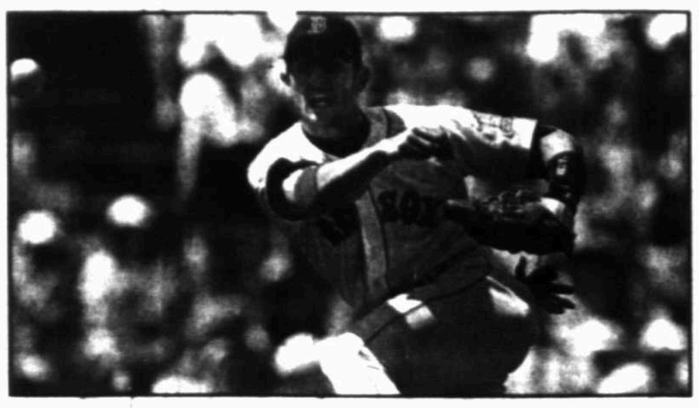


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All-Star selections

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When the party's over ...



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Above, debris from spent fireworks litters the road Monday after city residents ventured out to Midland County to shoot off fireworks. Michelle and Jimmy Chappell, below, who live in the county, say they don't mind people coming out to shoot off the fireworks but wish they would also clean up the mess afterward.



Fourth of July celebration leaves wake of debris, shattered windows

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

It is a decent and patriotic thing to celebrate America's Independence Day, that momentous event 223 years ago on July 4, 1776.

It is quite another to make a mess of things.

Both happened in Midland in the post-dusk hours of Sunday, July Fourth, and past midnight.

There were bangs, streamers, blasts and fiery lights of fireworks exploding in rural Midland. Unfortunately, there was also a lot of debris left behind.

Likewise, there was the smashing of windshields, side windows and back windows of more than 20 cars, trucks and vans, allegedly by two teen-agers, at Midland car lots.

On Sunday night, a Midland couple, Jimmy and Michelle Chappell, and their seven-month-old son, William Gray, were dazzled by the patriotic music, including John Philip Sousa's "Stars and Stripes Forever" and the controlled fireworks and spectacular laser lights while celebrating the holiday in downtown Midland.

It was heartening and refreshing to be among fellow patriots.

But on the way back to their rural home just northeast of Midland, they became dismayed, but not surprised, by the display of erratic fireworks on, along and into the cotton fields near their home. There was much litter left behind.

Spent fireworks, including remnants of such explosives as Roman Candles, Saturn Missiles, Bullet Bombs, Wild Geese Rockets and Black Cat supercharged flashlight crackers, littered the roadway just before they turned east to their house.

"It's just so ironic," Chappell, a 36-year-old arts teacher at Greenwood High School, said of the litter. "They (fire-

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City, county explore ways to consolidate services, cut costs

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

One definition for vision is unusual discernment or foresight. That's likely the most appropriate description for the Vision 2000 task forces. Still in their early stages, they've already identified the need for several new facilities in the area, improved access to public transportation and the need for more involvement in youth programs.

The group chaired by Gerald Nobles has been no different in its farsighted view of city and county government.

One idea they intend to recommend is combining many of the administrative and service-oriented functions of city and county government.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Pam Camarata takes a call at her console at the dispatch center, one area where the city and county have already consolidated services to save money.

"It's probably too early to tell what all could be combined, but some of the things we are looking at are administration, accounting, purchasing and general elections. We're probably going to look at everything, but we don't know what laws and legalities apply," Nobles said.

The idea has been assigned to a subcommittee to determine what areas could be assigned and what the obstacles will be.

According to Nobles, the end result would be cost savings used for joint projects between the entities.

He said the focus would be to look at what is lacking in the area because of limited funds.

"One idea is disaster warning and relief. If a tornado were to hit, how do we notify people and how do we care for the injured and homeless?" Nobles asked.

Midland County Judge Bill Morrow agreed that a disaster warning system is certainly a good idea, as is the idea to combine services between the city and county.

Mayor Bobby Burns agreed.

"I do see in the future the need to look at combining city and county services as much as possible," Burns said. "I think there are some obvious areas — city and county auditors, city attorney and county attorney."

The problem is that the two local governments may have already combined all the areas that they can without some type of legislative action.

Several years ago, all jail facilities were combined into one facility operated by the county. The city operates dispatching for the city, county, MISD and Midland College, and 9-1-1 also serves the city and county under one umbrella.

The city's Fire Department answers calls in the county, as does the city's ambulance service.

Beyond that, "Because you've got two organizations, two distinct organizations, you have a lot of legal restraints, particularly on the county side that prohibits that," Midland Deputy City Manager Glen Hackler said.

Hackler added that many of the restrictions arise from the fact that many county officials are elected. Accounting, for instance, would be a problem for consolidation because the County Treasurer's office is an elected position.

"A lot of those (combinations) have to come from an amendment. We'd have to have a change in state law," Burns said.

However, one idea exists and has even been advanced in the past that would provide several economies of

Please see **COMBINE**/2A

Cable company owes city after ruling reversal

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

A recent Audit and Finance Committee meeting revealed that Cox Communications, Midland's cable service source, has a rather large unpaid bill.

According to an audit by City Auditor Herman Boatmun, Cox owes the city for unpaid franchise fees.

"My preliminary audit findings disclosed that Cox Communications, Inc. underpaid the city of Midland (including 6 percent through February 22) approximately $111,098.61," reads a report to the city by Boatmun. "This underpayment was due to the cable company omitting additional franchise "fee on fee" of 25 cents that the cable company has been passing on to City of Midland customers."

In English; they didn't include franchise fees in the gross receipts.

But, City Manager Mike McGregor is quick to point out, the delinquent amount is not the result of any negligence by Cox, but rather of misunderstandings regarding interpretations of the law.

"This underpayment was created April 6, 1995 when the Federal Communications Commission issued a decision that franchise fees from cable companies were not includable as gross receipts subject to franchise fees," the report continues.

"Cox Communications has passed these fees on to their customers here in Midland since purchasing the cable company from Times Mirror Company in January 1995."

The FCC decision was reversed by the Fifth Circuit Court of Criminal Appeals July 31, 1997, after the cities of Dallas and Laredo filed a federal lawsuit.

The city of Midland is seeking recompense for the fees from April 6, 1995, until Dec. 31, 1998. The total due for the "fee-on-fee tax" comes to $103,271.39 plus six percent interest — $7,827.22.

A similar situation occurred in Lubbock, which settled with Cox earlier this year.

The city's initial audit showed Cox to owe some $150,000 for a variety of reasons. The actual amount was not determinable.

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A Cox Communications truck sits in the employee parking lot of the cable company. According to findings by Midland City Auditor Herman Boatmun, Cox owes the city for unpaid franchise fees.

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When preparing for a close encounter, eat some toothpaste

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Police say Midland man was not kidnapped

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Pablo "Paul" Tagle, the 35-year-old Midland man who allegedly was kidnapped at gunpoint at a relative's house on Saturday night, reported unharmed to Midland police about 24 hours later.

"It has all been dismissed," a Midland police spokesman said of the abduction case. "It was all a misunderstanding. It was all about money."

The 6-foot, 225-pound Tagle reportedly was abducted at gunpoint by two men in the 300 block of Magnolia Avenue in east-side Midland shortly before 8 p.m. Saturday. Tagle's home is a block over on Maple Avenue. He apparently had been talking to the men at their pickup.

According to police, witnesses said Tagle seemed to be familiar with the men. But when their conversation seemed to end, Tagle started to walk back to the house and was halted by the men.

