.

"It's a perception of power that gets them in the door in the first place," one top congressional Democratic staffer says. "If we get the perception that their members are leaving in droves, and they're hiding that with some accounting shenanigan, believe me, it will have an effect up here."

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CHARLEY REESE

Foreign policy elite doing a lousy job

Now that the Iraqi crisis is temporarily back in its sputter phase, Americans ought to think seriously about foreign policy. You might as well put in your two cents' worth because you pay for it with your taxes and blood.

Reese

Since World War I there has developed in the United States a foreign policy establishment made up of such outfits as the Council on Foreign Relations, the Trilateral Commission, the Bilderberg Conference and various foundations and think tanks.

The theory behind the development of this establishment -- and it originated in England -- is that common folk are too ignorant to deal with foreign policy matters, so an elite should handle them. And because in democracies there is a turnover in government, this foreign policy elite should be anchored in the private sector so it can provide continuity.

There might be something to be said for this theory if the elite were an elite based on merit rather than inheritance, marriage, money and sycophancy. But, alas, 20th century history has shown that the elite are about as dumb as anyone else when it comes to making blunders and mistakes. The elite also have this nasty habit of assuming that whatever is in their personal financial interest is, by golly, what a coincidence, in the national interest.

The story of this foreign policy establishment is told, by the way, in "Tragedy and Hope," a massive history of the 20th century written by Bill Clinton's favorite professor, the late Dr. Carroll Quigley. If you don't want to read all 1,300 or so pages, his summary begins on page 950.

It's because so much of American foreign policy is driven by hidden agendas that so often the publicly stated reasons just don't make sense. It never made sense, for example, to fight communism in Vietnam while protecting communism in Cuba and trading with communism in Eastern Europe. It never made sense to spend trillions to defend ourselves against the Soviet Union while American and European bankers were lending billions to the Soviet Union. Nor does it make sense to pretend that a dictator of a down-and-out Third World country is a threat to world peace.

A policy must always have an objective, and our government's policies should have objectives that benefit Americans, not someone else. It would be stupid for the American government to adopt a policy of increasing the sale of French wines in the United States, but our government has done quite similarly stupid things.

George Washington long ago set out a sensible foreign policy: friendship and commerce with all nations, but no entangling political or military alliances. Don't mix in other people's quarrels, Washington warned us. And treat all nations equally, neither punishing some nor rewarding others. He warned most strenuously against foreign influences in our domestic affairs and politics.

Well, needlessly to say, the foreign policy elite follows the exact opposite of Washington's advice. We're in entangling alliances all over the globe; we stick our nose into every quarrel, tribal or ethnic, from the South China Sea to the Mediterranean.

We are notoriously inconsistent in how we treat different countries, and of course, some of the most powerful lobbies in America represent foreign governments and foreign businesses.

I think based on the record of the 20th century, which is largely a record of wars, economic calamities and political murder on a mass scale, that the common folk of America ought to fire the foreign policy elite and do the job themselves. They couldn't do worse, that's for sure.

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DAN RATHER

Professor offers straight talk about Saddam's game

President Clinton could use a little wise counsel on Iraq and Middle Eastern affairs these days. Too bad he hasn't taken the time to talk to Fouad Ajami.

Rather

One of the smartest, most experienced and wisest Americans about the Middle East, Ajami teaches just down the road from the White House, at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore.

An intense, bearded man in his 50s, with the compact build and quick moves of a scatback, Ajami was born in Lebanon. Educated by Middle Eastern scholars, he has traveled the region extensively for a lifetime. His new book, "The Dream Palace of the Arabs" (Pantheon), proves once again how clear-eyed and well-considered his expertise is.

He views Saddam Hussein as "a jackal, cunning and vicious," an opponent tailor-made to give "idealistic and decent-intending Americans such as Bill Clinton, Madeleine Albright, and Sandy Berger fits — and nothing but misery."

This also explains, says Ajami, why Saddam suckered Ronald Reagan and George Bush so effectively, for so much, for so long.

"Psychologically and politically, Saddam has outmaneuvered American policy-makers. Time after time, he has had America playing his game, dancing his tune. And so it is again now. In the land of Saddam Hussein, we're playing by his rules. He brings us to the brink, then suddenly backs away from the brink as he gains his advantages.

"He has worked his way back into considerable influence in his neighborhood," Ajami says, and in regaining respect among Arabs, "he has undermined the American case for sanctions."

Ajami points to a number of American decisions that he believes made the sanctions less effective anyway.

"Bush allowed him to keep his helicopter forces and the best of his Republican Guard. Clinton has allowed him to rebuild alliances with Russia and France — and allowed him to more than double the amount of money he can gain from selling oil. It's gone up from $2 billion every six months to $5 billion every six months. So now Saddam's on a roll," Ajami says. "He's eroding the case for sanctions and underlining the isolation of American power in the Middle East as a whole."

Ajami is also scathing on the role of the Republican congressional leadership in contributing to Saddam's comeback. Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott and House Speaker Newt Gingrich have been "missing in action," he says, when it comes to courage and conviction in crafting effective opposition to Saddam. "They criticize Clinton, but what are their ideas? They don't seem to have any to which they are willing to commit fully."

Ajami says that, in spite of tough talk from Democrats and Republicans in Congress and in the White House, fear has prevailed. President Bush feared that, after Saddam, Iraq would be fragmented and vulnerable to an Iranian takeover. President Clinton shared this fear, for much of his presidency.

The result? Plenty of people talk about removing Saddam from power, but nobody takes decisive action.

Even the American people have been reluctant to commit to getting Saddam out. "Saddam knows that," Ajami says. "Saddam was glued to his television, watching the spectacle of Columbus, Ohio, the great American heartland, rejecting even the Clinton policy of threatening Saddam with force."

To Saddam, the Columbus "Town Meeting" was "affirmation and reassurance that once again he would survive, and move to greater influence in his neighborhood by playing hard and tough. He remains alive and well, free to continue working his strategy of cheat and retreat, then cheat again."

This is Professor Ajami's analysis. And it is the kind of straight talk one wonders whether the president ever hears.

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Whitewater figure James McDougal dies in federal medical prison

FORT WORTH (AP) — James McDougal, the Whitewater insider who turned on President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton and became an important witness in prosecutor Kenneth Starr's investigation, died Sunday in a federal medical prison. He was 57.

The Clintons' former business partner was the owner of an Arkansas savings and loan and the architect of a series of fraudulent loans and land deals that he alleged the president and first lady were aware of.

"I am saddened to learn about Jim McDougal's death today," Clinton said in a statement issued at the White House. "I have good memories of the years we worked together in Arkansas, and I extend my condolences to his family."

McDougal's death will significantly alter the complexion of the Whitewater investigation. After they got word of McDougal's death Sunday afternoon, Starr and his deputies convened a meeting at their Washington offices that was still in progress after several hours.

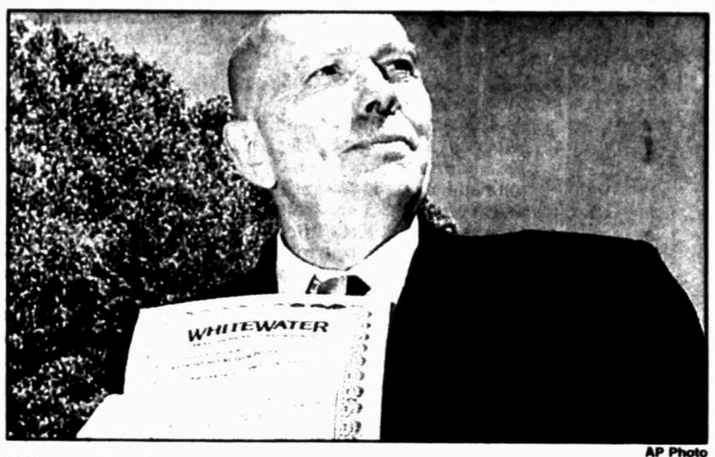
McDougal suffered from a variety of ailments, including heart disease and blocked arteries. He died at John Peter Smith Hospital of cardiac arrest, according to the U.S. Justice Department.

McDougal died at 12:01 p.m., according to the Tarrant County Medical Examiner's Office.

McDougal was convicted of 18 felonies in a Whitewater trial last spring in which President Clinton testified by videotape as a defense witness. He was serving a three-year prison sentence for conspiracy and bank fraud.

The former Clinton real estate partner testified extensively to the Whitewater grand jury in Little Rock, Ark., and had cooperated with Starr since August 1996. He could have been an important witness if the matter ever came to trial.

A few months after he was convicted of defrauding his failing S&L and a federally backed lending company, McDougal began providing Starr with information about the Clintons.



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Arkansas businessman James McDougal holds a copy of a Whitewater Land Development deed in this March 29, 1994 file photo in Little Rock, Ark. McDougal, who was President Clinton's partner in Whitewater, died Sunday. He was 58.

Asked why he was turning against the president, McDougal said at the time, "I just got sick and tired of lying for the fellow. ... Yes, I was trying to protect him."

McDougal originally faced 84 years in prison, but won a recommendation from Starr for a reduced sentence.

When he began cooperating with Starr, McDougal changed his testimony and began corroborating the story of Whitewater figure David Hale that the two men had met with Clinton in 1986 and planned a taxpayer-backed loan that was used in part to prop up the Clintons' Whitewater real estate investment. The fraudulent $300,000 loan has never been repaid.

And last spring, Whitewater prosecutors came across evidence that provided some support for an allegation by McDougal that Bill Clinton in the early 1980s took out a loan from McDougal's savings and loan to support Whitewater. In his videotaped testimony in 1996 at McDougal's trial, the president denied ever having taken out a loan from the S&L.

In an interview last year, McDougal said that he and Clinton agreed to get the loan off the S&L's books by shifting the loan to an Arkansas businessman to pay off.

In a bizarre discovery, a canceled cashier's check for more than $27,000 from McDougal's S&L to Clinton was found in the trunk of an abandoned car in 1997 by a garage mechanic and turned over to Starr's office. The cashier's check was consistent with the story McDougal had been telling prosecutors about a loan to Clinton, who denies knowing anything about it. The cashier's check was not endorsed.

McDougal insisted that the check "certainly proves the chief executive perjured himself" — which prompted the president's lawyer, David Kendall, to label McDougal as "hardly a paragon of credibility."

A native of White County, Ark., McDougal was a former aide to the late Sen. J. William Fulbright. During Clinton's governorship, McDougal spent one year as Clinton's liaison to the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission and the state Banking, Security and Highway departments.

McDougal's death means one more problem for Kenneth Starr

WASHINGTON (AP) — Of all the problems Kenneth Starr's Whitewater investigation has faced, James' McDougal's death may be the most difficult to overcome. A former friend and partner of President Clinton and first lady Hillary Rodham Clinton, McDougal became their principal and potentially most knowledgable accuser.

It took Whitewater prosecutors 2 1/2 years to win McDougal's cooperation. It came only after they convicted him of 18 felonies. Once he started talking, he gave prosecutors details of two real estate developments — Whitewater and Castle Grande — that have been at the center of the criminal investigation since it began in 1994.

Left unanswered at his death was who was telling the truth, McDougal or the Clintons.

McDougal's allegations were that the Clintons knew he was using a fraudulent loan to prop up Whitewater and that many people in the Little Rock establishment, including the Clintons, were aware of the fraudulent nature of Castle Grande.

The Clintons were partners in Whitewater and Hillary Rodham Clinton worked on Castle Grande as a partner at the Rose Law Firm in Little Rock. The question: What did the Clintons know about a series of fraudulent transactions that bolstered both?

The Clintons said they knew nothing. McDougal said they knew a lot.

The 1,050-acre tract known as Castle Grande south of Little Rock became a sinkhole for McDougal's savings and loan. Little Rock city fathers unloaded the land on McDougal, who turned around and sold the pieces at inflated prices to make the books of his failing S&L look good. In fact, the deals were a sham and taxpayers ultimately footed the $4 million losses from Castle Grande when McDougal's institution collapsed.

Prosecutors now are likely to turn up the heat even more against Susan McDougal, who worked closely with her ex-husband in some of his illegal dealings. She was convicted of fraud in the same trial as her former husband.

The assessment Starr must now face is whether he has enough information from other cooperating witnesses to avoid what could be a serious setback for his investigation.

In an interview last fall, McDougal referred to Starr's gathering of documents that pertain to the president and the first lady.

"They're going to hang them with the documents that they got," McDougal said.

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☒	Who's lived within this district all their life?	☐
☒	Endorsed by the majority of GOP Chairmen and Sen. Ratliff?	☐
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And now for something completely different: Monty Python's return

Eric Idle holds aloft a urn representing the ashes of the late Graham Chapman for photographers as the surviving members of "Monty Python" pose for a photograph after the taping of their reunion Saturday night. Pictured from left are, Terry Jones, John Cleese, Idle, Terry Gilliam, and Michael Palin.

AP Photo

ASPEN, Colo. — It was a full Monty, Python, that is, if you counted Graham Chapman's ashes.

The legendary English comedy group that started smashing taboos three decades ago appeared on stage together Saturday night for the first time since 1981, announcing plans for a reunion tour and showing that nothing — even the death of a member — is sacred.

John Cleese, Eric Idle, Michael Palin, Terry Jones and Terry Gilliam appeared at the U.S. Comedy Arts Festival with an urn, ostensibly containing the remains of Chapman, who died of AIDS in 1989. What was billed as a tribute to Chapman turned into a performance when his pals knocked over the urn and scrambled over each other to sweep and vacuum up their friend.

Later, Palin chatted with the urn, chiding Chapman to keep quiet.

In between comedy bits, the group announced plans for a reunion tour next year to mark the 30th anniversary of "Monty Python's Flying Circus," the British Broadcasting Corp. show that offended many and became a worldwide hit.

The show was broadcast in Britain from 1969 to 1974, but Monty Python continued garnering fans on both sides of the Atlantic through reruns, specials and six movies.

The group disbanded in 1983, although several members collaborated on films, including "A Fish Called Wanda" and the Gilliam-directed "The Adventures of Baron Munchausen."

Idle told reporters that a tour "would be fun if we could still be funny."

Cleese said previous attempts to get the group together failed because they focused on a movie and that would take too much time.

"We could probably find 10 weeks for a tour," Cleese said, adding that the production would likely go to London and some American cities.

The show and movies launched classic comedy bits that fans know by heart, like the lumberjack who in addition to cutting down trees, "puts on women's clothing and hangs around in bars."

Or the fumbling Roman Catholic cardinals who burst in on an unsuspecting couple: "NOBODY expects the Spanish Inquisition!"

Several cast members said they want the tour to focus on new material, because their old stuff is so popular that audiences shout it out before they do.

Thirty years ago, the initial reaction to their odd-brand of humor wasn't so good.

Idle said an audience selected by the BBC to watch the first Circus program was made up of old-age pensioners, "and they thought they were going to see a circus."

The show was innovative because the members "had done just enough comedy to be fed up with all the comic conventions of the time," he said.

Chapman, the doctor-turned-writer, was never far from their minds as they chatted about their history. Cleese said it always was a pleasure to be around Chapman because "he just adored bad taste."

Saturday's show will be shown March 21 on Home Box Office.

'Bloody Sunday' civil rights march remembered

SELMA, Ala. (AP) — During the civil rights struggles of the 1960s, John Lewis was considered an "outside rabble-rouser" in this small Alabama town.

On Sunday, Selma's mayor handed him a key to the city.

Lewis, a U.S. representative from Georgia, returned for the 33rd anniversary of the aborted Selma-to-Montgomery voting rights march in which he and 600 others were beaten by police while trying to cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge.

To commemorate the day, Brown Chapel AME Church was dedicated a national historic landmark. The church was used by Martin Luther King Jr. as a starting point for the "Bloody Sunday" march and a later march that illuminated the racial strife present in the South of the 1960s.

During services, Lewis gave an emotional sermon in which he recalled his memories of a segregated Alabama in 1965, when he was an 18-year-old leader in the Student Nonviolent Coordinating Committee.

"I've been arrested and jailed here more times than I can remember," he said. "I was beaten here and now I stand here today as a U.S. congressman."

Later, nine-term Mayor Joe Smitherman — one of those who opposed Lewis' presence in Selma in 1965 — continued a decades-long mission to prove he, his city, the state and the South have changed.

"Back then, I called him an outside rabble-rouser," Smitherman said at a ceremony at the bridge. "Today, I call him one of the most courageous people I ever met."

Two weeks after "Bloody Sunday," President Lyndon Johnson federalized the Alabama National Guard to protect the marchers in their second, successful attempt to reach Montgomery.

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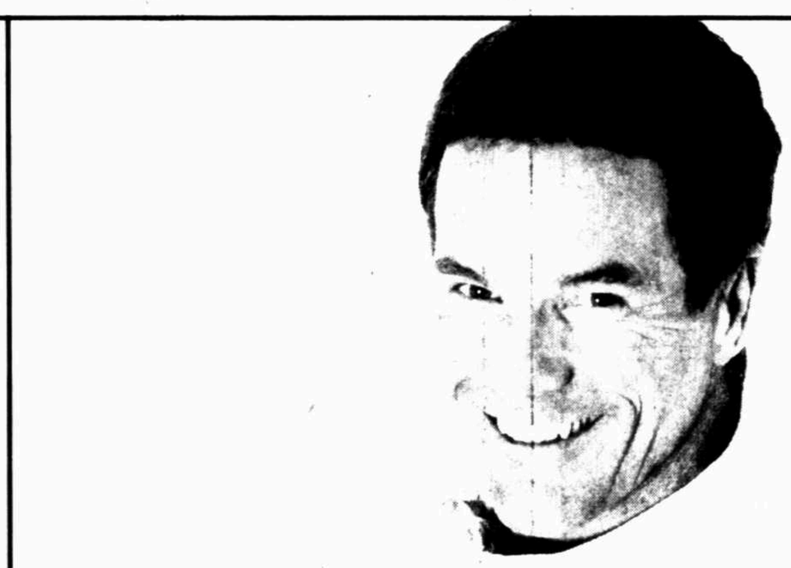

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HUMOR ON THE SIDE

Late Night Lines

"Mayor Giuliani is closing all the New York strip clubs. Now, if you want to see naked people dancing in New York, you'll have to ride the subway like everyone else."

"A drunken Anna Nicole Smith crashed a bar mitzvah in Beverly Hills. The former Playboy model proceeded to dance with the bar mitzvah boy, until she was dragged away. She later returned and married the young man in hopes of inheriting his $300 in savings bonds."

-- Saturday Night Live

"This week 15-year-old gold medalist Tara Lipinski made a lot of news. She is now going to be advertising a figure skating Barbie doll. This will be the first Barbie ad where under the spokesperson's picture it says 'actual size.'"

"During CBS' Olympic coverage, Dan Rather won the evening news ratings race for the first time in five years. It may not count though, because this morning Rather tested positive for marijuana."

"Oprah Winfrey won her Texas beef trial today. And just afterwards, she thanked the jury, then did a show entitled 'Is Chicken Gross or What?'"

"On tonight's episode of 'Diagnosis Murder,' Regis Philbin shoots Kathie Lee Gifford. Not only that -- for this episode they're changing the show's title to 'Diagnosis Justifiable Homicide.'"

"President Clinton and Hillary are spending the weekend in Utah. When they arrived this morning the President said, 'Now what's the deal with this two wives thing?'"

"Yesterday in the beef trial, a Texas jury ruled in favor of Oprah Winfrey. After deliberating for seven hours, the jury said they found Oprah innocent and they found the book "How Stella Got Her Groove Back" absolutely delightful."

-- Conan O'Brien

The Deeper Questions

Whose cruel idea was it for the word "lisp" to have an "s" in it?

Since light travels faster than sound, is that why some people appear bright until you hear them speak?

If it's zero degrees outside today and it's supposed to be twice as cold tomorrow, what will the temperature be?

Why do you press harder on a remote control when you know the battery is dead?

Why are they called buildings when they're already finished? Shouldn't they be called builts?

Why are they called apartments when they're all stuck together?

Why do people without a watch look at their wrist when you ask them what time it is? Why do you ask someone without a watch what time it is anyway?

Why do banks charge you a "non sufficient funds fee" on money they already know you don't have?

Why is the alphabet in that order? Is it because of that song?

If the universe is everything, and scientists say that the universe is expanding, what is it expanding into?

If you got into a taxi and the driver started driving backward, would the taxi driver end up owing you money?

If a tree falls in the forest and no one is around to see it, do the other trees make fun of it?

Do fish get cramps when they swim right after eating?

Why are there 5 syllables in the word "monosyllabic"?

Why do they call it the Department of Interior when they are in charge of everything outdoors?

Why do scientists call it "research" when looking for something new? Shouldn't it be just "search"?

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MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

Dogs love tacos

Why people are going loco about a big-eared chihuahua

By Carol Bidwill
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES —What's important to most teen-age guys?

Chicks, right? And food, fast food.

Now picture your favorite teen dude as a dog, and you've got the subtext behind the current series of "Yo quiero Taco Bell" commercials for the Mexican-seasoned eatery.

That big-eared, pint-size canine who's on a never-ending quest for tacos, burritos and the like is, in his heart, just another teen-ager.

"The Chihuahua's character is to be perceived as a 19-year-old guy in a dog's body who primarily thinks about food and girls," reads Taco Bell's

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Stuffed steer

Casy Gollnick, right, and John Freeman, both from Corpus Christi, rest on Gollnick's steer, Reveille, after arriving at the Houston Live Stock Show and Rodeo Tuesday, in Houston. Gollnick was scheduled to show her steer Thursday.

AP Laserphoto

Joan Rennie of Bracebridge, Ontario, looks through the albums at the Ernest Tubb Record Shop in Nashville. The store is a popular stop in Nashville for tourists like Rennie, who was traveling home from a vacation in Florida.

AP Laserphotos

No Spice Girls here

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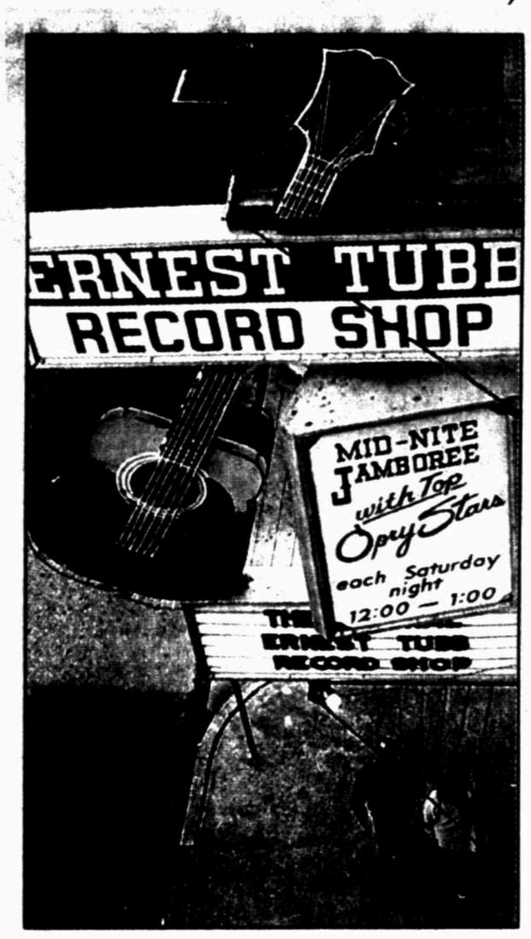

By Joe Edwards
Associated Press Writer

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — At this record store, don't ask for the Spice Girls. Or Metallica. Or Mozart. Or Placido Domingo.

You won't find them.

But there are 12 different cassettes of Jimmie Rodgers, who died in 1933.

Such is the merchandise at the six Ernest Tubb record shops, which specialize in old, hard-to-find country music albums.

"You go to Tower Records and ask for a Spade Cooley record, and the guy behind the counter with an earring doesn't know what you're talking about," said Dave Liston, manager of the original Ernest Tubb shop in Nashville.

For the uninitiated, Cooley was a fiddle-playing country singer in the 1940s. The CD "Spadella — Essential Spade Cooley" may be purchased for $12.98.

Ernest Tubb isn't all about oldies. Garth Brooks and Reba McEntire CDs are available. But the big sellers are artists like Rodgers, known as "The Father of Country Music;" Hank Williams Sr., who died in 1953; and Webb Pierce, whose heyday was the mid-1950s.

This typifies the mission of the store, which was opened in 1947 by Tubb, an angular baritone best known for his country weeper "Walkin' the Floor Over You." He died in 1984.

"You can go to any Wal-Mart and get the latest Garth Brooks' CD," said owner David McCormick, who bought out Justin Tubb, Ernest's son, three years ago. "But you won't find an obscure Lefty Frizzell record there."

Ernest Tubb, a Grand Ole Opry star from 1942 until his death, pioneered the honky-tonk

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Worker shrugs off age to continue volunteering in Baton Rouge hospital

By Danny Heitman
Associated Press

BATON ROUGE, La. — Like many 93-year-olds, Farrow Behrens has grown accustomed to spending time in the hospital. But in Behrens' case, it's by choice.

Almost every day, Behrens volunteers at Baton Rouge General Medical Center. She's been a hospital volunteer since World War II, when she used her gas ration cards to help families get back and forth from hospital visits. And after more than half a century of cheering patients, comforting relatives and consoling the bereaved, Behrens sees no reason to quit.

"I'm not a rocking chair person, honey," said Behrens, rounding a corner in the hopital's lobby and heading toward a fresh round of patients. "I love what I'm doing. I hope I can do it as long as I live.

Behrens said she used to volunteer at all the hospitals in Baton Rouge.

"I was a little bit younger then," she said.

Today, as she enters the home stretch toward a century of living, Behrens has limited her hospital work to Baton Rouge General. Even so, her energy continues to astound people one-third her age.

Behrens has received many honors for her volunteer work. But she says she most enjoys connecting with people who need her.

"I could do things to make money, but I choose to do this," Behrens said. "You meet people from all walks of life here. You don't only deal with patients. You deal with the patients' families."

Behrens begins her day by visiting the General's pastoral care office, where she gets a handful of slips bearing the names of new patients.

"Farrow usually works every holiday," said the Rev. Bill T. Nowell, a chaplain at the hospital. "Very often, Farrow will come see a patient, and follow up with that patient as long as he's in the hospital."

"We wouldn't know what to do without Miss Farrow," said Betty Morris, the hospital's director of volunteer services. "She spends more time here than some of our full-time employees."

"How you doin' honey?" Behrens asked as she visited a young woman connected to an IV. "Is there anything I can get you?"

"She may not get well. She's very ill," Behrens said after closing the door. "She has cancer. Now, you've seen the worst. Occasionally, I carry it home with me, but I try not to."

Behrens returned to the room later with a birthday present she had purchased for the woman with her own money.

Behrens regularly visits the hospital's burn unit, regardless of whether it's on her assignment roster. Because she lost a grandmother and mother-in-law to burn injuries, Behrens said she bears a special sympathy for those patients.

Four years ago, Behrens arrived in the burn unit and heard a patient's phone ringing off the hook. The patient, a young man whose arms were spread-eagled across the bed and bound in bandages, couldn't pick up the receiver. "I picked the phone up and held it to his ear. It was his fiancee. I must have stood there holding that phone an hour while they talked all that lovey-dovey stuff," Behrens said.

Other stories are not as happy. "Last week, I had a patient who told me, 'No one loves me.' So I went down to the gift shop and bought her a Valentine."

For Behrens, working on Christmas is doubly significant, since it's also her birthday. She was born on Dec. 25, 1904, in Palmersville, Tenn., the daughter of a schoolteacher and a housewife who were active in the church.

"My mother and father were always very generous," Behrens said. "They always remembered the

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JIMMY PATTERSON

A rare week at home: Nobody does anything goofy

Occasionally, a kind soul will come up and ask me where I get my ideas. It's a flattering question. One that makes me feel like I have ideas.

Patterson

Whoever asks I normally give the same answer: "I just sit around and wait for someone in my family to do something goofy." Nine times out of 10, it's usually Mrs. P or The Boy who will provide fodder for what you normally read here.

But, I'm afraid that this week, all is well. No one has done anything goofy around my house this week. There have been no outrageous shenanigans. No cuts, bruises, throwing up, high fevers or unmanageable hormonal imbalances. And as a result, I am stuck without an idea.

I was afraid this might happen one day.

So here we are. You. Me. And what could very well be a blank corner of the newspaper. Unless someone in my house does something goofy pretty quick, we could be looking at a couple of minutes of idle time here, you and me.

I'll tell you what: Until something goofy does happen, I think what I'll do is chronicle the events of this past week, just to prove to you that on occasion, things are pretty normal at our place.

Monday -- The phone DID NOT ring for my 12-year-old daughter today. In most houses, this may seem like non-news. In our house, it is a momentous occasion. It's a shame our oldest wasn't grounded that night since no one called anyway. (Grounding a 12-year-old girl from the telephone, even for one night, is as harsh a punishment as a parent can hand down these days). Rarely does a night go by that the phone DOES NOT ring for our 12-year-old daughter. As a result of all this unplanned silence, the whole family sort of sat around all night just waiting for the phone to ring. It wasn't quite as exciting as a game of Pictionary or a good movie, but it was different. And it was the first time in recent memory that a 30 minute block of time passed by that no one ran through the house shouting "I'LL GET IT!!" We were beside ourselves all night.

Tuesday -- The silence of the evening before carried well into the next day. At home with The Boy thanks to a day away from the office, I decided to take a little nap early in the afternoon. The Boy told me he would play quietly and watch "George of the Jungle" for what is something like the 147th time now. About 20 minutes after dozing off, The Boy decided to go to the bathroom. Nothing shatters the silence of a peacful house like a 3-year-old who likes to, just for fun, drop the toilet seat at breakneck speed after he's done. Most dignified people set the toilet seat down gently. To a 3-year-old, slamming the toilet seat loudly is apparently dignified. What's more, for a 3-year-old, slamming the seat is probably the high point of going potty. But nothing ruins a nap more effectively.

Wednesday -- The local hockey team, the Jackalopes, announced it had made a trade. And our phone rang all night. You'd think the deal had actually been negotiated in our living room. Nothing gets 12-year-old girls yammering like a hockey trade. All who called agree they would be an absolute basket case if their favorite player is dealt. God help me. God help my kid when the season ends.

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DAVE BARRY

Life's skills can be learned easily enough at the track

As a parent, I believe it is my responsibility to help my son develop the skills he will need to become a responsible and productive member of society. So I took him to the horse races.

Barry

Specifically I took him to Gulfstream Park, a very nice track in Hallandale, Fla., where you can bet on horses and feel comfortable wearing clothing styles dating back upward of 45 years. You remember during the Disco Age, when men wore clingy pants in highly unnatural colors and patterns, so that the wearer looked as though he has been wading naked to his waist in a massive toxic polyester spill, and it dried on his body? Those pants are still the height of style, at the racetrack. We are talking about an older crowd, including guys who, at some point in their betting careers, bet on a Trifecta involving Spartacus.

I enjoy the racetrack crowd. It's a more sociable group than you might think. I'm generally shy, but when I go to the track, I often find myself having conversations with total strangers. I'll be standing idly near a bank of TV monitors showing horses racing — possibly at this track; possibly at some other track; possibly in races that took place in 1973 — and a man standing next to me will suddenly yank his cigar out of his mouth, turn to me, and say: "Can you believe THAT?" "No!" I'll say.

"What the (bad word) is he DOING??" the man will say. "He's (bad word) CRAZY!!" "I'll say!" I'll say, wondering whom we're talking about. A horse? A jockey? Newt Gingrich?

"You're (bad word) RIGHT he's (bad word) crazy!" the man will say, glad to have encountered somebody else who knows what's going on. Then he'll walk away, still talking, leaving behind no clues except a small puddle of cigar drool.

I began the process of educating my son, Rob, by showing him how to pick a horse to bet on. The key is to have a system. I use what is known as a "two-step" system, as follows (you might want to write this down):

1. I look at a list of the various horses.
2. I pick one.

Using this system, I selected a horse named "Yield To Maturity," which seemed appropriate because it's something that people are always urging me to do. After I placed the bet, we went into the grandstand to watch the race. Tension mounted as post time drew near, and then the announcement came over the loudspeaker: "They're off!" "COME ON, YIELD TO MATURITY!" I shouted.

"Where are the horses?" asked Rob.

"I don't know," I had to admit. One of the problems with horse racing is that key parts of the race take place several miles away, so that even if you can find the horses, they look like a herd of stampeding squirrels. I think the sport would be better if the horses stayed directly in front of the grandstand, perhaps on a treadmill.

Eventually the horses showed up, and although I specifically yelled at Yield To Maturity to win, he (or possibly she) did not. What's worse, he (or possibly she) did not look the least bit upset about losing. In fact none of the horses seemed to take the race seriously. Laughing and pooping, they trotted gaily off the track and headed for the horse locker room to call their brokers. They're all into conservative mutual funds.

Next, I took Rob outside to show him how to "look over" the horses that would be running in the next race.

"What are we looking for?" asked Rob.

"Humps," I said. A hump indicates to the shrewd bettor that the horse is actually a camel, which means it will run slower than the horses. Or possibly faster; I can never remember which.

At this point, Rob decided — and this is exactly the problem with young people today; they don't want to learn anything — that he was going to ignore my system and pick his own horses by (Get this!) studying the racing form. I told him this was a waste of time, because the so-called "racing form" in fact has nothing to do with racing: It's a means by which espionage agents send each other messages in secret code. Here's an actual quote from the form that Rob was studying:

"Magic Way has the highest Beyer in the field, which is a nice starting point at the maiden level." Right! And the Presbyterian mollusk wears linen jodhpurs!

While Rob was frittering away his time trying to decipher gibberish, I implemented another proven wagering system known as the "bet on most of the horses in the race system." Perhaps you think that it is impossible to bet on six horses in an eight-horse race and still not win any money. Perhaps you are an idiot.

I will not beat around the bush. When the day was over, I had picked no winning horses, no placing horses and no showing horses. I had picked horses that, if you were to cut them open — and don't let me stand in your way — would have turned out to be powered by pairs of seriously obese men walking backward. Rob had picked three winning horses and ended up making money. He thinks this could be a good career path. He does seem to have a knack for it. I just hope, if he becomes wealthy, that he remembers who showed him the ropes.

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After 6 decades, call rekindles old romance

By Melissa Fletcher Stoeltje
N.Y. Times News Service

It started with the dream.

Frances Moore, a widow for three years, dreamed she was talking on the telephone with her old high school flame, Les Davis, a man she hadn't seen for six decades. In the dream, her five grown sons kept trying to eavesdrop on their conversation.

Frances was stumped.

She'd read a little something about Les in information sent concerning a high school reunion, but that had been several years earlier. Why was she dreaming about him now? Frances' husband of 54 years died in 1995. Tired of being lonely and inspired by the dream, she decided to give her old love a call.

"I thought maybe we could be pen pals," Frances said. "I figured if a woman answered the phone, I'd just say 'Sorry, wrong number' and hang up."

A woman didn't answer the telephone.

Unknown to Frances, Les' wife of 42 years had died of cancer in 1982.

What's more, he'd never stopped thinking of the pretty girl he dated all those years ago in the South Texas city of Harlingen.

"I could've dropped through the floor," said Les, recalling his shock when he heard Frances' voice on the line.

That was, oh, 10 weeks ago.

Two weeks ago, surrounded by friends and family, the two were married.

Fate had intervened to separate the young sweethearts so many years ago.

Now it had intervened again to reunite them — after both had enjoyed long, happy marriages to different people, raised families, achieved careers, lived lives.

"He was the first love of my life," said Frances, who on a recent day was busily boxing mementos to move to her new husband's home in Brownwood, a small town in central Texas. "I think this is the Lord's will. It's just a match made in heaven."

Les and Frances, both 76, tell everyone they meet about finding each other. They can't help it. Even the grumpy clerk at a department store melted into a gooey smile after listening to their tale. Frances told the cop who pulled her over for speeding about her upcoming nuptials to her childhood sweetheart as she searched for her insurance card. He broke into a grin and sent her on her way.

"He never even looked at my license," she said. "He just told me to drive carefully."

Maybe their story strikes some deep, collective chord — love springs eternal and all that. It began when Les moved to Harlingen in 1938 so his father, an engineer, could work on a yearlong project. He attended Harlingen High School his senior year; Frances was a junior. The two can't even remember how they met, but they were soon doing the jitterbug and foxtrot together at school dances, to the sounds of Benny Goodman and Tommy Dorsey.