The alleged abductors reportedly forced Tagle into the truck, identified as a 1996 Dodge Ram short-bed with a white bed cover.

'It has all been dismissed. It was all a misunderstanding. It was all about money.'

— A Midland police spokesman said about the Tagle kidnapping case

After the incident was reported to police, the law-enforcement agency put out an all-points bulletin to locate Tagle and his alleged abductors.

But what had seemed to be an abduction apparently was not that at all.

"They went out and partied," the police spokesman said of Tagle and the alleged kidnappers.

Police are expected to explain circumstances of the Tagle case to the public at a press conference today, although details had not been released as of Monday evening.

According to police reports, police officers John Beasley and John Ingram were assigned to the case. Melissa Tagle, 33, who lives in the 300 block of Maple Avenue, had reported the incident to police, according to police reports.

Erica Terrazas, who lives next door to site of the alleged kidnapping, said she "didn't see anything" suggestive of an abduction that Saturday night.

"I didn't hear anything at all," Ms. Terrazas said.

Late Saturday night, police had said witnesses could not provide positive identification of the alleged kidnappers.

WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Wednesday	Thursday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	T-storms
High 92	High 93	High 96
Low 68	Low 71	Low 71

Clouds over Midland may hold the summer temperature to the low 90s today, according to the National Weather Service at Midland International Airport. Winds are to be southeasterly at 10 to 20 mph.

Tonight's low temperature is to be in the upper 60s.

For Wednesday, the weather service is calling for partly cloudy skies and a high temperature in the low 90s.

Monday's high temperature was 87 degrees, and the overnight low was 61 degrees.

The record high temperature for July 5 is 104 degrees in 1971, and the date's overnight record low temperature is 60 degrees in 1972.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
Total for year	5.71 in.
Normal total (year to date)	6.16 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	87
Low	66
Normal high	95
Normal low	68

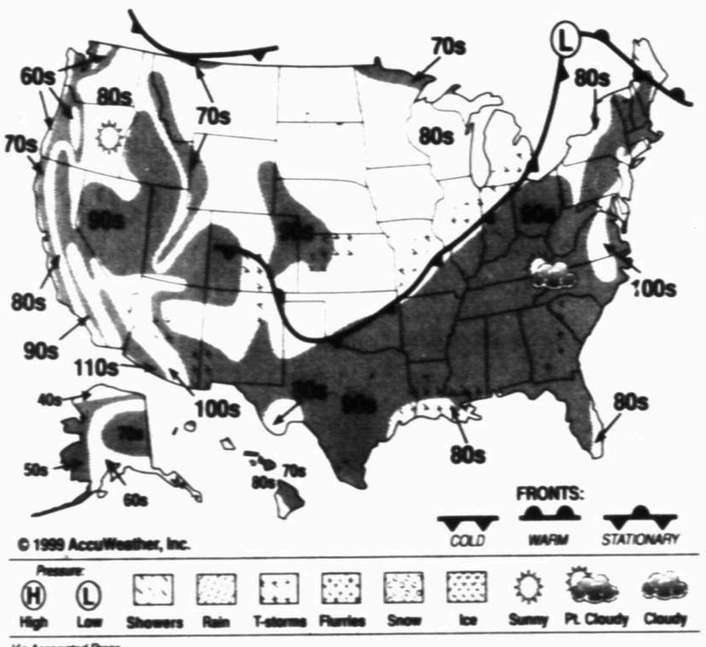
Pollen count

Trees: NA Weeds: NA
Grass: NA Molds: NA
Dust: NA
Courtesy: John D. Bray, MD.

Sunrise ... 6:48 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:58 p.m.

National forecast

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:00 p.m. EDT

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	94	74	cdy	
Albuquerque	91	67	.20	cdy
Anchorage	77	66	rn	
Asheville	88	67	15	cdy
Atlanta	90	72	cdy	
Atlantic City	99	79	clr	
Baltimore	102	77	clr	
Billings	79	49	clr	
Birmingham	92	72	cdy	
Bismarck	77	65	.25	clr
Boise	84	45	clr	
Boston	98	81	clr	
Buffalo	85	74	rn	
Burlington,Vt.	93	78	rn	
Casper	79	56	clr	
Charleston,S.C.	92	74	.77	cdy
Charlotte,N.C.	95	75	cdy	
Cheyenne	77	55	cdy	
Chicago	94	79	cdy	
Cincinnati	91	72	cdy	
Cleveland	94	75	cdy	
Columbus,Ohio	95	77	cdy	
Concord,N.H.	96	72	rn	
Dayton	90	74	cdy	
Denver	82	68	cdy	
Des Moines	94	76	cdy	
Detroit	93	75	cdy	
Duluth	85	65	3.25	clr
Evansville	90	71	clr	
Fairbanks	78	55	11	cdy
Fargo	rn	rn	clr	
Flagstaff	85	52	cdy	
Grand Rapids	91	75	cdy	
Great Falls	75	44	clr	
Greensboro,N.C.	94	74	clr	
Helena	75	42	clr	
Honolulu	86	75	cdy	
Indianapolis	92	73	cdy	
Jacksonville	89	71	cdy	
Juneau	61	56	cdy	
Kansas City	91	76	cdy	
Las Vegas	106	76	clr	
Little Rock	93	75	cdy	
Los Angeles	77	63	clr	
Louisville	93	78	cdy	
Memphis	95	76	cdy	
Miami Beach	88	78	.07	cdy
Milwaukee	94	79	cdy	
Mpls-St Paul	89	79	.01	clr
Nashville	92	73	cdy	
New Orleans	85	76	.34	cdy
New York City	100	86	clr	
North Platte	80	72	clr	
Oklahoma City	91	72	cdy	
Omaha	96	77	cdy	
Orlando	91	74	cdy	
Philadelphia	100	81	clr	
Phoenix	110	90	cdy	
Pittsburgh	92	73	cdy	
Portland,Ore.	84	52	cdy	
Providence	98	78	clr	
Raleigh-Durham	102	74	clr	
Rapid City	76	60	clr	
Reno	92	52	clr	
Richmond	98	76	cdy	
Sacramento	93	53	clr	
St Louis	93	77	cdy	
Salt Lake City	83	57	clr	
San Diego	71	63	clr	
San Francisco	70	52	cdy	
Santa Fe	87	60	.01	cdy
Seattle	74	51	cdy	
Shreveport	92	72	.05	cdy
Sioux Falls	87	76	clr	
Spokane	75	47	.01	clr
Syracuse	93	80	rn	
Tampa-St Pirsbg	92	75	cdy	
Topeka	93	77	cdy	
Tucson	103	79	.04	cdy
Tulsa	92	76	cdy	
Washington,D.C.	102	81	clr	

State forecast

Texas temperatures

Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours at 6 p.m.:

	High	Low	Pcp.
Abilene	91	69	
Alice	88	73	0.41
Amarillo	87	68	
Arlington	92	73	
Austin	90	73	0.03
Beaumont	90	74	
Brownsville	86	74	0.95
Burnet	90	71	0.57
College Station	92	72	0.53
Conroe	91	73	0.01
Corpus Christi	86	74	0.77
Corsicana	92	73	0.03
Dallas	92	75	
Del Rio	89	73	0.61
Denton	95	73	
El Paso	95	73	
Fort Stockton	90	68	
Fort Worth	93	72	
Galveston	90	80	
Harlingen	81	73	1.40
Hondo	89	71	0.02
Houston	90	76	0.44
Huntsville	91	72	0.01
Junction	87	66	0.03
Kingsville	rn	rn	
Laredo	84	73	
Longview	91	72	0.09
Lubbock	89	67	
Lufkin	89	72	0.56
Marfa	84	61	
McAllen	82	76	0.51
McKinney	92	74	
New Braunfels	84	70	0.09
Palacios	90	75	0.20
Paris	90	72	
Rockport	88	80	
San Antonio	85	71	0.29
Terrell	92	73	0.03
Texarkana, Ar	91	73	
Tyler	91	73	0.01
Victoria	85	72	0.18
Waco	96	74	0.38
Wichita Falls	94	73	
Wink	92	68	

Southeast Texas contestant wins Miss Texas USA crown

LUBBOCK (AP) — A 21-year-old Houston woman is the new Miss Texas USA.

Miss Southeast Texas, Heather Ogilvie, was among 104 contestants competing for the title in Monday night's pageant at Lubbock Municipal Auditorium.

"I'm thrilled," Ms. Ogilvie said in an interview after the pageant. "Texas has got the most prestigious pageants, and to have this title is such an honor."

As Miss Texas USA, Ms. Ogilvie said she plans to promote literacy and help victims of domestic violence.

She also wins more than $100,000 worth of prizes, including a 1999 Ford Mustang, a seven-day Caribbean cruise, a full-length fur coat, jewelry and cosmetics. She will represent Texas in the Miss USA pageant in February.

Ms. Ogilvie and her sister, Valerie, were both contestants at this year's pageant. Valerie Ogilvie, Miss Galveston, shared the spotlight with her sister for a brief time when both were among 12 semifinalists.

Miss North Harris County Kristina Martinez was the first runner-up. The other top five finalists were: second runner-up, Miss San Antonio, Vanessa Cedotal; third runner-up, Miss College Station, Kristie Keeton; and fourth runner-up, Miss Missouri City, Candace Jackson.

FOURTH: Fireworks litter dismays northeast couple

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works shooters) shoot off fireworks to express love of country and leave all of it (the debris) behind. It disgraces the land" called America.

Chappell and his wife, a 32-year-old U.S. Army veteran and Midland College student, fly Old Glory from sunrise to sunset on a flagpole in their front yard.

"It's wonderful for them to come out and celebrate the Fourth of July," Chappell said. However, he said, "I almost wonder if they have completely forgotten why we (in America) are shooting fireworks" in commemorating the nation's independence. "Is it just a day when they can legitimize pyrotechnics?"

The shooters, including families of adults and children, were "having a good time," he said. "You have to give them credit."

Still, "It's a contradiction of the entire celebration. They were celebrating on one hand and trashing on the other "

To Mrs. Chappell, the sight, which she had witnessed in earlier years and to more severe degrees along Midland County Road 1150 North, was incredible.

"There's nothing wrong with having fun and shooting off fireworks," she said. But earlier in the 1990s, in those years when the fireworks ban was not in effect during the drought, the fireworks debris was appalling.



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Car and truck windows like this one were smashed out at the Dealer Services Auto car-truck lot off Loop 250 on the west side of Midland, as well as at the Rogers Ford North car-truck lot off Andrews Highway.

"It's not so much the fireworks," she said. "It's the trash they leave behind. It was just like a war zone," Mrs. Chappell said. "It was just like being back in basic training."

On the west side of Midland at Loop 250, two teen-agers allegedly smashed the safety-glass windows of more than 20 cars, trucks and vans. Midland police said they arrested the teen-agers early Monday.

"They hit the (car) lot last night and tore this place up," Charlie Wright, a 42-year-old oil field worker, said of the Dealer Services Auto car-truck lot off Loop 250 near The Lakes apartment complex.

Among the dozen or so vehicles damaged were a BMW coupe and Ford F-350 pickup. However, International, Ford and Chevrolet school buses on the lot were not vandalized, noted Wright, who said that he lives on the lot.

"If not the kids, their parents should be responsible" for making reparation, Wright said. "Their folks should be liable. They (the teenagers) should be at home with their folks" and not roaming the streets.

Abe Koenig, who was looking over the lot's used vehicles, said the police "need to lock them (vandals) up and throw away the key. They need to do something," said the 59-year-old who "used to do maintenance for Builders Square."

At the Rogers Ford North car-truck lot off Andrews Highway, manager Jerry Lee said two pickups there were vandalized.

"They did two," he said. "They busted out every window on the (1998 Ford Ranger) pickup truck" and most of windows, except for the windshield, of a 1970 Chevrolet pickup.

Lee estimated the cost of replacing windows on the Ford Ranger would be about $1,000.

"If they (the teenagers) don't have anything to do," Lee said, "I can find them something to do if they need entertainment."

Railroad Killer reportedly seen in New Mexico

MOUNTAINAIR, N.M. (AP) — Two people, including a National Park Service ranger, reported seeing a man resembling the so-called Railroad Killer — the FBI's "Public Enemy No. 1" — near a New Mexico rail line Monday.

Rafael Resendez-Ramirez, 39, was placed atop the FBI's 10 Most Wanted list last month.

The initial sighting around noon Monday was near railroad tracks in the Mountainair area 40 miles southeast of Albuquerque, Torrance County Sheriff Pete Golden said. A driver traveling on a highway near the tracks reported seeing the man, Golden said.

A similar sighting was reported five miles away and 1 1/2 hours later by a park ranger at Abo, the ruins of a 379-year-old Spanish convent near Mountainair. The ruins are part of Salinas National Monument.

Golden said the Abo ranger told him: "You know, I saw a person exactly that same height and build, and he was over in an arroyo running."

The man wore no shirt and had tattoos, he said, and was running southwest down the arroyo.

"That was of concern to me. The park ranger — I know him; he's very credible," Golden said.

About 1 1/2 miles down that arroyo, heading southwest, investigators found a shirt hanging on some brush, he said.

"Where we found the shirt was right under the railroad," he said.

The Burlington Northern Santa Fe Railroad informed sheriff's dispatch that as many as 90 trains a day pass along those tracks, Golden said.

"The train traffic through there is incredible," he said, adding the man could easily have caught a train.

But there was no clear evidence Monday that the man was Resendez-Ramirez, a drifter from Mexico charged in two murders and linked to six others around the country.

Albuquerque FBI agent Doug Beldon said his agency is not helping in the Mountainair search.

"We have been getting a number of supposed sightings. We look into those that have the most credibility. There is no indication that this is him right now," Beldon said.

Last week, police in Las Cruces received reports of four possible sightings of Resendez-Ramirez on June 26 and 27.

One caller reported seeing him riding a train June 26, a Saturday, then jumping off near the Dona Ana County sheriff's headquarters in Las Cruces. The second sighting was at a convenience store.

On June 27, callers reported seeing him on a train and near a car wash close to New Mexico State University in Las Cruces, which is about 200 miles south of Mountainair.

Las Cruces police followed up but found no trace of him.

Resendez-Ramirez has had several brushes with U.S. law enforcement officials since 1976.

Under the name of Antonio Martinez, he was arrested for burglary in Las Cruces in March 1992. At that time, he told authorities he worked in Juarez, Mexico, across the border from El Paso, at the loading dock of a trucking company.

He had been caught fleeing the home of an elderly couple where he took a gun. He pleaded guilty and received a three-year term in a New Mexico prison.