They were swoony in love, head-over-heels.

"I'm sure I dated other girls," Les said, "but I don't remember any of them, not one."

His father's job ended when Les graduated, and the family moved back to Brownwood. The sweethearts tried to keep the flame burning — Les even hitchhiked to Harlingen one weekend — but the 500-mile geographic hurdle proved too great. Les didn't have a car and he had to get a job to help out his family.

"I was heartbroken, we both were," said Frances, a sweet, grandmotherly woman who touches your arm gently to emphasize her points.

Reality dawned and the two parted ways. Frances went on to college. Les became an optician, working for the American Optical Company in Brownwood for 32 years. Frances and Tommy Moore raised five sons in the Gulf Coast city of Freeport, where he worked for Dow Chemical. Les and his wife, June, raised two sons and a daughter.

"But I never forgot about Frances throughout my life," Les said.

Frances called him the day before New Year's Eve. The next day, he sat down and wrote her a letter, opining that he had "hoped and prayed" after his wife died that they would someday meet again. Frances wrote her own letter. They exchanged pictures.

This was all new territory for Frances — she hadn't dated anyone since her husband's death.

"I would look at the men at my church and go 'yuck,'" she said. "How do you ever get to know all about anyone at our age?" Les had dated intermittently since becoming a widower, but with little zest.

"I'd become resigned to living alone for the rest of my life," he said.

He drove to meet her on a Thursday. Frances remembers standing on the side of her house, her heart pounding in her throat. She was so nervous.

Les fretted the entire drive, wondering how to greet her. A handshake? A hug? A kiss? Then their eyes met.

"We bonded instantly," Les said. "There was no question in my mind that we were going to be together."

They kissed.

It felt just like being back in the old days, said Frances, as if they were simply taking up at square one. He stayed on at her house until the following Tuesday. (She had a spare room, Frances explained.)

After he left, Frances discovered she couldn't bear being apart from him. Two days after he left, she drove to Brownwood on the pretense of borrowing some music tapes. Her sons vigorously objected to her undertaking the five-hour trek alone. And who was this Les guy anyway?

"I first thought, "I've got to meet him, make sure he's not some weirdo,'" recalled Larry Moore, Frances' architect son who lives in Houston. "I wasn't as skeptical as my other brothers, but it's weird, when your mother is married to your dad for 54 years, to visualize her dating someone else."

Like his brothers, Larry assumed his mother was merely renewing a friendship with an old acquaintance. But things progressed fast and furious after Frances went to Brownwood. The couple went boating in Les' new bass boat. They just knew: They were going to marry.

But when they announced their wedding plans, Frances' sons tried to convince them to slow things down. These are the guys, remember, who kept trying to horn in on their conversation in Frances' dream.

"They said, 'Why don't you wait six months? Why the rush?'" Les said. No one understood — there was so much lost time to make up for.

Finally, Frances turned to her eldest son, Steve, with a deadpan expression.

"I said, "Steve, I'm pregnant.'" The couple dissolved into giggles on the couch.

The sons were placated, said Larry, after meeting Les and getting a reading on him. They attended church together, had lunch, observed how he treated their mother.

"When I first met him I just knew that he was a really nice guy," Larry said. "The more we were around him, the more comfortable we felt about him. And we realized how much they were in love. They're just like two love birds, nuzzling each other. They don't go anywhere without holding hands."

VOLUNTEER: Behrens sometimes helps families she meets on her own

(From 1B)

sick and the less fortunate."

When Behrens' father took a job as bookkeeper for a veneer manufacturer with a plant in Baton Rouge, Behrens drove to Louisiana in a Model T to join her family. Soon afterward, she met her late husband, Frank Behrens, at a church social. They married in 1926. In subsequent years, Farrow and Frank, who worked at Standard Oil, would help establish a Baptist Church and set up guest homes for transients.

While her husband served in the military during World War II, Behrens rarely drove her car for personal errands. So she used her extra fuel ration cards to ferry people to and from the hospital. She then began visiting hospital patients and became involved in a dizzying variety of volunteer causes, including Volunteers of America, Red Cross and The Salvation Army.

Behrens sometimes helps needy families who she meets outside of the hospital. She's taken homeless people into her house and helped the poor bury dead.

Behrens lives in a retirement community apartment. "My lifestyle is not like most people, but I'm happy, and most people can't say that."

TUBB: Store features hard-to-find records

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style of country music that originated in the beer halls of his native Texas. He sold at least 30 million records during his lifetime, and helped Loretta Lynn early in her career by singing duets and doing concerts with her. He was inducted into the Country Music Hall of Fame in 1965.

Tubb opened his store at a time when it was hard to find country music. It has survived against megastores that sell all types of music by being one of the few places specializing in traditional country.

Besides the original location, there are two more stores in Nashville and one each in Pigeon Forge, Tenn.; Branson, Mo.; and Fort Worth, Texas.

On a recent morning, the original Ernest Tubb store was playing Merle Haggard's "Fightin' Side of Me" as a half-dozen customers browsed through CDs, cassettes and videos displayed in unpretentious square wooden compartments.

Parked outsi 'e the three-story brick building was a green pickup truck with this message in the rear window: "Bad Girls Fear Nothing." Three doors down is a honky-tonk called The World Famous Turf.

Inside the store, five record bins are devoted to Rodgers. Brooks has just two. Patsy Cline, dead for 35 years, has four bins. Teen star LeAnn Rimes just one.

As for the Spice Girls ...

"We don't get a lot of calls for them, but we'll be glad to order for you," Liston said diplomatically.

And Metallica?

"I doubt that we've ever had a request for them," he said.

Also missing is Rolling Stone magazine, but a copy of Bluegrass Unlimited is available.

If the clerks aren't too busy, they'll even play country music trivia with customers. A favorite: "What was Hank Williams' No. 1 record when he died?" Answer: "I'll Never Get Out of This World Alive."

And it's not just ardent country music fans who flock to Ernest Tubb. Elton John has stopped by several times when he was in Nashville to perform. ZZ Top and Tom Petty also have visited.

The walls at the original store are lined with publicity photos of veteran performers like Lynn, Little Jimmy Dickens and Johnny Cash. Against one wall are shelves of books, including "Goober in a Nutshell" by George "Goober" Lindsey.

There is no alarm at the door to halt shoplifters. A bronze sculpture of Tubb, "The Texas Troubadour," sits just inside the entrance.

"A woman kissed it the other day," Liston said.

The stock is not entirely country. There's a Lawrence Welk CD, "Biggest Hits," for $7.98. And plenty of Elvis music. "You can argue if he's country, but Elvis sells," Liston said.

The stores get 30 percent of their $4 million yearly revenue from mail orders as far away as Russia, Japan and Italy.

"A lot of our business is word-of-mouth," McCormick said in his Dixie drawl. He began sweeping floors at the store 30 years ago, advanced to manager, partner and, finally, sole owner.

The record shop gets its rare records from various sources, mostly obscure independent record labels. There are some 1,900 selections available through mail order.

Jerry Stalkup of Lindsay, Calif., has ordered some 400 CDs and cassettes in the past three years. "They are the best anywhere," said Stalkup, a collector whose album collection numbers around 6,000. "They have hard-to-find records. They are just fantastic."

DOG: Dinky has been a real boon to Taco Bell with his commercials

(From 1B)

mission statement for the popular commercials. "The dog has an undying quest for Taco Bell."

The little dog who's the hero of the commercials is a butch little guy named Dinky, owned by Steve Martin's Working Wildlife company in Frazier Park, a desolate, mountainous area in the far north of Ventura County.

Dinky has been a boon to Taco Bell, which does $4.9 billion in sales a year, serving 55 million consumers a week at 4,900 restaurants nationwide.

And while the dog is cute and feisty, the commercials' punch line is becoming part of American pop culture-speak, right up there with "Where's the beef?" and "I've fallen and I can't get up."

"You know you've really hit on something when teen-agers and college students start using it," said Vada Hill, chief marketing officer for the fast-food company. "It has become part of the common parlance."

So far, Dinky (Taco Bell is considering a contest to come up with an appropriate stage name for their taco-craving canine) has appeared in four commercials, with more to come.

Beginning April 1, all Taco Bell eateries will post an 800 phone number that consumers can call to order t-shirts with the dog's visage on them.

Dinky's yearning ladylove, Gidget, actually a kennelmate, has appeared in two of the ads.

(That's also Gidget who appears in El Pollo Loco commercials made before she and Dinky were put under exclusive contract to Taco Bell.)

On the set, the dogs — each with a doggy double who steps in when the stars are tired — are treated like, well, top dogs. They arrive in chauffeur-driven limousines, are given frequent drinks of bottled water and dine on grilled chicken breast and steak. On breaks, they nap and attend training school, just like a human child actor.

"They're as cute as pie," said Taco Bell spokeswoman Laurie Gannon. "They're really sweet to work with. The little boy dog ... he's a kinda studly guy, not the little yappy stereotype of a Chihuahua."

Yes, the "Yo quiero Taco Bell" mouth movements are computer-generated, and so are the raised eyebrows, Gannon said.

But Dinky does do his own stunt work, enticed by morsels of chicken dangled out of camera range by his trainer.

Although the commercials' success has revived interest in Chihuahuas as well as made mouths water for Mexican food, the TV dogs weren't raised to be actors.

"We like to rescue 'em," said trainer Rebecca Golland. "We got this Chihuahua — the hero dog — from the pound."

In the commercials, the little dog is never seen wolfing down any of the food he chases after. And there's a good reason for that.

"They don't eat Taco Bell because of all the spices," Gannon said. "Their little stomachs couldn't take it."

PATTERSON: Even when not much happens, things somehow go awry

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Thursday -- Dinner time. Like any other night at dinner, The Boy has decided he will not be happy until he has succeeded in grossing his sisters out while they are eating their vegetables. He does it the same way every night: he swirls a load of saliva around his mouth, making a swishing noise while staring at them point blank, about an inch away from the side of their faces. A little milk, a little spit mixed around together. Nothing makes big sisters curdle and shiver as much. And The Boy knows this. EVERY boy knows this. What is weird to me is even though The Boy likes to tease his sisters with his mouth full of saliva because he knows it grosses him out, he will wipe his cheek or lips off immediately if anyone kisses him.

Friday -- At the end of a week that featured the beginning of softball and soccer practice, we have succeeded in being late to three practices because of lost equipment. The surest sign of spring? It is not the blossoming flowers. Spring is here when both your daughters run through the house crying because they're late and can't find a sock. We pay good money for this. We actually give people money so our kids can lose sports equipment on a regular basis.

All this stuff, and it's been a quiet week at our place. I can't wait until someone does something goofy again.

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Smithsonian inventories Indian remains before turning them over

WASHINGTON (AP) — The spinal column was little more than a heap of raggedy vertebrae piled on top of each other, and the end of a darkly pitted arm bone was hugely swollen.

The Indian could not have been older than 40 when he died, and what killed him was unclear. But one diagnosis that anthropologist Allison Willcox read in the bones was certain: crippling arthritis.

With an annual budget of $1 million, researchers are quietly working to inventory thousands of Indian bones stored in wooden filing chests at the Smithsonian Institution's Museum of Natural History, best known to Americans for its dinosaur collection.

The work is part of a larger movement to repatriate to Indian tribes bones removed for scientific or other reasons. The operation grew from federal laws passed in 1989 and 1990 seeking to rectify injustices against Indians by securing the return of ancestral remains and sacred, ceremonial or cultural artifacts from museums, historical societies, campuses and government agencies.

At the Smithsonian's repatriation office, bones tell individual stories but don't always shed light on tribal affiliation. Often, anthropologists must rely on other information, such as where bones were found, but even then identification is uncertain.

The arthritic Indian, for instance, is believed to have lived among the Arikara of North Dakota in the 1400s because his remains were excavated near the tribe's historic villages along the Missouri River.

The Mohegan tribe in southeastern Connecticut planned to display a repatriated burial bowl — engraved with wolf heads symbolic of the tribe — at a celebration of the 400th birthday of Chief Uncas, the noble 17th-century chief depicted by James Fenimore Cooper in his novel, "The Last of the Mohicans."

The tribe, whose members are descended from Uncas, got the bowl back last year from the Slater Museum in Norwich, Conn.

"These objects, they carry the life of those that bore them, and the spirits of those individuals," said Melissa Fawcett, the tribe's historian. "We're getting a little bit of Uncas back with that bowl ... and a little bit of who we are."

The Smithsonian's repatriation office already has returned 3,000 sets of bones to tribes. Last year, it completed a list of museum objects subject to repatriation and mailed it to almost 800 tribes and villages.

Now, it is compiling an inventory of 16,000 sets of bones still in storage — from fragments to skulls with intact rows of teeth. That list, to be done by June, also will be sent to tribes.

The anthropologists' work is painstaking. Scientists comb through records and examine bones to see if they fit a particular tribe's profile.

For instance, a bone with green staining — indicating burial with copper objects or jewelry — might be omitted from remains of a tribe whose ancestors did not use copper.

Even with the best evidence, it is almost impossible to be certain about identity.

In some cases, bones were crudely excavated in the 1920s and 1930s by amateurs who kept sparse records.

"Sometimes, you're just uncertain," said Steve Ousley, director of the office's osteology laboratory. "We can say, for instance, someone thinks this ... looks Sioux, but it's well within the range of this other tribe."

Most Indians are eager to return their ancestors to the earth. The bones are painful reminders of a time when Indian graves were looted by colonists or soldiers. Army medics stole skulls for infamous "cranial studies" in the latter half of the 19th century, and massacred bodies were robbed of clothing and objects.

Human remains have been easier to get back than artifacts, which collectors, curators and researchers are often reluctant to part with.

The Connecticut Historical Society has turned down a Mohegan request for a yokeag bag used to carry dried parched corn.

"We feel that we have a reasonable and thoughtful position on this," said Richard Malley of the Historical Society.

Fawcett, the Mohegan historian, said the bag was a sacred object buried with an 18th-century medicine woman. But Malley argues it is a utilitarian bag, not subject to federal repatriation law.

Often, museums want to retain objects to preserve them. This, too, often breeds conflict because Indians view preservation differently.

Elizabeth Sackler, founder of the American Indian Ritual Object Repatriation Foundation in New York, said taking objects out of use means they do not "feed the spirit world. ... It's not preservation at all. It's highly destructive."

Sackler questions how private collectors can, in good conscience, hold on to some objects.

"Do they really want to own a shirt that was taken off a body that was killed by the cavalry?" Sackler asked. "Do they want a moccasin that was taken off of a baby foot? Those are questions that people really need to address."

NASA's space station faces yet another delay; eventual cost uncertain

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. (AP) — It's slipped from 1992 to 1994 to 1995 to 1996 to 1997 to 1998, and now it looks like NASA's space station will be delayed again.

Not only that, the stalled space station will cost more than promised because of all the setbacks and changes — at least $3.6 billion more, a whopping 21 percent increase.

"Of course, it disturbs me. It's an embarrassment," said Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., chairman of the House Science Committee.

In 1993, the Clinton administration set a $17.4 billion cost cap for the international space station through assembly. The National Aeronautics and Space Administration now estimates the U.S. share at $21 billion.

Neither figure includes the cost of some 30 shuttle flights to assemble the gigantic complex, or the $10 billion sunk into the program in the 1980s and early 1990s.

Both NASA and Congress have asked independent appraisers to determine the true cost.

"You ask 15 people who are familiar with the program and you'll get 15 answers," said Sensenbrenner, a Republican from Wisconsin. "I'm not even going to venture a guess."

No one's willing to guess when orbital construction will begin and end, either.

When President Reagan directed NASA in 1984 to build a space station, NASA promised to have one flying for $8 billion by 1992. The only thing soaring by then, though, was the price. Russia signed on in 1993; NASA insisted that Russian participation would save the United States money and speed construction.

But once again, NASA faces a delay because of the Russians.

Instead of hauling up the initial pieces of the international space station early this summer, NASA is considering bumping the start of assembly to summer's end, possibly even later if work continues to lag on a key Russian part.

NASA is quick to note that it shares the blame this time with the cash-strapped Russian Space Agency, which was responsible for last year's delay of seven months.

"It wouldn't be fair to say that it's just the Russians at this point," said NASA's Gretchen McClain, deputy associate administrator for space station. "We've got some problems in our own back yard."

The space shuttle flight schedule is in disarray because of a three-month delay in launching an X-ray telescope, now targeted for a December liftoff.

To spread out the missions and reorganize the work, shuttle managers have proposed hoisting the second space station component — a connecting passageway — in September instead of July. If that happens, the first station part would be launched by the Russians in August instead of June.

Also factoring into this potential two-month delay is the fact that the Russian Space Agency still is not getting enough money from its government to complete piece No. 3 — a space station module housing life-support and other critical systems. It's the same component that forced NASA last year to postpone the start of station construction from November 1997 to June 1998.

This so-called service module, needed before astronauts and cosmonauts can move into the international space station, is supposed to be launched by the Russians in December. But they're more than two months behind in work.

'You ask 15 people who are familiar with the program and you'll get 15 answers.'
— Rep. F. James Sensenbrenner Jr., chairman of the House Science Committee, on the cost of the NASA space station

NASA officials doubt that the Russians can catch up; they anticipate a February 1999 launch at the earliest. That means the first permanent crew, commanded by American astronaut William Shepherd, would arrive in March 1999 at the earliest, two months late.

There's more.

NASA is 1 1/2 months behind on its own lab module, which is supposed to fly in mid-1999 but likely will be delayed along with everything else.

If it sounds complicated, it is.

Everything is so intertwined — the U.S. shuttle schedule, the Russian money crunch, manufacturing snags in both countries — that some analysts wonder how the space station will be finished in the promised five to six years. It's the largest cooperative technological project ever undertaken in peace time, involving 16 countries and 1 million pounds of flight hardware.

"If all it takes is one late telescope to throw the whole thing into chaos, what else might go wrong?" asked Marcia Smith, a specialist in space policy for the Congressional Research Service in Washington. "The whole assembly sequence is success oriented, and it assumes there aren't going to be any failures."

As of now, the international space station is supposed to be completed by the end of 2003. It's uncertain whether additional delays at the outset would drag down the later assembly flights like dominoes, NASA's McClain said.

One thing's for sure: The more delays the more frustrating it is, especially being so close, finally, to launch.

Six station components totaling 65,000 pounds already are at Kennedy Space Center being prepared for shuttle ferry flights. McClain said the equipment will undergo additional tests if the missions are delayed.

One other thing that's for sure: The more delays the higher the price.

Last year's postponement by the Russians cost NASA more than $1.5 billion because of all the extra months and related maintenance added to the program, McClain said. Cost overruns by NASA's prime station contractor, Boeing, have accounted for another $800 million of the $3.6 billion in extra expenses projected through assembly. Yet another unexpected cost: more than $600 million to develop a rescue ship that's larger than the tiny Russian Soyuz capsule.

To cope with the overruns, NASA has had to shift money into its space station budget from other programs.

McClain hopes to know more about the status of Russian funding and its impact on the space station schedule following meetings this week in Washington between high-level U.S. and Russian officials. In an unsettling repeat of last year, the Russian Space Agency and consequently the manufacturer failed to receive a Feb. 15 payment from the Russian government to finish the crucial service module.

"My hope is that we get something launched by the end of the fiscal year," which is Sept. 30, McClain said. "But the point I want to make is we're going to make the right technical decision. We're not going to launch just to meet a launch date."

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Earned income tax credit lauded for reducing poverty

WASHINGTON (AP) — As Republicans intensify attacks on the earned income tax credit, a new study by a liberal economics organization shows the credit lifts out of poverty one of every seven children who otherwise would be poor.

"The EITC is the most effective safety net program for children in working poor families," said the report by the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities.

The finding, being released Monday, also shows government benefit programs cut the nation's poverty level in half.

It noted as well that the impact of government programs in reducing poverty weakened modestly in 1996, lifting 400,000 fewer children from poverty than were helped in 1995.

Wendell Primus, the think tank's director of income security and co-author of the study, said the decline did not result from the federal welfare reform bill signed in August 1996.

Possibly "a function of the welfare reform efforts that were going on in the states," it points to a weakening government safety net so far offset by the growing economy, Primus said.

The study gives vivid details about the role government programs play in alleviating poverty.

"An array of programs, led by Social Security, are having strong effects in reducing poverty," said Primus, who quit his job at the Department of Health and Human Services to protest President Clinton's signing of the welfare reform bill in 1996.

The report shows that 57.5 million people would been below the poverty line in 1996, based on incomes they received through the private sector.

"Government benefit programs lifted 27 million of these 57.5 million people out of poverty, cutting poverty nearly in half," the study said.

The report cited the earned income tax credit, or EITC, as "the single program removing the largest number of children from poverty."

The earned income tax credit, which offsets some or all of federal income and payroll taxes for the poor, lifted 4.6 million people, among them 2.4 million children, from poverty in 1996.

The credit has been highly controversial. A 1996 Treasury Department audit showed $4.4 billion in claims, or 26 percent, went to people who weren't qualified for the earned income tax credit. House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., and others cited this as a leading example of wasteful government spending and say major tax cuts could be financed from revenues generated by cleaning up the program.

The credit came under renewed criticism last week.

Sen. Paul Coverdell, R-Ga., released a General Accounting Office report that described an increase in Internal Revenue Service audits of low-income taxpayers, particularly in the South.

Although the audits resulted from congressional outrage over improper claims for the credit, Coverdell denounced the IRS for "stalking poor and struggling taxpayers and inflicting random audits on them."

Sen. Richard Shelby, R-Ala., also took aim at the earned income credit last week during a hearing on the IRS' budget, criticizing it as a form of welfare spending.

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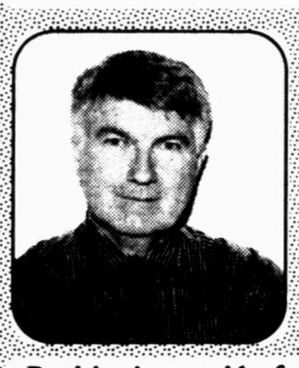
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Houston officials head to trial this week on charges of bribery

By Pauline Arrillaga
Associated Press Writer

HOUSTON — It started with a single tip from an informant to the FBI.

On June 6, 1995, the snitch told agents that then-Houston City Councilman Ben Reyes had taken cash payments in connection with a concession-stand contract at local airports.

The tip planted a seed. The agents pounced.

One month later, an undercover witness approached Reyes about potential investment opportunities for a minority-owned company called the Cayman Group, which actually was an FBI front.

Reyes, authorities allege, suggested a $155 million hotel construction project pending before the City Council, promising, "There's money in the deal for everyone."

That meeting set the stage for a two-year investigation that culminated with federal bribery and conspiracy charges against Reyes, his former aide and four other officials.

This week the six defendants — including two sitting councilmen — go on trial for allegedly arranging or taking bribes in exchange for votes in favor of the hotel project.

The officials, all but one of whom are minorities, insist they are the victims of a racially motivated entrapment scheme.

But federal prosecutors contend the case is not about racism but the "entrenched corruption that these defendants created and exploited for far too long."

According to court documents, the government's evidence includes 175 videotapes, 460 audiotapes and 54,000 pages of documents outlining the alleged bribery scheme.

Still, Reyes' attorney insists the case is about politics, plain and simple.

"The key to this case is whether the jury really understands how politics and money mix together," said defense attorney Michael Ramsey. "My client just did not commit this crime."

Accused with Reyes are Councilmen Michael Yarbrough and John Castillo, former Councilman John Peavy Jr., former Port Commissioner Betti Maldonado and former Reyes aide Ross Allyn.

Jury selection begins Tuesday, with opening arguments set for the following day.

Prosecutors allege Reyes, after meeting with the undercover witness, instructed the Cayman Group to invest in the proposed hotel project. He then allegedly recruited Ms. Maldonado and Allyn to help him lobby council members for their votes and arrange payoffs.

Reyes, whose term expired prior to the hotel vote, allegedly received $50,000 in exchange for his help.

Castillo, who replaced Reyes on the council, is accused of taking $6,000 for voting in favor of the project. Peavy, a former state district judge, and Yarbrough are accused of taking $5,000 and $3,000, respectively — half before the vote and half after.

In January 1996, just weeks before the vote, Reyes allegedly told the undercover witness that Castillo and Yarbrough would be the leaders on the vote, saying, "We're gonna go and purchase us some leaders, cause that's what it takes. I mean, I never did it for nothing."

Prosecutors allege Reyes made several payoffs himself, meeting with council members in the men's room of a Houston restaurant. Ms. Maldonado also allegedly made a $3,000 payoff to Castillo.

In May 1996, after the FBI approached her about the investigation, Ms. Maldonado agreed to cooperate and recorded several conversations between her and the accused council members.

But soon after, Ms. Maldonado contacted a lawyer and ended her cooperation. Her attorney, Dick DeGuerin, now argues that "her every move was being directed by the FBI."

In a motion he filed with the court, DeGuerin accuses the FBI of "inducing her to commit crimes in order to blackmail her into cooperating."

"This government plot was even more insidious because the FBI targeted minorities," the motion states.

Other defense lawyers also insist their clients were targeted because they are minorities. All the defendants expect Allyn are black or Hispanic.

Prosecutors declined to comment on the allegations. But in court documents, they accuse the defendants of peddling the race card to divert attention away from their "betrayal of the citizens of Houston."

Prosecutors insist Reyes, not the FBI, selected who would be bribed.

"That Reyes was absolutely correct in his assessment of their dishonesty has nothing to do with race," prosecutors wrote in one motion, calling Reyes "an unscrupulous politician whose venality was well-established long before he came into contact with the Cayman Group."

Reyes, who is charged with one count of conspiracy to commit bribery, four counts of bribery and one count of mail fraud, faces up to 50 years in prison and a $1.5 million fine if convicted.

The others face between 15 and 35 years in prison and up to $1 million in fines.

Houston City Hall trial at a glance

By The Associated Press

Here, at a glance, is a look at the defendants in the Houston City Hall trial, the charges they face and their possible punishments if convicted.

- Former City Councilman Ben Reyes: One count of conspiracy to commit bribery, four counts of bribery and one count of mail fraud. Faces up to 50 years in prison and a $1.5 million fine.
- City Councilman Michael Yarbrough: One count of conspiracy to commit bribery and one count of bribery. Faces up to 15 years in prison and a $500,000 fine.
- City Councilman John Castillo: One count of conspiracy to commit bribery and two counts of bribery. Faces up to 25 years in prison and a $750,000 fine.
- Former City Councilman John Peavy Jr.: One count of conspiracy to commit bribery and one count of bribery. Faces up to 15 years in prison and a $500,000 fine.
- Former Houston Port Commissioner Betti Maldonado: One count of conspiracy to commit bribery and two counts of bribery. Faces up to 25 years in prison and a $750,000 fine.
- Former Reyes aide Ross Allyn: One count of conspiracy to commit bribery and three counts of bribery. Faces up to 35 years in prison and a $1 million fine.

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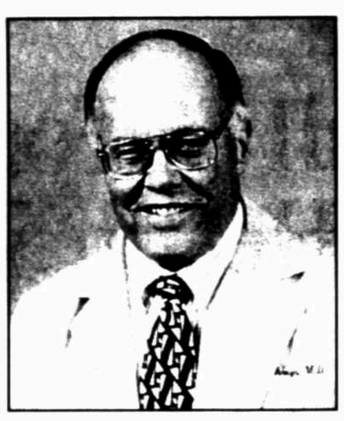
Non-hormonal medication treats osteoporosis

Osteoporosis affects approximately 25 million people in the United States. Most sufferers are women who have passed menopause. Close to 25 percent of women over 60 have this condition. It contributes to painful fractures in the hips, back and wrists. Until recently, according to gynecologist Dr. James Humphreys, the only prevention was hormone therapy. While hormone therapy is effective, not all women are candidates for this therapy, and debate continues over its link to increasing women's risk of breast cancer.

Now there are other options. About two years ago, the FDA approved a drug called alendronate sodium which is a non-hormonal osteoporosis treatment in pill form. Even more recently, another medication name reloxafine, has been approved for control of bone loss as well.

Two types of cells influence bone structure and shape. One type lays down new bone, strengthening and adding to it. Another type absorbs bone in order to give it the proper shape and structure, for its particular stress load.

Both these new medications inhibit these latter cells from absorbing bone, bringing their activity level back into balance with those which lay down bone. They stabilize or increase bone density.



Dr. James Humphreys, who practices gynecology in Midland, says doctors now have more weapons with which to fight osteoporosis.

Women are more at risk for osteoporosis than are men because women's bones are smaller and lighter than men's to begin with. Add to this the fact that women lose bone mass faster after menopause than men do, and you understand the greater propensity for the condition in women.

"Hormone treatment is still the preferred avenue for osteoporosis sufferers," says Dr. Humphreys, "but women with a personal or family history of liver disease, blood clots or tumors in their breasts or uterus are not candidates for hormone therapy." These new medications give doctors more options. Regarding the increased risk of cancer from hormone therapy, Dr. Humphreys adds, "In each case we must weigh any slightly increased risk against the ravages of osteoporosis." In other words, is it worth not treating osteoporosis because of a slight risk of other complications?

This new medication does not replace the need for adequate calcium, vitamin D, weight control and exercise. "Prevention is still the best plan regarding osteoporosis—once you get it, you can never completely reverse its painful and debilitating effects," explains Dr. Humphreys.

Getting enough calcium through diet and dietary supplements is a big factor. Because vitamin D helps the stomach absorb calcium, drinking milk fortified with that vitamin is a good idea. Fifteen minutes of sunshine a day helps your skin produce vitamin D as well. Dairy products along with some leafy green vegetables, nuts and seafood are the best dietary sources.

Too much calcium, on the other hand, can cause problems too. Your physician can help you know how much you need each day.

Exercise is another important component in preventing osteoporosis. Bones are strengthened by exercise just as muscles are. Just walking several blocks a day will lessen bone loss. It is a good idea to talk to your doctor before beginning any exercise program.

Drinking alcohol and smoking cigarettes brings increased risk of osteoporosis, as do certain prescription drugs. These include steroids, blood thinners and thyroid medications.

After menopause, a woman usually still has one-third or more of her life ahead of her. In most cases, a sensible diet and reasonable amount of exercise can greatly reduce the chances of spending that part of life restricted by the pain of osteoporosis. Hormone therapy and new medications can only slow the disease's progress once it starts. It's never too early to begin preventive measures.

Gynecologist James Humphreys, MD. has been in Midland for 24 years, much of that time in private practice. He is currently associated with Family MedCenter. Call 684-7647 to make an appointment.

Pediatrician offers advice on baby rashes

We generally think of babies' skin as soft and clear. While this is usually the case, parents of children from newborn age and up often find themselves confronted with various types of rashes, bumps and outbreaks. While most of these are common and relatively harmless, it's still good to recognize what they are and what treatment, if any, is called for, says pediatrician Dr. Rosa Miño.

Midland pediatrician Dr. Rosa Miño says that many baby rashes are harmless, but if you have any question, get it checked out.

Postpartum peel is often a parent's first encounter with baby rash. During the child's first few weeks, his or her body sheds bits of vernix—the waxy, protective membrane that covers a newborn at birth. The peeling may be most noticeable on hands and feet. This is perfectly normal and goes away after a week or two, says Dr. Miño.

Impetigo is the result of bacterial irritations on the surface of the skin. This appears in infants as pus-filled blisters and red skin. In older children it causes oozing spots with scabs that crust over. The skin irritation can cause a child to scratch the itchy spot, which is one of the main ways to spread the disease, Dr. Miño explains. Regularly washing the child's hands with an anti-bacterial soap can help slow the spread, and other medication prescribed by the pediatrician can stop the disease where it has already broken out.

Rashes caused by heat or other skin irritants often appear as small red pimples or pink, blotchy skin. Causes can include dry air to chemicals in soaps or lotions, or even certain types of fabrics to which the child may be allergic.

Dry skin is best treated with regular baths in tepid water, using soap only on truly dirty spots, such as the neck and diaper area. Massaging in a non-medicated lotion with no fragrance can help keep baby's skin soft and moist, too. In the case of irritants, it can sometimes take some detective work to discover what the cause it. Changing laundry detergent, using a different blanket, or other ideas you and your pediatrician may have can be a start.

Extreme cases of these rashes may lead to eczema. This is a very itchy condition that can strike between two and five months. It appears as patches of dry, red and cracked skin, with blisters that ooze and crust over. While the patches are not dangerous, they can last for months or years. Again, removing irritants and applying moisturizers is the main treatment. Severe cases may cause the pediatrician to prescribe a mild cortisone ointment to stop the itching.

Chicken pox seems to be the one childhood disease everyone is sure to get. It appears as flat red spots, then tiny blisters that break and crust over. The disease usually lasts about seven days. The child is most contagious, actually, before the spots appear, and they are usually no longer contagious when all the blisters have scabbed over. While a vaccine exists, the disease is usually mild enough that the vaccine is normally recommended only for those in high risk categories. It is available for infants starting at 15-18 months if parents request it.

The best treatment, says Dr. Miño, is simply to try to reduce the itching and skin discomfort—something that is best done with an oatmeal bath. Oatmeal off the shelf or special oatmeal soap (the soap is easier to clean out of the tub) both work well.

Another common cause of rash is Fifth Disease. So named because of its position on a list of childhood diseases which came out many years ago, Fifth Disease begins as a bright red rash on the cheeks, then spreads in a lacy pattern over the trunk of the body, the buttocks and the arms and legs. It typically lasts for about a month. This disease is most often completely benign—the rash rarely even itches. However, in rare cases it can lead to serious complications.

In the case of any unknown or persistent rash, it is a good idea to have it checked out, suggests Dr. Miño. "It is always better to be on the safe side," she says.

Dr. Rosa Miño's office is located at 4400 North Midland Drive in the Cornerstone Shopping Center. The phone number is 699-1183.

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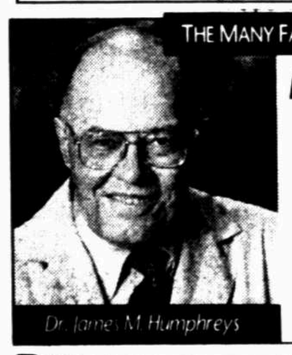
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POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department
Saturday

Burglary of a storage unit: Suspects took items from a storage unit at 3610 N. Big Spring St., Sharrene Felio reported at 3:18 p.m.

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Criminal mischief: Unknown suspects damaged an apartment door at 2700 N. Midland Dr., Bradley Brown reported at 7:15 p.m.

Sunday

Criminal mischief: Suspects damaged several vehicles at the Allison Cancer Center at 2200 W. Illinois Ave., including a Ford van and a Pontiac four-door sedan. Security reported it at 12:01 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Saturday

Assault: A woman was assaulted at a party at 3804 S. CR 1285, Sobieda Benavides reported at 2:11 a.m.

Sunday

Burglary: Three or four Transit Mix Concrete trucks at 2608 N. Farm-to-Market Road 1788 were broken into, the company reported at 11:07 a.m.

A&M regents to discuss pact with law school

HOUSTON (AP) — Texas A&M University System regents met behind closed doors over the weekend to discuss the school's criticized affiliation with South Texas College of Law.

Texas A&M Board of Regents chairman Don Powell said he did not expect any changes in the public-private partnership that has come under fire from state and local educators. But Powell said little else.

The board of regents convened the special meeting Saturday at the Prairie View College of Nursing in Houston and immediately went into executive session to discuss staff reports on the controversial affiliation agreement with the private law school in downtown Houston.

Almost two hours later, the board opened the doors and immediately adjourned the meeting.

All questions were referred to Powell, who called the meeting a "routine" session to hear information from staff, including a report from Texas A&M System Chancellor Barry Thompson on the affiliation.

OBITUARIES

Earl Frederickson

Earl Frederickson was born August 6, 1923, in Gracemont, Oklahoma, to Nancy Mae Cunningham and Walter J. Frederickson. He graduated from high school at Anadarko, Oklahoma. He married Donis Hunnicutt on January 8, 1947, in Lovington, New Mexico. They moved from Hobbs to Midland in 19960. He retired from Noble Drilling in 1982, after 35 years of service. He was preceded in death by his wife, Donis, on April 6, 1996.

He is survived by his son, Duke Frederickson and his wife, Gwen of Sonora, Texas; his daughter, Diane Armstrong of Hobbs, New Mexico; one sister, Darlene Sissom and her husband, Tom of Lookeba, Oklahoma; a sister-in-law, Lois Frederickson of Midland; four grandchildren, Randalynn Hand of Dallas, Cody Hand of San Angelo, Garrett Hand of Lubbock and Gayla Frederickson of San Angelo; and several special nieces and nephews.

Mr. Frederickson died Saturday, March 7, 1998, at his residence.

Funeral services are scheduled for 1 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, 1998, in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Kyle Weiss of Greenwood Methodist Church officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers are Andy Schumann, Jody Schumann, Pat Bostick, Paul Thompson, Jack Hightower and Albert Traweek. Honorary pallbearers are Gene Mays, Albert Stewart, Jay Crouch, Frank Rasure, James P. Boldrick and Bill Erickson.

The family requests memorials be directed to Greenwood Methodist Church.

Sallie Laverty

Sallie Laverty was born February 2, 1929, in Midland, Texas, to Dana M. and Sara Lambert Secor. She was reared and educated in Midland, graduating from Midland High School Class of 1946. She attended Christian College, now Columbia, in Missouri, and also attended Texas Christian University, earning her BA degree in speech therapy. Mrs. Laverty returned to Midland after college, where she met Paul Laverty. They were married in 1952, in Midland.

Mrs. Laverty was a member of First Presbyterian Church and was active in the PLU.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1978. Her survivors include her sons, Paul D. Laverty of El Paso and Chris T. Laverty of Canaan, Missouri; her brother, Williams B. Secor of Dallas; and nine nieces and nephews.

She died Thursday, March 5, 1998, at her residence.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Monday, March 9, at First Presbyterian Church with the Rev. Dick Braun officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests that memorials be directed to a charity of one's choice.

Pallbearers are David Grimes, James Miller, Terry Clay, Louis Burleson, Glen Rogers and George Harley.

The family requests that memorials be directed to a charity of one's choice.

DEATH NOTICES

Laura Robinson

Laura Robinson died Saturday, March 7, in a Midland retirement home.

No services are scheduled. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born Jan. 13, 1912, in Flagstaff, Ariz.

She graduated from Greeley High School in 1929 and Greeley Commercial College in 1936. She moved to Denver and worked for Pioneer Abstract until she retired in 1975. In May of 1997, she moved to Midland to be near her daughter.

She was preceded in death by her brother, Lloyd Rosson in August, 1971; two sisters, Vela Felker in September, 1976 and Vera Price in January, 1991.

Survivors include her daughter, Dona Lipton of Midland; three grandchildren, Ed Lipton of Midland, Kathleen Scheinholz of Everett, Wash., and LaDona Shepherd of Bethpage, Tenn.; 10 great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren; four nieces and three nephews.

Carrel Pipes

ANDREWS—Carrel Pipes, 85, of Odessa, died Sunday, March 8, in an Andrews hospital.

Services are to be 2 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, at First Baptist Church in Andrews with Dr. H.A. Hanks officiating. Burial will be in Andrews West Cemetery under the direction of McNett Funeral Home of Andrews. Family will receive friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at McNett Funeral Home on Tuesday, March 10.

He was born July 31, 1912, in Johnson County.

He had worked for the city of Andrews. He worked for El Paso Natural Gas at the Fullerton Plant in Frankel City in 1951. He retired as utility supervisor in 1977. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Andrews, where he was a Sunday school departmental secretary. He and his wife moved to Odessa in 1997.

Survivors include his wife, Wilma Pipes of Odessa; a son, Glenn W. Pipes of Odessa; a sister, Faye Cryer of Cleburne; two grandchildren; one step-grandchild and one step-great-grandchild.

Memorials may be directed to First Baptist Church in Andrews.

Fred Frinkle

Fred Frinkle died Sunday, March 8, in a Midland retirement home.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Tuesday, in Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Oct. 16, 1929, in Great Barrington, Mass.

He joined the Army and served in the Korean War. He married Bernice Neathercutt Mitchell in 1949. The family moved to Texas in 1964. They moved to Midland from Missouri in 1990. He was preceded in death by his wife in 1996.

Survivors include a son, Corky Finkle of Midland; a brother, Donny Finkle of Kissimmee, Fla.; a sister, Betty Sadlowski of Tampa, Fla.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Edith Ramsey

Former Midlander Edith Lucille Ramsey, 74, of Bridgeport, died March 5, in Decatur.

Services were held March 7, at Hawkins Funeral Chapel with Bro. Marcus Brecheen officiating. Burial was in East Bridgeport Cemetery under the direction of Hawkins Funeral Home.

She was born October 23, 1923, in Beatty.

She lived in Midland from 1946 to 1983. She was a homemaker. She was a member of Crestview Baptist Church in Midland. She married Charles M. Ramsey June 19, 1946, in Midland.

She is survived by her husband of Bridgeport; one son, Charles Ramsey of Grand Prairie; a daughter, Peggy Durban of Bridgeport; two brothers, John Locke of DeLeon and Arvil D. Locke of Odessa; sisters, Lois Hamilton of Comanche; Inez Moore, Lorene Moss, Dorothy Nell Ramsey, all of Weatherford; Cora Lee Crocker of Cleburne, Fern Bowman of Weatherford and Ella V. Mitchell of Odessa; and three grandchildren.

O.M. Pulliam

O.M. "Buddy" Pulliam died Saturday, March 7, in a Midland hospital.

Family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday, March 10, at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services are scheduled fro 1 p.m. Wednesday, March 11, in Ashbury Methodist Church with the Rev. Jerry Don Cheshire officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born March 15, 1905, in Erath County.

He was the owner of Buddy's Flowers and later A-1 Flowers in Midland. He was in the floral business for 50 years. he was a member of Ashbury Methodist Church.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Evelyn Cherry Combs march 28, 1985; a son, Greg; a daughter, Annie and a sister, Jane Stroud.

Survivors include two daughters, Judy Phillips of Irving and Shirley Verkirk of Oregon; a sister, Edna Stroud of Lexington, Md.; four grandchildren; five great grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews.

Evert Johnson

Evert Johnson, 84, died Sunday, March 8, at a local hospital.

Services are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

Willie Taylor

Willie Mae Taylor, 83, died Saturday, March 7, at a local care center.

Services are pending with Thomas Funeral Home.

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Inmates jeer suspects in torture-killing

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FORT WORTH Two self-described killers, talkative and cavalier after being arrested Tuesday, were stone silent Saturday morning as deputies escorted them to the Tarrant County Jail.

Both were arraigned on capital murder charges in the death of Arlington teen-ager Amy Robinson, who disappeared Feb. 15. Bail was set at $500,000 each.

Gangly, redheaded Robert Neville, 23, scowled as deputies led him in shackles through the basement parking lot. Neville ignored questions from a line of reporters. He made only basic responses — name, acknowledgment of understanding his rights — as he was arraigned, fingerprinted and placed in a holding cell.

Michael Hall, 18, wore the same smirk he displayed during a jail-house interview in Eagle Pass three days ago, when he reveled in describing Robinson's death.

During their chilling interviews Thursday, Neville and Hall described torturing and killing Robinson, who had slightly diminished mental capacities and who considered them her friends.

After gloating about the torture and slaying, both men said they are prepared to die for the crime.

Other Tarrant County inmates, looking through the security windows of their cells Saturday, gave the newest prisoners a jeering, gesture-filled welcome. Hall and Neville were placed in isolated, maximum-security cells and will be kept under suicide watch, Sheriff David Williams said.

The hostile reaction from fellow prisoners is common in high-profile cases, especially one involving unrepentant suspects, Williams said.

"We process over 50,000 prisoners a year in this jail. Many are hardened criminals," Williams said. "I don't know that we've seen many people who have shown such a lack of remorse and humanity."

Hall and Neville await hearings to determine whether they need court-appointed attorneys, a process that will probably occur this week, Cmdr. James Skidmore said.

"There is also a possibility of additional charges," Skidmore said. "That's up to the Arlington Police Department and the district attorney's office."

The two Arlington men were arrested Tuesday at the Eagle Pass International Bridge as they tried to walk across into Piedras Negras, Mexico. Both said that they killed Robinson and told police where to find her body in a Fort Worth field.

Sheriff's deputies had planned to take the suspects by van from Eagle Pass to Fort Worth on Friday. Mechanical problems delayed the trip.

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Puzzle-solver thinks she takes cake

DEAR ABBY: A lady friend and I were recently in a gift shop where we found a wooden puzzle — the kind you have to take apart and put back together. We both tried the display model with no luck.

In another section, they were selling slices of a delicious-looking raspberry cheesecake. I told my friend, "I'll buy you the entire cheesecake if you can solve that puzzle."

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She took the display model to the counter with the unopened puzzles, found one with an instruction sheet inside the clear plastic bag, and began to unroll the instruction sheet inside the bag until she could read the solution. Then she "solved" the puzzle and demanded her cheesecake.

I was upset. Not only had she cheated, what she did was unethical. The implied rule was that she had to solve the puzzle by herself, not with the help of the instruction sheet. I bought her one slice of cheesecake (a big slice), but now she's demanding the rest — with interest.

We've asked friends, and I was shocked to find that some sided with my lady friend. So now we've come to you —do I owe her the rest of the cheesecake or not? — HUNK-A-CHEESECAKE

DEAR HUNK: I'd say you owe her half a cheesecake because she solved the puzzle (but not quite legitimately), and she owes you half a cheesecake because she tricked you.

The next time you order, try a new flavor — razz-berry!

DEAR ABBY: A former co-worker recently announced that she is getting married in the fall. This woman is in her mid-40s and this is her third marriage. Although she is not a close friend, I called her to congratulate her on the upcoming nuptials.

Imagine my shock when she asked me to host a bridal shower for her!

Abby, I do not want to give this woman a bridal shower, and I feel it was extremely tacky of her to ask me to do so. My co-workers agree. How can this be handled tactfully? —APPALLED IN COLORADO

DEAR APPALLED: Thank her politely and tell her that you regret that you are unable to host a bridal shower for her. Do not offer a reason — simply decline.

DEAR ABBY: I have always been curious about something and am wondering if you can provide the answer. What is done with the illegal drugs (heroin, cocaine, methamphetamine, etc.) that are confiscated during an arrest? Are they destroyed? If so, how? — CONCERNED CITIZEN

DEAR CONCERNED CITIZEN: Good question. I spoke to an official with the Los Angeles Police Department, who told me that the drugs are kept in the police station's property division until the particular case goes to trial. After the trial, the police destroy the drugs by burning them.

WALTER WINCHELL'S DEFINITION OF AN OPTIMIST: A man who gets treed by a lion but enjoys the scenery.

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March madness

This is the time of year when alumni affection for alma maters starts swelling in chests across the nation, and some people, wanting to be in the spirit of the NCAA basketball championships, feel compelled to wear their school colors. But even school pride will cost you, warns SmartMoney magazine, which surveyed the campus stores of five big schools. For example, a silk tie with a college name or logo will set you back $61.50 at the University of Kansas, and a less painful $23 at Indiana University. A license plate frame for the University of North Carolina costs just $4, but you'll have to pony up $15 at UCLA. If you want to get your child into the act, a "future cheerleader" outfit from the University of Kentucky goes for $33, but you'll save money if you're shopping at Indiana, where the price tag is only $20.

Spillover effect

With the nation's overall job market remaining tight, the people who help companies find new employees are in just as much demand as the job-seekers themselves. The consulting firm Manchester Partners surveyed companies across the country and found that the number of job openings for recruitment professionals almost doubled in 1997 from the previous year. Demand for human resource executives who handle compensation and benefits was also nearly twice as high as in 1996. The openings came in part from staff expansion as companies needed to find and hire new workers.

MDs getting their MBAs

In recent years doctors have had to realize they're business people as much as health care providers, and some have decided they need to study the dollars and cents part of their work. So the University of Tennessee is using the Internet to offer an MBA program for physicians. Twenty-five doctors across the country take classes together on Saturday mornings, learning business concepts and analytical and technical skills. They're also learning business interpersonal skills, which presumably they must integrate with their bedside manners.

Lugging limits

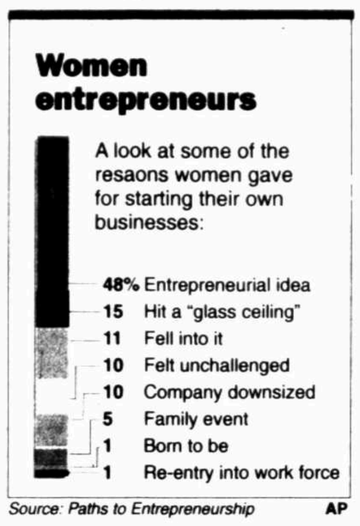
Airlines are starting to get tough over what constitutes carry-on luggage, so if you're thinking you can take two carry-on bags, a laptop computer and a duty-free bag with you as you board a Delta Air Lines flight, think again. As of April 15, the airline is counting computers and duty-free purchases toward the two-bag limit. Other items will have to be checked. Men and women can still carry purses in addition to their two bags, and some good news for people who are on flights where they're not being fed: The food you bring for onboard consumption doesn't count as carry-on baggage either.

Remaking the market

It's cheaper to revitalize a faded consumer brand than to start marketing a new one from scratch, and often all it takes is finding new customers for it, says Brian Wansink, a marketing professor at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Wansink notes that Aqua Velva after-shave, a staple of the 1960s, is enjoying renewed success with younger men. He believes demand for other products can improve if marketers find new uses for them — for example, selling cranberry sauce as an accompaniment to chicken as well as turkey — or offer them at attractive discounts.

Money Matters Editor
Jimmy Patterson

Many women starting businesses after hitting glass ceiling



By Maggie Jackson
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — A significant number of women business owners take the risky step of starting businesses because they run into a "glass ceiling" or feel unchallenged in their work, a study revealed today.

Women coming from the corporate world are particularly frustrated, with many saying their employers didn't take them seriously or value them, the study reported. Nearly 60 percent of women who had come from corporations said nothing would induce them to return, including more money or flexibility.

The research casts light on reasons for the explosive growth in the country's 8 million women-owned businesses, which now account for one-third of U.S. firms. Women-owned businesses are being created at twice the rate of all businesses.

"Frustration with the work environment has pushed a significant number of women into entrepreneurship," said Sheila Wellington, president of Catalyst, one of the groups involved in the study. "They leave to get more flexibility and because they feel their advancement opportunities are not valid."

The National Foundation for Women Business Owners and The Committee of 200, a group for women business leaders, also released the study, which was based on September telephone surveys of 800 men and women business owners.

A survey of 650 women had a margin of error of plus or minus 4 percentage points, while a survey of 150 men had a margin of error of plus or minus 8 percentage points.

As might be expected, nearly half of women business owners started their companies because they had a winning business idea or they wanted to turn their skills into a business.

But 16 percent of all women business owners cited a glass ceiling — an invisible barrier to advancement — as a significant motivation for become entrepreneurs, while 11 percent of women owners said they hadn't been challenged in past careers.

Such frustrations were particularly evident in the 60 percent of women surveyed who'd come from the private sector. Nearly a third of these women cited glass ceilings as a prime reason they started a business.

Helen Hodges, a Houston-based entrepreneur since 1989, said she left the corporate world because she didn't feel that she'd ever get very far at the large company where she worked.

"I felt like the politics were too much against me," said Hodges, who now owns Separation Systems Consultants, a small hazardous waste disposal firm. "If you want to get where you want to go, do it the way that works."

Interestingly, 22 percent of men business owners cited a "glass ceiling" as a reason for starting their own company, a slightly higher percentage than women.

Employees come through

Worker-owned Dallas company 5th on Fortune list

By Christy Lemire
Associated Press

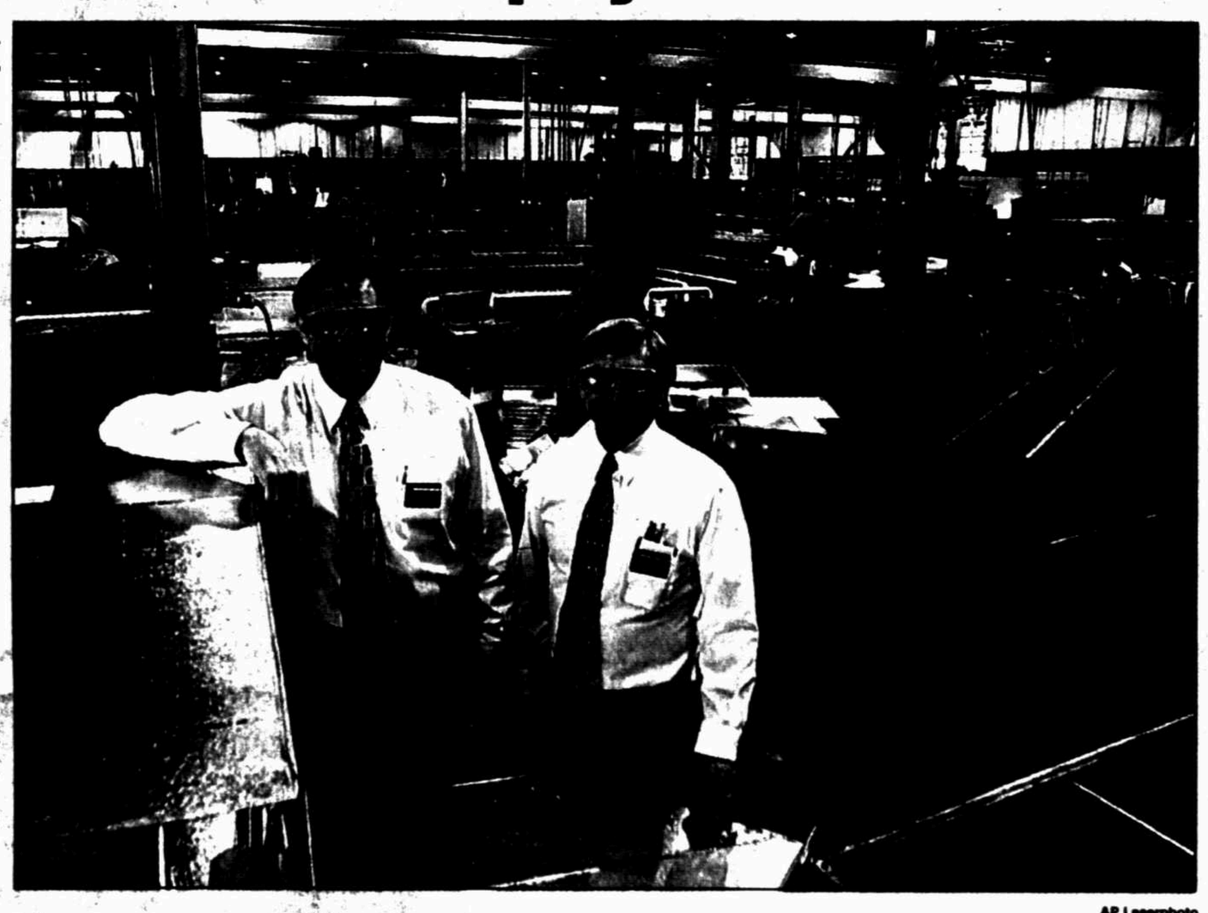
FARMERS BRANCH — Jack Lowe is chief executive officer of the largest air conditioning and plumbing company in Texas, but he has no fancy corner office with a sprawling view and a private bathroom.

Lowe works in a cubicle, alongside the other cubicles, in a nondescript office building in a nondescript industrial park north of Dallas. He jokes he doesn't have an open-door policy — he has a "no-door" policy.

His Bible is an obscure orange booklet called "The Servant as Leader," which encourages managers to have faith in their employees, be open-minded and show a sense of humor.

The people who work for him own all the company stock. Their motto: "Excellence Through Employee Ownership."

These are some of the reasons Fortune Magazine recently ranked TDIndustries fifth among the 100 best companies to work for in America, topping corporate juggernauts like Microsoft (No. 8), Proctor & Gamble (No. 19) and Xerox (No. 59).



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Jack Lowe, left, chief executive officer and Ben Houston, president and chief operating officer at TD Industries pose in the fabrication shop at the company headquarters in Farmers Branch. Fortune Magazine recently ranked TD Industries fifth among the 100 best companies to work for in America.

TDIndustries employees aren't called employees — they're "partners." And partners don't call TDI a "company." They call it a family.

Many of them — including big, burly construction workers — wept openly when they learned of their high ranking.

"The spirit, the opportunities, the chance to be treated like a real person" have kept people like manager Jessie McCain around for 18 years.

"Jack really gave my life back to me," Ms. McCain said. "He believed in me at times when I didn't believe in myself."

With just under 1,000 employees, TDI is larger than only seven companies on Fortune's list. Its $127 million in profits in 1996 ranked it 97th in revenues.

Several other Texas companies made the list, including No. 1 Southwest Airlines of Dallas, Whole Foods Market of Austin (No. 34) and Shell Oil of Houston (No. 95).

"We were thrilled," said Lowe, whose father, Jack Lowe Sr., founded the company in 1946 and called it Texas Distributors. "The bottom line is, what makes this a great place to work is trust — trust in each other and trust in the organization."

Robert Levering and Milton Moscowitz, who conducted the study for Fortune's Jan. 12 issue, also listed TDI in a 1993 book, "The 100 Best Companies to Work for in America."

They sent surveys to 225 randomly chosen employees of each company they evaluated, asking questions about trust in management, pride in work and camaraderie.

Candidate companies filled out 29-page questionnaires and sent corporate materials like benefit booklets, newsletters and videos.

At TDI, 93 percent of those who responded to the survey said "this is a great place to work." An average of 84 percent of workers at other top 100 companies made the same claim.

Levering said glowing worker comments and the employee stock ownership helped catapult TDI in the rankings.

"It's an employee-owned company in more than just name. A lot of companies say they're employee-owned and everyone has a share of stock or two. There, it actually means employee control," he said.

"There's no one person who owns a majority of the stock and none of the employees owns a big enough chunk that they by themselves could vote themselves in. All the employees could vote in a CEO or vote out a CEO."

In addition to instilling a sense of proprietorship in workers, stock ownership can be profitable. One superintendent retired with $1 million.

"It's a not just a sense of being the owner — you are the owner," said Ben Houston, president and chief operating officer. "We try to have all our partners feel they are managers of their own jobs. They need to act and think like a manager."

TDI has made and installed air conditioning and plumbing at The Ballpark at Arlington, Texas Stadium, the renovated J.C. Penney headquarters in Plano and GTE's headquarters in Las Colinas, to name a few.

But workers consider the company more than just an assembly line where giant strips of metal become air-conditioning ducts.

Career opportunities are heavily emphasized. From truck drivers to top managers, everyone goes through hours of training each year. And if partners want to go back to school, TDI foots the bill.

"It's just one more example of trust," said Laura Price, a senior project manager who's studying for her bachelor's degree in business administration.

"Most people think of TD as a person — something that's alive because we own it. I pay for your education, you pay for mine. We're partners now."

According to the standards of Dr. Stephen Bloom, a Denver-based management and organizational psychologist who helps companies improve performance, TDI is doing all the right things.

"Other than the obvious stuff, like having a good product, one thing that really stands out is the attitude toward people, and that's reflected in a variety of ways," Bloom said.

"People really know where they stand. There's a clarity of expectation. There's not this huge hierarchy and bureaucracy. People feel they can talk to a senior person and have an impact."

Companies must go beyond offering high salaries and perks to earn employees' loyalty, Bloom added.

"It's much more how people are treated than what they get that counts," he said. "If none of those things are there, if there's no acknowledgment about their humanness, people will not feel respected or feel they can truly make a contribution."

Foreign market slumps prompt fund reappraisal

By Chet Currier
AP Business Writer

SAN DIEGO — After all the tumult in foreign stock markets over the past year, many questions are being raised about the whole idea of investing in international mutual funds.

To some critics, the advertised benefits of increased diversification and growth opportunities look right now as though they're just not worth the extreme volatility and extra layers of risk embodied by the recent debacles in many Asian and Pacific region markets.

"American investors are sort of disgusted with foreign equities," notes Jean-Marie Eveillard, whose 19 years running international funds for the SoGen Funds Inc. rank him as one of the most experienced and widely recognized of globe-trotting fund managers.

"But maybe they should not be as disgusted as they are," Eveillard suggested during a panel discussion on international funds at a conference for investment planners sponsored by the brokerage firm Jack White & Co.

As Don Phillips, president of the research firm Morningstar Inc. and the panel moderator, observed, several prominent commentators lately have categorized investing overseas as a needless headache, considering how well people have been able to do sticking with the U.S. markets.

Over the three years ended Dec. 31, according to Lipper Analytical Services Inc., world stock funds struggled to a gain of 23.54 percent, while domestic growth funds were performing more than four times as well with a return of 97.08 percent.

At the bottom of the three-year rankings, funds in the much-ballyhooed growth markets of Japan and the Pacific basin showed losses of between 20 percent and 30 percent.

The traditional goal of diversified investing is to spread your money among "non-correlated" assets — that is, investments that don't rise and fall at the same time. By that standard, international markets have lately provided all the diversification anybody could ever want, and more.

But ballast isn't much good if the boat still rocks, and indeed threatens to sink under the extra weight. As people watched the selloff in Asia last fall, you could hardly blame then for wondering what sort of opportunity this all represented.

If you look at the Lipper numbers for the last 10 years, which certainly qualifies as a long-term frame of reference, international funds, up 154 percent, have produced less than half the gains achieved by domestic growth funds, up 356 percent.

Supposing the United States keeps its economy going as well as it has lately, this sort of trend could continue.

International managers argue, however, that the U.S. market's long advance has put it at a dangerous height, while depressed prices of many foreign stocks present an array of bargains. "The best values for securities today are outside the United States," said David Herro, manager of the Oakmark International and Oakmark International Small Cap funds in Chicago.

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TV Sports

NASCAR — Winston Cup Series, Primestar 500, 10 a.m., ABC.

TENNIS — Newsweek Champions Cup, early round coverage, 2 p.m., ESPN.

GOLF — Senior Slam at Los Cabos, first round, (same-day tape)., 6:05 p.m., TBS.

Texas Scores

REGION V TOURNAMENT — McLennan College 73, Haward College 70

South Plains 85, Temple Junior College 83.

AFLA — Midland Gunslingers 20, Big Spring Warriors 6.

Midland Colts 40, Odessa Jaguars 0.

EXHIBITION BASEBALL — Pittsburgh Pirates 8, Texas Rangers 4.

Kansas City Royals 9, Houston Astros 4.

NBA — San Antonio Spurs 82, Portland Trailblazers 78.

NHL — Dallas Stars 1, Phoenix Coyotes 1.

Sports Today

JUCO GOLF — Midland College men at Gulf Coast Classic, Galveston.

REGION V TOURNAMENT — Men, Midland College vs. McLennan, 1 p.m., Farrell Center. RADIO: KCRS (AM 550).

PREP BASEBALL — Fort Stockton at Midland High, Christensen Stadium, noon.

Big Spring at Midland Lee (DH), Christensen Stadium, 4 p.m.

PREP SOCCER — Girls, San Angelo Central at Midland Lee, 4:30 p.m.

Boys, Midland Lee at San Angelo Central, 5:30 p.m.

Ray Nitschke dies

MILWAUKEE — Hall of Fame linebacker Ray Nitschke, whose fierce play epitomized the champion Green Bay Packers of the Vince Lombardi era, died Sunday. He was 60.

He died at his winter home in Florida of an apparent heart attack, team spokesman Lee Remmel said.

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Chavez fight

MEXICO CITY — Promotor Don King might have been the happiest one in the house following draws in two championship fights on the same card.

Six-time world champion Julio Cesar Chavez and Miguel Angel Gonzalez, fighting for the vacant WBC super lightweight title, fought to a 12-round standoff Saturday night, setting off a raucous reaction and cries of "robbers" from the crowd of 50,000 that filled the Plaza Mexico bull ring.

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Sprewell's interview

Though he admits he had his hands around the neck of his coach, Latrell Sprewell insists he never choked P.J. Carlesimo and he does not need anger counseling before returning to the NBA.

In a transcript of an interview broadcast Sunday night on CBS' "60 Minutes," Sprewell said the marks on Carlesimo's neck were made by his nails and prove he wasn't choking the Golden State Warriors' coach.

See Sprewell/8C

NASCAR rained out

HAMPTON, Ga. — Has NASCAR slowed its powerful Winston Cup cars enough at Atlanta Motor Speedway?

That's a bone of contention as the sanctioning body gets ready to run the rain-delayed Primestar 500 Monday at the 1.54-mile oval.

See NASCAR/8C

Trashed rooms

WASHINGTON — The executive director of the U.S. Olympic Committee, says he thinks he knows which members of the men's hockey team trashed hotel rooms at the Winter Games.

The Washington Post on Monday quoted Dick Schultz as saying the entire 23-member team will be disciplined if culprits do not step forward.

Schultz believes he knows which "two or three" players were responsible for causing an estimated $3,000 worth of damage to the hotel.

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State-bound Midland High opens 5A Final Four with 29-8 Pearland

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland High's Bulldogs took care of its own business during the 1997-98 basketball season, plodding relentlessly to a 34-2 (35-1 on-court) record and a No. 2 state ranking in Class 5A, but it never hurts to have a little luck along the way.

Good luck appears to have hung with the Bulldogs all the way to Austin and the Final Four tournament Friday and Saturday at the Frank Erwin Center (Super Drum) on the University of Texas campus.

The Bulldogs will face Pearland (29-8) in the state semifinals at 3 p.m. Friday. If they win that game, they will play for the state championship at 8 p.m. Saturday against the San Antonio Taft (34-4) and Round Rock Westwood (31-6) winner.

Taft and Westwood meet at 7 p.m. Friday in the other 5A semifinal game.

As far as the luck goes, MHS is meeting a team which didn't figure to be here. Pearland defeated Alief Elsik, 64-52, Saturday to earn the state berth. Alief Elsik, 31-5, was a huge favorite. Elsik's best player, Rashard Lewis is considered the state's bets player and might go from high school right to the NBA.

Pearland's biggest player is 6-6, so the Bulldogs will not

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State Tournament

Class 4A and 5A Pairings for the 1998 University Interscholastic League Boy's State Basketball Tournament, March 12-14, Frank Erwin Center — Austin. Complete list on 5C.

Thursday, March 12 Semifinals Conference 4A

Lamesa (32-3) vs. Houston Waltrip (31-3), 7 p.m.

Waco University (34-3) vs. Dallas Highland Park (32-3), 8:30 p.m.

Friday, March 13 Semifinals Conference 5A

Midland High (34-2) vs. Pearland (29-8), 3 p.m.

San Antonio Taft (34-4) vs. Round Rock Westwood (31-6)

Saturday, March 14 Finals

4 p.m.: Conference 4A

8 p.m.: Conference 5A

MARCH MADNESS

Hawks Out; No. 1 seeds no-brainers

Howard falls; Chaps to face McLennan

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

WACO — The Howard Hawks went into their Region V first round game against McLennan with only seven scholarship players and a lot of heart.

For about 37 minutes, the Hawks' hearts carried them against the Highlanders. But heart can only carry you so far. In the end, foul trouble and the ability of the Highlanders to hit their shots, not only from the field but from the free-throw line, carried McLennan to a 73-70 win Sunday afternoon at the Ferrell Center. The Highlanders head to the semifinals at 1 p.m. today against the Midland College Chaparrals.

"I thought their point guard (Brandon Manning) did a good job of controlling the tempo, and their inside people were just much quicker and played much better than ours did," said Howard fourth-year coach Tommy Collins. "I thought our perimeter people did very well defensively overall. We shot well in the first half and didn't shoot well in the second half and that had a lot to do with the additional pressure of not having inside help."

Because of injuries and early season defections, the Hawks, which finished at 16-15 for the year, played short-handed late in the season — and a result was an early exit from the Starburst Basketball Championship Tournament.

"Next year I hope I bring the whole team down here to play with," Collins said. "You have to come in with all your weapons, that's for sure."

The Hawks took a 37-31 lead at the half thanks to the Highlanders (25-6) shooting just 10-of-21 from the charity stripe and Howard going on a 10-0 run heading into the locker room.

MCC's 6-foot-5 freshman post Jayson Mitchell started the second half by taking the ball inside and helping the Highlanders to an 11-4 run. Mitchell scored nine of his 23 points during that run which gave MCC a 42-41 lead.

The game stayed tight until the Highlanders started to take control by head-

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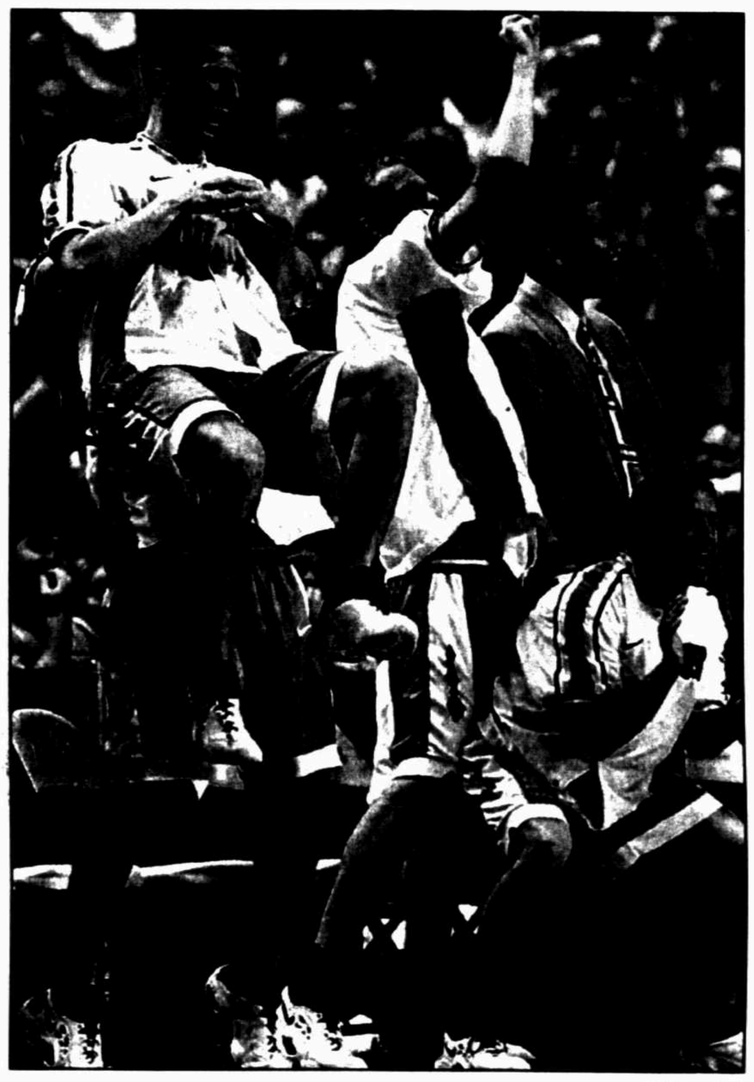

AP Laserphoto
North Carolina's bench reacts to a basket in the closing moments of their 83-68 win over Duke in the ACC Tournament in Greensboro, N.C.

Duke, Kansas also get nod for first seeds

By Doug Tucker
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — The No. 1 seeds had been obvious since January and for a change there were no big upsets in conference tournaments to bedevil the NCAA selection committee.

That doesn't mean there were no surprises Sunday for teams left out of the tournament — and those invited.

Take Florida State. The Seminoles (17-13) are seeded No. 12 in the Midwest regional even though they lost seven of their last 10 games. And then there's Miami, which split its last 10 games and had an RPI ranking of 48 but still got in.

"When our name appeared it was like 'Huh?'" Seminoles coach Steve Robinson said. "I felt like we had a chance, maybe a slim chance."

And what about Ball State (21-7), which got left out despite beating Mississippi, the fourth seed in the Midwest region, and twice beating Western Michigan, which had an RPI ranking of 59 but is seeded No. 11 in the Midwest?

"There were some no-brainers," said NCAA committee chairman C.M. Newton. "But then it gets down to where it's very, very difficult on those last ... teams. Each of them has beauty marks and warts. I guess the ones with the most beauty marks are the ones who get in."