Most recently, Border Patrol agents arrested him last month at Sunland Park, N.M., adjacent to both El Paso and Las Cruces. Not realizing Resendez-Ramirez was wanted for murder, the agents deported him to Mexico.

But two days later, authorities believe he killed a 73-year-old woman west of Houston. And the following day, they believe he killed a 26-year-old Houston schoolteacher at her home.

The INS announced an investigation last week into why Resendez-Ramirez has been able to cross the border so easily and so often.

Bush won't get paid when stumping out of state

AUSTIN (AP) — George W. Bush said Monday that he will forgo his gubernatorial salary — $316.01 a day — when he campaigns outside Texas for the Republican presidential nomination.

When Bush is out of state for an entire day, Lt. Gov. Rick Perry is elevated under state law to acting governor and paid an additional $316.01 a day.

"Because the Lt. Governor is paid in my absence, I don't think it's appropriate for the taxpayers of Texas to pay my salary twice," said Bush, who is paid $115,345 a year as governor.

Perry only gets the additional salary if Bush is out of state the entire day — from midnight to midnight, according to the governor's office.

The change announced Monday is retroactive. Bush, the front-runner for the GOP nomination, will reimburse the state $2,212.07, representing the salary he received during the seven days he campaigned outside Texas last month, according to the governor's office.

Fresh from celebrating Fourth of July in New Hampshire on Sunday, Bush will leave Austin again today to make campaign swings through Denver, Salt Lake City, and Portland, Ore. He returns Thursday night or Friday.

While Bush has pledged to go without his gubernatorial salary while campaigning out of state, he will continue to use bodyguards supplied by the Texas Department of Public Safety and the Texas Rangers.

Citing security concerns, Bush aides and state officials decline to say how many guards travel with the governor or how much it costs Texas taxpayers.

"The Department of Public Safety has always protected the state's governor," said Bush spokeswoman Linda Edwards.

While traveling with Bush, the bodyguards fly on the governor's plane, which is paid for by the campaign, according to Bush's office.

Tom Vinger, Department of Public Safety spokesman, said the state has had to increase the pool of officers trained for Bush's security as his travel schedule intensified.

CABLE: Cox recently settled case with Lubbock

(From 1A)

The city of Lubbock was not available for comment, and Cox representatives did not remember the exact amount although verified that it was in the "neighborhood of $150,000."

"That was more than just fee on fee. There were several different issues than a franchise fee," said Randy Wink, vice president and general manager of Cox Communications West Texas.

Wink, stationed in Lubbock, said a large part of the money involved resulted from the fact that the company had not been audited by the city of Lubbock for more than 15 years.

Cox and the city settled in that case for $40,000.

"We decided we weren't going to pass it on to customers because the city of Lubbock didn't bind us to all of the costs of that franchise fee on franchise fee," Wink said, adding that if Lubbock had insisted on the complete amount, customers would have seen higher rates.

The reasoning he supplied was because those fees were not initially collected by the cable company.

"We are going to pass on what's fair and equitable. If it's on a franchise fee where we never collected the money, that we would pass on. Any mistake we made, we wouldn't pass on to the customer."

Boatmun's report said the company had collected the fees during the time in question.

Wink, however, would not say if Midland customers would see higher rates because of the audit.

"We'll have to wait and see. We haven't talked to anybody from the city on this and until we do, I won't make any speculation," Wink said.

The audit report was presented to the finance committee Thursday June 24. The manager of the Midland office has been on vacation since Friday June 25 and has not been reached despite several attempts by the city.

COMBINE: Governments look to restructure services

(From 1A)

scale.

"About two or three years ago, there was an idea for a complete city-county consolidation," Hackler said.

The benefits of such a move are obvious. Almost every function of both governments could be combined into one. Combination of the two local law enforcement agencies and reduction of management staff between the two would present considerable cost savings.

Furthermore, it's an idea that both Morrow and Burns see as beneficial to local citizens.

"I think it's one that should be looked at," Morrow said.

Burns added, "It's a very wise thing to look at, but politically it's very difficult."

To induce such a change would require state legislation and might even involve a constitutional amendment.

Locally, though, it would involve downsizing and several people being out of work.

Either way, the vision for that idea is at least several years away.

Burns felt that it would be four or five years before it received any serious consideration.

Morrow added that legislation allowing for such a consolidation would probably come from a larger city, although bills proposing such consolidations have twice died before they got out of committee.

Pick 3 Texas

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

0-9-4

Cash Five

AUSTIN (AP) — The Cash Five winning numbers drawn Monday by the Texas Lottery, in order:

3-8-10-15-16

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Thousands in Serbian town protest Milosevic's government

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — Up to 10,000 chanting protesters took to the streets in a southern Serbian town on Monday — the latest sign of growing anger at President Slobodan Milosevic's government.

Moscow and NATO, meanwhile, reached a deal that opens to way for more Russian troops to deploy in Kosovo as part of the peacekeeping force there.

Russia had sought to change an agreement reached in Helsinki, Finland, last month defining where its troops would deploy in Kosovo, hoping to give its troops wider freedom to operate.

The dispute further strained relations between Moscow and the alliance. NATO blocked Russian transport planes from flying more paratroopers to Kosovo on Sunday by persuading Hungary, Romania and Bulgaria to deny permission to fly through their airspace.

NATO's supreme commander, Gen. Wesley Clark, told The Associated Press that Monday's agreement kept more or less the same guidelines laid out in the Helsinki deal. The Russians will patrol in parts of the American, German and French sectors.

NATO said Monday about 29,000 troops have so far arrived in the province for the peacekeeping mission, which is due to reach 50,000 peacekeeping troops overall.

Russia is to send 3,600 troops. Around 750 Russian paratroopers have been deployed at Slatina airport near Kosovo's capital Pristina.

The peacekeepers' control of Kosovo is one of the factors that has fueled Serb anger at Milosevic's government — on top of the destruction wrought by NATO's 78-day air campaign.

In a sign of how deep the discontent may be, Monday's protests in Leskovac, 120 miles southeast of Belgrade, were not organized by an opposition party — they were inspired by a technician at the local TV station.

Last week, technician Ivan Novkovic came on during a break in a basketball match and accused the local governor — a member of Milosevic's party — of abusing his authority. Novkovic urged people to rally Monday to demand his resignation.

Thousands responded, chanting "Thieves, thieves!" and "Changes, changes!" while police made no attempt to stop the march.

"I am not member of any political party. My moves were motivated solely by my conscience as a citizen," Novkovic, who has since become a local hero, told the Danas independent daily.

Milosevic's government has also been shaken by Kosovo Serbs fleeing the province in the face of revenge attacks by ethnic Albanians for Serb forces' atrocities.

The U.N. refugee agency estimates that more than 71,000 Kosovo Serbs have fled the province since March 1998, but has no figures for how many have left after the NATO deployment began. Belgrade claims more than 100,000 Serbs have left Kosovo.

Leaders of Kosovo's Serb community on Monday demanded the peacekeepers investigate crimes against Serbs in the province and alleged the existence of prison camps in Kosovo holding Serbs.

"We have clear indications" that the camps exist, Serb Orthodox Bishop Artemije and Kosovo Serb politician Momcilo Trajkovic said in a letter to the private Beta news agency.

Russian Interior Ministry troops attack alleged Chechen fighters

MOSCOW (AP) — Russian troops backed by helicopter gunships and mortars attacked a group of alleged Chechen rebels Monday, killing several militants two days after Moscow threatened pre-emptive strikes against suspected guerrillas.