He cited the strength of schedules and quality wins for Florida State and Miami (18-9). Florida State beat defending champion Arizona and Connecticut, while Miami also beat Connecticut.

Among the more notable teams wondering why the got rejected were Arizona State, Wake

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Lady Raiders land No. 1 seed

■ Texas Tech women could make Final Four without leaving Lubbock.

By Christy Lemire
Associated Press Writer

The Texas Tech woman's basketball team is no stranger to the NCAA Tournament.

This time, the Lady Raiders are the No. 1 seed in the Midwest. And it could be their best year since they took it all in 1993.

Texas Tech, which opens Friday against 16th-seeded Grambling, is one of three Texas teams that received bids Sunday to the tournament.

■ Texas Women

Stephen F. Austin (25-3) is seeded eighth in the Mideast Division and will play ninth-seeded Western Kentucky.

Southern Methodist (21-7) is the eleventh seed in the Eastern Division. The Lady Mustangs play Virginia, a sixth seed, Friday in the first round.

Texas Tech (25-4) already has one big advantage. Beside being the top seed, the Lady Raiders wouldn't have to leave home to earn a Final Four berth. Their first two games would be at home and, in reward for Tech's 71-53 win over Kansas Saturday, the Midwest Regional is on the Lady Raiders' court in Lubbock.

"I'm proud of our players, because they had the bulls-eye on their back all week and all season," coach Marsha Sharp said. "This was probably the best 40 minutes we've played all year."

Stephen F. Austin coach Royce Chadwick said the Ladyjacks will devise a game plan this week.

"We've seen Western Kentucky play on TV but we haven't done a whole lot of breakdown work on them," Chadwick said. "They're a great basketball team with a tremendous tradition, and the game is close enough that they'll have a tremendous following there."

The two teams will square off Saturday in Knoxville, Tenn. The victor gets to play undefeated Tennessee (33-0), the

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Bradley misses 8-inch putt, still claims Doral

By Ron Sirak
AP Golf Writer

MIAMI — Michael Bradley marked the ball, set it back down, stroked it and then stood stunned on the 11th green at the Doral-Ryder Open as the 8-inch putt spun around the cup and stayed out.

"I still don't know what happened," Bradley said Sunday after he somehow managed to regroup following one of the shortest missed putts ever on the PGA Tour.

Shorter ones have been missed, perhaps, but only through carelessness.

"I went through my routine," Bradley said. "I was trying, but it did a 360-degree horseshoe."

Amazingly, on another wind-blown day at the Blue Monster, it was Bradley's only bogey as he closed with a 71 to finish at 10-under-par 278, one stroke better than John Huston and Billy Mayfair.

It was Bradley's second career victory. Huston, whose 67 was bettered by no one in the last round, was trying for his second victory this year.

"You have to give Michael credit," Huston said. "He hung in there."

Mayfair, who defeated Tiger Woods in a playoff last week, was trying for his second victory in a row after going more than two years without a win.

But a bogey on the 17th hole when he missed a 3 1/2-foot putt did in Mayfair despite closing with a very strong 69.

"I gave myself a great chance to win," Mayfair said. "I'm proud of the fact that I won last week and came back this week and nearly won."

Vijay Singh, Stewart Cink and Mike Brisky finished at 281, three strokes back, and Davis Love III — who matched Huston's closing 67 — and Scott Hoch were at 282.

Woods, who started the day three strokes behind Bradley, didn't get his game in gear until it was too late, man-

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AP Laserphoto
Michael Bradley of Valrico, Fla., blasts out of a sand trap on the 12th hole during final round play of the Doral-Ryder Open.

Midland teams sweep Permian Basin contests

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

With next week's landmark game between the Midland Colts and Midland Gunslingers on the horizon, both teams find themselves in remarkably similar positions.

■ AFLA Roundup

Sunday afternoon at Memorial Stadium, both the Colts and Gunslingers won their respective games with rather familiar formulas. The Gunslingers held off the Big Spring Warriors 20-6 while the Colts destroyed the Odessa Jaguars 40-0 in games which were basically decided in the first half. What both Midland teams used to win was stingy defenses and offenses which produced just enough early to win.

Both teams came out of the week with

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TCU, Prairie View make NCAA men's basketball tourney

By Chris Newton
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — Last season, Texas Christian coach Billy Tubbs bit his lip as NCAA tournament invitations went to Texas teams with worse records than his, leaving the Horned Frogs to settle for a trip to the NIT.

That snub stung all the worse after NCAA selection committee chairman Terry Holland explained that the Horned Frogs "bottom-feeded" last season, beefing up their record against teams of dubious ability.

But after beating two ranked teams and playing No. 2 Kansas closely this year, the Horned Frogs finally got some respect and a bid as the No. 5 seed in the NCAA Midwest region. They'll face No. 12 seed Florida State later this week.

"It's kind of like the Academy Awards — everyone knows who is nominated but no one knows who is going to win," Tubbs said after the invitation announcement Sunday.

"We're delighted to be a part of it."

TCU (27-5, 16-1) lost the chance to control its own destiny by losing to No. 19 New Mexico in the third round of the Western Athletic Conference tournament, 80-73. Winning the tournament would have assured the team an automatic NCAA bid.

"We wanted to win our way into the tournament," Tubbs said. "That didn't happen, so we had to depend on the committee and we think they were very fair."

Guard Mike Jones, who averaged 21.4 points this season, said his teammates were confident that the team would receive a bid despite the tournament loss.

■ Texas Roundup

"It's like a dream come true," Jones said. "We didn't know exactly where we would be seeded, but getting No. 5 felt good."

Also making the NCAA tournament was Prairie View A&M, which had to overcome a 41-21 halftime deficit against the top-seeded Texas Southern to win the Southwestern Athletic Conference tournament Saturday and an automatic NCAA bid.

The Panthers won 59-57 to improve Prairie View's record to 13-16, making it the second straight year that the SWAC has sent a team with a losing record to the NCAA Tournament.

The Panthers will play third-ranked and top-seeded Kansas in the March 13 opening round of the NCAA Midwest Region tournament in Oklahoma City. Kansas got the region's top seed Sunday with a 34-3 record.

No other Texas teams made the tournament this year.

TCU's Tubbs said that he warned his players before the invitations came in that their play in the conference tournament might hurt their chances of getting a bid.

But this year, TCU had a 83-76 win over Hawaii when the team was ranked No. 24 and a 95-64 blowout of New Mexico to help their case.

Some of TCU's 21 wins last season came against weaklings such as McNeese State, Centenary, Montana State, Louisiana Tech, Texas-Arlington and Liberty.

Tubbs said he still doesn't feel good about last year's snub, but is willing to let bygones be bygones.

MEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

First round March 13	Second round March 15	Regionals	Semifinals	Semifinals	Regionals	Second round March 14	First round March 12
MIDWEST					**EAST**		
(1) Kansas (34-3)						N. Carolina (30-3) (1)	
(16) Pr. View A&M (13-16)						Navy (19-10) (16)	
(8) Rhode Is. (22-8)						UNC Char. (19-10) (8)	
(9) Murray St. (29-3)						Ill.-Chicago (22-5) (9)	
(5) TCU (27-5)						Princeton (26-1) (5)	
(12) Fla. St. (17-13)						UNLV (20-12) (12)	
(4) Miss. (22-6)						Michigan St. (20-7) (4)	
(13) Valparaiso (21-9)		St. Louis, Mo March 20 & 22			Greensboro, N.C. March 19 & 21	E. Michigan (20-9) (13)	
(6) Clemson (18-13)						Xavier (22-7) (6)	
(11) W. Mich. (20-7)						Washington (18-9) (11)	
(3) Stanford (26-4)						S. Carolina (23-7) (3)	
(14) C. of Charl. (24-5)						Richmond (22-7) (14)	
(7) St. John's (22-9)						Indiana (19-11) (7)	
(10) Detroit (24-5)						Oklahoma (22-10) (10)	
(2) Perdue (26-7)						Connecticut (29-4) (2)	
(15) Delaware (20-9)						Fair. Dick. (23-6) (15)	
SOUTH					**WEST**		
(1) Duke (29-3)						Arizona (27-4) (1)	
(16) Radford (20-9)						Nicholls St. (19-9) (16)	
(8) Okla. State (21-6)						Tennessee (20-8) (8)	
(9) G. Wash. (24-8)						Illinois State (24-5) (9)	
(5) Syracuse (24-8)						Illinois (22-9) (5)	
(12) Iona (27-5)						S. Alabama (21-6) (12)	
(4) New Mexico (23-7)						Maryland (19-10) (4)	
(13) Butler (22-10)		St. Petersburg, Fla. March 20 & 22			Anaheim, Calif. March 19 & 21	Utah State (25-7) (13)	
(6) UCLA (22-8)						Arkansas (23-8) (6)	
(11) Miami (Fla.) (18-9)						Nebraska (20-11) (11)	
(3) Michigan (24-8)						Utah (25-3) (3)	
(14) Davidson (20-9)						San Fran. (19-10) (14)	
(7) Mass. (21-10)						Temple (21-8) (7)	
(10) St. Louis (21-10)						W. Virginia (22-8) (10)	
(2) Kentucky (29-4)						Cincinnati (26-5) (2)	
(15) S.C. St. (22-7)						N. Arizona 21-7) (15)	

National Championship
San Antonio, Texas
March 30

NATIONAL CHAMPION

( ) seed

AP

NCAA top seeds look to set a record

By Jim O'Connell
AP Basketball Writer

Since the NCAA started seeding teams for its tournament in 1979, the top four teams have never made it as a group to the Final Four. Expect that to continue for at least one more year.

Despite the fact that North Carolina, Duke, Kansas and Arizona have been considered the four best teams in the country since the end of January, March has always been cruel to at least one No. 1 seed. The hard part comes in trying to figure out which one, or ones, will go down before the Final Four in San Antonio.

Will Arizona's chance at becoming the first repeat champion since Duke in 1992 end out West? Will Kansas' bid to get Raef LaFrentz to the Final Four fail in the Midwest? Will Bill Guthridge's remarkable rookie run at North Carolina fall short in the East? Will Duke's drive to get back to the event it dominated for a nine-year stretch die in the South?

Those questions will be answered on the floor, but the guesses will be made right here:

EAST

While most eyes in the East will be on North Carolina as it plays in the NCAA tournament under a coach other than Dean Smith for the first time since 1959, the first-round pressure will be on Indiana as it tries to break a three-year streak of losing its first game.

North Carolina will sink Navy and North Carolina Charlotte will ruin Illinois-Chicago's debut to set up a second-round meeting between the in-state schools.

Princeton and its Ivy League image will get by UNLV, which had to travel from The Strip, and Michigan State will prevail over its neighbor Eastern Michigan and lightning-quick guard Earl Boykins.

Xavier should continue its run after winning the Atlantic 10 tournament, even though it might have problems with Washington's size.

■ NCAA Analysis

South Carolina won't fall into the trap of taking Richmond lightly.

Oklahoma will keep Indiana's streak intact by picking up the game's tempo and Connecticut shouldn't have a problem with Fairleigh Dickinson.

In the regional semifinals, North Carolina will beat Princeton for the second time this season, while Connecticut's defense gets the team a big win over Xavier.

That leaves North Carolina against Connecticut and the Huskies' wearing pressure defense finally takes its toll on the Tar Heels and eliminates a No. 1 seed.

WEST

Arizona comes in on a six-game NCAA tournament winning streak, as do all defending champions. There won't be much of a problem making it seven over Nicholls State and then eight over Illinois State, which advanced with a win over Tennessee in a matchup of former Roy Williams assistant coaches.

Illinois and Maryland are two solid clubs that should advance to the second round easily.

Nebraska and point guard Tyronn Lue will keep Arkansas' recent slump going. Utah shouldn't have much of a problem with San Francisco and neither should Cincinnati with Northern Arizona.

Temple and its tough matchup zone will prevail over West Virginia in a matchup of former conference foes.

Arizona should handle Maryland in the regional semifinals, while Cincinnati wears down Utah.

Cincinnati, despite not having a true point guard, will find a way to beat Arizona and eliminate a No. 1 seed.

MIDWEST

Kansas gets the easiest of the first-round matchups with the tournament's only sub-.500 team, Prairie View. Murray State will upset Rhode Island as Mark Gottfried gets the better of his former boss at UCLA, Jim Harrick.

Texas Christian will keep the points coming as its beats Florida State, and Mississippi could even put up a higher number against Valparaiso. Clemson has righted things of late and should send Western Michigan packing, while Stanford won't become another first-round victim of College of Charleston.

Detroit comes up big in Chicago against St. John's and Purdue should roll against Delaware.

In the regional semifinals, Kansas beats Mississippi, while Stanford knocks off Purdue.

Stanford's size becomes a problem for Kansas as another No. 1 seed is eliminated.

SOUTH

Duke will end Radford's first appearance in its first game and George Washington will beat Oklahoma State only to lose to the Blue Devils in its next game.

Syracuse and its 2-3 zone will prevail over fellow New York state school Iona and New Mexico will beat Butler. UCLA will get to meet Michigan after both win their openers and Massachusetts and Kentucky will set up a rematch of their 1996 Final Four meeting.

Duke will beat Syracuse in the regional semifinals and Kentucky will knock out Michigan. That sets up a rematch of Duke and Kentucky, who last met in 1992 when the Blue Devils won one of the best tournament games ever, 104-103 in overtime on Christian Laettner's turnaround shot at the buzzer. This time Kentucky gets revenge and eliminates another No. 1 seed.

That's four No. 1s out before the Final Four.

Connecticut will beat Cincinnati in one semifinal and Kentucky beats Stanford in the other.

Just like last season, there will be a new champion when it's done, as Connecticut cuts down the nets in San Antonio.

NCAA: ACC gets five teams

(From 1C)

Forest, Hawaii and Vanderbilt.

As everyone had been predicting since about Christmas, the No. 1 seeds are North Carolina, Duke, Kansas and Arizona.

Five conferences are sending five teams each to the tournament — Atlantic Coast Conference, Atlantic 10, Big East, Big Ten and Southeastern Conference — while three are sending four each: Big 12, Pac-10 and Western Athletic Conference. The Midwestern Collegiate Conference and Conference USA each had three.

Four schools — Illinois-Chicago, Prairie View, Northern Arizona and Radford — are making their first tournament appearances. Prairie View, 263rd of 306 Division I schools according to the RPI ratings, has the lowest ranking of any team ever to make the NCAA tournament.

Miami hasn't been to the NCAAs since 1960, but the 38-year absence includes 15 years — 1971-85 — when the school didn't have a team.

North Carolina extended its own record with its 24th consecutive appearance, while Arizona tied Georgetown for the second-longest streak with its 14th consecutive selection. Georgetown's run was from 1979-92.

By winning its rubber game with top-ranked Duke in Sunday's ACC championship, North Carolina won the right to be top seed in the East and, more importantly, play the regional semifinals and finals in Greensboro, N.C., if they win their first two games.

Duke, seeking its fifth Final Four appearance of the 1990s was put at the top of the South region. Kansas, the only one of the top four seeds not to be ranked No. 1 at some point this season, was placed in the Midwest. Defending champion Arizona was placed No. 1 in the West region.

North Carolina (30-3) will open against Patriot League champion Navy in Hartford, Conn.

Arizona (27-4), which has the top eight players back from last year's championship team, will play 16th-seeded Nicholls State on Thursday in Sacramento, Calif.

Kansas (34-3) opens in Oklahoma City on Friday against 16th-seeded Prairie View, the Southwestern Athletic Conference champions and at 13-16 the only sub-.500 in the tournament.

Duke (29-3) heads the South region and will open against No. 16 Radford in Lexington, Ky., on Friday. The East regional will be played in Greensboro, the West in Anaheim, Calif., the Midwest in St. Louis and the South in St. Petersburg, Fla.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

National Championship
Kansas City, Mo.
March 29

NATIONAL CHAMPION

( ) seed

First round March 13 or 14	Second round March 15 or 16	Regionals March 21 & 23	Semifinals March 27	Semifinals March 27	Regionals March 21 & 23	Second round March 15 or 16	First round March 13 or 14
EAST				**WEST**			
(1) Old Dominion (27-2)						Stanford (21-5) (1)	
(16) St. Fran. Pa. (22-7)						Harvard (22-4) (16)	
(8) New Mexico (26-6)						Hawaii (24-3) (8)	
(9) Nebraska (22-9)						Arkansas (18-10) (9)	
(5) Memphis (22-7)						Kansas (21-8) (5)	
(12) Youngstown St. (27-2)						Tulane (21-6) (12)	
(4) N.C. St. (21-6)						Iowa (17-10) (4)	
(13) Maine (21-8)						U. Mass. (19-10) (13)	
(6) Virginia (18-9)						Wisc. (21-9) (6)	
(11) S. Meth. (21-7)						Va. Tech (21-9) (11)	
(3) Arizona (21-6)						Florida (21-8) (3)	
(14) Santa Clara (23-7)						Montana (24-5) (14)	
(7) Georgia (17-10)						Utah (21-5) (7)	
(10) G. Wash. (19-9)						Louisville (19-11) (10)	
(2) U. Conn (31-2)						Duke (21-7) (2)	
(15) Fairfield (20-9)						M. Tenn. St. (18-11) (15)	
MIDWEST				**MIDEAST**			
(1) Texas Tech (25-4)						Tennessee (33-0) (1)	
(16) Grambling 23-6)						Liberty (28-0) (16)	
(8) S.W. Missouri St. (24-5)						W. Kentucky (25-8) (8)	
(9) N. Dame (20-9)						S. F. Austin (25-3) (9)	
(5) Drake (25-4)						Rutgers (20-9) (5)	
(12) Colo. St. (23-5)						Oregon (17-9) (12)	
(4) Purdue (20-9)						Iowa St. (24-7) (4)	
(13) Wash. (18-9)						Kent (23-6) (13)	
(6) Clemson (24-7)						Vanderbilt (20-8) (6)	
(11) Miami (19-9)						UC S.B. (26-5) (11)	
(3) Louisana Tech (26-3)						Illinois (18-9) (3)	
(14) Holy Cross (21-9)						Wisc.-Gr. Bay (21-8) (14)	
(7) UCLA (19-8)						Fla. Inter. (28-1) (7)	
(10) Michigan (19-9)						Marquette (22-6) (10)	
(2) Alabama (22-9)						N. C. (24-6) (2)	
(15) UNC-Greensboro (21-8)						Howard (23-6) (15)	

AP

Sales injury costs UConn possible top tourney seed

By Chuck Schoffner
AP Sports Writer

Nykesha Sales' injury struck back at Connecticut again.

While Tennessee, Old Dominion, Stanford and Texas Tech celebrated No. 1 seeds in the NCAA women's basketball tournament, Connecticut found itself holding a No. 2.

The third-ranked Huskies had been in a line for a No. 1 seed before Sales went down with a ruptured Achilles' tendon in the next-to-last regular-season game.

And while the Huskies won the four games they played without Sales — including the Big East tournament championship — that wasn't enough to put the Huskies at the top of a bracket. Old Dominion was given the No. 1 seed in the East in Sunday's pairings, with UConn seeded second.

"We beat two No. 1s," Connecticut coach Geno Auriemma said, referring to the Huskies' victories over Stanford and Old Dominion. "But I guess they thought without Nykesha, we're not one of the top four teams in the country."

Sales' injury had a direct bearing on the selection committee's deliberations. According to the NCAA by-laws, the committee had to look at how Connecticut would have done in those games against highly ranked teams if Sales had not been playing.

"It wasn't a matter of us predicting into the future as it was a case of we had to determine if they would have the same record and standing without Nykesha, particularly when they played some early season non-conference games," said Jean Lenti Ponsetto, who chairs the committee.

The conclusion was Connecticut might not have won those games.

"I think we have great empathy for Connecticut's situation," said Ponsetto, the senior associate athletic director at DePaul. "They lost not only a valuable contributor to their program, but also someone who has meant a lot to the championships."

Connecticut (31-2) lost only to Tennessee and Rutgers this season. The Huskies avenged the loss to Rutgers in the Big East tournament finals.

With Connecticut dropping to a No. 2 seed, the four No. 1s were no surprise. Only one, Old Dominion, would have to leave its state to earn a berth in the Final Four. Texas Tech wouldn't even have to leave home.

Tennessee (33-0), a dominating team all season long with All-American Chamique Holdsclaw and a talented freshman class, was the top seed in the Mideast Regional. The third and fourth rounds of that regional are in Nashville.

Coach Pat Summitt's team is trying to become the first to win three consecutive NCAA titles. Summitt has guided the Lady Vols to five national championships in all.

In an interesting first-round pairing, Tennessee will meet the only other team that went unbeaten this season: 16th-seeded Liberty of the Big South.

"That's a great matchup for women's basketball," Summitt said. "I'm really excited about that."

Stanford in the West wouldn't have to leave its state either because the West Regional is just across the Bay in Oakland and the Cardinal would get their first two games at home.

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Tennis

Evert Cup

INDIAN WELLS, Calif. (AP) — Results Sunday from the $1.25 million Evert Cup tennis tournament at Hyatt Grand Champions Resort:

Singles

Second Round

Amanda Coetzer (4), South Africa, d. Anne Miller, Midland, MI, 6-3, 6-3.

Conchita Martinez (5), Spain, d. Maria Alejandra Vento, Venezuela, 6-7 (0-7), 7-5, 6-3.

Sandrine Testud (9), France, d. Julie Halard-Decugis, France, 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

Dominique Van Roost (10), Belgium, d. Barbara Paulus, Austria, 6-4, 6-0.

Ai Sugiyama (11), Japan, d. Tara Snyder, Wichita, KS, 6-1, 4-6, 6-1.

Ruxandra Dragomir (13), Romania, d. Tatiana Panova, Russia, 5-7, 6-0, 6-0.

Anna Kournikova (16), Russia, d. Chanda Rubin, Lafayette, LA, 3-6, 6-2, 7-6 (7-2).

Joannette Kruger, South Africa, d. Barbara Schett, Austria, 6-4, 6-3.

Meike Babel, Germany, d. Florencia Labat, Argentina, 4-6, 6-1, 6-4.

Templeton Classic

SCOTTSDALE, Ariz. (AP) — Results Sunday from the $340,000 Franklin Templeton Tennis Classic played at the Scottsdale Princess Resort:

Singles

Championship

Andre Agassi, Las Vegas, def. Jason Stoltenberg, Australia, 6-4, 7-6 (7-3).

Doubles

Championship

Michael Tebbutt, Australia, and Cyril Suk, Czech Republic, def. Kent Kinnear, Greenwood, Ind., and David Wheaton, Lake Minnetonka, Minn., 4-6, 6-1, 7-6 (8-6).

USTA Amcore Challenger

ROCKFORD, Ill. (AP) — Results Sunday of the $25,000 Challenger of Rockford tennis tournament at the Clock Tower Resort:

Singles

Championship

Nicole Pratt (2), Australia, def. Jessica Steck, South Africa, 6-2, 6-3.

Doubles

Championship

Surina de Beer, South Africa, and Lindsay Lee, Atlanta, def. Nino Louarsabishvili, Georgia, and Seda Noorlander, the Netherlands, 6-2, 6-4.

Nuveen Masters

NAPLES, Fla. (AP) — Results Sunday of the $300,000 Nuveen Masters tennis tournament:

Singles

Championship

Tim Wilkison, Charlotte, N.C., def. Johan Kriek, Naples, Fla., 6-1, 6-2.

Doubles

Championship

Andres Gomez, Ecuador, and Mel Purcell, Murray, Ky., def. John Lloyd, Britain, and Mansour Bahrami, France, 6-4, 6-3.

ABN-AMRO

ROTTERDAM, Netherlands (AP) — Results Sunday of the ABN AMRO indoor World Tennis Tournament:

Singles

Championship

Jan Siemerink, Netherlands, def. Thomas Johansson, Sweden, 7-6 (7-2), 6-2.

Doubles

Championship

Jacco Eltingh and Paul Haarhuis, Netherlands (1), def. Neil Broad and Piet Norval, South Africa, 7-6 (7-3), 6-3.

Transactions

BASEBALL

American League

NEW YORK YANKEES—Traded INF Andy Fox to Arizona for RHP Marty Janzen and RHP Todd Erdos.

TEXAS RANGERS—Assigned C John Ellis to the minor league camp.

TORONTO BLUE JAYS—Optioned RHP Joe Young to Knoxville of the Southern League.

National League

ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Announced the retirement of LHP Mark Davis.

MILWAUKEE BREWERS—Sent RHP Tim VanEgmond, LHP Mike Pasqualicchio, RHP Kyle Peterson, LHP Horacio Estrada, RHP Mike Misuraca, INF Mike Kinkade, INF Santiago Perez and C Jeff Alfano to their minor league camp.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Extended the contract of Kevin Towers, general manager, through 1999. Assigned RHP Jason Middlebrooks, LHP Al Newman, C Jimmy Gonzalez and OF Derek Lee to their minor-league camp.

BASKETBALL

National Basketball Association

CHICAGO BULLS—Activated G Steve Kerr from the injured list. Placed G Randy Brown on the injured list.

NEW JERSEY NETS—Signed F David Vaughn to a 10-day contract. Placed C Jayson Williams on the injured list.

WASHINGTON WIZARDS—Activated G God Shammgod from the injured list. Placed G Tim Legler on the injured list.

FOOTBALL

National Football League

NEW YORK GIANTS—Agreed to terms with RB LeShon Johnson on a two-year contract.

HOCKEY

National Hockey League

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Traded F Esa Tikkanen to the Washington Capitals for LW Dwayne Hay and a conditional 1998 draft pick.

ST. LOUIS BLUES—Recalled F Michel Picard from Grand Rapids of the IHL.

VANCOUVER CANUCKS—Traded RW Lonny Bohonos to the Toronto Maple Leafs for C Brandon Convery.

International Hockey League

CHICAGO WOLVES—Signed G Mark Richards.

Western Professional Hockey League

WPHL—Announced that a franchise has been awarded to Tupelo, Miss.

IHL

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Northeast Division

Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
x-Detroit	41	14	11	93	220	173
Orlando	33	23	9	75	199	200
Grand Rapids	31	25	9	71	188	191
Quebec	22	37	7	51	168	229

Central Division

Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Cincinnati	33	24	10	76	221	205
Fort Wayne	35	23	5	75	206	188
Indianapolis	32	31	3	67	199	219
Michigan	28	30	7	63	183	204
Cleveland	27	29	8	62	187	216

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
x-Chicago	42	20	3	87	220	199
Kansas City	32	26	9	73	209	213
Milwaukee	34	27	4	72	203	205
Manitoba	31	31	6	68	213	214

Southwest Division

Team	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
x-Long Beach	43	17	8	94	219	172
x-Utah	41	17	8	90	220	173
x-Houston	40	19	7	87	216	176
Las Vegas	27	31	7	61	208	230
San Antonio	19	38	8	46	180	252

x-clinched playoff berth.

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; one for a shootout loss.

Sunday's Games

Chicago 4, Cleveland 1

Orlando 2, Las Vegas 1, SO

Manitoba 5, Milwaukee 1

Monday's Games

No games scheduled

College Hockey

NCAA Div II Hockey Championship

Friday, March 13

Bemidji State, Minn. (22-8-2) at Alabama-Huntsville (22-3-3)

Saturday, March 14

Bemidji State, Minn. at Alabama-Huntsville

Minigame tie-breaker, if necessary

NBA Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	43	19	694	—
New York	34	26	567	8
New Jersey	33	29	532	10
Orlando	31	29	517	11
Washington	32	30	516	11
Boston	29	32	475	13 1/2
Philadelphia	21	38	356	20 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	45	16	738	—
Indiana	43	18	705	2
Charlotte	38	23	623	7
Atlanta	36	24	600	8 1/2
Cleveland	32	29	525	13
Milwaukee	29	30	492	15
Detroit	27	34	443	18
Toronto	13	47	217	31 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Midwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Utah	43	16	729	—
San Antonio	41	20	672	3
Minnesota	32	29	525	12
Houston	30	30	500	13 1/2
Vancouver	15	45	250	28 1/2
Dallas	13	48	213	31
Denver	5	57	081	39 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	46	15	754	—
L.A. Lakers	42	18	700	3 1/2
Phoenix	39	21	650	6 1/2
Portland	34	25	576	11
Sacramento	26	36	419	20 1/2
Golden State	13	47	217	32 1/2
L.A. Clippers	13	47	217	32 1/2

Sunday's Games

Atlanta 101, Cleveland 96

Indiana 104, Boston 100

Charlotte 109, New Jersey 100

Washington 100, Philadelphia 91

Seattle 99, Minnesota 98, OT

L.A. Lakers 96, Detroit 89

San Antonio 82, Portland 78

Vancouver 113, Toronto 106

Chicago 102, New York 89

L.A. Clippers 100, Denver 89

Monday's Games

Orlando at Philadelphia, 6:30 p.m.

Houston at Utah, 8 p.m.

L.A. Clippers at Phoenix, 8 p.m.

Golden State at Sacramento, 9:30 p.m.

Spurs 82, Trail Blazers 78

SAN ANTONIO (82): Perdue 1-3 1-2 3, Duncan 12-23 1-4 25, Robinson 2-7 7-10 11, Del Negro 6-13 3-3 15, Johnson 3-6 0-2 6, Geary 2-7 0-1 4, Person 4-6 2-2 11, Jackson 1-5 2-2 4, Herrera 0-1 0-2 0, M.Williams 1-2 1-2 3. Totals 32-73 17-30 82.

PORTLAND (78): Wallace 3-16 4-4 10, B.Grant 1-8 2-2 4, Sabonis 9-14 5-5 23, Rider 9-23 5-7 23, Brunson 2-4 2-2 7, G.Grant 2-5 0-0 5, W.Williams 1-8 2-2 4, Cato 0-0 0-0 0, O'Neal 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 28-82 20-22 78.

San Antonio	**18**	**25**	**24**	**15 — 82**
Portland	**20**	**15**	**25**	**18 — 78**

3-Point goals—San Antonio 1-5 (Person 1-3, Jackson 0-2), Portland 2-11 (Brunson 1-2, G.Grant 1-1, W.Williams 0-4, Rider 0-2, Sabonis 0-2). Fouled out—Robinson. Rebounds—San Antonio 49 (Duncan 13), Portland 48 (Sabonis 17). Assists—San Antonio 25 (Johnson 5), Portland 19 (Brunson 5). Total fouls—San Antonio 18, Portland 22. Technicals—Portland coach Dunleavy, Portland illegal defense 2, San Antonio illegal defense.

Bulls 102, Knicks 89

CHICAGO (102): Kukoc 3-10 0-0 8, Pippen 10-19 2-2 25, Rodman 3-8 0-0 6, Jordan 17-33 7-9 42, Harper 4-9 2-3 10, Kerr 3-5 0-0 8, Burrell 0-1 1-4 1, Wennington 1-3 0-0 2, Buechler 0-1 0-0 0, Simpkins 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-89 12-18 102.

NEW YORK (89): Mills 4-10 1-1 9, Johnson 9-14 2-4 20, Oakley 4-8 2-3 10, Houston 11-20 1-2 24, Ward 5-7 0-0 13, Starks 4-13 1-4 10, Cummings 1-4 1-2 3, Thompson 0-0 0-0 0, Davis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-76 8-16 89.

Chicago	**28**	**15**	**31**	**28 — 102**
New York	**31**	**15**	**25**	**18 — 89**

3-Point goals—Chicago 8-15 (Pippen 3-5, Kukoc 2-3, Kerr 2-3, Jordan 1-2, Burrell 0-1, Buechler 0-1), New York 5-15 (Ward 3-5, Houston 1-3, Starks 1-4, Johnson 0-1, Mills 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Chicago 57 (Rodman 20), New York 43 (Oakley 14). Assists—Chicago 22 (Pippen, Jordan 6), New York 24 (Ward 15). Total fouls—Chicago 16, New York 17. Technicals—Pippen, Oakley.

SuperSonics 99, Timberwolves 98

SEATTLE (99): Schrempf 3-11 0-0 6, Baker 6-15 15-21 27, McIlvaine 3-4 0-0 6, Hawkins 0-7 0-0 0, Payton 8-19 2-4 22, Perkins 5-10 0-0 11, Ellis 3-8 4-6 13, Anthony 3-5 2-4 9, A.Williams 2-3 1-1 5. Totals 33-82 24-36 99.

MINNESOTA (98): Garnett 7-21 5-8 19, Mitchell 10-17 0-0 21, Roberts 0-1 0-0 0, Peeler 7-17 3-4 20, Marbury 5-24 4-7 15, Parks 2-7 3-4 7, Hammonds 3-5 3-4 9, Porter 2-3 0-0 5, Carr 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 37-99 18-27 98.

Seattle	**17**	**26**	**27**	**22 — 99**
Minn.	**24**	**22**	**25**	**21 — 98**

3-Point goals—Seattle 9-18 (Payton 4-7, Ellis 3-5, Perkins 1-1, Anthony 1-1, Schrempf 0-1, Hawkins 0-3), Minnesota 6-17 (Peeler 3-6, Mitchell 1-1, Porter 1-2, Marbury 1-6, Carr 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Seattle 60 (Baker 12), Minnesota 72 (Garnett, Parks). Assists—Seattle 22 (Schrempf 7), Minnesota 26 (Marbury 13). Total fouls—Seattle 23, Minnesota 26. Technicals—Anthony, Mitchell.

Grizzlies 113, Raptors 106

TORONTO (106): Wallace 2-10 2-2 6, Camby 8-14 0-0 16, Miller 6-9 0-0 12, Christie 7-16 2-4 17, Billups 6-13 2-2 16, Rogers 1-2 0-0 2, Slater 1-1 4-4 6, Brown 7-14 3-3 21, Thomas 1-1 2-2 4, McGrady 2-5 2-4 6, Wright 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 41-86 17-21 106.

VANCOUVER (113): Abdur-Rahim 5-11 8-8 19, Smith 2-6 5-8 9, Reeves 12-18 14-18 38, Mack 4-10 1-2 11, Mayberry 1-3 2-2 4, Lynch 6-9 3-3 15, Hurley 2-5 2-2 6, Edwards 0-7 0-0 0, Chilcutt 1-1 4-4 6, Massenburg 2-5 1-2 5. Totals 35-75 40-49 113.

Toronto	**26**	**31**	**28**	**21 — 106**
Vancouver	**38**	**25**	**19**	**31 — 113**

3-Point goals—Toronto 7-18 (Brown 4-8, Billups 2-4, Christie 1-5, McGrady 0-1), Vancouver 3-10 (Mack 2-6, Abdur-Rahim 1-1, Edwards 0-1, Mayberry 0-2). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Toronto 42 (Christie 8), Vancouver 56 (Reeves 11). Assists—Toronto 20 (Miller 8), Vancouver 26 (Mayberry 7). Total fouls—Toronto 31, Vancouver 16.

Lakers 96, Pistons 89

DETROIT (89): Reid 1-4 0-0 2, Hill 8-17 3-3 19, B.Williams 3-11 3-4 9, Dumars 4-15 2-2 13, Hunter 4-12 0-0 9, Stackhouse 8-9 6-8 23, Mahorn 4-6 0-0 8, J.Williams 2-3 1-2 5, Sealy 0-1 1-2 1, Pollard 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-78 16-21 89.

L.A. LAKERS (96): Horry 2-3 0-0 4, Fox 8-15 5-6 22, O'Neal 12-19 8-16 32, Jones 1-6 6-6 8, Fisher 3-11 7-8 13, Bryant 2-7 0-0 4, Bennett 0-0 0-0 0, Campbell 5-10 3-3 13. Totals 33-71 29-39 96.

Detroit	**24**	**19**	**15**	**31 — 89**
L.A. Lakers	**25**	**17**	**24**	**30 — 96**

3-Point goals—Detroit 5-18 (Dumars 3-11, Stackhouse 1-2, Hunter 1-4, Hill 0-1), Los Angeles 1-10 (Fox 1-4, Fisher 0-1, Bryant 0-2, Jones 0-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Detroit 44 (Hill 12), Los Angeles 53 (O'Neal 13). Assists—Detroit 21 (Hill, Hunter 6), Los Angeles 26 (Fisher 11). Total fouls—Detroit 28, Los Angeles 19. Technicals—O'Neal.