Russia has started to get tough with Chechnya in response to violence that has raged in the breakaway republic and surrounding regions since the 1994-1996 war for independence.

Moscow sent gunships and troops armed with heavy weaponry against suspected Chechen militants near the border.

The assault Monday killed some of the 150-200 Chechens in the group, but no Russian troops were hurt, Russian Interior Minister Vladimir Rushailo said, according to local news agencies. No precise figures were given.

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"That's right," Slim chimed in, "except that's camaraderie, not cameras. On a trip like this, we learn to rely on each other when we get in trouble."

"I have to agree with Effie," said Sally Sue. "If I get in trouble around you guys, I'm relying on my cell phone."

"Sweetie," said Slim, smiling, "your cell phone won't work out here. We're too far from the nearest tower. You're stuck with us."

"Here's what I really wish," said Effie. "I wish we were sitting at Jib's right now, enjoying a juicy, tender ribeye steak, cooked to perfection. I'd trust my hunger to that 10 ounces of char-broiled heaven, plus a nice, steaming baked potato and a crisp, green salad...or maybe that tangy Cole slaw. Either way, I've worked up an appetite almost as big as Earl's, doing all this hiking."

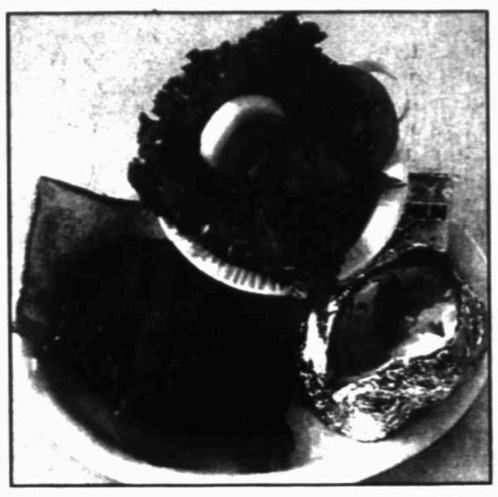
"Ribeye? Jib's has ribeyes?" Earl shouted, scaring off every bird and squirrel for five miles. "Is that something new?"

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Earl stood quietly for a moment. Then, he said, "Y'know, I think we've learned a lot already on this camping trip. I think we could just pack it in and go back to Midland today. We'd get there about closing time."

"Closing time?" Slim asked.

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"August seventh," Slim said. "Not today."

"Guess we might as well stay out here and enjoy the beauty of nature and Earl's cooking," Slim said.

"Um—I was thinking of trying the cell phone to make reservations at a motel for tonight," Sally Sue offered. "How far would we have to go to get in its range?"

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Van Pearcy

Even with the best control, a certain amount of inflation is built into our economy. To maintain your standard of living, your income should increase each year.

Working West Texans are typically rewarded with wage increases that meet or exceed inflation. Those planning for retirement, however, must create an investment plan that will provide increasing income. As life spans continue to increase, it's more crucial than ever to devise a plan that not only will allow your money to grow enough to meet rising living costs during retirement, but also to last at least as long as you do.

Achieving this goal requires choosing the right mix of three income flavors: variable, fixed and growing.

Some of today's most popular investments offer variable income. Savings with short maturities, such as U. S. Treasury bills, bank certificates of deposit (CDs) and money market accounts pay income that **fluctuates.**

Typically, these short-term investments guarantee your principle, so they are ideal for meeting short-term needs. However, they may not be as appropriate for long-term goals. For example, a $100,000 investment in three-month T-bills for the period Jan. 1, 1976 through Dec. 31, 1995 would have provided dramatically fluctuating income, from a high of $14,662 one year to a low of about $3,600 another. It's hard to budget on fluctuation like that. It's even harder to live on it.

One solution to fluctuating income is **fixed income investments.** These include Treasury, corporate and municipal bonds. They guarantee a return of principal if held to maturity, and a fixed interest rate which generates a stable income, usually paid semiannually, while held. the guarantee that you'll get your money back is attractive, but the fact that your income won't rise means fixed-income investments should not comprise your entire portfolio.

For example, a $100,000 investment made Jan. 1, 1976, in a 20-year Treasury bond guaranteed annual fixed income of $8,000. When returned 20 years later, the $100,000 investment had lost about half it buying power. Not only did the income lose the race against inflation, so did the principal.

The third type of income is **growing income.** Investments that offer the potential for growth—such as stocks and mutual funds—offer no guarantees, but historically they have been rewarding.

Many excellent companies have grown and prospered over the years. As corporate profits increase, companies typically pay higher dividends to shareholders. A hypothetical $100,000 investment in U. S. stocks as represented by the Standard & Poor's 500 Index for the same 1976-1995 period would have produced annual dividends growing steadily from about $4,000 in 1976 to $15,291 in 1995.

A successful investment, just like a good recipe, requires the right mix of flavors. Make sure your portfolio includes a balance of short-term, fixed-income and growth investments, and you'll be rewarded with your just desserts.

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Success will prove difficult to repeat for Mexican opposition

MEXICO CITY (AP) — State elections in Mexico should offer an important lesson for opposition leaders as they try to end the ruling party's 70-year hold on the presidency: United they win, divided they lose.

Applying that lesson, however, will be difficult.

The long-dominant Institutional Revolutionary Party, or PRI, won the gubernatorial election Sunday in the state of Mexico, the country's largest, which includes Mexico City.

With 93 percent of precincts reporting, PRI candidate Arturo Montiel had 40.7 percent of the vote, easily defeating the two main opposition parties. His closest rival, Jose Luis Duran, of the National Action Party had 34.2 percent.

The PRI had an even higher percentage in the small, Pacific state of Nayarit — 42.8 percent — but lost to a rare opposition alliance. With 85 percent of polls reporting, coalition candidate Antonio Echeverria won with 51.7 percent of the vote.

The results may convince opposition parties to form a coalition in the 2000 presidential election.

But they may not.

"It would be an error to take what occurred in those states, which have their own characteristics, and apply them to the national stage," said Luis Felipe Bravo Mena, president of the National Action Party, or PAN.

The opposition parties have chipped away at the PRI's rule in recent years, winning 10 governorships, the mayor's seat in Mexico City and a good section of the lower house of Congress, which was previously ruled by a PRI majority. But no single party has managed to surpass the PRI in its nationwide strength.

The opposition parties have held tentative talks about joining forces for the 2000 race. But the obstacles are great. The two main opposition parties — the PAN and Democratic Revolution — would have to overcome ideological differences, old animosities and the egos of their candidates.

The PAN is a center-right, business-oriented party that favors free-trade. Democratic Revolution, known as the PRD, is a leftist party that favors a large state role in the economy.

On some of the biggest issues facing the country — including the last two budgets and a $65 billion bank bailout — the PAN has voted with the governing party over the objections of the PRD.

The probable presidential candidates of the two parties aren't likely to cede to each other either, said George Grayson, a Mexico expert at the College of William and Mary who observed Sunday's election.

The PAN presidential nominee is likely to be Vicente Fox, the governor of Guanajuato state, who has already been campaigning for almost two years. His campaign is aggressive and well-financed, and voter surveys show him to be a front-runner.

The likely PRD candidate is Mexico City Mayor Cuauhtemoc Cardenas, the son of a popular president. Cardenas has run twice before for president, and some believe he was cheated out of victory in 1988.

Israeli prime minister-elect names Cabinet, pledges end to conflict

TEL AVIV, Israel (AP) — Israel's prime minister-elect, Ehud Barak, named his Cabinet on Monday and promised to bring the country peace and prosperity.

After weeks of coalition negotiations, the list of Cabinet members is to be presented Tuesday to parliament, where it is assured of approval, after which Barak will assume office.

"We accepted the responsibility of leading the nation to security and peace," Barak told his Labor Party's central committee in Tel Aviv. He said peace negotiations will be his first priority.

"I know we have thousands of problems on the public agenda," he said. "(But) nothing is more important in my view than that supreme mission — to strengthen the security of Israel by putting an end to the 100-year conflict in the Middle East." Israel was founded in 1948, but Zionism's drive for a Jewish state began around a century ago.

Barak has promised to push forward negotiations with the Palestinians, Syria and Lebanon after near stagnation under Benjamin Netanyahu, whom he defeated in May 17 elections.

The nominee for public security minister, Shlomo Ben-Ami, said the new government is united behind Barak's peace policies.

"This is a peace coalition. It is not a coalition of peaceniks, but it is a coalition committed to depart from the policies of the Netanyahu government, which were policies of confrontation and paralysis," he told The Associated Press.

With a coalition embracing 75 legislators, Barak is assured of approval in the 120-member parliament, or Knesset.

The appointments for the 18-member Cabinet come from seven parties with a wide range of ideologies. Barak presented the eight Labor nominees to the party's central committee for approval. The list contained few surprises.

Barak's predecessor as party leader, former prime minister Shimon Peres, grudgingly accepted a vaguely-defined post of regional cooperation minister — he had sought a post leading peace negotiations.

Barak reserved the key defense minister's post for himself and named as foreign minister the Moroccan-born David Levy, from the Gesher party.

Four spots went to the ultra-Orthodox Shas party, and the construction ministry was handed to the National Religious Party, a hawk on peace and a patron of Jewish settlers in the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

The central committee rejected Barak's nominee for the Knesset speaker's seat, choosing instead Avraham Burg, a respected veteran who once accused Barak of "dictatorial" leadership.

Barak's immediate steps concerning the peace process remain unclear.

He telephoned Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat over the weekend and the two agreed to meet soon, Barak's office said. Ben-Ami said the meeting would probably be next week.

The new environment minister, Dalia Itzik, said Barak and Arafat would focus on rebuilding trust.

"In the first meeting, most likely they will do is create a new atmosphere ... a climate for talks that did not exist until now," Itzik said.

And in a challenge for Barak's peace policies, bulldozers cleared land Monday for a planned Jewish settlement in an Arab neighborhood of east Jerusalem — largely a legacy of Netanyahu's outgoing government. The Palestinians have demanded Barak halt Jewish settlement expansion.

Meanwhile, hundreds of Egyptian politicians, artists and writers stomped on Israeli and American flags to protest a Cairo conference Monday aimed at promoting closer ties between Israel and Arab countries.

The protesters argued that Arabs should have no relations with the Jewish state until it withdraws from all territories it occupied after the 1967 Mideast war, including east Jerusalem.

Russian economic signs look improved, top official says

MOSCOW (AP) — In a litany of rosy economic reports Monday, a top official said Russia's monthly inflation was down to 1 percent and foreign currency reserves and tax collections were rising.

Since the International Monetary Fund praised Russia's economic performance last week and indicated lending could be resumed, government officials have sounded increasingly upbeat.

Any economic improvement has yet to trickle down to the general population, however, and millions of Russians continue to struggle to pay for food and housing.

But the sharp price increases of last autumn appear to have abated. First Deputy Prime Minister Viktor Khristenko said Monday that inflation for June was estimated at 1.4 percent, according to preliminary figures. Inflation in May was 2.2 percent, he said.

Khristenko said the Central Bank's gold and currency reserves reached $12.2 billion, up from $10.7 billion early this year, the Interfax news agency reported.

He insisted the government was also doing well in increasing tax collections — one of the main requirements for new IMF loans. Russia collected $1.84 billion in taxes and customs duties in June, surpassing the target of $1.69 billion, Khristenko told a news conference.

Sales of state property and other revenues brought another $156 million into state coffers in June, up from the target of $132 million, he said.

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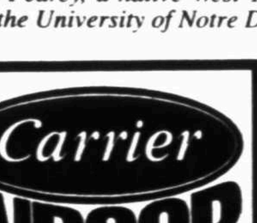
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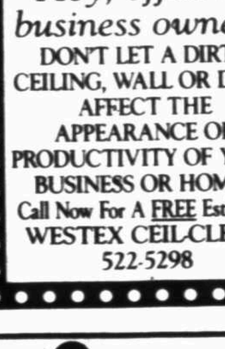
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Teaching youths lifesaving can pay big returns

Every parent who has wondered how useful it is to give their children training in life-saving should take heart from the story of Alex Dillman and Jacob Cordero.

Alex, who is 5 years old, recently toured the Holiday American Red Cross Fun Day with his Head-Start class from West Elementary School. While there he learned the Heimlich maneuver to save a choking person.

Later, Alex taught his uncle, 7-year-old Jacob, the technique. That move paid off when Alex choked on a piece of candy and Jacob used the Heimlich maneuver to save the boy's life.

Safety classes, even those taught to very young children, are well worth the effort and should be part of every family's safety program. While adults may discount such life-saving information provided to young children, the case involving Alex Dillman and Jacob Cordero clearly illustrates the value of such training courses.

In today's society, with many single-parent homes and often children left at home alone while the parent earns a living, it's imperative to provide youngsters not only with life-saving information, but fire safety rules, swimming training, and other basic life-saving information.

While the natural tendency may be to believe that youngsters must be of a certain age to utilize life-saving information, the case of these two young boys shows exactly how incorrect such an assumption can be.

Protect your children by teaching them life-saving techniques.

ANOTHER VIEW

Medicare expansion isn't a good idea

President Clinton proposes that Americans avert a looming crisis in their ability to fund Medicare by expanding the coverage the program provides.

He wants to offer prescription drug benefits to 39 million people.

This is the kind of cynical, non-serious proposal the American people have learned to expect from one of the most feckless members of the Baby Boom generation.

Clearly, it will be up to the responsible members of the generation to arrange a health care system their children can afford to finance.

The president is to outline his proposal to save Medicare from bankruptcy, and real leadership on the issue would be most welcome. At the current rate of spending, the program will go bankrupt within the decade.

The baby boom generation can have the same Medicare coverage their parents now enjoy only by imposing staggering taxes on their own children.

— Charleston Daily Mail
Charleston, W.Va.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Tuesday, July 6, the 187th day of 1999. There are 178 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On July 6, 1944, 169 lives were lost in a fire in the main tent of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus in Hartford, Conn.

On this date:

In 1483, England's King Richard III was crowned.

In 1535, Sir Thomas More was executed in England for treason.

In 1777, during the American Revolution, British forces captured Fort Ticonderoga.

In 1885, French scientist Louis Pasteur successfully tested an anti-rabies vaccine on a boy bitten by an infected dog.

In 1917, during World War I, Arab forces led by T.E. Lawrence (of Arabia) captured the port of Aqaba from the Turks.

In 1923, the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics was formed.

In 1945, President Truman signed an executive order establishing the Medal of Freedom.

In 1957, Althea Gibson became the first black tennis player to win a Wimbledon singles title, defeating fellow American Darlene Hard 6-3, 6-2.

In 1967, the Biafran War erupted. (It lasted 2 1/2 years and claimed some 600,000 lives.)