Wizards 100, Sixers 91

PHILADELPHIA (91): Thomas 2-6 4-5 9, Coleman 5-11 11-13 21, Ratliff 6-9 4-4 16, McKie 4-11 2-2 10, Iverson 4-14 8-8 16, M.Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Stewart 1-2 0-0 2, Shaw 3-8 1-2 7, Smith 4-10 2-2 10, Snow 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 29-73 32-36 91.

WASHINGTON (100): Webber 11-28 0-0 23, Grant 3-4 2-2 8, T.Davis 2-4 1-2 5, Cheaney 5-15 2-2 12, Strickland 8-19 10-13 26, Murray 7-17 0-0 17, Wallace 2-2 0-0 4, Whitney 0-4 5-6 5, Ham 0-0 0-0 0, Shammgod 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 38-93 20-25 100.

Philadelphia	**21**	**24**	**27**	**19 — 91**
Washington	**31**	**23**	**27**	**19 — 100**

3-Point goals—Philadelphia 1-5 (Thomas 1-2, Coleman 0-1, McKie 0-1, Shaw 0-1), Washington 4-16 (Murray 3-10, Webber 1-2, Strickland 0-2, Cheaney 0-1, Whitney 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 46 (Smith 10), Washington 62 (T.Davis 15). Assists—Philadelphia 16 (Iverson 5), Washington 25 (Strickland 10). Total fouls—Philadelphia 24, Washington 24. Technicals—Webber, Washington illegal defense 3.

Hornets 109, Nets 100

CHARLOTTE (109): Rice 10-20 7-7 31, Mason 4-5 4-4 12, Geiger 6-13 6-6 18, Phills 6-10 1-3 16, Wesley 7-11 0-0 17, Beck 0-2 0-0 0, Divac 1-1 0-0 2, Maxwell 1-2 0-0 2, T.Williams 1-1 3-4 5, Reid 2-2 2-3 6. Totals 38-67 23-27 109.

NEW JERSEY (100): Gill 5-12 4-4 14, Van Horn 9-19 0-0 20, Cage 2-2 0-0 4, Kittles 8-18 2-2 21, Cassell 5-17 10-10 20, Gatling 5-11 1-3 11, MacLean 0-0 0-0 0, Harris 2-2 0-0 4, Evans 0-1 0-0 0, Douglas 3-5 0-0 6. Totals 39-87 17-19 100.

Charlotte	**23**	**24**	**35**	**27 — 109**
New Jersey	**29**	**29**	**20**	**22 — 100**

3-Point goals—Charlotte 10-16 (Rice 4-7, Welsey 3-4, Phills 3-5), New Jersey 5-12 (Kittles 3-6, Van Horn 2-4, Gill 0-1, Evans 0-1). Fouled out—Gatling. Rebounds—Charlotte 45 (Mason 15), New Jersey 38 (Van Horn 9). Assists—Charlotte 17 (Mason 6), New Jersey 18 (Cassell 10). Total fouls—Charlotte 25, New Jersey 22. Technicals—Reid, New Jersey coach Calipari, New Jersey illegal defense 2.

Pacers 104, Celtics 100

BOSTON (100): Minor 1-6 3-4 5, Walker 7-15 1-2 15, DeClercq 3-7 6-8 12, Mercer 6-13 4-4 16, Anderson 7-13 3-5 17, McCarty 3-11 0-1 6, Knight 6-9 0-0 12, Barros 3-5 2-2 9, Bowen 3-4 2-2 8. Totals 39-83 21-28 100.

INDIANA (104): Mullin 4-9 3-4 12, D.Davis 10-12 2-3 22, Smits 5-7 4-4 14, Miller 8-16 7-7 25, Jackson 4-9 1-2 11, A.Davis 1-2 2-2 4, Hoiberg 1-3 1-2 4, McKey 4-4 1-3 9, Best 0-3 1-2 1, Rose 1-4 0-0 2. Totals 38-69 22-29 104.

Boston	**21**	**32**	**26**	**21 — 100**
Indiana	**29**	**22**	**32**	**21 — 104**

3-Point goals—Boston 1-7 (Barros 1-1, Minor 0-1, Mercer 0-1, Anderson 0-1, McCarty 0-3), Indiana 6-16 (Miller 2-4, Jackson 2-4, Hoiberg 1-1, Mullin 1-5, Best 0-1, Rose 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Boston 50 (Walker, DeClercq 8), Indiana 39 (A.Davis 7). Assists—Boston 18 (Anderson 12), Indiana 25 (Jackson 11). Total fouls—Boston 25, Indiana 19. Technicals—Walker, Miller.

Hawks 101, Cavaliers 96

CLEVELAND (96): C.Henderson 4-8 1-2 9, Kemp 3-10 2-2 8, Ilgauskas 3-8 1-2 7, Person 9-16 2-2 26, Knight 6-11 4-6 16, Sura 1-4 0-1 2, Anderson 6-17 2-4 14, Potapenko 3-8 0-0 6, Scott 1-2 0-0 2, Thomas 2-3 0-0 6. Totals 38-87 12-19 96.

ATLANTA (101): Corbin 3-8 6-6 13, A.Henderson 8-17 1-7 17, Mutombo 2-8 6-10 10, Smith 12-17 8-9 33, Blaylock 7-16 3-6 18, Laettner 2-6 4-4 8, Barry 0-0 0-0 0, Brown 1-2 0-0 2, Oliver 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-74 28-42 101.

Cleveland	**20**	**20**	**24**	**32 — 96**
Atlanta	**22**	**23**	**29**	**27 — 101**

3-Point goals—Cleveland 8-16 (Person 6-11, Thomas 2-2, Sura 0-1, Anderson 0-2), Atlanta 3-11 (Smith 1-2, Corbin 1-4, Blaylock 1-5). Fouled out—Kemp, Laettner. Rebounds—Cleveland 40 (Kemp 7), Atlanta 69 (Mutombo 19). Assists—Cleveland 25 (Knight 7), Atlanta 18 (Blaylock 6). Total fouls—Cleveland 33, Atlanta 22. Technicals—A.Henderson.

Clippers 100, Nuggets 89

L.A. CLIPPERS (100): Murray 6-11 6-7 19, Rogers 3-7 2-2 9, Austin 6-10 6-10 18, Martin 2-9 6-7 11, Piatkowski 10-15 6-6 29, Taylor 2-6 4-6 8, Smith 0-1 0-0 0, Robinson 0-2 0-0 0, Richardson 3-6 0-0 6, Closs 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 32-69 30-38 100.

DENVER (89): Battie 6-8 0-0 12, L.Ellis 7-14 4-5 20, Garrett 3-9 4-6 10, Goldwire 3-9 2-4 8, Stith 3-7 4-4 11, Newman 4-9 2-3 10, Alexander 4-13 2-2 11, Fortson 3-5 1-1 7, H.Ellis 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 33-74 19-25 89.

L.A. Clip.	**30**	**19**	**22**	**29 — 100**
Denver	**23**	**33**	**16**	**17 — 89**

3-Point goals—Los Angeles 6-17 (Piatkowski 3-4, Rogers 1-2, Murray 1-3, Martin 1-6, Robinson 0-1, Richardson 0-1), Denver 4-16 (L.Ellis 2-4, Stith 1-3, Alexander 1-5, Goldwire 0-2, Newman 0-2). Fouled out—Battie, Newman. Rebounds—Los Angeles 43 (Austin, Piatkowski 7), Denver 49 (L.Ellis 10). Assists—Los Angeles 21 (Martin 6), Denver 17 (Goldwire 7). Total fouls—Los Angeles 24, Denver 27. Technicals—Fortson, Denver illegal defense 2.

NHL Results

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
New Jersey	39	16	7	85	180	123
Philadelphia	32	20	9	73	178	142
Washington	27	24	11	65	169	164
N.Y. Rangers	19	27	16	54	153	169
N.Y. Islanders	22	32	8	52	162	174
Florida	18	31	12	48	147	176
Tampa Bay	12	41	9	33	119	205

Northeast Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Pittsburgh	32	18	14	78	182	151
Montreal	29	25	7	65	174	158
Boston	26	23	13	65	157	148
Buffalo	25	22	14	64	154	146
Ottawa	25	28	10	60	143	156
Carolina	25	30	7	57	155	172

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

Team	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Dallas	38	15	10	86	187	124
Detroit	34	17	13	81	191	146
St. Louis	35	22	8	78	196	156
Phoenix	24	27	12	60	170	179
Chicago	24	27	11	59	151	150
Toronto	21	32	8	50	145	178

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Colorado	33	16	16	82	194	158
Los Angeles	28	22	11	67	176	161
Edmonton	23	30	10	56	160	181
San Jose	24	30	7	55	152	164
Calgary	19	31	12	50	164	189
Anaheim	20	33	9	49	146	189
Vancouver	19	34	10	48	177	223

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia 4, Pittsburgh 3, OT

Phoenix 1, Dallas 1, tie

Carolina 3, Anaheim 1

Monday's Games

Calgary at Washington, 6 p.m.

Florida at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.

New Jersey at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.

Edmonton at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.

Tampa Bay at Colorado, 8 p.m.

St. Louis at Vancouver, 9 p.m.

Toronto at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Anaheim at Los Angeles, 9:30 p.m.

Coyotes 1, Stars 1

Phoenix	.0	0	1	0	— 1
Dallas	.0	0	1	0	— 1

First Period—None.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—1, Phoenix, Numminen 7 (Quint, Roenick), 8:29 (pp). 2, Dallas, Modano 21 (Sydor, Lukowich), 13:25.

Overtime—None.

Shots on goal—Phoenix 10-14-8-2—34. Dallas 7-10-5-1—23. Power-play Opportunities—Phoenix 1 of 7; Dallas 0 of 7. Goalies—Phoenix, Khabibulin 21-24-10 (23 shots-22 saves). Dallas, Belfour 28-10-9 (34-33).

Hurricanes 3, Mighty Ducks 1

Carolina	.2	0	1	— 3
Anaheim	.0	0	1	— 1

First Period—1, Carolina, Primeau 20 (Kapanen, Burt), 2:19. 2, Carolina, Gelinas 9 (Hill, O'Neill), 2:56.

Second Period—None.

Third Period—3, Anaheim, Sale 5 (Cullen, LeBoutillier), 2:14. 4, Carolina, Roberts 14, 13:35.

Shots on goal—Carolina 4-14-14—32. Anaheim 8-4-10—22. Power-play Opportunities—Carolina 0 of 4; Anaheim 0 of 3. Goalies—Carolina, Kidd 13-14-2 (22 shots-21 saves). Anaheim, Hebert 13-24-6 (18-16), Shtalinekov (0:00 third, 14-13).

Flyers 4, Penguins 3, OT

Pittsburgh	.0	2	1	0	— 3
Philadelphia	.1	1	1	1	— 4

First Period—1, Philadelphia, Sillinger 14 (Brind'Amour, Klatt), 4:31 (pp).

Second Period—2, Pittsburgh, Werenka 3 (Lang), 3:29 (pp). 3, Philadelphia, LeClair 39 (Desjardins, Zubrus), 8:11. 4, Pittsburgh, Straka 12 (Jagr, Olausson), 9:14.

Third Period—5, Philadelphia, Podein 8 (Daigle, Brind'Amour), 19:15. 6, Pittsburgh, Jagr 29 (Hatcher, Francis), 19:45.

Overtime—7, Philadelphia, Daigle 8 (Brind'Amour), 4:03.

Shots on goal—Pittsburgh 10-7-7-3—27. Philadelphia 4-9-13-3—29. Power-play Opportunities—Pittsburgh 1 of 7; Philadelphia 1 of 7. Goalies—Pittsburgh, Wregget 2-4-2 (29 shots-25 saves). Philadelphia, Hextall 18-11-5 (27-24).

College Baseball

EAST

Alvernia 5, Susquehanna 4

Cortland St. 10, Tiffin 9

SOUTH

Austin Peay 30, Morehead St. 15

Butler 5-4, Belmont 2-5

Carson-Newman 10, Newberry 7

Chicago St. 22, Duquesne 10

Clemson 10-9, Stetson 5-4

Coastal Carolina 12, George Mason 6

E. Kentucky 9, Youngstown St. 8, 10 innings

Findlay 14, Edgewood 0

Florida at Alabama, ccd., wet grounds

Florida Atlantic 8, Providence 6

Gardner-Webb at Wingate, ppd., rain

Houston 12, Michigan 10

Illinois St. 18, Wagner 7

Kean 14, Findlay 0

Kent 22, Louisville 3

Kentucky 13, Vanderbilt 9

Lamar 7, South Alabama 4

Lewis 5, Edgewood 0

Lincoln Memorial 15-19, Va. Intermont 8-6

Lewis 13, Wentworth Tech 0

LSU 14, Georgia 9

Massachusetts 4, South Florida 2

Mississippi 6-5, Auburn 5-7, first game 10 innings

NE Louisiana 9-2, Sam Houston St. 3-7

New Orleans 14-3, W. Kentucky 1-9

Nicholls St. 9-3, McNeese St. 4-4, 2nd game 14 innings

North Carolina at Florida St., ppd., rain

Nova Southeastern 16, Eckerd 7

St. Ambrose 10, Concordia 9

St. Francis, NY 5, Pittsburgh 3

Seton Hall 7, St. Ambrose 4

Sewanee 14-15, Millsaps 5-28

Southern Miss. 10-14, N. Illinois 4-11

SW Louisiana 4-13, Ark.-Little Rock 2-6

Tennessee 22-4, Mississippi St. 4-2

Tenn.-Martin 14, E. Illinois 13

Tennessee Tech 17, Middle Tenn. 10

Troy St. 10, Army 4

Tulane 7-12, New York Tech 0-1

Tusculum, Tenn., 10, Alderson-Broaddus 0

West Alabama 26, Stillman 1

MIDWEST

Butler 5-4, Belmont 2-5

Cincinnati 8, Indiana 7

Indiana-Southeast 13-13, Brescia 7-10

Minnesota 11, Connecticut 1

SOUTHWEST

Arkansas 17, South Carolina 16

Baylor vs. Nebraska, ppd.

Grand Canyon 10, Air Force 9, 10 innings

Northwestern St. 7, Texas-San Antonio 2

Notre Dame 8, SW Texas St. 0

Texas vs. Texas Tech, ppd.

Texas Christian vs. New Mexico, ppd.

FAR WEST

California 11, Rutgers 5

Cal St. Fullerton 12, UC Santa Barbara 5

Cal St.-Hayward 14, San Francisco St. 6

Hawaii 7, San Diego St. 6

Long Beach St. 6, Cal Poly SLO 5

Montclair St. 12, UC San Diego 5

Oregon St. 13, Southern California 6

Pacific 6, Sacramento St. 2

Pepperdine 5, Gonzaga 0

Portland 3, Santa Clara 1, 14 innings

San Jose St. 7, Purdue 6

Stanford 10, Arizona 4

TOURNAMENTS

Santa Clara Invitational

Semifinals

Northwestern 3, St. Mary's, Calif. 1

Oregon 3, Santa Clara 0

Championship

Northwestern 2, Oregon 0

Coors Desert Classic

Championship

Ohio St. 18, UNLV 1

Third Place

Lewis-Clark St. 5, Oral Roberts 1

Fifth Place

Washington St. 13, CS Northridge 11

Texas A&M 4, Missouri 3

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Texas A&M	**120**	**100**	**00x**	**— 4 9 1**

Stine, Dale (8) and Schwieder, Ward and Sandusky 2B—Wilson, Ketelsen; Sobek, Leonard 3B—Tyson. HRs—Rallo (1); Heaney (4) W—Ward (4-0). L—Stine (2-2).

Australian GP

MELBOURNE, Australia (AP) — Results Sunday in the Australian Grand Prix, 58 laps on the 5.269-kilometer (3.274-mile) Albert Park circuit, a total of 305.602 kilometers (189.892 miles) with driver, country, car, times, laps completed.

1, Mika Hakkinen, Finland, McLaren, 1 hour, 31 minutes, 45.996 seconds, 201.101 kph (124.961 mph), 58.

2, David Coulthard, Scotland, McLaren, 1:31:46.698, 58.

3, Heinz-Harald Frentzen, Germany, Williams, 1:31:54.664, 57.

4, Eddie Irvine, Ireland, Ferrari, 1:31:55.743, 57.

5, Jacques Villeneuve, Canada, Williams, 1:32:30.546, 57.

6, Johnny Herbert, England, Sauber, 1:32:30.970, 57.

7, Alexander Wurz, Austria, Benetton, 1:32:33.611, 57.

8, Damon Hill, England, Jordan, 1:32:34.894, 57.

9, Olivier Panis, France, Prost, 1:32:52.446, 57.

Not Classified (Did Not Finish)

10, Giancarlo Fisichella, Italy, Benetton, 43.

11, Jean Alesi, France, Sauber, 41.

12, Jarno Trulli, Italy, Prost, 26.

13, Ricardo Rosset, Brazil, Tyrrell, 25.

14, Mika Salo, Finland, Arrows, 23.

15, Esteban Tuero, Argentina, Minardi, 22.

16, Shinji Nakano, Jap

No. 1 Duke falls to UNC in ACC final

By David Droschak
AP Sports Writer

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Bill Guthridge still has difficulty accepting the baton.

No. 4 North Carolina won its 15th Atlantic Coast Conference tournament Sunday, and the first under Guthridge, by beating No. 1 Duke 83-68, capping a three-day run in which it defeated all three teams it lost to during the regular season.

"This is still Dean's (Smith) team," said the mild-mannered 60-year-old Guthridge, who became just the third coach in ACC history to win the tournament title in his first season. "He was the one who recruited them all and trained them all. I know he's smiling."

The Tar Heels (30-3) said Guthridge, the third coach in NCAA history to win 30 games in his first season, was being too modest.

"For us, we know it's Coach Gut's team," said point guard Ed Cota. "He's done a great job for us. He doesn't want to take any credit but we owe all of this to Coach Gut. Part of it is also owed to us — we're a veteran team — but he's the man behind the scene."

Antawn Jamison, playing with a groin injury, was the hero as he has been all season for his team, scoring 22 points and grabbing a season-high 18 rebounds.

"We may find out what that injury is and give it everybody," joked Guthridge.

Shammond Williams, who scored 25 points in North Carolina's semifinal overtime victory against Maryland, added 19 points as the Tar Heels defended their ACC title and won consecutive crowns for the first time since 1981-82.

"This was one of our goals but the ultimate goal is to win the national championship," said Jamison, who was 27-for-49 from the field with 34 rebounds in wins over N.C. State, Maryland and Duke to win MVP honors. "All the work, all the hours we put into practice and what happened last week (at Duke), we just wanted to come out and give a better performance during the tournament."

Roshown McLeod led Duke (29-3) with 24 points and Chris Carrawell had 18, but the Blue Devils had another horrid shooting day — its third straight in the ACC postseason. Duke shot 33 percent and was only 11-of-32 on 3-pointers.

"We never went at them, we never went at them," Carrawell repeated in a dejected Duke locker room. "You can't do that to beat them. Hey, we never put pressure on them.

"Coach told us that Carolina was going to give us open looks, let's be confident and knock them down, but if not let's go inside, let's penetrate, let's get to the foul line. We didn't get to the foul line."

Similar to when Peyton Manning helped win an SEC football crown this season for Tennessee, Williams and Vince Carter led the North Carolina band in a rendition of the team's fight song during the post-game celebration.

The North Carolina crowd also chanted "one more year" when Jamison and Carter — both juniors — cut down the nets.

It was the third game of high drama this season for these two highly ranked teams and close rivals along Tobacco Road — that was before the Tar Heels used a 13-0 second-half run to pull away and move their record to 6-2 against Duke in ACC title games.

Duke's fate was sealed when it went more then seven minutes without a basket after the score was tied 57-57 with 11:38 left.

The Blue Devils did close to 72-65 with 2:58 remaining, but unlike eight days ago when North Carolina blew a double-digit lead at Duke, the Tar Heels poured it on down the stretch.

A 7-0 run closed the deal as Cota made two free throws, Carter converted a three-point play and Jamison had a slam dunk as the Tar Heels shot 54.4 percent.

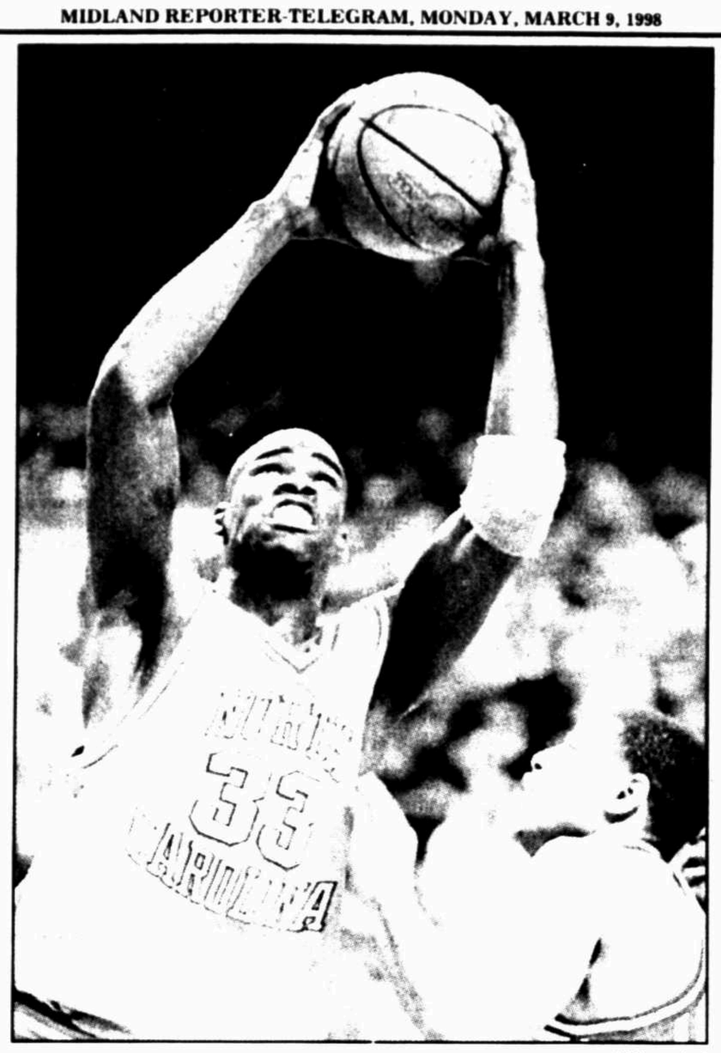
"It was obvious as the game went on that we were running short on energy," said Duke coach Mike Krzyzewski, whose team is much deeper than the Tar Heels. "We were already run down and playing them runs you down even more. We were short on everything today."

Jamison ran a few layup drills in warmups but pulled himself out of the line just prior to tipoff. However, he still started and got more active as the first half progressed, finishing the opening period with 10 points and six rebounds in 16 minutes.

Duke controlled the tempo early and grabbed a seven-point lead before the Blue Devils were forced outside by North Carolina's zone defense and Duke started misfiring from long range, going 6-for-17 from beyond the arc.

The Tar Heels responded to an 8-0 Duke run with a 14-2 spurt of their own near the end of the half as Carter scored seven points, Williams five and Jamison two as North Carolina shot a sizzling 59.3 percent.

"It's not a send-off," said Krzyzewszki, whose club won an ACC-record 15 of 16 regular-season games. "We won the regular-season by two games. That was an ending."



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North Carolina's Antawn Jamison scores two of his 22 points as he shoots over Duke's Roshown McLeod Sunday during the ACC Tournament championship game played at the Greensboro Coliseum in Greensboro, N.C.

No. 7 Kentucky trounces South Carolina, takes 6th SEC crown in seven tries

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

ATLANTA — No one would have blamed Allen Edwards if he had chosen to miss the championship game of the Southeastern Conference tournament.

Kentucky's senior guard wasn't able to play Saturday because he was attending his mother's funeral. But when the Wildcats advanced to the final, he decided to rejoin his teammates Sunday.

With Edwards playing one of his best games of the season, No. 7 Kentucky won the SEC tournament for the sixth time in seven years Sunday, rolling to an 86-56 victory over No. 15 South Carolina.

"This has been a tough time in my life," said Edwards, who flew back to Atlanta after the funeral in Holly Hill, S.C. "But I'm an adult. I've got to go on in my life. I couldn't let my mother's passing stop my life."

He scored 15 points, doled out five assists and came up with three steals, combining with tournament MVP Wayne Turner to thoroughly outplay South Carolina's backcourt of BJ McKie and Melvin Watson.

"I thought it was very important to play today," Edwards said. "After I said my goodbyes to the family, there were like, 'You're leaving already?' I said, 'Yeah, there's nothing more I can do. She's not here. I can't bring her back.'"

Laura Mae Edwards died Feb. 26 after battling breast cancer since her son's sophomore year. That began an 11-day roller coaster of emotions for Edwards, who missed the final regular-season game, rejoined the team for Friday's quarterfinal, then left again for the funeral.

Kentucky's hottest player, Jeff Sheppard, sprained an ankle in the 99-74 semifinal victory over No. 16 Arkansas and wasn't able to play in the title game. Edwards took his spot in the backcourt and played superbly.

"This feels real good," Edwards said. "I felt like Shep was filling in for me while I was gone, so I told him I did this for him and my mom."

Turner scored 18 points as Kentucky (29-4) added another SEC championship to its already bountiful collection. After capturing their 39th regular-season banner, the Wildcats tacked on their 21st tournament title — 15 more than any other school.

"When they put on those Kentucky jerseys, the guys believe they can do anything," first-year coach Tubby Smith said. "We have a great tradition and we have some pretty good players, too."

The Wildcats won their three tournament games by an average of 22 points, the biggest blowout coming against South Carolina (23-7).

"That was a very focused Kentucky team," Gamecocks coach Eddie Fogler said. "That team can play with anybody in the country. When they're shooting like that (30-of-62, including 13 3-pointers), they are going to be awfully hard to beat."

Kentucky gained the SEC's automatic bid to the NCAA tournament and will return to Atlanta on Friday to meet South Carolina State as the No. 2 seed in the South regional. South Carolina received an at-large bid and will meet Richmond on Thursday in the first round of the East regional at Washington.

Utah State wins Big West, makes 1st tourney appearance since '88

■ Former Midland College standout Kevin Rice throw in 14 for the Aggies.

RENO, Nev. (AP) — Utah State's decade-long wait for a return trip to the NCAA tournament is over.

Marcus Saxon scored 23 points, and Utah State held off a late rally to beat Pacific 78-63 Sunday, claiming the Big West tournament championship and an automatic NCAA berth.

Justin Jones added 17 points, Kevin Rice, an all-conference performer with the Chaps, had 14 and Pharoah Davis had 11 for Utah State, making its 12th trip to the NCAA tournament but the first since 1988, when the Aggies lost to Nebraska in the first round.

"We've set a school record for wins and we're going to the NCAAs," Utah State coach Larry Eustachy said. "We're happy but not satisfied. We think we can go beat somebody."

The Aggies (25-7), who earned their second Big West championship and surpassed the school's season record for wins, beat Pacific, the defending tournament champion, for the first time in four tournament meetings.

Utah State drew a No. 13 seed in the West region and will play No. 4 seed Maryland in the first round Thursday at Sacramento.

Michael Olowokandi's 32 points led Pacific (24-9).

Kansas holds off OU to capture Big 12

By Craig Horst
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson wanted to give Ryan Robertson of Kansas the most valuable player award Sunday.

But Robertson would not accept after scoring 10 points and hitting two 3-pointers that helped break the Sooners' collapsing zone defense as Kansas took a 72-58 decision in the championship game of the Big 12 postseason tournament.

"Paul (Pierce) is the story of the game," Robertson said after Pierce scored 26 points and led a second-half rally. "I think I got two good looks (on 3-pointers) and I was fortunate they went in.

"I'm the second-best shooter on this team, and it's tough to fight a zone defense without any outside play."

Kansas' 3-point specialist Billy Thomas was on the bench for a third-straight game with a groin injury, and Oklahoma collapsed on Raef LaFrentz to hold him to two points in the first half.

"We were going to force them to shoot from the outside," Sampson said. "What hurt us was that they stepped up and made the 3-pointers. The factor we could not overcome was Ryan hitting the two (3-pointers). Pierce was not the difference in the game. It was Ryan."

Pierce led a 23-6 rally in the second half that gave Kansas (34-3) its second straight Big 12 tournament title and the league's automatic NCAA tournament bid. The second-half explosion kept the Sooners (22-10) from avenging the 1988 NCAA title game loss to Kansas on the same Kemper Arena floor.

The game between the top-seeded Kansas and second-seeded Oklahoma was the Sooners' first appearance in the league tournament championship game since 1990.

Kansas, the 19th team in NCAA history to win 34 games in a season, was given the No. 1 seed in the Midwest Regional and will open Friday against Prairie View. Oklahoma got the 10th seed in the East, and will play Indiana on Thursday at Washington.

T.J. Pugh, a 6-foot-8 defensive specialist averaging 5.9 points, scored 12 points, one off of his career high, and had six rebounds.

"It's nice, but it's nothing I count on," Pugh said. "When Paul or Ryan are pressured, I break to the basket and they always seem to find me."

LaFrentz finished with nine points and nine rebounds.

Corey Brewer led Oklahoma with 15 points, while Evan Wiley had 12 points and 11 rebounds.

Oklahoma had its biggest lead at 38-34 with 14:01 to play on a 3-pointer by Brewer.

But then Pierce went to work, scoring 10 of Kansas' next 13 points. A 3-pointer by Pierce made it 47-42 with 9:49 to play.

Robertson hit a 3-pointer, then found Pugh for an easy basket as the Sooners turned the ball over on three consecutive trips down the court, one of them an intercepted pass by Robertson.

Kenny Gregory, a 52-percent free throw shooter who had missed his only two attempts in the game, then made one to complete a three-point play for a 55-44 lead with 7:09 left.

Pierce found LaFrentz open underneath and it was 57-44 before Michael Johnson made a basket to stop the run.

Kansas had scored the first nine points of the game, and it appeared the Sooners would quickly be blown out. But the Jayhawks went almost five minutes without a field goal.

Wiley scored eight straight points for Oklahoma, giving the Sooners their first lead with a basket at 8:27. Oklahoma led 21-18 when Wiley slammed home a missed shot by Eduardo Najera with 8:02 to play.

Michigan wins Big 10 tourney

By Mike Nadel
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — After bulling his 300-pound body over, past and through defenders, Robert Traylor went into the crowd to hug his grandmother.

He then cut down the net to celebrate Michigan winning the first Big Ten tournament ever and, net draped around his neck, made two bold predictions: The Wolverines will be in San Antonio for the Final Four and no one there will be able to stop him.

The man known as "Tractor" had 24 points and 13 rebounds Sunday, powering No. 17 Michigan to a 76-67 victory over No. 9 Purdue. The Wolverines scored 54 points inside, making up for their first poor 3-point shooting performance of the tournament.

"I feel even stronger about it now," Traylor, the tourney MVP, said of his Final Four prediction.

Asked about what goes through his mind when he gets his massive mitts on the ball in the low post, he smiled and said: "That's my time to score. I don't think there's any player in the country who can stop me."

Purdue's Brad Miller played well — 23 points, 10 rebounds, eight assists. But the 6-foot-11 center had trouble slowing down the 6-8 Traylor.

"The guy weighs 300 pounds; I'm pushing 240. The law of physics is going to tell you something that weighs 60 pounds more is going to have more leverage," Miller said.

"He's got soft hands and he can jump. You can't do much about a 300-pounder pushing you. I tried to go around him a couple of times but with that much weight on you, it's just going to wear you down throughout the game."

Maceo Baston added 16 points off the bench for the Wolverines (24-8), who climbed into the stands with the Michigan cheering section to celebrate their 13th conference title, but first since 1986. Again, Traylor led the way, hoisting his huge body over the press table and into the arms of his grandmother.

The Wolverines, who take a seven-game winning streak into the NCAAs, are a good tournament team. In the last year, they've won the 1997 NIT, the Puerto Rico Holiday Classic and now the Big Ten.

"And now we're working on four," Baston said.

Purdue (26-7), which failed in its bid for a record 22nd Big Ten championship, was hurt by a poor game from senior Chad Austin. He had 41 points in Purdue's first two tournament games but only six on 2-for-14 shooting Sunday.

"I had some open shots," Austin said. "They just weren't falling."

Michigan's 3-pointers weren't falling, either.

After going 23-for-41 from 3-point range in their first two games, the Wolverines were only 5-for-15 Sunday.

Instead, they won by pounding the ball inside to Traylor.

He went 12-for-16 from the field, completing the tournament at 26-for-41. He also pulled down 38 rebounds in Michigan's three games.

And just to make sure the Boilermakers would never forget him, he shoved Brian Cardinal in the back and practically twisted off Mike Robinson's head in separate altercations.

Afterward, the junior said he won't decide if he'll leave for the NBA until Michigan makes a decision on the status of interim coach Brian Ellerbe, who replaced the fired Steve Fisher in the wake of some minor NCAA rule violations.

"I like playing for (Ellerbe) and I see no reason he shouldn't have the head coaching job next year," Traylor said. "You don't come to college to play for three coaches in four years."

Said Ellerbe: "I'm not going to worry about my future. It's just really nice to be part of history, winning the first Big Ten tournament. We want to make sure we'll be a very good representative of the Big Ten in the NCAAs."

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ing to the free-throw line, where they closed it out by hitting six straight free throws to close the game. MCC finished 21-of-33 at the line after a horrible first-half performance from the charity stripe. Getting to the free-throw line late in the game proved to be critical for the Highlanders, who rotate 10-11 players. Howard finished the game with four players having four fouls.

"Foul trouble was a problem for us the whole game when you don't have as many people," Collins said. "That's part of the game. But it was definitely a problem for us. We had to take people out when they were getting hot just because we couldn't afford for them to pick up another foul with so many minutes left in the game. As it worked out we didn't lose anybody but you always look back and think 'What if I had let them in there and we got a good lead?' In the end it really came down to them (Highlanders) making plays and we didn't."

"We just continued to persist in the second half," said MCC coach Steve Shields. "When they're playing seven guys, our advantage was to push the ball. I told the guys that eventually Howard would hit a brick wall and they would tire. But they never tired and they never really hit a brick wall. I have to give credit to those guys."

Clifton Cook led the Hawks with a game-high 24 points, and Lamont Roberts added 20.

Along with Mitchell's 23, MCC got contributions from Senecca Wall with 14, Demetrice Sims had 11, and Ernesto Mijares chipped in with 10.

The hometown Highlanders now face Midland College, the only team to pull off a double digit win in the first round, a 76-61 decision over Collin County on Saturday.

"Midland is extremely athletic, they have a great inside player in (Harold) Arceuneaux, and they apply the same intense pressure that Howard, only that Midland is deeper," Shields said. "Across the board they (Chaparrals) have great athletes and they play great defense. We have to take care of the basketball."

Shields also said his team needs to get to the boards although his Highlander haven't been a good rebounding team all year. What may be a bigger key is how the Highlanders play defense.

"If we're good defensively then we'll have a shot. When we're not good defensively then we become a very average team," Shields said.

Chap coach Pat Rafferty, who was in attendance at the Howard-McLennan game scouting his team's semifinal opponent, said his biggest concern for MC is facing the unknown of the Highlanders.

"I thought they (Highlanders) were physical and athletic and that concerns me," Rafferty said. "Added to the fact of the unknown causes some anxiety. That's due to not having much time to prepare, but that's the way it is when you're playing in a tournament.

"On defense, we're going to have to defend off the dribble and be prepared for their changing offenses. Their point guard does a lot of things for them and we're going to try to try to slow him down and take him out his game," Rafferty continued. "More importantly we're going to try and use our balance and depth, and we hope our balance and depth wins out. We want to push the ball and the tempo."

Tournament Notes: McLennan was the only team to escape the first round out of the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference. South Plains made it three out of four for the Western Junior College Athletic Conference with an 85-83 win over Temple on Sunday. South Plains faces New Mexico Junior College, an 84-80 upset winner over No. 1 seed Weatherford, at 3 p.m. today... Weatherford wasn't the only No. 1 seeded team to leave the Starburst Tournament early as No. 1 San Jacinto lost to Tyler, 72-62 in the Region XIV tourney also being played at Ferrell Center. Tyler came in with a 13-17 record. Having a losing record for Tyler hasn't hurt the Apaches in the past. In 1993, Tyler finished fourth nationally after going into the Starburst Tournament with a losing record...