One year ago: Protestants rioted in many parts of Northern Ireland after British authorities blocked an Orange Order march in Portadown. Singing cowboy star Roy Rogers died in Apple Valley, Calif., at age 86. Se Ri Pak, a 20-year-old rookie golfer from South Korea, became the youngest winner of the U.S. Women's Open, defeating American amateur Jenny Chuasiriporn in sudden death.

CAL THOMAS

'To Tell the Truth' not a venue for Clinton

Once there was a television show called "To Tell the Truth." Three people identified themselves by the same name, and contestants asked questions to determine which one was telling the truth.



Thomas

We might play that game with President Clinton. He claims that he has found another $1 trillion, after discovering a previous trillion dollars, following a miscalculation of a much lower surplus that has yet to materialize and is only a projection based on a supposition that current growth will continue for 15 years.

How do we know this president isn't lying to us the way he has about everything from foreign policy and domestic "affairs" to even his golf score? How can we be certain that the flimflam man isn't sticking it to us again in order to boost his approval numbers, improve his vice president's election chances and establish his "legacy" before leaving office? He might say anything to fool us into thinking he is a great president.

The lie is that Medicare needs more money. The truth is it needs comprehensive fixing. Red tape is only one of Medicare's problems. A new Heritage Foundation analysis notes that the Health Care Financing Administration frequently denies reimbursements for care it deems "medically unnecessary" but does not provide doctors and patients with sufficient information to determine what services fit that description. There are more than 111,000 pages of rules and regulations governing Medicare patients. The answer to the problems surrounding Medicare is a system of choices, allowing families to pick the plans that provide the benefits they need, not a government bureaucracy that imposes a one-size-fits-all program.

The president also claims that by spending the "surplus" — which is not yet in the bank — on Social Security, the problems inherent in the current system will be mended. The truth is that, like so many other proposed "fixes," this one only delays the day of reckoning when the Baby Boomers are retired and the ratio of workers to retirees declines to two to one and the system can afford to pay out only about 71 cents for every dollar paid into it.

A bipartisan congressional plan would take steps to improve Social Security's unfunded liability by allowing workers to divert a small portion of their existing Social Security taxes into a personal retirement account that they would own, vastly improving the rate of return on their money as it has done in England and other countries. Announced on May 20, but yet to be introduced as legislation, the bipartisan Senate proposal would divert just 2 percent of wages from workers' Social Security retirement taxes into a new individual retirement account. The accounts would mirror the Thrift Savings Plan currently available to federal workers, which offer a limited number of investment options.

In addition to the amount diverted from existing Social Security taxes, workers could save up to an additional $2,000 a year in their accounts. Contributions from lower-income workers would be matched by the government. If the worker died before retirement, the full amount of the account would go into his or her estate.

This is serious Social Security and Medicare reform that will work, but the truth is Democrats want to use the issue against Republicans rather than solve the problems. That way they can continue their slander of Republicans as uncaring about the elderly and the poor. But true compassion means fixing something that is broken so that it will benefit the people it was designed to serve.

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CHARLEY REESE

Free trade hasn't helped all Americans

Why is free trade losing support at a time when the American economy is soaring? Because the vigorous economic expansion of the 1990s hasn't helped all Americans. The share of the American income to the bottom 60 percent of American families has continued to fall, while the share going to the top 5 percent has reached a post-war high. Only workers above the 75th percentile of the wage-and-hour salary scale — almost all of them college graduates — have enjoyed significant increases in their take-home pay.

Reese

So much for Clinton's bragged-about prosperity.

And now to confess a little trick. The entire first paragraph belongs within quotation marks. I did not make that statement. It was made by Robert Reich in an article written especially for the Los Angeles Times.

Reich, now a professor at Brandeis University, was Clinton's first secretary of labo, an old Rhodes scholar buddy. He is as genuinely liberal as any human flesh that ever crossed the Potomac River in either direction. I point this out so you won't think this is Republican sour grapes or a protectionist tirade.

Reich goes on in the article to justify free trade, falling back on his belief that government retraining programs can help spread the wealth. I disagree. We've had tons of government training programs since before the Great Society. There's not much to show for them. So we'll leave Reich with his faith in government and strike out on our own.

The whole problem, as it is in every country, is with the bottom half of the people. If you look at any country in the world, Western or Asian, African or Latin, you see the same thing. There's always an elite that figures out how to get rich no matter what. They have the moxie and the brains. I suspect that if you dumped them out on the surface of Mars, they end up rich Martians.

No one need concern themselves with these people. They can take care of themselves. It's the more humble among us who suffer from bad government policies. Free trade with cheap-labor countries pits foreign workers who have no choice but to work for low wages against Americans who have not much choice if their manufacturing jobs are shipped overseas. It is an international version of another game being played which is pitting poor immigrants against poor Americans in a scramble for low-end jobs. The result, of course, is low wages, which is ultimately the goal of the corporate elite.

Wherever there is a surplus of labor — in Guatemala or Illinois — capital can bargain down the wages. Surplus labor gives capital the option of saying, "Take it or leave it. If you don't want the job, there are 50 people outside who do." That, by the way, is why unions traditionally oppose so-called right-to-work states. It's not that unions are against civil liberties, but they know that if they cannot control the labor supply, they have no bargaining power for their workers.

Industrial unions are going kaput because with free trade, capital can (and does) tell its American workers, "Take it, or we'll leave for Mexico." There is certainly no simple answer, but any society which ignores all but the top 5 percent of its population is — eventually — heading for a revolution.

Americans shouldn't have forgotten their history. It was the blue-collar factory job that lifted so many millions of Americans out of poverty into the middle class. It may be theoretically more efficient to ship those jobs overseas, but, practically speaking, the cost will be dear.

Too many conservatives think only of conserving their money instead of conserving the country. Money will not buy much joy if you have to live in a fortress and travel with armed bodyguards. That's not the America any of us should want.

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WILLIAM SAFIRE

'Name That Neighborhood' latest craze

When in California, you'll want to go to **SoMa**. Down in Florida, don't miss **SoBe**. And in Connecticut, the place to go is **SoNo**.



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All these so-so names are a result of **stump compounding**. A **stump** is a piece of a word, the front or the back. Otto Jespersen, the great Danish linguist, noticed in 1922 that children tended to shorten names by using the ends: Albert became **Bert**, Arabella just **Bella** and Elizabeth **Beth**, **Betty** or **Bess**. Adults, he found, liked to make the **stumps** out of the beginnings of words: a gymnasium became a **gym**, a kilogram a **kilo**, a photograph a **photo**.

Exceptions abound, and the adults have adopted telephone's **phone** and caravan's **van**. But as language hurries up, the pressure is on to chop big words down to their **stumps**.

Geographers are leading the way. **Bosnywash** long ago triumphed over "Northeast Corridor," compounding the **stumps** of Boston and Washington with the initials of New York. In the nation's opposite corner is **SeaTac**, a community that has grown around the airport serving Seattle and Tacoma. (Next: **DallWorth**?)

The boom on **stump compounding** is in neighborhood nomenclature. The **So** is for "south"; hence, **SoMa** is south of Market Street in San Francisco, which old-timers looking at the cable-car tracks called "south of the Slot"; **SoBe** is South Beach in Miami, and **SoNo** is South Norwalk, Conn.

The grandpappy of these coinages (a play on London's Soho neighborhood) is **SoHo**, chopped down and put together in the early '70s to describe the neighborhood south of Houston Street in New York.