McLennan Community College 73, Howard College 70

Howard (16-15): Clifton Cook 7-18 8-11 24, Lamont Roberts 6-14 5-5 20, Don Peace 2-2 0-0 4, Nathan Clover 0-5 0-0 0, Elmer Brown 3-10 2-2 10, James Hilliard 0-0 0-0 0, Myron Brown 2-5 3-3 7, Alex Denson 2-9 0-0 5. **Totals: 22-63 18-21 70.**

McLennan (25-6): Brandon Manning 1-8 4-4 6, Senecca Wall 3-13 8-12, Demetrice Sims 4-18 1-3 11, Robert Brown 0-3 0-0 0, Jayson Mitchell 9-17 4-5 23, Michael Crutchfield 1-3 2-2 4, Ernesto Mijares 4-7 0-0 10, Archie Beason 1-1 0-0 2, Robert Davis 0-0 0-0 0, Reggie Patterson 0-0 0-4 0, Rosmel Blanco 1-6 2-3 3. **Totals: 24-76 21-33 73.**

Halftime: HC 37, MCC 31. **3-point goals**: HC 8 (Roberts 3, Cook 2, Brown 2, Denson 1), MCC 4 (Mijares 2, Sims 2). **Total Fouls**: HC 20, MCC 20. **Fouled Out**: None. **Rebounds**: HC 42 (Cook 13), MCC 54 (Wall 9). **Turnovers**: HC 16, MCC 16. **Technical Fouls**: None.

AFLA: Both Midland teams produce wins

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key wins in the Amateur Football League of America, with the first-year Gunslingers improving to 2-0 while the Colts pulled even at 1-1. Which team is the best in Midland — and perhaps even the best in the AFLA — will be determined next Sunday at 3:30 p.m. in Memorial.

That hardly means that either team is completely satisfied with how things went Sunday.

"We're not where we want to be on offense, even though we put 40 points on the board," said Colts coach Ray Pierson.

It was still an improvement over the previous week's season-opening 27-14 loss to Wichita Falls, in which the Colts were erratic at best offensively. The biggest difference against Odessa was that the Colts were able to run the ball after only managing 25 yards against Wichita Falls.

Against Odessa, the Colts racked up 260 yards rushing and only had to throw 10 times after throwing the ball 46 times against Wichita Falls. Tailback Philip Mathews was finally able to cut loose against the Jaguars, running for 167 yards on 15 carries with two touchdowns.

"Last week I wasn't ready," said Mathews, who scored on runs of 24 and 59 yards against Odessa. "We all found out how much work we need to do."

The Colts obviously got some work done against the Jaguars. After getting nothing done for almost the entire first half against Wichita Falls, they wasted no time against overmatched Odessa.

Undra Graves gave the Colts a bit of a jump start when he returned a punt 20 yards to the Odessa 22-yard line to set them up in prime position in their first possession of the game. Four plays later, Dallas Metcalf threw a nine-yard scoring pass to Jeff Metcalf for a 7-0 lead.

That was more then enough considering the consistency of the Colts' defense, which gave up 13 net yards to the Jaguars. It was especially productive early, setting up the offense with enviable field position.

"Our defense right now is the backbone of the team," Pierson said. "We don't get ourselves out of position a lot."

The Colts took over at Odessa's 25-yard line early in the second quarter after a 12-yard punt, which set up a 24-yard scoring run by Mathews to make the score 14-0. With 15 seconds left in the half, the newest Colt, former Texas Tech and Odessa Permian standout Sheldon Bass, caught a 12-yard scoring pass from Dallas Metcalf to make it 20-0.

From that point on, the Colts basically could coast.

"We came in (against Wichita Falls) with big heads," said Mathews, whose 59-yard scoring run early in the third quarter was the game's offensive highlight. "Our defense is going to carry us because of the players we've got. The offense is trying to come together and be just as good."

Appropriately enough, though, it was the defense which had the last word, as safety Bryan Jones returned an interception 57 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter to conclude the scoring.

For the Gunslingers, their win was almost a carbon copy of the opening win over Dallas. Their wishbone offense was crisp early, scoring on the first two possessions of the game for a 13-0 lead.

But for the most part, the Gunslingers seemed to shut it down after that. They managed only 183 yards of total offense, all of it coming on the ground as they attempted only one pass which fell incomplete. They had only three first downs in the second half.

"It's like we go to sleep in the second half on offense," said Gunslingers coach Preston Wright. "If we want to stay in these ball games we need a full four quarters."

Quarterback Michael Campbell scored on a 14-yard run to give the Gunslingers a 7-0 lead. On Big Spring's next possession, Gunslingers linebacker Mike Boatwright intercepted Mike Hernandez deep in Big Spring territory. Walter Jones rumbled 34 yards for a score to make it 13-0 and the rout appeared set.

When Campbell scored on a one-yard sneak to make it 20-0 early in the fourth quarter, though, that was it for the Gunslingers offense. The Gunslingers were bailed out by their defense the rest of the way, as they survived losing two fumbles deep in their own territory in the fourth quarter.

"The defense showed they can step up a notch if they have to," Wright said. "We can't just rely on our defense, though."

The only crack the Gunslingers displayed defensively came late in the third quarter when Big Spring scored on a 22-yard pass from Hernandez to Mike Gonzales.

AFLA Results

Midland Gunslingers 20, Big Spring Warriors 6

Big Spring	0	0	6	0	—6
Midland	13	7	0	0	—20

First Quarter

Gunslingers —Michael Campbell 14 run (Jerry Winsor kick), 9:09.

Gunslingers —Walter Jones 34 run (kick blocked), 7:57.

Second Quarter

Gunslingers —Campbell 1 run (Winsor kick), 8:01.

Third Quarter

Warriors —Mike Gonzales 22 pass from Mike Hernandez (run failed), 3:44.

Midland Colts 40, Odessa Jaguars 0

Odessa	0	0	0	0	—0
Midland	7	13	14	6	—40

First Quarter

Colts —Jeff Metcalf 9 pass from Dallas Metcalf (Whitney Hillin kick), 7:20.

Second Quarter

Colts —Philip Mathews 24 run (Hillin kick), 8:58.

Colts —Sheldon Bass 12 pass from Dallas Metcalf (pass failed), 0:15.

Third Quarter

Colts —Mathews 59 run (Hillin kick), 10:40.

Colts —David Criswell 1 run (Hillin kick), 5:13.

Fourth Quarter

Colts —Bryan Jones 57 interception return (kick blocked), 10:26.

Dallas salvages 1-1 tie with Phoenix

Associated Press

DALLAS — With three of their top six defensemen out with injuries, the Dallas Stars are going through their first difficult stretch in what had been a dream season.

Dallas needed Mike Modano's goal with 6:35 left in regulation to salvage a a 1-1 tie with struggling Phoenix on Sunday night, keeping the Coyotes winless in their last nine games.

Stars defenseman Shawn Chambers left with a first-period hand injury. X-rays showed the hand wasn't broken, but coach Ken Hitchcock said he was unsure how long Chambers would be out. The Stars already were missing defensemen Derian Hatcher and Sergei Zubov because of injuries.

Dallas also learned before the game that left wing Benoit Hogue had been diagnosed with a facial fracture suffered in Saturday's loss at St. Louis and will be out for an estimated four weeks.

"We're down to three defensemen and we could be for a few weeks, so of course I'm very concerned," Hitchcock said. "It's a difficult time for us. But all teams go through this at some point of the season."

Dallas especially misses Zubov on the right point of the power play. Before going on injured reserve last Tuesday with a neck injury, he was first among NHL defensemen with 47 points and was the key to the league's No. 1 power play. Since Zubov's exit three games ago, the Stars are winless (0-2-1) and are 0-for-17 on the power play.

"It's like the Cowboys losing Troy Aikman," Hitchcock said. "Zubov is the quarterback and without him our power play is out of synch. It's probably going to be like this until we get our people back."

Phoenix took a 1-0 lead when Teppo Numminen's slap shot from the right point beat a screened Ed Belfour with 11:31 remaining in regulation. Numminen's seventh goal came while the Coyotes were on their seventh power play of the night.

Former Chaparral golfer wins first European title

DOHA, Qatar (AP) — Scotland's Andrew Coltart won his first European Tour title Sunday, capturing the $1 million Qatar Masters by two strokes.

Coltart birdied three of the first five holes and made two more birdies on the back nine for a 5-under-par 67. He finished the tournament with a 270 total, 18-under-par.

England's Andrew Sherborne, who had led by two shots after the third round, carded a 71 and wound up tied for second at 272.

The day turned out to be a double celebration for Coltart, as he also was crowned the Australian Tour Order of Merit winner.

Coltart had won the Australian PGA championship earlier this year.

"I'm exhausted," Coltart said, after earning $166,000 for his victory.

"I didn't stop worrying until I reached the final green. It's a huge relief to finally win my first European Tour title."

Coltart's best previous performances were three second-place finishes — at the Catalonia Open in 1995, the Johnny Walker Classic in 1996 and the Scottish Open in 1996.

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MHS: Bulldogs to play Friday

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be at a size disadvantage.

Also, No. 1 ranked Dallas Kimball (33-4) fell to Westwood Saturday as another of the state's big guns fell. Kimball was going for its third consecutive state title.

The field is now a little thinner than what the experts predicted for the Final Four.

"We're happy to be where we are, I can tell you that," said MHS basketball coach Jack Stephenson Sunday after learning of the pairings. "Some of the big guys fell and we've got the best record going in. It's nice.

"Also, we've found that all these teams are human just like us. It's not like when we went down there (as a third place team in District 4-5A) in 1994 against Sugar Land Willowridge. We'll be playing at least on even terms."

One really interesting final could develop, however, should both Taft and MHS advance to Saturday's finals. Taft handed MHS its only on-court loss of the season, 70-60, on Nov. 29 in a tournament in San Antonio. That was a game in which MHS scoring leader Kirby Lemons suffered major foul trouble. First, both must win Friday to make that happen, but both will be favored.

In Class 4A, the Permian Basin will have another area team with the 32-3 Lamesa Golden Tornadoes. The Tors have drawn 31-3 Houston Waltrip for a 7 p.m. date on Thursday. The other half of the 4A semifinals is Waco University (34-3) vs. Dallas Highland Park (32-3). The two winners go for the 4A championship at 4 p.m. Saturday.

If you are planning on attending Midland High's 3 p.m. game with Pearland in Austin Friday, tickets for Midland High's state tournament appearance Friday in Austin will go on sale today at noon (or as soon as the tickets arrive) at the Memorial Stadium ticket office.

The ticket office will be open from noon until 7 p.m. today and from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Tuesday. All tickets are $6. Only cash will be accepted for ticket payment.

1998 UIL State Boys Basketball

1998 University Interscholastic League Boy's State Basketball Tournament, March 12-14, Frank Erwin Center — Austin, Texas

Thursday, March 12 Semifinals

Conference 1A

Goodrich (32-4) vs. Gruver (22-12), 8:30 a.m.

Moulton (36-2) vs. Lipan (31-6), 10 a.m.

Conference 3A

Clarksville (31-5) vs. Stafford (27-7), 2 p.m.

Tulia (35-0) vs. Crockett (25-7), 3:30 p.m.

Conference 4A

Lamesa (32-3) vs. Houston Waltrip (31-3), 7 p.m.

Waco University (34-3) vs. Dallas Highland Park (32-3), 7:30 p.m.

Friday, March 13 Semifinals

Conference 2A

Krum (35-1) vs. Beckville (32-4), 9:30 a.m.

Little River Academy (35-1) vs. Lockney (19-6), 11 a.m.

Conference 5A

Midland High (34-2) vs. Pearland (29-8), 3 p.m.

San Antonio Taft (34-4) vs. Round Rock Westwood (31-6), 7 p.m.

MHS Playoff History

(Since 1960)

1960: Lost to Borger in bi-district, 0-1.

1971: Lost to Wichita Falls Rider in bi-district, 0-1.

1972: Defeated Wichita Falls Rider in bi-district; defeated Lubbock Monterey in region semifinals; defeated Highland Park in region finals; lost to San Antonio Jefferson in state semifinals, 3-1.

1973: Defeated Richland in bi-district; defeated Irving in region semifinals; defeated El Paso Austin in region finals; defeated Spring Branch in state semifinals; lost to Houston Wheatley in state finals, 4-1.

1979: Defeated Wichita Falls in bi-district; lost to Fort Worth Dunbar in region semifinals, 1-1.

1981: Defeated Denton in bi-district; lost to Fort Worth Dunbar in region semifinals, 1-1.

1984: Lost to Amarillo High in bi-district, 0-1.

1989: Lost to Amarillo High in bi-district, 0-1.

1991: Lost to Plainview in bi-district, 0-1.

1993: Lost to Amarillo Tascosa in bi-district, 0-1.

1994: Defeated Lubbock Monterey in bi-district; defeated El Paso Andress in area; defeated Amarillo Tascosa in region quarterfinals; defeated Fort Worth Dunbar in region semifinals; defeated The Colony in region finals; lost to Sugar Land Willowridge in state semifinals, 5-1.

1995: Defeated Lubbock Monterey in bi-district; lost to El Paso Irvin in area, 1-1.

1996: Lost to Amarillo High in bi-district, 0-1.

1997: Drew first round bye; def. El Paso Franklin in bi-district; defeated El Paso Eastwood in region quarterfinals; lost to Duncanville in region semifinals, 2-1.

1998: Drew first round bye; def. El Paso Eastwood in area; def. El Paso Hanks in region quarterfinals; def. Duncanville in region semifinals; def. Flower Mound Marcus in region finals, 4-0.

Overall Playoff Record: 21-14 (.600). Jack Stephenson's overall playoff record at MHS is 13-9 (.591).

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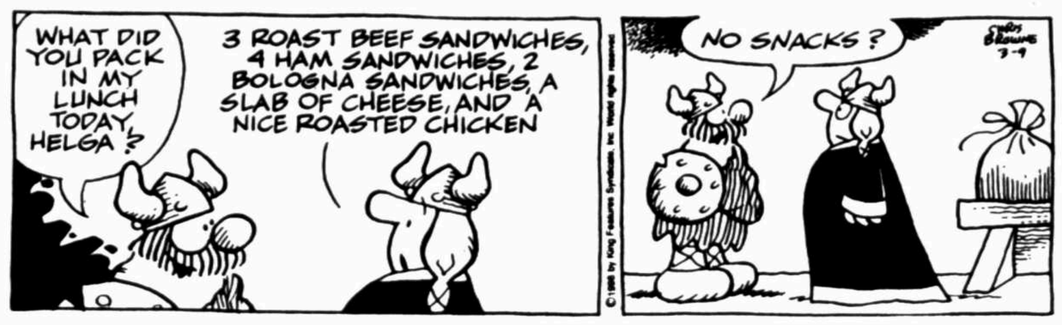

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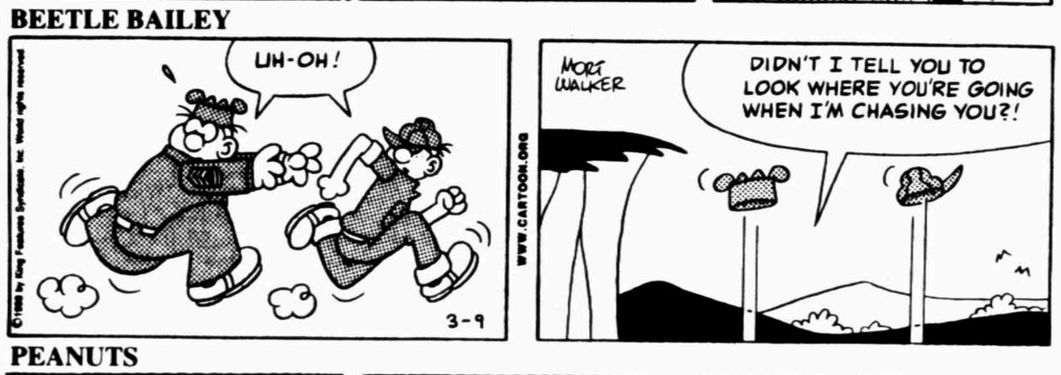

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult.

MONDAY, MARCH 9, 1998

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Spirits run high, and there is enthusiasm to carry you a long way. Friends cause a major diversion; you need to restructure your goals for the day. Attend a "must" meeting. Everyone has ideas about what to do. Brainstorming is potent. Tonight: Imagination rolls on.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Get down to the basics. You are challenged to make funds cover the bills. An associate holds a point of view different from yours. Animated discussions address core issues. Recognize the day's priorities before you get into a hypothetical discussion. Tonight: Happy at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You are overwhelmed by all the changes that come your way. Your ability to adjust comes to the forefront. It seems the more work you get done, the more you have to do. Lovely communications set the tone for the day. Keep your sense of humor. Tonight: Talk until late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Financial matters are highlighted. Be more in touch with what you need. Work proves challenging. Don't fight the inevitable: You might need to go back to school or learn more in your field. And don't fight change; accept new technology. Tonight: Indulge.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your personality shines through snags, difficult people and a need to organize your finances. Smile all you want, but refuse to take a risk. Gambling with emotions on funds will backfire now. Do what comes naturally: Rely on your interpersonal skills. Tonight: You glow!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You are inordinately pressured by a partner about your home life, choices and directions. Just when you decide something is settled, you discover it isn't. Focus on work, taking time to focus, get centered and concentrate. Answers come to you. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Aim for the bull's-eye. There is uproar and the unexpected around you; you can handle it. A loose approach brings positive results. A loved one does whatever he needs to get your attention. You have the energy to deal with it. Tonight: A needed conversation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Pressure is intense at work, and you need to look at the whole picture. Listen carefully, and follow through on a long-term goal. For now, it is clear that you cannot handle a family member. Be especially carefully with finances. Tonight: All work and no play.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ You are cantankerous and difficult yet unconscious of it. You pose a challenge to a family member. He tries hard to make peace. Emphasize detachment, and understand the big picture. Accept an offer that affords you more expertise. Tonight: Browse through a bookstore.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ One-to-one relating eases financial pressure. If need be, make an appointment at your bank or with your accountant. You might need help. Communications are abundant. Sort through options. Don't make something a problem before it is. Tonight: Listen to a friend's advice.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ You rebel against another's dictates. You don't like his attitude. You feel in control financially, and for that reason, need to carefully think through a decision. A friend helps and hinders at the same time. Take an overview. Tonight: Let another air his opinion, one more time.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Your strong suit today is your ability to get your work done, no matter what is going on. Listen carefully to a loved one. Bosses are difficult, but they can only complain so much if you get the job done. Review a work situation. Tonight: Off to the gym.

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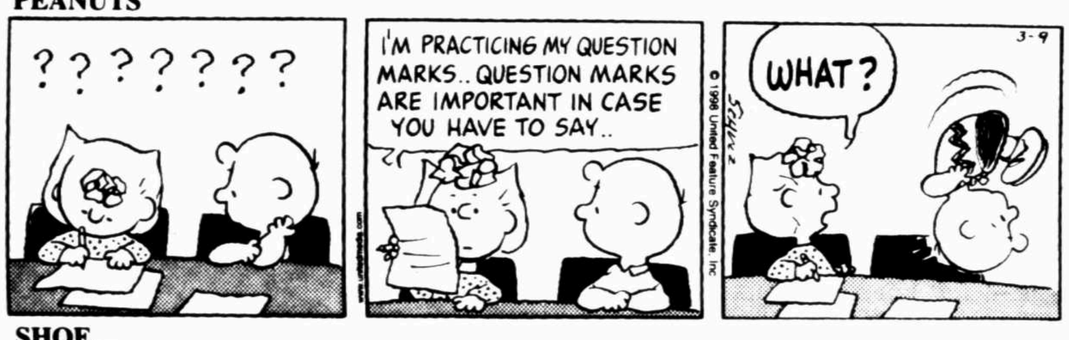

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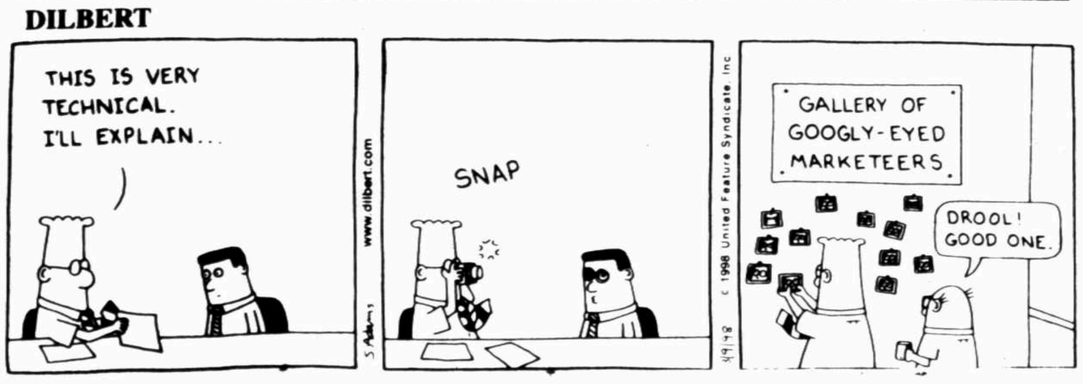

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q 1. Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ A 10 2 ♡ K 9 8 4 ◇ A 10 4 ♣ A Q 10

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	3♡	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A Despite flat distribution, you have a maximum hand in support of hearts — an almost all-prime 17 points with four-card support for partner's major. The textbook way to tell partner about all this is with an immediate cue-bid of your cheapest control. Bid three spades.

Q 2. As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A K 9 6 5 4 ♡ J 6 ◇ K J 9 2 ♣ Q

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A The question is whether to rebid your six-card major or introduce your four-card minor. Standard practice is to rebid the major with a minimum opening but introduce the minor with extra values. Since those honors in hearts and clubs are doubtful assets, the South hand is clearly a minimum opening bid, so we would rebid two spades.

Q 3. Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ Q J ♡ A Q 8 4 ◇ A J 10 3 2 ♣ 7 3

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	1♡	Pass
2♡	Pass	3◇	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A First, you cannot pass. Once you have agreed upon a major suit, partner's return to your minor is a game try and is forcing to three of the major. Despite your minimum opening bid, partner's diamond fit improves your hand enormously, and game cannot depend on more than a finesse, and might be laydown. Jump to four hearts.

Q 4. Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ 9 8 7 4 ♡ A 10 5 ◇ 7 5 ♣ A K J 2

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1◇	Pass
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What do you bid now?

A Obviously, the choice lies between one no trump and showing your emaciated spade suit. The modern tendency here is to bid the major suit, especially since that tends to confirm a genuine club suit as well, so bid one spade. Take away a club and add a diamond, and we would opt for one no trump.

Q 5. East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠ A J 8 4 2 ♡ 10 9 5 ◇ 3 ♣ A J 8 7

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	2♣	2♠	Pass
3♣	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A Partner's club cue-bid is good news and bad news. The good news is that it shows a strong hand with spade support. The bad is that it suggests partner could be void in clubs, so those values might be wasted. Warn partner of this by bidding three no trump now.

Q 6. As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠ A 8 7 ♡ A 9 4 3 ◇ 10 9 3 ♣ 6 4 3

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♡	Pass
1♠	Pass	?	

What action do you take?

A As intimated in problem four, this sequence promises a genuine club suit. Since a responding hand with two aces is nothing to sneeze at, we would keep the bidding alive. The obvious way to do so is with a preference to two clubs.

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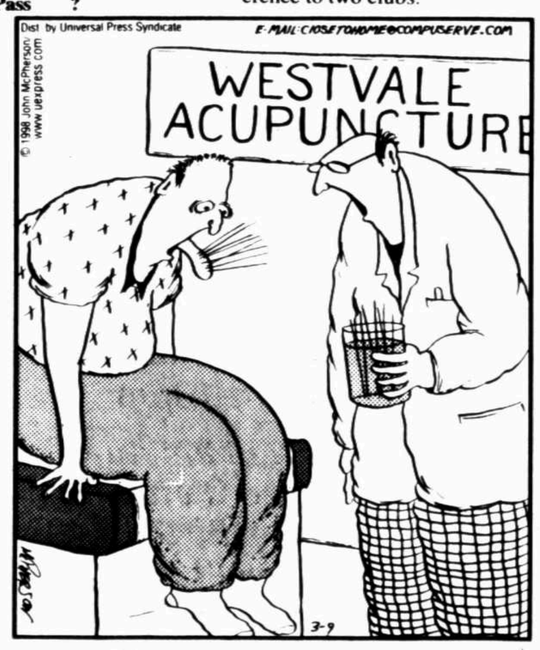

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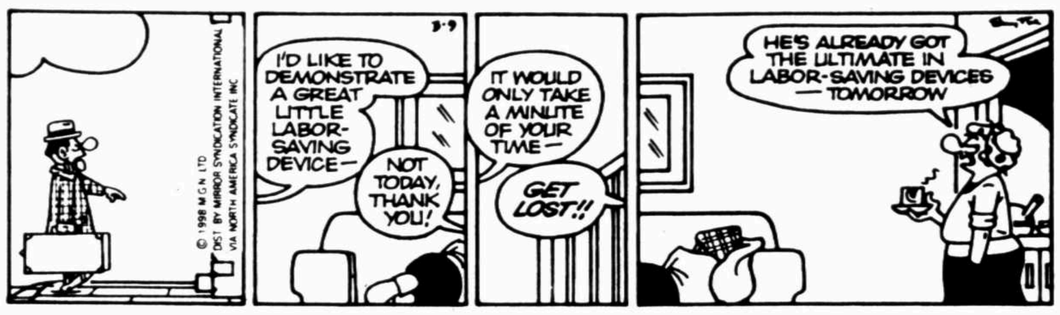

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"A hug is like a boomerang. You get it back right away."

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"LOOKS LIKE DINNER'S GONNA BE LATE. MOM'S IN THE CHAT ROOM."

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

MONDAY EVENING — March 9, 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 625	Wheel of Fortune	America's Funniest Home Videos 4335 (TVG)		20/20 3083		The Practice: Another Day 3847		News 18915	Cheers 94335	Nightline 2489	Keenen I. Wayans
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Melrose Place 10712 (TV14-LS)		Ally McBeal: Theme of Life 29460 (TV14-D)		Earth: Final Conflict 16996 (TVPG)		Home Improvement	Mad About You	Vibe 29373	
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 3147	Grace Under Fire	Cosby 6625 (TVG)	Raymond	The Closer 5373	George & Leo 4880	Brooklyn South 36847 (TV14-L)		News 9097538	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married... Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 2793	Seinfeld 6373	Suddenly Susan	House Rules 2557	Caroline in the City	The Naked Truth	Dateline NBC 41793		News 6438737	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	D. Burke	J. Hagee	The Light of the Southwest 96083				Eve. News	J. Meyer	Richard Roberts 86793		Otterness	Joe Good
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 328248		Antiques Roadshow 161880 (TVG)		Lewis & Clark: The Journey of the Corps of Discovery (Part 1 of 2) 573538				Telecourse 472793			
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(8) CNBC		8	Business Center	Equal Time W/Bay	Hardball With Chris Matthews 3382002		Rivera Live 3368422		The News With Brian Williams 3388286		Charles Grodin 3381373		Rivera Live 1709538	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Coach 213538	7th Heaven: Do Something 462977 (TVG)		Three: The Item 471625 (TVPG-V)		News 491489		Beverly Hills, 90210 461248 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 387016 (TV14-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	Golf: Senior Slam at Los Cabos, Day One 286354								The Green Berets (G, '68) ★★ (John Wayne, David Janssen) 79809894			
(14) FAM		14	Wildlife Adventures: Underwater Predators		Rescue 911 792809 (TVPG)		Diagnosis Murder 701557 (TVPG)		Hawaii Five-0 781793 (TVPG)		The 700 Club 784880		Bonanza: Ponderosa Explosion 330118 (TVG)	
(24) BRAV		24	Pavarotti's Return		Cinema Paradiso (PG, '89) ★★★ (Salvatore Cascio) 277957					Gate of Hell ('54) ★★★ 782536			Villella	Pavarotti
(26) BET		26	Planet Groove 531660				Hit List 686719		Comicview 987925		BET Tonight 836052		227	Mid. Love
(27) DISN		27	Cats Don't Dance (G, '97) ★★ 8263286			That Darn Cat (7:30) (PG, '97) ★ (Christina Ricci) 7784289			Goofing Around	Growing Pains	Walt Disney Presents 469880 (TVG)		Zorro 742625	Mickey Mouse Club
(28) CNN		28	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today		Larry King Live 349606		Impact 352170		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Showbiz
(29) ESPN		29	SportsCenter (5:30)	Tourney Preview	MLS Preview	Auto Racing: NASCAR Stihl Outdoor Power Tools 300 667915				Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter 175083		March Madness	Motorcycle Racing
(30) USA		30	Highlander: Little Tin God 508422 (TVPG)		Walker, Texas Ranger 358354 (TVPG)		WWF RAW 367002 (TVPG)		WWF War Zone 354538 (TVPG)		Silk Stalkings: Family Affair 357625 (TV14-S)		Highlander: The Messenger 781828 (TVPG)	
(31) FX		31	Miami Vice 7600199		The X-Files 1034606		NYPD Blue 1043354		In Color	In Color	The X-Files 1033977		NYPD Blue 8827625	
(32) A&E		32	Law & Order: Poison Ivy 960248 (TVPG)		Biography: William Shatner 703890 (TVG)		Poirot: Four & Twenty Blackbirds 729828 (TVG)		Sherlock Holmes 709064 (TVG)		Law & Order: Helpless 702151 (TVPG)		Biography: William Shatner 143644 (TVG)	
(33) TLC		33	Vila's Home Again	Vila's Home Again	Extreme Machines 680480 (TVG)		The Secret World of Circuses and Sideshows		Trauma Center 280444 (TVPG)		Extreme Machines 288691 (TVG)		The Secret World of Circuses and Sideshows	
(34) NICK		34	Doug 543335	Rugrats 567915	Hey Arnold!	Bewitched 563199	Bewitched 818151	Bewitched 837286	Bewitched 869575	Bewitched 978267	Bewitched 263847	Bewitched 249267	Bewitched 819070	I Love Lucy
(36) LIFE		36	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Indiscretion of an American Wife ('98) 718047				Attitudes	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Mysteries
(39) OUTDR		39	Great Outdoorsman	Wilderness Camper	Nahanni: The River Less Traveled 6033793		Miami Boat Show	Wavefarer 7211083	Surfer Magazine	Surfer's Journal	Nahanni: The River Less Traveled 6032064		Miami Boat Show	Wavefarer 9586199
(42) UNI		42			Maria Isabel 90996 (TVPG)		Alguna Vez Tendremos Alas 79824 (TVPG)		Cristina ... Edicion Especial 89880		Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	Al Ritmo de la Noche 907083 (TV14)	
(43) FSN		43	The Last Word	Fox Sports News	Clemente 65248		Boxing: Fight Night at the Forum 78712				Fox Sports News 97847		Fox Sports News 78538	
(44) COM		44	The Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	Monty Python and the Holy Grail (PG, '75) ★★★ (Graham Chapman, John Cleese) 3044179				Tim Allen Rewires	Make Me Laugh	The Daily Show	Ben Stein's Money	Saturday Night Live 3240354 (TVPG)	
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(20) DISC		20	Gimme Shelter 968880 (TVG)		Wild Discovery 718712 (TVG)		Raging Planet: Blizzard 727460 (TVG)		Secrets of Alcatraz 714996 (TVG)		Justice Files: Young Guns 717063		Wild Discovery 125248 (TVG)	
(21) AMC		21	Sudden Fear (5)		Calamity Jane ('53) ★★★ (Doris Day) 907638				The Best Years of Our Lives ('46) ★★★★ (Fredric March, Myrna Loy) 148161					
(22) TNN		22	Dallas 285880		Today's Country		Prime Time Country		Country Awards		Dallas 335593		Dukes of Hazzard	
(23) TNT		23	Babylon 5 218118		WCW Monday Nitro 381625 (TVPG-V)						Glory and Honor ('98) (Dabney Lindo) 313379			
(46) HBO		46	Grosse 2 (5) (PG, '93) ★ 8118961		The First Wives Club (PG, '96) ★★ (Goldie Hawn, Bette Midler) 8019001				To Gillian on Her 37th Birthday (8:45) (PG-13, '96) ★★ 68169119		Shakespeare (R, '97) (Kevin Dillon, Nick Stahl) 6887718			
(47) MAX		47	Dear God (5) (PG, '96) ★★ 3000125		Mars Attacks! (PG-13, '96) ★★ (Jack Nicholson, Glenn Close) 3108838				Dead Tides (R, '97) (Roddy Piper, Tammy Gillespie) 6887738		Animal Instincts 3 (10:55) (R, '98) ★ (Mandy Bruno-Sarti) 64458807			
(48) SHOW		48	Penthouse (5) (PG, '94) ★★ 7000125		Academy of Television Arts & Sciences 769606 (TVG)				Land and Freedom ('95) ★★★ (Ian Hart, Rosana Pastor) 344181		Poltergeist: The Legacy 798118 (TVPG-DSV)			
(49) TMC		49	Home for the Holidays (5:15) (PG-13, '95) ★★ (Holly Hunter, Robert Downey Jr.) 7498547				Jon's Apartment (PG-13, '96) ★★ (Jerry O'Connell) 7188179			Swingers (8:20) (R, '96) ★★ (Jon Favreau, Vince Vaughn) 33938199	Money Talks (R, '97) ★★ (Chris Tucker) 4761997		Night Game (11:00) (R, '98) ★ 66922441	
(50) VC1		50	Fire Down Below (5)		The Game (R, '97) ★★ (Michael Douglas, Sean Penn) 4335998					Money Talks (R, '97) ★★ (Chris Tucker) 4761997				The Game
(51) VC4		51	Hoodlum (5) (R, '97) ★★ (Laurence Fishburne, Tim Roth)				Hoodlum (R, '97) ★★ (Laurence Fishburne, Tim Roth)				Hoodlum (R, '97) ★★ (Laurence Fishburne, Tim Roth)			
(88) PLAY		88	Amnesiac (AO, '98) (Janine, Alyssa Love)				Videos: Girlfriends		Video Calendar 1998		Dangerous Lady (AO, '97) (Lexus, Ruby)			
(89) HC		89	Movie (4)		Casualties (R, '97) 3068118		Body Armor (R, '97) (Matt McColm) 4468373				Pvt. Passions: Secrets		City Girls: Phoenix	

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What would Cartman say about the careers of his creators — 'Sweeet'

NEW YORK — **David Schwimmer** likes getting outside his TV self.

The actor who plays gullible Ross on "Friends" got to be someone "diametrically opposed" in "Kissing a Fool," Schwimmer says in the March 16 People magazine.

He plays an unsavory smoothie who is "arrogant and a womanizer," said Schwimmer, 31. "I can't use profanity, so let's just say he's an animal."

Schwimmer also has roles in the upcoming films "Six Days/Seven Nights" and "Apt Pupil," meaning a lot of overtime for the sitcom star.

"I'm loving it," Schwimmer said of the film work. "It makes working on the show even more enjoyable."

He's also more comfortable now that the mid-1990s "Friends" hysteria has died down.

"It's calmed down a lot," Schwimmer said. "I'm less frightened when I go out."

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NEW YORK — Filmgoers are going to be seeing a lot of newcomer **Rufus Sewell**, which worries the British actor who remembers his starving artist days too well.

"The focal point of my life was my lack of money," Sewell says in the March 13 Entertainment Weekly. "Anyone will tell you that the primary thing they remember about me was that I always wanted a bite of their sandwich, or to borrow 20 (pence) or whatever."

Money's no problem anymore for the actor starring in "Dark City" and "Dangerous Beauty." Previous credits include the small English films "Carrington," "Cold Comfort Farm" and "A Man of No Importance."

Upcoming, he'll be seen in "Illuminata" with Susan Sarandon and Christopher Walken, "At Sachem Farm" with Minnie Driver and in the Miramax comedy "Martha Meet Frank, Daniel and Laurence."

"I'm very, very scared of saying that things are going well," said Sewell, 30. "Yes, I've got lots of things coming out, but I've been slapped on the back before and told, 'This is going to be the big one, sonny.'"

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ASPEN, Colo. — As weird as "South Park" gets, the dark, animated Comedy Central hit featuring four foul-mouthed third-graders and a town full of weirdos is still just like home for its creators, **Trey Parker** and **Matt Stone**.

Set in a fictional mountain town, the TV locale is a lot like Colorado's Alma area, where Parker grew up. The wacky Rocky Mountain region is renowned for UFO sightings and tales of alien abduction. Stone grew up not far away in Littleton, where the grave of a notorious cannibalistic killer was a popular hangout.

A man going berserk in the real South Park-area town of Alma recently may become show material for Trey Parker, left, and Matt Stone's cartoon series.

So when a man went berserk in the real South Park-area town of Alma recently, killing an ex-mayor and trashing government buildings with a front-end loader, a sheriff's deputy said it reminded him of the "South Park" show.

"It isn't a comedy. It's a documentary," said Deputy B.J. Macumber, an avid viewer.

When family called to tell them what had happened in Alma, "It was great for us," Parker said at the Aspen Comedy Arts Festival. "We were thinking: 'What are we going to do for another show?'"

Parker, 28, and Stone, 26, have attracted considerable criticism for the show's violence and vulgar language, but haven't suffered for it professionally. They'll star in the upcoming film "Basketball" and have contracted to write a sequel to the movie "Dumb and Dumber," along with making 20 more episodes of "South Park."

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LOS ANGELES — **James Cameron**, creator of the heavy Oscar-favorite "Titanic," won the Directors Guild of America award for best director.

"Wow," Cameron said in accepting the award Saturday. "This is one of the proudest moments of my life. It's tremendous."

Other nominees were the directors of "L.A. Confidential," "Amistad," "Good Will Hunting," and "As Good As It Gets."

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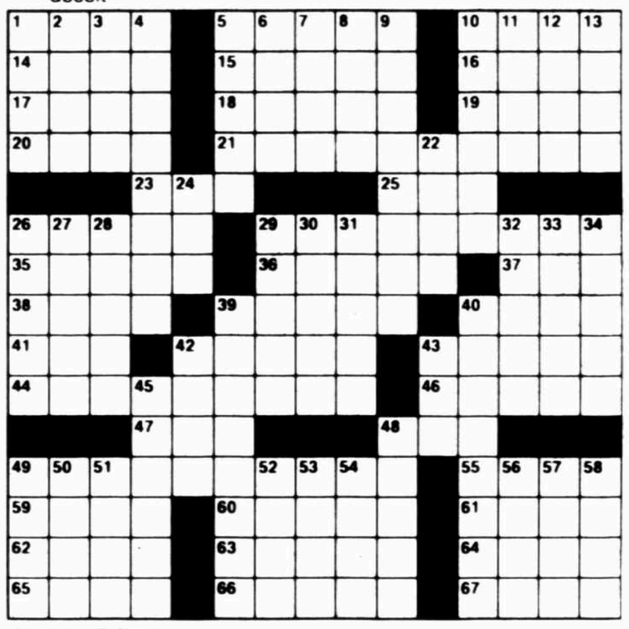

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Martin stuggles at Austin Open

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — With his fingers numb and a wind howling, Casey Martin discovered that his right to ride a golf cart had a downside on a day like this.

He never got warm in his roofless cart and struggled to a 6-over-par 78 on Sunday in the Greater Austin Open, his first competitive event since he won a lawsuit against the PGA Tour.

"It was brutal out there," Martin said after contending with 40 mph gusts and a wind chill of 21 degrees. "My hands were freezing and the clubs felt like I was holding metal rods. It was one of the hardest days I've ever played."

Michael Allen won the battle of survival Sunday, taking a two-shot victory over Gene Sauers and Chris Zambri under horrific scoring conditions.

Golfers were faced with winds at The Hills Country Club that reached 40 mph and a chill factor which dropped to 22 degrees. No golfers were able to break par-72 on the final day after 29 had achieved that on Saturday. The low score of the day was 2-over by four golfers. The average score was 78.50

Allen's winning total of 76-280 was the second highest in Nike Tour history. He collected $40,500 for his victory, his first on the Nike or PGA Tour.

"I've never seen conditions like this," said Allen, who spent a couple of years playing in Europe. "In Scotland or Ireland you play through rain, but I've never seen it this consistently cold."

Allen shot 39 on the front nine of The Hills Country Club, but was still able to pick up ground on the rest of the field. He bogeyed holes 12-13, then rolled in a 35-foot birdie putt on the last hole to pad his victory margin.

Martin isn't allowed a windscreen or a roof under PGA Tour rules and he could have used one on the 42-degree day more fit for football than golf.

"The cart was a big disadvantage and I couldn't get loose," said Martin, who limps on his right leg because of a disability from birth. "I can't walk this course and I was considerably colder than the other guys because I never had a chance to warm up."

The 25-year-old had no birdies and six bogeys as he finished the tournament at even-par 288 over the Jack Nicklaus-designed Hills of Lakeway course well back in the field.

He was not alone in his troubles. By the time he finished his round, no golfer had broken par for the day.

Martin won the first Nike event of the season at Lakeland, Fla., then failed to make the cut in the next one. He hadn't played competitively since Jan. 11.

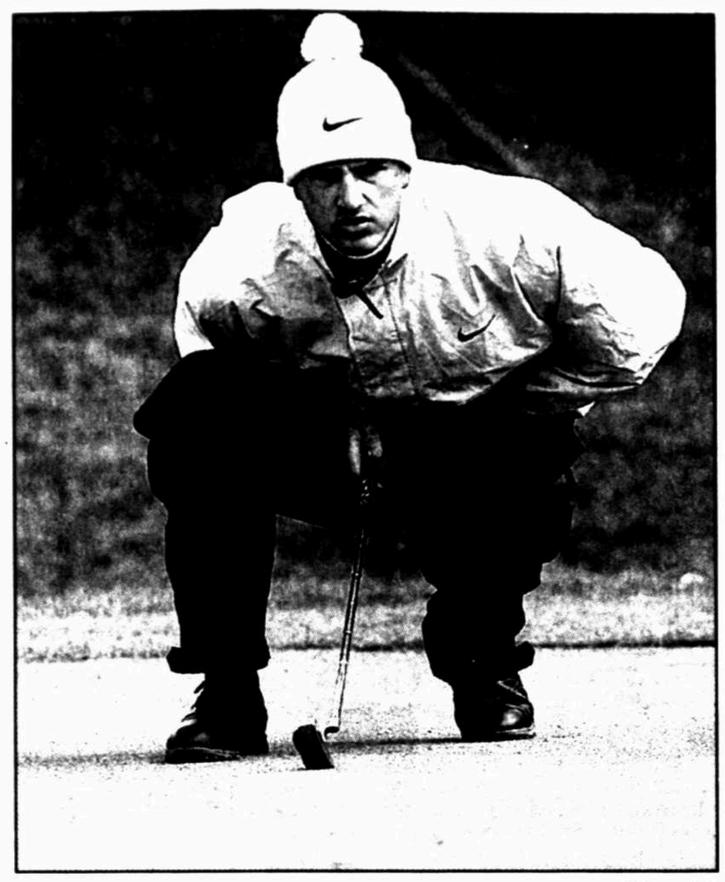
Asked to grade his performance, Martin, a teammate of Tiger Woods at Stanford, joked, "Oh, like Tiger about a B-minus." Woods was ridiculed for grading his rounds last year.

Martin never came close to a birdie. He had a 15-footer on the seventh hole and knocked his putt 6 feet past. He made it coming back for par.

"You had no feeling in your fingers and you were even flinching on your putts," Martin said. "My leg held up OK though."

This was his first tournament since a federal magistrate on Feb. 11 ordered the PGA Tour to grant Martin the right to ride a cart.

On Monday, he will be in California for a Stanford golf fund-raiser then fly to New York for an event connected with one of his new sponsors, Hartford Life Insurance Co. He resumes play on the Nike Tour in two weeks at Monterrey, Mexico.



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Casey Martin, of Eugene, Ore., lines up his put on the 16th hole during the final round of the Nike Greater Austin Open. Martin tied for 16th place.

More Sports/1D

Sprewell on 60 Minutes: I wasn't choking coach

By Rob Gloster
AP Sports Writer

Though he admits he had his hands around the neck of his coach, Latrell Sprewell insists he never choked P.J. Carlesimo and he does not need anger counseling before returning to the NBA.

In a transcript of an interview broadcast Sunday night on CBS' "60 Minutes," Sprewell said the marks on Carlesimo's neck were made by his nails and prove he wasn't choking the Golden State Warriors' coach.

"I wasn't choking P.J. I mean, P.J., he could breathe. It's not like he was losing air or anything like that. I mean, it wasn't a choke, I wasn't trying to kill P.J.," Sprewell said in his first public comments since an arbitrator reduced his punishment Wednesday.

"If you're choking someone, you don't get scratches. You get welts totally around your neck. It's not like I was going to sit there and kill the man. No, I would have stopped, definitely."

Warriors spokesman Eric McDowell said the team would not comment Sunday on Sprewell's remarks.

Sprewell attacked Carlesimo at practice Dec. 1. Two days later, the Warriors terminated the remaining three years on Sprewell's $32 million contract. The following day, the NBA suspended Sprewell for a year.

But arbitrator John Feerick ruled the dual penalties were too harsh. He reinstated the contract and reduced the suspension by five months, which means Sprewell will return to the Warriors July 1.

Sprewell will forfeit $6.4 million in salary for this season, but the Warriors must pay the final two years and $17.3 million of his deal — unless they trade him and another team becomes responsible for the contract.

Sprewell's remarks on "60 Minutes" echoed the testimony he gave before Feerick. Some of that testimony was included in the 106-page ruling issued by the arbitrator.

After the attack, Sprewell left the practice gym. He returned about 15 minutes later and was restrained by teammates. The former All-Star guard said he did not try to hit Carlesimo at that time.

Sprewell admitted he was upset and was screaming at Carleismo, but was stopped by teammates when he got within 4 to 5 feet of the coach.

"When that happened, I just started swinging my arms just to get free from those guys," Sprewell said. "This is where they say P.J. was punched or something. I know that I didn't intentionally go out there to hit P.J. I'm saying I didn't go out there and swing."

Sprewell said a confrontation with Carlesimo had been brewing for some time, and that it stemmed from a lack of respect by the coach.

"It was all about the respect factor with me," Sprewell said. "It was all about P.J. disrespecting me as a man. You don't talk to people the way that P.J. talked to me. To have my pride and my respect and my manhood means more than any dollar amount."

The arbitrator said Sprewell must undergo counseling before returning to the NBA, but Sprewell said the widespread debate stemming from the attack has provided all the counseling he needs.

"It's like I've been in counseling watching TV, you know," he said. "I've been counseled so much."

Part of the "60 Minutes" interview included a segment in which Sprewell meets with youngsters on a Los Angeles playground. One of them remarks that Sprewell beat his coach.

GOLF: Huston, Mayfair tie for second

(From 1C)

aging to have only two birdie putts inside 35 feet on the front nine and playing the four par-5s on the first 12 holes at the Blue Monster one-over.

But he made a run at the leaders down the stretch, making birdies on Nos. 14 and 16 to get to seven-under before closing with a double bogey on the final hole when he hit into the water.

Woods, who closed with a 73 and finished at 283, added a ninth-place finish to the two seconds and a third he has on the PGA Tour this year.

It was truly astounding that Bradley managed to right himself after missing the tap-in.

"That little putt on No. 11 really shocked me," he said. "I just told myself I had to regroup and try to make some birdies coming down the stretch."

He said a key was driving into the fairway on No. 12.

"That calmed me down," Bradley said. "That's a tough drive."

Bradley got the birdie he needed coming in on No. 16 when he made a 10-footer to get to 10-under. His only other birdie came on the downwind par-5 first hole.

The most exacting test of Bradley's mended nerves came on the dangerous 18th hole, when he drove perfectly then played a 6-iron from 169 yards to the safe right side of the green — away from the water.

The ball barely cleared the bunker on the right side and settled on the fringe with a chip toward the water. He chipped with a 7-iron to 5 feet and rolled in the putt to make the winning par.

"I didn't realize how hard that chip was until I got up there," Bradley said. "I looked at it and thought I could chip it into the water."

Instead he chipped it close and got the victory.

Nitschke, 61, dies of massive heart attack

By Jim Carlson
Associated Press Writer

MILWAUKEE — Hall of Fame linebacker Ray Nitschke, whose fierce play epitomized the champion Green Bay Packers of the Vince Lombardi era, died Sunday of a heart attack at age 61.

Nitschke was driving with his daughter, Amy Klaas, and 17-month-old granddaughter near his winter home in Naples, Fla., when he fell ill. He was pronounced dead at Venice Hospital.

Nitschke, a third-round draft pick of Green Bay out of Illinois, played for the Packers from 1958 to 1972 and was the defensive anchor on the Lombardi teams that won five NFL titles, including the first two Super Bowls. He was a member of the NFL's 75th anniversary all-time team.

Nitschke and Dick Butkus were the standard for the punishing middle linebacker of the '60s and '70s.

"He was one of the great players, not only in Packer history, but in NFL history," Packers spokesman Lee Remmel said.

In a recent poll, he was voted the fourth-best player in the team's history, behind receiver Don Hutson, current quarterback Brett Favre, and Bart Starr, the quarterback on Lombardi's teams.

"Ray was personable, outgoing and a great friend of so many of us in pro football," NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue said. "He made the transition from an intense middle linebacker during his Packer Hall of Fame playing days to an entertaining goodwill football ambassadoir during more recent years.

"He loved to return to Canton, Ohio, each summer where his unofficial role was to remind the incoming classs of Hall of Famers how privileged they all were to be part of the NFL. We, too, were privileged to have known Ray and his late wife, Jackie, who were loved and respected by everyone in the NFL family."

Nitschke, who made his home in Green Bay after his retirement, was often at Packers practices and traveled to road games. He was a man whose friendly demeanor was in stark contrast to his fierce on-field persona, chatting with whomever approached him.

"He was loved by thousands and thousands of Packers fans, because he always had time for them," said Remmel, who covered the Lombardi teams as a reporter and has been with the team since 1974.

"I remember sitting in the hotel lobbies when we were on the road and he obligingly posed for many photos and signed hundreds of autographs."

That persona had its effect on the current Packers, Super Bowl champions for the 1996 season and NFC champions in 1997.

Jordan scores 42 in New York finale

Associated Press

NEW YORK — From his shoes to his shots, it was vintage Michael Jordan in what may have been his last game at Madison Square Garden.

Jordan, wearing an original pair of red, white and black Air Jordan sneakers from his rookie season, scored 42 points Sunday with a dazzling display of shooting as the Chicago Bulls beat the New York Knicks 102-89.

"Some of the moves seemed to be coming from 1984," Jordan said. "I kind of went retroactive today."

Jordan shot 17-for-33 from the field, with some of his baskets coming on moves as outlandish as his signature line of shoes were considered back in 1984 when they first came out of the box.

"I was doing some cleaning up at home and ran into them," Jordan said, adding that he decided to wear them as a "sign of appreciation for all the respect I received here."

It may have been Jordan's final game at the Garden because he has said he will retire at the end of this season if the Bulls do not retain Phil Jackson as coach. Chicago management has been adamant about its intention to bring in a new coach, hence all the discussion about Jordan finishing with a flourish.

"If this so happens to be my last game here, certainly they can look at the shoes and the way it started and they way it ends, and it all started with that," he said.

Jordan's 42-point performance — the 192nd time in his career he has scored at least 40 — included a pair of over-the-shoulder shots with his back facing the basket on which he was fouled, an array of fadeaway jumpers from all angles and a 360-degree spin ending in a slam that would have done him proud back in his dunk contest days.

When he finally checked out with 1:03 remaining and the Bulls ahead by 13, the sell-out crowd of 19,763 gave a 15-second standing ovation to one of its greatest tormenters.

Lakers 96, Pistons 89

INGLEWOOD, Calif. — Shaquille O'Neal scored 20 of his 32 points in the second half and grabbed 13 rebounds Sunday as the Los Angeles Lakers beat the Pistons to move a season-high 24 games over .500.

Rick Fox added 22 points; Derek Fisher had his first career double-double with 13 points and 11 assists, and Elden Campbell had 13 points and eight rebounds for the Lakers, who won their third straight following a report that they were on the verge of firing coach Del Harris.

Wizards 100, 76ers 91

WASHINGTON — Rod Strickland displayed his full range of scoring moves to score 26 points and dish out 10 assists as Washington held off Philadelphia.

SuperSonics 99, Timberwolves 98, OT

MINNEAPOLIS — Vin Baker scored 27 points as Seattle erased a 13-point second-half deficit to snap a two-game losing streak.

Spurs 82, Trail Blazers 78

PORTLAND, Ore. — Tim Duncan had 25 points and 13 rebounds and Chuck Person sank a 20-foot bank shot for the go-ahead points as San Antonio held off Portland.

David Robinson had just 11 points.

Pacers 104, Celtics 100

INDIANAPOLIS — Reggie Miller scored 25 points and Dale Davis added a season-high 22 as Indiana beat Boston for the third straight time this season.

Hornets 109 Nets 100

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Anthony Mason converted two late three-point plays to lead Charlotte to its eighth straight win.

Hawks 101, Cavaliers 96

ATLANTA — Steve Smith, who had missed Atlanta's two previous games with a sore right knee, scored 33 points, including six during a late 11-3 run, in the Hawks' won for the sixth time in seven games.

Grizzlies 113, Raptors 106

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Bryant Reeves scored 15 of his game-high 38 points in the last 3 1/2 minutes as Vancouver ended an eight-game losing streak.

Clippers 100, Nuggets 89

DENVER — Eric Piatkowski scored 29 points as the Los Angeles Clippers handed the Denver Nuggets their 15th straight loss.

Local Sports

MHS softball suffers sweep

BRENHAM — The Midland High softball team took its lumps at the Brenham Tournament this past weekend, losing all three of its games over Friday and Saturday.

The Lady Bulldogs (8-7) lost their first game to Temple 5-0. The game was scoreless going into the fifth inning before Temple hit an inside-the-park grand slam off Megan Clingman to provide the winning runs. Midland High had only one hit in the game, a single by Renee Gonzalez.

Later Friday, MHS lost to Nacagdoches 10-5 in a slugfest. Midland High trailed the entire way in a game which couldn't be completed due to time constraints. Saturday, the Lady Bulldogs lost to Bellville 3-0. MHS gave up two runs in the first and one in the second, but nothing afterward.

"We faced some good quality teams," said Midland High coach Rich Wieligman. "Teams down there play year-round. We need to face a little bit better competition to do better against times like this."

Midland High returns to District 4-5A action Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. when it hosts Abilene High.

Lee boys 5th in Lubbock

LUBBOCK — The Midland Lee varsity boys track team finished fifth in the standings of the Lubbock Invitational Saturday in inclement weather. The only individual winner for the boys was Gerardo Diaz, who won the 300-meter hurdles in 39.99 seconds.

The Lee junior varsity boys won the team point standings with 127 points. T.J. Glover won both the triple jump and 110 hurdles.

Lee Varsity Boys: Discus: 5. Rex Richards, 126-0. Josh Miller 122-9. Shot Put: 2. Brian Boyd, 48-2. 110 Hurdles: 3. Gerardo Diaz, 15.42. 100: 6. Paul Guerrero, 11.64. 300 Hurdles: 1. Diaz, 39.99.

Lee JV Boys: Long Jump: 1. Sam Shearod, 18-2 1/2. 2. Jaquan Andrews, 18-1. Triple Jump: 1. T.J. Glover 41-9 1/2. 2. J.R. Brown, 39-1. Discus: 2. Andy Brwester, 120-5 1/2. 6. Michael Wynn, 105-6. Shot Put: 5. Brewster, 38-8. 3,200: 1. Jesse Porras, 11.17.18. 110 Hurdles: 1. Glover 16.0. 3. Kolby Ivanhoe, 17.9. 5. T.J. Mansell 19.2. 100: 3. Al Griffith, 11.94. 6. Eric Middleton, 11.99. 800: 1. J.R. Brown, 2.18.69. 6. Modesto Saucedo, 2.25.33. 400: 2. Matt Ratliff, 57.28. 400 Relay: 3. 47.13. 300 Hurdles: 2. Glover 45.55. 4. Ivanhoe, 48.52. 5. Mansell, 48.95.

Andrews wins golf tourney

ANDREWS — The Andrews golf team dominated at its own tournament, winning the team title by 17 strokes and having two golfers take the top two medalist spots in the Andrews Invitational Saturday.

Brad Gibson and Coy Ellison, who had been tied at 72 after the first round, took the top two individual spots, Gibson winning by two strokes thanks to his 78 Saturday. Ellison was second at 72-80 — 152. Daniel Pender of Midland Lee finished tied for seventh at 74-81 — 155.

Andrews shot 287-319 —616 to win the tournament, well ahead of San Angelo Lake View at 633. While the A team was sharp, the Andrews B team finished third at 306-331 —637, a stroke ahead of Lee at 307-331 — 638.

Among other local schools, Lamesa (310-345 —655) was ninth, Big Spring (323-350 —673) was 13th and Midland High (330-346 — 676) was tied for 14th.

Jason Lindgren had the top individual score for Midland High with an 81-84 — 165.

Final results from the Andrew Invitational boys tournament at the Andrews Country Club:

Team Standings: 1. Andrews A 297-319 —616. 2. Lake View 299-334 —633. 3. Andrews B 306-331 —637. 4. Lee 307-331 —638. 5. Odessa High 314-326 —640. 6. Borger 305-337 —642. 7. Amarillo High 322-328 —650. 8. Monahans 324-329 —653. 9. Lamesa 310-345 —655. 10. Pampa 318-347 —665. 11. Hanks 324-345 —669. 12. Tascosa 329-343 —672. 13. Big Spring 323-350 —673. 14 (tie). Fort Stockton 326-350 —676 and Midland High 330-346 —676. 16. Permian 336-344 —680. 17. Snyder 347-336 —683. 18. Plainview 333-351 —684. 19 (tie). Andrews C 335-352 —687 and Sweetwater 324-363 — 687. 21. Lubbock 342-348 — 690. 22. Seminole 326-365 —691. 23. Canyon 347-346 —693. 24. Frenship 338-356 —694. 25. Eastwood 332-372 —704. 26. Pecos 347-359 —706. 27. Kermit 362-352 —714. 28. Brownfield 384-378 —762. 29. Palo Duro 384-386 —770. 30. Clint 388-390 —778.

Medalists: 1. Brad Gibson, Andrews 72-78 —150. 2. Coy Ellison, Andrews 72-80 —152. 3. Adam Roberts, Borger 73-80 —153. 4 (tie). Michael Pruitt, Idalou 76-78 —154. Jaime Luna, Odessa High 76-78 —154 and Jeremy Guevera, Lake View 76-78 —154. 7 (tie). Nick Arnold, Lake View 72-83 —155. Daniel Pender, Lee 74-81 —155 and Kyle Davis, Odessa High 76-79 —155. 10 (tie). Andy Hawkins, Lamesa 72-85 —157. Jeff Tracy, Amarillo 79-78 —157 and Brandon Gelo, Eastwood 74-83 —157.

Andrews A (616). Gibson 150. Ellison 150. J. Chris Hubert 72-88 —160. Ben Gulley 83-83 —166. Dustin Sherrill 81-78 —159.

Andrews B (637). Brook Varner 73-85 —158. Ryan Baird 79-81 —160. Cody Keesee 78-84 —162. Luke Varner 81-81 —162. Justin Townsley 76-85 —161.

Andrews C (687). Logan Cooksey 96-94 —190. Dennis Sanders 85-89 —174. Chase Richards 86-85 —171. Shae Wagner 80-84 —164. Clyde Carter 84-107 —191.

Big Spring (673). Sammy Rodriguez 76-84 —160. Heath Bailey 85-95 —180. Blake Weaver 80-91 —171. Chris Rodriguez 82-87 —169. Richard Gaitan 90-88 — 178.

Lamesa (655). Hawkins 157. Joey Sauseda 78-82 — 160. Jason Adams 75-87 —162. Ty Hodges 85-91 —176. Jeremy Jones 89-91 —180.

Lee (638). Omar Sanchez 83-91 —174. Pender 155. Chance Finley 75-84 —159. Thomas Freeman 78-86 — 164. Jared Cooper 80-80 —160.

Midland High (676). Jason Lindgren 81-84 —165. Matt Gerhard 79-92 —171. Zack Cauthen 86-83 —169. Micah Malouf 85-87 —172. C.W. Porter 85-92 —177.

Trinity doubles team triumphs

LUBBOCK — The Trinity girls doubles team of Heather Bartlett and Catherine Durbin won the weather-plagued Trinity Christian Invitational in Lubbock Saturday, while Durbin couldn't quite complete her run through the singles side.

Durbin reached the semifinals of the singles bracket where she was scheduled to face Kaley Haghley of Lubbock Trinity, but the match was stopped early due to the weather. The match has been rescheduled for Midland after spring break, where the winner will play in a rescheudled final.

Trinity's Leanna Gilles reached the girls quarterfinals, only to lose to Haghley.

On the boys side, Trinity's Tri Nguyen and Ryan McKenna reached the finals of the doubles competition before losing. Curtis McDonald reached the singles quarterfinals.

Trinity golfers place second

FORSAN — The Trinity boys golf team finished second at the Forsan Tournament Friday with a 337, behind winner Coahoma with a 323.

Steven Stoltz was second in the medalist standings for Trinity with a 79. Hunter Kennedy and Jamil Driscoll each shot 84 for Trinity while Jay Leonard and Nathan Pirtle each shot 90.

Speeds in question; rains postpone race until today

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

■ NASCAR

HAMPTON, Ga. — Has NASCAR slowed its powerful Winston Cup cars enough at Atlanta Motor Speedway?

That's a bone of contention as the sanctioning body gets ready to run the rain-delayed Primestar 500 Monday at the 1.54-mile oval.

The 500-mile event was scheduled Sunday, but rain forced a postponement.

Meanwhile, the debate raged over the speeds on the track that became considerably faster after being reconfigured last year between the March and November races from a continuous radius oval to a slightly longer quad oval.

On Friday, before rain washed out all the scheduled weekend activities, three drivers were injured in separate crashes.

Steve Park, a highly touted Winston Cup rookie, wound up in Georgia Baptist Hospital with fractures to his right thigh, left shoulder blade and collarbone and two broken teeth after crashing during the opening practice.

It appeared a broken suspension piece sent his Chevrolet hurtling into the fourth turn wall at close to 190 mph.

Later, two multicar crashes during a caution-filled ARCA stock car race sent drivers Bob Kelly and Mark Thompson to the hospital with an assortment of injuries, including concussions, broken bones and a collapsed lung for Kelly.

None of the three was in a life-threatening situation, but it was obvious the Atlanta track can be hazardous to the health of unlucky drivers.

"Everywhere's dangerous," said Bill Elliott, who missed seven races in 1996 while recuperating from a broken thigh sustained in a crash at Talladega. "Anywhere you can get hurt. I don't care if it's here or Martinsville or wherever. It's just the situation that here we've come into a new environment and now we've got to learn how to deal with what's thrown at us.

"The problem is, when something happens, instead of running 180, like this place used to be, you're running 190-plus, and the track's got so much grip, being fresh pavement. As far as speed, I'd say you're marginal here. I feel like you're getting to the point that maybe we need to do something."

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King: One more time for Chavez-Gonzalez

By Michelle Ortiz Ray
Associated Press Writer

MEXICO CITY — Promotor Don King might have been the happiest one in the house following draws in two championship fights on the same card.

Six-time world champion Julio Cesar Chavez and Miguel Angel Gonzalez, fighting for the vacant WBC super lightweight title, fought to a 12-round standoff Saturday night, setting off a raucous reaction and cries of "robbers" from the crowd of 50,000 that filled the Plaza Mexico bull ring.

Earlier, the undercard unification bout between WBC straw weight champion Ricardo Lopez and WBA champ Rosendo Alvarez, also ended in a draw.

King immediately began planning two rematches.

"It's incredible," he said. "We have to do it again."

Chavez, a folk hero in his native Mexico, was the clear favorite with the crowd. Fans wore red headbands bearing his name and chanted "Julio, Julio!"

After the draw was announced, spectators fired water bottles and seat cushions toward the ring.

Judge Terry Smith of the United States scored it 115-114 for Chavez, Larry O'Connell of Britain favored Gonzalez 116-114 and U.S. judge Chuck Hassett saw it as a 115-115 draw.

In 104 professional fights, Chavez now has had two draws and two losses. It was the first draw for Gonzalez, a former lightweight champion, who has had 42 wins and one defeat.

While Chavez started slowly in most of the 12 rounds, the 35-year-old put up a solid defense and largely protected his body. He dodged the punches of his 27-year-old opponent and closed several rounds with a fierce left jabs that backed up his rival.

"I think that it was fair," Gonzalez said of the outcome. "I had a better start, but in the rounds in the middle and at the end, I no longer wanted anything and avoided contact."

Chavez had spoken of retirement before the match. Now his thinking is different.

"I think that in a rematch I'm going to have a much greater opportunity to prepare myself. I already know and I will prepare myself without the injury to my arm," he said, referring to the 1997 elbow injury that had delayed Saturday's bout.

Ex-champ Roberto Duran, watching from ringside, said he thought the fight went to Chavez.

"Chavez won very well. To me, he won by two points," Duran said.

Chuck Williams, a boxing judge from Hawaii who was watching as a fan, agreed.

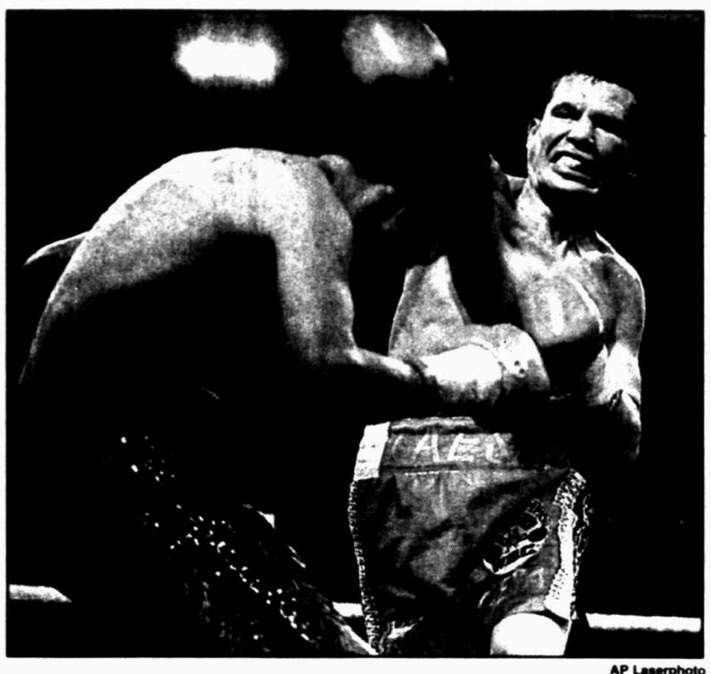
"Judging it from the seats, I gave Chavez the edge. But judging it from the seats is very, very difficult," Williams said.

Williams praised Chavez's performance, especially since it comes at what is believed to be the close of a brilliant 18-year career.

"I see it as the old warrior, Chavez, who came back and got in shape and fought a tough fight,' Williams said. "But surely, Miguel Angel Gonzalez deserves to be the champion when Chavez is ready to step aside."

On the undercard, a head butt by Alvarez opened a gash on Lopez's right eye, and the ring physician ordered the fight stopped after seven rounds. It was ruled a draw with Lopez leading 67-64 on one judge's card and Alvarez in front 68-63 on another while the third card had it even at 66-66.

Gabriel Mira of Mexico beat South Korea's Youngsoon Chang for the vacant WBC flyweight championship by a unanimous decision after 12 rounds.



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Julio Cesar Chavez, right, swings past Miguel Angel Gonzalez during their fight Saturday in Mexico City. The fight ended in a draw.

Guerrero hits slam; Nomo hit hard

Associated Press

Vladimir Guerrero hit a grand slam and Hideo Nomo was hit hard again in his second start of the spring as the Montreal Expos beat the Los Angeles Dodgers 11-7 Sunday.

Guerrero hit his third homer off the spring in the sixth inning off Ted Lilly. Guerrero, who had five RBIs, is 8-for-21 (.381) with eight RBIs this spring.

Nomo was knocked out after one-plus innings, allowing five runs, three hits and four walks. Nomo has been tagged for eight runs — seven earned — and eight hits in three innings this spring.

He made 41 pitches, got just three outs and left trailing 5-0.

After giving up a run in the first inning, Nomo allowed consecutive singles to Shane Andrews and Mike Mordecai opening the second. He then walked Orlando Cabrera and pitcher Carlos Perez, forcing in a run, and Frank Lankford relieved.

Royals 9, Astros 4

At Kissimmee, Fla. — Kansas City outfielder Rodney Myers led a 15-hit attack Sunday as the Royals defeated the Houston Astros 9-4 at Oceola County Stadium.

The Royals scored two runs off Astros starter Mike Hampton in each of the first two innings and held a 5-2 lead after five innings. Kansas City improved to 3-6. The Houston Astros dropped to 4-4-2.

Dean Palmer's RBI double and Joe Vitiello's run-producing single open the scoring in the first.

Royals shortstop Felix Martinez hit a one-out triple in the second and scored on Myers' single to left.

Jeff King drove Myers home with a blooper over the head of Astros shortstop Tim Bogar.

Bogar's second-inning double and subsequent error by Vitiello in left-field chased home Richard Hidalgo from first to put the Astros on the scoreboard.

Sean Berry's solo homer in the fourth pulled Houston to within two runs, but that was as close as the Astros would get.

Pittsburgh 8, Texas 4

Bredenton, Fla. — Jose Silva, bidding for a spot in Pittsburgh's starting rotation, pitched four scoreless innings and Jason Kendall had three hits Sunday as the Pittsburgh Pirates beat the Texas Rangers 8-4.

Silva, the winner, allowed two hits, walked two and struck out two. He is battling left-hander Chris Peters for the No. 5 starter's spot.

Kendall had an RBI single in the first off loser Rick Helling, who gave up one run and two hits in three innings.

Pittsburgh extended its lead to 6-0 with a five-run fifth off Roger Pavlik. Al Martin hit an RBI single, Kevin Young hit a sacrifice fly, Jose Guillen had a run-scoring grounder and pinch-hitter Aramis Ramirez had a two-run homer.

Will Clark and Fernando Tatis hit solo homers off Elvin Hernandez in the sixth. Chad Hermansen homered off Jonathan Johnson in the bottom half.

Red Sox 12, Orioles 9

At Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Nomar Garciaparra had two doubles and a triple, and drove in two runs. Boston took advantage of the wildness of Orioles pitchers, drawing 10 walks. Six came in a six-run second, when Boston drew four consecutive bases-loaded walks and erased a 3-1 deficit. Roberto Alomar, batting from the right side for the first time since May 31, had a pair of RBI singles.

Blue Jays 6, Yankees 5

At Dunedin, Fla., Felipe Crespo hit a two-run double off Joe Borowski in the ninth. Darryl Strawberry went 3-for-4 for the Yankees with two doubles, including one that drove in two runs in the seventh. Toronto starter Pat Hentgen allowed one run and four hits in four innings with five strikeouts.

Tigers 10, Indians 5

At Winter Haven, Fla., Brian Hunter hit a three-run homer in a seven-run fifth. Jason Jacome allowed all seven runs and six hits. Rich Batchelor allowed two more hits as Detroit sent 12 men to bat in the fifth. Manny Ramirez hit a two-run homer for Cleveland, and Jim Thome followed with a solo shot.

Reds (ss) 6, Twins (ss) 4

At Sarasota, Fla., Eric Owens had two hits and three RBIs. Cincinnati starter Dave Burba struck out eight in five innings, allowing one run and six hits. Gabe White got the win despite giving up three runs and seven hits in three innings.

Twins (ss) 4, Reds 1 (ss)

At Fort Myers, Fla., LaTroy Hawkins got his second win of the spring, allowing two hits in four innings. Eric Milton, acquired last month from the New York Yankees in the Chuck Knoblauch deal, gave up two hits in three innings. Mike Trombley completed the six-hitter for his first save, allowing Barry Larkin's leadoff homer in the ninth.

Phillies 9, Devil Bays (ss) 4

At Clearwater, Fla., Billy McMillon started a five-run eighth inning Sunday with a wind-aided leadoff homer. Mike Lieberthal and Gregg Jefferies also homered for the Phillies, who have won seven in a row since losing their first three spring games. Phillies center fielder Lenny Dykstra, coming back from a 1 1/2-year layoff, was 0-for-3 and dropped to 1-for-15 this spring.

Braves 3, Marlins 0

At Kissimmee, Fla., Denny Neagle combined with three relievers on a five-hitter, sending Florida to its fifth consecutive loss. Andres Galarraga hit a two-run homer, his first of the spring, in the third inning. Ryan Klesko had put the Braves ahead with an RBI single in the first off Rafael Medina.

Devil Rays (ss) 0, Mexico City Tigers 0

At St. Petersburg, Fla., Bubba Trammell threw out Ivan Montalvo at the plate to end a ninth-inning threat in a game called after nine. Jose Paniagua, John LeRoy, Ramon Tatis, Scott Aldred and Rick White limited Mexico City to four hits.

Mets 5, Cardinals 4

At Jupiter, Fla., Jeff Brantley made his first appearance of the spring, allowing a run in his only inning. Brantley, who had 44 saves in 1996, didn't pitch after May last year due to a shoulder injury. Brian Hunter homered twice for the Cardinals, who have lost three straight after a 6-0 start, connecting off Mark Mimbs in the seventh and Turk Wendell in the ninth.

Angels (ss) 9, Diamondbacks 4

At Tempe, Ariz., Jack McDowell, in his first game since elbow surgery last May 20, allowed one hit in four innings. McDowell, signed by the Angels as a free agent last month, threw 55 pitches, 33 for strikes. He gave up a second-inning homer by Jorge Fabregas came after rookie third baseman Troy Glaus dropped a pop-up, making one of the runs unearned. Anaheim scored seven runs in the fifth off loser Clint Sodowsky.

Angels (ss) 9, Giants 7

At Las Vegas, Gary DiSarcina hit a two-run double off the glove of a diving Bill Mueller at third base during a four-run second inning. Anaheim capitalized on the wildness of rookie starter Darrin Blood, who walked five of eight batters he faced. All five scored as Anaheim built a 6-1 lead after two innings.

White Sox 9, Giants (ss) 1

At Tuscon, Ariz., Albert Belle hit a three-run homer off Kirk Reuster, and Greg Norton and Chris Snopek added two-run shots. Reuter gave up five runs — four earned — and four hits in three innings.

Mariners 12, Rockies 7

At Peoria, Ariz. , Jay Buhner hit a tape-measure, two-run homer as Seattle's first 10 batters reached base and the Mariners scored 11 first-inning runs. Buhner's two-run drive went completely out of Peoria Stadium and was estimated at 450 feet. Ken Griffey Jr., who went 2-for-3, added a walk and a three-run homer in the inning, helping Seattle win its seventh straight. Colorado starter Roger Bailey failed to retire a batter, allowing 10 runs, seven hits and three walks.

Cubs 9, Athletics 5

At Mesa, Ariz., Sammy Sosa hit his first two home runs of the spring. Sosa connected off loser Kenny Rogers in the third and Gil Heredia in the fifth. Rogers, acquired in the offseason following two unhappy seasons with the New York Yankees, was pounded for six runs and 10 hits in 3 1-3 innings.

Brewers 8, Padres 2

At Phoenix, Darrin Jackson hit a two-run homer and Antone Williamson and Scott Krause added solo shots. Marquis Grissom went 3-for-3 as Milwaukee won for just the third time in 12 games this spring.

Healthy Gonzalez could be magic Juan in '98

By Gil LeBreton
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PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — The work was all but done at the Rangers' spring training facility.

The sun was setting. The parking lot was empty. The main stadium's field was being watered for the next day.

Suddenly, a white van pulls in off the main road and drives up to the club's new weight room and fitness facility. The first man out of the van is Juan Gonzalez.

Arriving for more work.

"I am trying to be the best I can for myself and for my team," Gonzalez explains. "I want to continue to work hard to be ready for opening day."

For the next 90 minutes, Gonzalez will do stretching exercises and lift weights. He doesn't have to. Spring training baseball is a nine-to-five job.

But Gonzalez works overtime this spring because, at age 28, this is what Gonzalez' heart says to do.

"I am ready," he announces, "to play from 155 to 162 games."

You do the math. The man has hit 89 home runs and driven home 275 runs in two seasons, even while injuries have robbed him of four weeks in both 1996 and 1997. The numbers that a full-time Gonzalez might put up tickle the imagination.

I think he means what he says. The Gonzalez that is working up daily and nightly sweats in Port Charlotte appears leaner, stronger, happier and more self-confident than at any time in his 10-year career.

Manager Johnny Oates uses the word "maturity" when he speaks about the 1998 Gonzalez.

"I like the Juan I'm seeing right now," Oates says. "I like the attitude — running ground balls out, sliding hard at second base, playing hard in the outfield.

"He seems to be enjoying himself. And I want Juan to enjoy himself so bad, I can taste it."

Gonzalez has been the Fort Worth-Dallas area's enigmatic superstar. No Mavericks basketball player, no Stars hockey player has been the most valuable player of his league. Yet Gonzalez' American League MVP award in 1996 was hailed with relatively little fanfare.

False perceptions abound. Gonzalez' long legs and loping stride have been misinterpreted as not hustling. His corkscrew swing begins early, and so when he waves and misses at a breaking pitch — not an uncommon sight — Gonzalez' swing has a look of surrender to it.

Boo Juan Gonzalez? Shame on you people.

If you really know baseball, one day you'll be telling your grandkids that you saw Juan Gonzalez play.

Yet there is much about Gonzalez that most people don't know. The language problem has been like a curtain.

"He had so much baggage," says Oates, who twice has been to Puerto Rico to visit Gonzalez and see the Vega Baja neighborhood where Juan grew up.

The love of Juan's life is three-year-old Gabriela Marie Gonzalez, his daughter. After a troubled infancy, fighting a blood disorder, young Gabriela appears on the road to complete recovery, according to doctors at Johns-Hopkins Hospital in Maryland.

That, alone, has helped brighten Gonzalez' spring attitude.

You probably also don't know that Gonzalez is an avid student of politics. He can tell you the names of the mayors of all 78 Puerto Rican municipalities. He also has a definite viewpoint on the current debate surrounding Puerto Rico being admitted as the 51st state.

"This is a big, big, big decision for the Puerto Rican people," Gonzalez says. "I like statehood. There is poverty in Puerto Rico, and statehood would mean more opportunities for people to come to the United States and find better jobs."

Another peek behind the Gonzalez curtain came when the Spanish-language version of People magazine recently featured Juan and his fiancee Olga Tanon in a long and probing cover story. The story, while generally positive, rubbed some sensitive nerves.

All three of Gonzalez' previous marriages were mentioned, some with old photographs. The story also dredged up a 1997 paternity trial, during which a DNA test suggested that there was a 93 percent chance that Gonzalez was the father. The case is under appeal back in Puerto Rico.

Lastly, the article also chronicled his celebrity relationship with singer Tanon, from their steamy first public kiss at one of her concerts, to their life in Arlington with Gabriela.

"I would say that she is the first lady who has put on his shoulders intelligently what it is to be the head of a home," said friend and Rangers liaison Luis Mayoral.

Gonzalez is wearing the newfound responsibility well, let it be noted.

"I look back, and I see that he was a very young guy, making many millions of dollars, who was good looking and liked the ladies," Oates says. "I think he realized he couldn't spend his whole life doing certain things, and I think he's grown up.

"I think what we're seeing is a man, still a young man, who's in better control of his emotions and moods.

"And I would like nothing better than to see him have a monster year for us."

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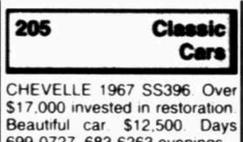

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310 General Help Wanted

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310 General Help Wanted

Fashion Cleaners has an immediate opening in our shirt laundry department. Experience is not necessary. Apply in person at 801 W. Wall.

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GENERAL LABORERS needed for construction project in Big Spring. Drug test required, call Richard 263-1330.

GENERAL- LOCAL, rapidly growning sports wear company, hiring for the following positions, screen printing, graphic artist and sales manager. Send resume to President, PO Box 5554, Midland TX 79704.

GENERAL- Loretta's Answering Service taking applications for telephone secretaries. Type minimum 40 wpm and be outstandingly good in reading and spelling. Apply at 1300 S. Midland Drive Monday through Thursday 10 am- 4:30 pm, Friday 10 am- 12 noon.

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GENERAL- Now accepting applications for individual who wants a long term position to manage pool and snack bar. Also taking applications for certified lifeguards. Apply in person, Green Tree Country Club, (no phone calls please)

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HAIR STYLISTS- Sears Hair Salon is looking for you! Benefits available. Call 699-8507 ask for Sherry.

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HEAVY EQUIPMENT Manager, experienced. For road construction to work in the Big Spring area. Send resume to: Price Construction, Inc. Attn: Glen Strickland, P.O. Box 1231 Big Spring, TX 79721. Salary Negotiable.

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310 General Help Wanted

RESTAURANT

* THE BAR *

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RESTAURANT- Jibs now hiring Experienced Cook. Top pay and benefits, salary negotiable. Apply in person, 3316 W. Illinois.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

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CPA Preferred.

Computer literate- to handle accounting and reporting systems for a medical home care company & several other medical entities.

Information Systems Coordinator for new software system with spreadsheet experience. Will be responsible for financial reporting and monthly reconciliations of all accounts. Must be a hands-on, hard working, organized, honest individual. We offer major medical, prescription card, 401K retirement plan, paid vacation, paid holidays, good pay commensurate with ability and experiences. Doesn't need to walk on water, but must not sink below the ankles.

Call 561-8183 or fax resume to 684-7003.

BILLING EXPERT

Needed immediately Computer literate- home health care billing expert. Mesta Med software familiarity a plus. Must excel in home nursing, DME, and RT billing. Exceptional salary and benefits. Full or part time.

Call Sonya at 570-7587.

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TAX ACCOUNTANT

Independent oil & gas company is seeking a highly motivated Assistant to the Tax Manager, with primary responsibility for State Tax compliance and reporting for corporations and partnership. Qualified applicant must have two years experience in oil and gas taxation, computer spreadsheet applications, and possess the ability to adapt to increased responsibility. Competitive salary and benefits. Please send resume in confidence to:

Tax Accountant
PO Box 11390
Midland, Texas 79702

Nursefinders is seeking an...

ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

Candidates should possess poise, flexibility and be adept at word processing. The best candidate will have a college degree, HR/ labor law knowledge and experience in inventory management and control.

Send resumes to:
Nursefinders
Attn: Madeline Garcia, CPA
3300 North A St., Bldg 7, Suite 100
Midland, Texas 79705
Fax: 915-570-8084
No phone calls please

CONTROLLER

Rapidly expanding oilfield service company is seeking a Controller for its corporate office in Midland, Texas.

We are seeking a CPA with 5- 10 years experience in public accounting and/ or large oilfield service company environment. Experience should include multicompany, multi-profit center accounting, GAAP reporting, and accounting systems design, installation and maintenance.

Please submit your resume and cover sheet to:

Reef Chemical Company, Inc.
Attn: Chief Financial Officer
PO Box 11347
Midland, Texas 79702-7347

311 Medical Help Wanted

***RN MANAGER**

Interim Healthcare. We are presently accepting applications for an individual who has previous home health and management experience who is able to communicate and educate staff members. Please, submit resume: Fax 915-522-2256 or mail to: Interim Healthcare, 3205 West Cuthbert B-5, Midland, Texas 79701 Attn: Kay Blake, RN.

CERTIFIED NURSE Aides- Terrace West Nursing Center, has current openings for Certified Nurse Aides on the 2-10 shift. If interested please apply in person at 2800 N. Midland Drive, Midland, TX 79707.

CLINIC NURSE Supervisor needed for busy plastic surgeon's office. Will train to work surgery as needed. Salary negotiable, benefits available. Please mail resume to: P.O. Box 9520, Midland 79708 or fax to 915-520-5890.

CNA 2 CNA's needed for 2-10. We're looking for the best! If that's you, come join our team. Great staff. $5.55/ Hour. Apply in person, Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main.

EXTREMELY Busy Orthopadic practice seeking Experienced X-Ray Technician. Flexible hours are a must. Send resumes to: Southwest Orthopadic & Spine, 4304 Andrews Hwy. Midland, Texas 79703. Please no phone calls. Immediate opening.

GENERAL- Extremely busy optometrist office. Must be dependable and willing to work. Experience helpful, but not a must. Salary DOE. Send resume to Box T-5091, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

LVN Charge Nurses 10 pm to 6 am night shift. Certified Nurse Aides needed for all shifts. Apply in person, 3203 Sage, Courtyard Care Center.

MEDICAL- Mitchell County Hospital District- "80 John Wallace" Medical Unit, Colorado City, Texas is accepting applications for a correctional LVN. Contact Ms. LeMaster. Phone (915)728-2162 extension 4265. Also accepting application for a Medical Record Clerk. Contact Ms. Anderson. Phone (915) 728-2162 extension 4264.

RECEPTIONIST needed for busy doctor's office. Must have typing and computer skills. Send resume to 1816 N. Midland Drive, Midland, Texas 79707.

RN/ LVN- Terrace West Nursing Center, has current openings for RN/ LVN. If interested please apply in person at 2800 N. Midland Drive, Midland, TX 79707.

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WEEKEND RN Terrace Gardens 2901 W. Ohio, Midland. Call 694-8831, ask for D.O.N.

312 Professional Help Wanted

ARCHITECT'S OFFICE seeking full time CADD Specialist or intern architect. (915)687-0781.

WINDOWS NT Administrator needed for an established West Texas company. Most work would have to be done after office hours. A successful applicant could have the opportunity for permanent employment. Send resumes to: Box P-06079, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, 79702.

DRILLING CONSULTANT- bilingual, needed by Alliance Drilling Consultants, Jena, Louisiana. Wayne Pritchard (318)992-4111. To be rotated in South America.

LEGAL SECRETARY for law firm. Successful applicant will be proficient in Windows & WordPerfect, type 80 + wpm, prior civil litigation helpful. Excellent benefits. Mail resume in confidence to: Box T-5090, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

PART TIME office manager/ lease analyst, familiar with division orders and assignments. Requires very good mathematical and verbal skills, ability to grasp new software, self- motivated personality. Hours flexible, but should have some time available during normal working hours. $15/ hour, 20 hours/ week. Reply in confidence, P.O. Box 10589, Midland, TX 79702.

REAL ESTATE Opportunity In Non Sales Capacity. License required with some podium experience. Resume to Box B-04027, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

ACCOUNTANT - Part time. The Petroleum Museum seeks individual with not- for- profit fund accounting experience. Responsibilities include general ledger, accounts payable, payroll with tax reports, and financial statements. Works closely with auditor. Knowledge of Cyma software useful. Send resume and cover letter to Search Committee, 1500 I-20 West, Midland, TX 79701.

CLERICAL OPENINGS, at least 6 months experience. Call OLSTEN today, 689-6607.

CSA MATERIALS. Clerical help needed. Computer experience preferred. 50 Plus hours per week. Call 570-0481, Monday through Friday, 8:00 till 5:00. 7600 North County Road 1150, Midland.

316 Sales Help Wanted

WEEKEND RN Terrace Gardens 2901 W. Ohio, Midland. Call 694-8831, ask for D.O.N.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

Global Personnel Network
Temp & Perm positions. Locally & around the globe! 686-8360

JOBS AVAILABLE
Select Staff
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PART TIME Clerical help needed. Apply 602 N. Baird, Suite 200, Midland.

★ DP PERSONNEL ★
Temp & Permanent Positions
Benefits & Bonuses Available
682-0033 or 570-0197

RECEPTIONIST/ CLERICAL Assistant, part time, 20 -30 hours per week, computer experience a plus. Mail or fax resume to Jeri Morgan 306 W. Wall St. Ste 210, Midland 79701. Fax: 915-686-7244.

SECRETARY- Responsible Secretary/ Receptionist needed for full time position. Experience with WordPerfect 5.0 and Great Plains software helpful. Benefits include Health Insurance and 401K. Mail resume with salary requirements to: P.O. Box 3832, Midland, TX 79702.

SECRETARY/ Receptionist with oil and gas experience, some bookkeeping, computer experience. Flex time available. 687-4516- Roxanne.

EXPERIENCE COUNTS
* Secretarial
* Word Processing
* Oil & Gas
* Never a Fee
TEMPORARY RESOURCES
684-0527

V.I.P. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES- Clerical and Industrial jobs available. Never a fee. Benefits. (915) 686-9722.

316 Sales Help Wanted

·INSURANCE

FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP
America can depend on Farmers.

FARMERS INSURANCE GROUP OF COMPANIES is expanding its agency force in the Midland-Odessa area.

If you have a degree, and a desire to succeed, we can offer you your very own business with unlimited income potential.

For details and a personal interview, please call 915-699-1878. Ask for Ben, Danny or Lloyd.

Let Classified Work For You! Call 682-6222

Schwan's Home Food Service Is Expanding In The Midland/ Odessa Area.

We Are Looking For Clean Cut, High Energy Individuals Who Would Like To Be A Part Of The Exciting Expansion With Schwan's Of Midland and Odessa. No Experience Necessary. Excellent Benefits, Minimum Starting Pay of $600.00 Per Week. Must Be At Least 21 Years Old. E.O.E.

Schwan's Delicious Fine Foods

For Confidential Interview Call:
1-800-336-7569
Please Refer To Ad #21

Interviews Will Be Held In Midland, Texas
March 10th & 11th, 1998

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·PROFESSIONAL

Linco-Electromatic, Inc.
P.O. Box 4096
Midland, TX 79704

Established company in it's 30th year is looking to improve it's workforce with the following personnel:

ELECTRICAL DESIGN ENGINEER
EE/EET GRADUATE
Knowledge of computer hardware and software applications including Relay Logic, PLC Logic CAD systems, PCB design and layout, including programming skills. Experienced preferred, entry level considered. Will help produce, develop and enhance company electronic products and develop new products. Full time position.

SYSTEM ENGINEER
Duties will include engineering and design of engineered liquid and gas metering systems, full systems responsibility from proposal state including coordination of all aspects of the project with customer. Will work closely with drafting on drawing preparation and will fabrication shop quality control during the manufacture of systems. Full time position.

AUTOMATION TECHNICIAN
Experience necessary in assembly of computers and computer systems, Windows95, Windows NT networking, Visual Basic programming skills and PLC programming a plus. College helpful, some travel, full time position.

ACCOUNTING PERSONNEL
Experienced, knowledgeable personnel with computer data entry experience. MS Office97, ten- key and type by touch. Experienced in accounts payable, accounts receivable, and/ or general ledger preferred. Some college helpful. Full or part time position.

Please refer to position listed and send resume to address above. No telephone calls accepted.

316 Sales Help Wanted

·SALES

YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO THE FUTURE IS HERE

Entry level sales offering first year income opportunity of $40,000 or more, we offer:

- Paid Training
- Paid Benefits
- Best Products

Advertising and lead support, no overnight travel, management opportunity. If you are seeking a career opportunity and feel you can sell excellent energy-related products and services directly to homeowners and are willing to work hard, sometimes long hours, to achieve your ambitions, you should call me.

Tim Claire
Claire Service Experts
561-9440

ESTABLISHED Home Improvement Company looking for 1 good inhome sales person. Need to be highly motivated, honest and willing to work 100% commission. Apply in person, 1521 E. 8th Street, Odessa.

SALES PROFESSIONALS- We are a new service company providing confidential document destruction services to business & government offices. Seek an ambitious salesperson capable of expanding customer base. Ideal team member must have strong communication & presentation skills, professional demeanor, and reliable transportation. Base salary + commission. Self- starters and the goal oriented should send resumes to WTDD, P.O. Box 50371, Midland, TX 79710.

STEEL PIPE DISTRIBUTOR With Operations In Odessa Seeks Qualified OUTSIDE SALES REPRESENTATIVE! Regional position with aggressive sales organization. Qualified applicant will have Industrial or Oilfield Sales experience. 40% Travel required. Company offers competitive salary and bonus structure, car allowance, expenses, insurance and 401K. Please send resume including salary requirement and references to: Box B-04032 c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

SWIMMING POOLS- $70K Plus week- long Caribbean cruise for 2 can be earned selling swimming pools. 1 Call closers with in- home sales experience. Professional training provided. Pre- set credit qualified appointments. National Leader since 1982. Management opportunities. Must start immediately. Call Now 24/ 7 1-800-348-5530, ext. 2.

NEARBURG PRODUCING COMPANY

Oil and Gas Production Landman

Aggressive, Midland-based, Independent oil and gas company seeks oil and gas production landman. Candidate should have experience in road and pipeline right-of-ways, easement acquisition, seismic and well permitting, and damage settlement. A minimum of 5 + years oil and gas landman experience required.

Mail resume in confidence to:

Nearburg Producing Company
Attention: Land Department
3300 North "A" Street, Bldg. 2, Suite 120
Midland, Texas 79705

·OIL INDUSTRY

BTA OIL PRODUCERS

An aggressive, Midland based independent oil and gas exploration company is now hiring:

EXPLORATION GEOLOGIST
Midland, Texas
- ❖ Degree in Geology Required
- ❖ 10+ years. Industry Experience
- ❖ West Texas Experience preferred
- ❖ Major Oil Company Experience preferred

Send cover letter, Resume, References and Salary Requirements to:

BTA Oil Producers
104 S. Pecos
Midland, Texas 9701
Atte: Lisa Dunn

318 Management Help Wanted

ASSISTANT MANAGER- needed for fast- paced, growing company. Must be responsible, energetic, and a team player. Pay depending on experience, paid vacations and advancement opportunities. Apply in person, Burger King Travel Mart Exxon, 2503 Rankin Highway, Midland, Texas 79706.

MANAGEMENT TRAINEE needed for full time position. Experience in quick lube and oil industry preferred. Drivers license and good driving record required. Apply in person, Village Express Lube, 604 Andrews Hwy.

MANAGEMENT- Fast-paced, one person office management position. Responsible for management of all employee benefits for up to 400 employees, Workers Compensation administration, all clerical functions, and assisting department managers in multiple employee management matters. Minimum of 2 years experience in hands-on personnel management required. Knowledge in new hire processing systems. Medical facility experience is a plus. Must know Lotus, Word Perfect, able to adapt to changes, perform multiple tasks and meet corporate deadlines. Knowledgeable in federal and state regulations for ADA, EEOC, TWX and JCAHO. Send resumes to: Box B-04033, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

DIVISION ORDER ANALYST- Part time position. Minimum 2 years experience. Present your resume at BTA Oil Producers, 104 S. Pecos, Attention: R. Hughes.

DRIVERS NEEDED.- experience, and class A, CDL necessary. Roustabouts and general labor. No need to relocate, hiring now. Call Clayton Contract Oilfield Services, 682-4741.

OILFIELD- Growing oilfield chemical company has immediate opening. Seeking Lab Technician. Experienced a plus, but not a must. Good starting salary with quick raise to right person. Insurance benefits. Seeking long term, stable individual- drug free, honest, dependable, has good transportation to and from work. Please send resumes to: Box B-04029, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

320 Skilled Trades

✔ ROOF/ SIDING

Salesperson. Roofing siding sales experience and own truck required. Call Dan 520-7348.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

·TECHNICAL STAFF ASSISTANT

Must have experience in operation and maintenance of lab equipment and/ or chemical stockroom and waste management. BS or BA in a science preferred. Send resume and 3 reference letters to: UTPB Personnel Office, 4901 E. University Blvd., Odessa, Texas 79762.

ASCO RENTALS- A multi-store equipment rental operation is looking for an aggressive, seasoned professional as Retail Coordinator. Responsibilities include: Inside rental sales, billing, dispatching and quality control. Benefits include: top wage, life insurance, hospitalization, vacation, paid holidays and 401(K) profit sharing plan. Join a growing company! Apply at: 3412 Kermit Highway, Odessa, Texas, 915-337-2823.

DISTRIBUTION LINEMAN Apprentice/ Journeyman. Permanent position. Benefits include 401K, insurance and bonus pay. Dallas, Texas. 214-215-3085, 8- 5 pm.

DRYWALL Hangers with residential experience. Must have own tools, transportation. Call after 6 pm 520-6887.

EXPERIENCED CABINET MAKER. Campbell Construction Company seeking experienced Cabinet Maker. Layout & Cutout experience a must. Benefits & Advancement Possibilities. Apply at 241-A Spring Park Drive, Midland, Texas 79705 or send resume to: PO Box 11293, Midland, Texas 79702. Salary DOE.

320 Skilled Trades

WANTED Ranch Manager job many years experience. 22 Years experience as a maintenance supervisor in heavy industry. Call (205)766-6416.

336 Adult Care Providers

BILINGUAL CNA, CPR certified is looking to sit with the elderly in homes, hospitals or nursing homes 520-4773.

American Home Health Care for all your home health needs. We provide sitters, companions and all nursing skills. Low rates. For more information call 520-0707.

INHOME CARE your locally owned sitter service. If you need dependable help call 570-4475, ask for Tamara or Jackie. (Low Rates).

WILL DO private duty in your home. Experienced, reasonable rates, excellent references. 697-2624 or 520-4736.

ADULT CARE in your home. Day or night. Call 520-8596 for more information.

330 Employment Wanted

WANTED Ranch Manager job many years experience. 22 Years experience as a maintenance supervisor in heavy industry. Call (205)766-6416.

340 Child Care Needed

NESECITO CUIDADORA de ninos en mi casa, con referencias. 686-0210.

341 Child Care Providers

IF YOU WANT genuine tender loving care for your newborn, call Betty at 697-4530.

WILL SIT for children of any age, $1 per child. 7:30 to 5:30 Monday thru Friday. Call 520-2357.

350 Business Opportunities

FOR LEASE: Local restaurant, for noon and evening, located inside established business. Call 682-0410.

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Local vending route for sale. Earn big $. Must sell. Call now.
800-350-8363
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OWN YOUR OWN Business. 3 Year old carpet cleaning business includes van with truck mounted performer, other equipment, 300 + customers, computer with Quick Books. Training provided. Net income in 1997 was $59,000. Asking $75,000 cash or $40,000 down/ $40,000 financed. Bennett & Associates, 684-5209.

OWNER SACRIFICING upscale health food store and wellness center in Big Spring. Busy main street location. Good business and clientele. Room for massage or other therapist. Call 800-413-8071 for more information.

ENTREPRENEURIAL PEOPLE Six figures plus, from home. Many benefits - not MLM 1-800-995-0796 extension 0276.

GREAT SNACK Route, established customers. Start making money immediately! 689-6708.

$ WANTED $
10 People who need to lose weight & make money!
New Dietary supplement/ weight loss product
1-888-633-0739
24 Hr. Recorded Message

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Attention Readers

Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland* Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.

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Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277.

400 Auctions

MIDLAND COLLEGE ANNUAL SURPLUS PUBLIC AUCTION! Saturday, March 14, 1998, 10:00 am. Sharp! 201 W. Washington, Midland, Texas. Absolutely No Minimums, No Reserves! Everything sold "As Is", "Where Is" without warranty. Items subject to change without prior notice. All oral announcements supersede any printed material. 10% Buyers premium. Vehicles subject to sellers confirmation. Preview March 13th, 1998, 10 am- 3 pm. Auction to include: Desks, file cabinets, chairs, tables, personal computers, monitors, printers, drafting/ art tables, telephones, TV's, playground set, tractors, golf cart, 1990 Chevy van, 1988 Chrysler Aries LE, Much More!! Auction Conducted by: Auction Action Midland Supercenter, 201 W. Washington, Midland, Texas 79701. 915-682-1004. Fred F. Munoz, Senior Auctioneer TX License #6250.

410 Misc. Sales

MAKE AN offer!!! Matching sleeper with loveseat, childrens swingset, refrigerator, console TV. Call 694-3390.

NEW DREAMER CANDLES, Texas made, 16 lovely fragrances. Super candles with aroma power that lasts 125-150 hours. Anna Marie Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring.

COOK STOVES, Heaters, Refrigerators, freezers, washers, dryers 3/4 wood bed complete, dining furniture/ other. 570-4851.

HERBALIFE & Natural efx Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERB!

★ BIBLE TALK. "What is the Nature of the Church?" Part 5. 520-0381. Free recorded message.

TY BEANIE Babies and Coca Cola Commemorative bottles. Good selection. 4411 W. Illinois, A-3. Tuesday - Saturday 520-4911.

16 FOOT Garage door with new opener, $350 or best offer. Call 684-1181.

ANTIQUE OAK kitchen table $140. Large set of double windows. Good condition, call 498-8583.

112 YARDS Columbus Color Story brand carpet, normally $30/ yard. 2 years old, granite color, $400. 697-2477.

NEW CORDOROY Jumper, size 20, L.L. Bean Brand, Red /green. Paid $59, take $20. 683-9478.

SEGA SATURN with 5 games. Hardly used. $175. 694-1181 or leave message.

DOWN DRAFT evaporative cooler, like new, used one season, $250 cash only. Call 694-5442.

✔ SKI-DOO- Snow Mobile, like new. See or call after 5 pm 715 W. Dormard, 682-2002.

Real Wheel Deals ONLY $25 w/Photo
Call for information **682-6222**

79701

ESTATE SALE left overs! Bedroom suite, bedding, tools, fishing equipment, hair dryer, kitchenware, more!!! Sunday & Monday 10 noon- 5 pm, 3112 W. Louisiana.

79705

CAMERA COLLECTION from professional photographer's estate. Mamiya, Graflex, Kodaks, Agfas, Nikons, and others. Priced separately. 684-8866.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

DON'T MISS OUT!

The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon. Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

$20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20

GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20

- ★7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)
- ★2 Days
- ★ ■/●/♥ Stand Out Emblem
- ★Garage Sale Kit (includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints. $5 Value!)
- ★Package of Flavored Drink Mix (for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)
- ★$3 Off Classified Coupon (Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get $3 off!)

Or Get 3 Days for Only $24!

Call 682-6222 Today!

$20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20

410 Misc. Sales

NEW MAUVE Carpet, mauve drapes, burgundy rug, baker's rack, microwave, telephone stand, mirrors, antique pillows, framed Dyke picture, 4 poster queen size bed & dresser, fireplace fan, etc. Call after 8 am, 522-7261.

STORAGE UNITS for rent. 25x10 for $65 a month. Call Mike, beeper 567-7956.

RESTHAVEN Memorial Park: 2 plots in Garden of Hope, Lot 139, spaces 1- 2. 915-332-0913.

FOR SALE: Leather rocker recliner, couch, Healthrider, exercise bike, dog house. Call 699-4040 and hear message.

413 Jewelry & Furs

4 CT DIAMOND. Round Brilliant Solitaire. High quality. Must see to appreciate! Call (806)798-9678.

LADIES GOLD Rolex President Watch. Diamond dial, bezel and band. $9,500. Call 915-263-5733.

415 Misc. Wanted

BUYING PECANS- Both native and improved varieties. Also public shelling, threshing poles, burlap bags, picker uppers and more! Gardendale Pecan Processing Inc. 16396 Hollyhock, Gardendale TX., 550-7609.

WANT TO Trade Schwinn exercise bicycle for veggie & fruit juicer. 699-5307.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

WANTED: Moving Boxes- all sizes. Call beeper 567-7956.

420 Good Things To Eat

COFFEE LOVERS- 20 flavors available at Anna Marie's Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring. 570-7591. If we don't have your flavor, ask us and we will get it. Fine Teas available.

432 Household Furniture

SOLID WOOD computer desk and chair, $175 cash. Days 687-1868, evenings 697-3833.

MATCHING MEDIUM Oak, baby furniture, baby bed, 4 drawer chest, changing table, excellent condition. $450. 520-9421.

SOLID OAK antique wardrobe. Excellent condition. Must see to appreciate. 699-1903 or 563-2111.

SANTE FE Glass table (2 ceramic pedestals), 6 upholstered high back chairs. 6 months old. Must sell, best offer. 520-0211.

HEALTH RIDER- 6 months old- perfect condition. Costs $600, asking $350. Recliner, like new, plush, mauve colored, cost $699, asking $350. 686-9005.

4 PIECE Black Lacquer Living room group (Coffee table, 2 end tables, & entertainment center). Excellent condition. $300. 520-5418.

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.

435 Household Appliances

First $35.00 takes Magic Chef Refrigerator. Almond. Large Frostless, Weak Compressor. Call 687-6790.

FREEZER- large chest type, great shape. $165. Call 520-0245.

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall. 699-1224.

★FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. 567-5221.

MAGIC CHEF- gas stove, almond & black, $150. Please call 694-4435.

440 Firewood

DICK'S FIREWOOD. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453-2151, Fax 1-(915)-453-4322.

450 Sporting Goods

JIM'S GOLF CLUBS. Custom Clubs. King Cobra II, Big Bertha Irons (clone). $184 a set. Reshaft $14.50, Regrip $3. 3115 Haynes. 694-1334.

KING COBRA Titanium, 3 wood and 5 wood, stiff flex. Paid $560, sell for $200 each. Like new. Call Gary 694-9601.

HENRY- GRIFFITTS Irons, 4-SW, $120. 689-3951.

NEW DRIVERS, 1 Woods Brothers, 1 Fenwick. Both graphite, $60 each. Call 689-3951.

LIKE NEW Nordic-Track Walk-Fit. Excellent indoor exerciser! Bargain- $200! 694-5200.

WINCHESTER 101 pigeon grade 12 gauge shotgun with Winchoke system. $1,075. Call 699-5551.

460 Antiques & Arts

GRANDFATHER CLOCKS, old pump organ that plays, juke box. 682-2002 after 5 pm & weekends.

QUEEN ANNE root wood mahogany table, 6 matching chairs- Cabriole legs, heavily carved. Excellent condition. $1,200. 687-5844.

THE CATS MEOW- 4000 sq. ft of fine merchandise- we buy and sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway, Mon. - Sat., 10 - 6 (915) 687-2004.

JUDY JACKSON'S Estate Sales. An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536, 682-6147.

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH'S. Let our experienced team liquidate your estate. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

465 Collectibles

"PRINCESS DIANA Bear," Beanie Baby- Drawing, to benefit Faith Temple Youth Group. $2, call 332-0477.

RETIRED Beanie Babies: Tabasco, Sparky, Bubbles, and others. Call 694-4767 after 5 on weekdays, anytime weekends.

470 Musical Instruments

YAMAHA Clavinova CVP-50 with bonus pack- electric cassette player piano. Excellent condition. Asking $1,950. 683-1098.

NEW BLACK Toca congos $450. New Pearl double base drum pedal $450. Call 686-9740.

490 Computers/ Access.

CYBERNET PENTIUM II 233 MMX with monitor, software, warranty. Retail $2,350. Sell $1,295. (800)579-4382.

✔✔★✔✔ INTERNET ACCESS. Call 620-0839 for details. ✔✔★✔✔

486 COMPUTER, CD- rom, modem. Excellent condition, $400. Call 699-1498.

COMPUTER 486, 33 MHZ, 8 MB Ram, 345 MB HD, Addonics SVGA monitor, $350. 694-6030.

LAPTOP COMPUTER. Includes Microsoft Windows 3.1. Internet ready! Also includes exterior color monitor and exterior 14400 modem and mouse. Have books & case. $600 or best offer. 620-0617.

SERVICE AFTER THE SALE Computers- New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers, 10am- 8pm, 1015-B N. Midkiff. 520-5917, 686-8835.

495 FOR FREE

FREE 6 mo. old, spayed, German Shepherd female, all shots. 684-7617.

TWO LOVESEATS, twin bed, moving, need to give away. 2619 Roosevelt.

1/2 BLUE HEELER, 1/2 Labrador female 6 week old puppy, to a good home. 697-0701.

Fax It! 682-6999

500 Pets and Supplies

AKC REGISTERED Akita puppies. 12 weeks, excellent markings. Must see! (806)799-3489.

FOR SALE: Jack Russell Terrier pups. Now taking deposits. Parents on premises. 520-7898.

AKC Miniature Schnauzer puppies with champion bloodline. First shots, trimmed, ready to go! $250- $350. (915)573-4120.

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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
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750 Lots & Acreage

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