In the current issue of Beitrage zur Namenforschung ("Contributions to the Study of Personal and Place Names"), published in Heidelberg (perhaps your copy is late in the mail), David L. Gold, a New Yorker, explains that **stump-compounded** neighborhood names in Gotham are "an expression of trendiness and gentrification." When the South Bronx wanted to assert itself as an arts colony, it adopted **SoBro**. In the '80s came **LoBro**, for Lower Broadway.

A refinement of **SoHo** is **SoSoHo**, which tells the visitor that the area is both south of **SoHo** and kind of middling. Such punning is popular: Gold points to **NoLiTa**, "a Nabokovian coinage for North of Little Italy."

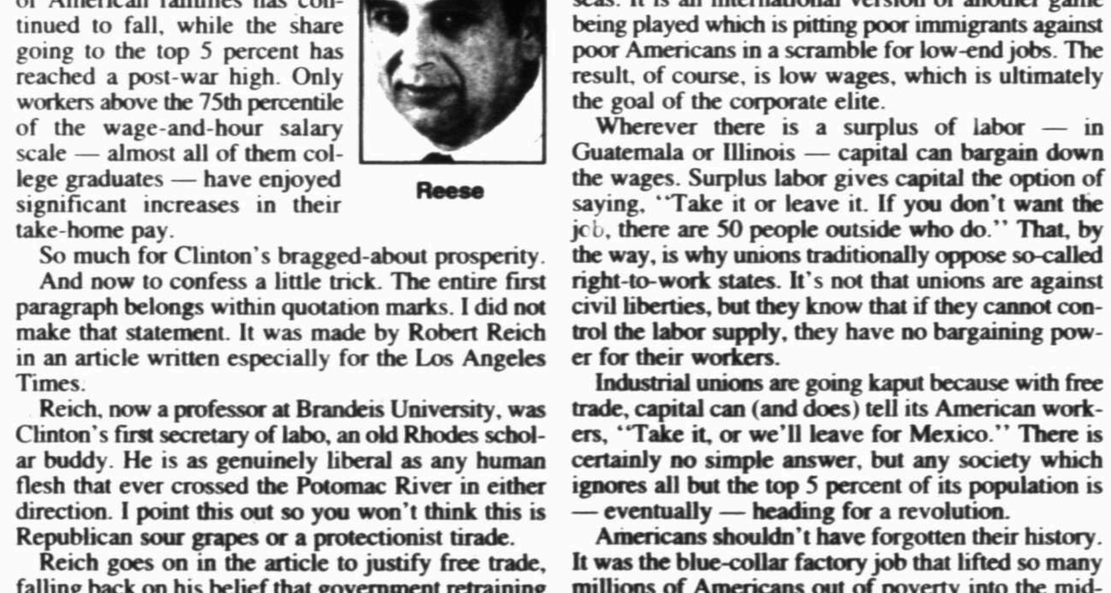
TriBeCa, the name of the area bounded by Canal Street, Broadway, Chambers Street and West Street, is derived from the first syllables of the words **triangle below Canal**. (It's more a trapezoid than a triangle, but there's no longer a canal on Canal; a little poetic license is allowed in **stump compounding**.)

The annoyed reader will note that I am using the abomination of capital letters in the middle of words. Don't worry about this affectation, recorded here only to show the etymology of the compounds. Both in common usage and in telephone directories, the **stumpifications** are melded to **Soho**, **Tribeca** and the like.

English is not the only language that chops and jams its words. According to Rolf Bergmann, editor of Namenforsch (see? I just shrank the name of his publication), **Kripo** is the **stump** of Kriminalpolizei and **Juso** is short for Jungsozialist. The Germans call this formation a Kurzwort, "short word." The Russian **Komsomol** stumped Kommunisticheskii soyuz molodezhi, which means "Communist Union of Youth."

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Clinton begins tour of poverty pockets with Appalachia stop

TYNER, Ky. (AP) — Ray Pennington sat in the shade of a walnut tree outside his tumbledown wooden house, a portable oxygen tank helping him breathe, as President Clinton cut a swath through Pennington's extended family to stand before the older man.

"I'm glad to see you," Clinton said, and extended his hand. "Well, I am too," Pennington said as he accepted it. A look of joy spread across the older man's craggy face when Clinton sat down beside him, sipped a Mountain Dew and chatted about the hot weather.

"I've lived 69 years, and this is the first time I've ever seen a president. It's a pleasure to meet you," Pennington said simply.

People like Pennington — who spent his life slaughtering hogs and now is struggling with emphysema — were the focus Monday as Clinton began a four-day, cross-country tour to promote a plan for drawing jobs and investment to areas that have not shared in the prosperity of the 1990s.

"Even though this is a blessed time for America, not all Americans have been blessed by it," the president said during a rally on Main Street in Hazard, Ky. "So I came here to show America who you are. ... It's been a hot day. But when I'm gone, I hope you will remember more than the president came, and you were hot."

With a handful of business executives, Cabinet secretaries and politicians in tow, Clinton flew by helicopter to Tyner and drove into the Whispering Pines community, a cluster of small trailer homes with about 100 residents, many of them Pennington's relatives.

Pennington's daughter, Jean Collett, 48, escorted Clinton along a gravel drive that connected her small beige house with those of her father and her daughter, Betty Jo Brewster, 25.

Mrs. Collett quit her job at the local Dairy Queen to care for her newly widowed father; the family relies heavily on the $6.30 an hour that Mrs. Brewster's husband, Anthony, earns at a local electronics plant.

The president explained his plan to expand Medicare to Mrs. Collett as they walked the short distance to Pennington's home, which faced a large satellite dish and an above-ground swimming pool in Mrs. Brewster's backyard.

Clinton wants to extend the country's good economic times to places like this, from Appalachia to the Watts area of Los Angeles. "We have to provide incentives for people to go there," he said. "We know that government can't solve these problems alone; We know that we'll never get anywhere by leaving people alone either."

The administration is characterizing these areas as an $80 billion untapped market, in terms that seem to ring of a trade mission to Africa or Latin America. Along the way, the business leaders planned to announce various investments and assistance to the communities they visit.

"We need help. We need hope," said Mayor William Gorman of Hazard, a depressed coal-mining town.

In Hazard, First Union National Bank committed $5 million in small business equity loans in Appalachia; BellSouth was announcing a partnership with the Kentucky community college system to place 100 people in technical and customer service jobs; and Bank One was investing $1 million in the new Appalachian Ohio Development Fund, which will provide financing and technical assistance to small businesses.

Republicans are pushing their own anti-poverty program that emphasizes tax breaks and other economic incentives, and House Speaker Dennis Hastert, R-Ill., sent a letter to Clinton on Sunday seeking his endorsement.

Workers injured in chemical plant explosion

GRAMERCY, La. (AP) — Explosions rocked an aluminum plant early Monday, spraying a red mist containing a corrosive chemical over residential areas and sending dozens of people to hospitals.

The explosions at the Kaiser Aluminum and Chemical Co. plant shook houses and broke windows. Authorities told residents to stay indoors and close their windows for nearly seven hours.

"It sounded like 10 shotguns fired all at once," said Cline Cockburn, who was taking a bath when the explosions shook his house, about 600 yards from the plant.

Residents complaining of nausea and respiratory problems swamped the emergency room at St. James Parish Hospital. All were treated and released.

Nineteen workers were treated in a hospital, with four taken to burn units. Another worker suffered eye injuries and one underwent surgery for cuts. The others were released.

Kaiser spokeswoman Susan Ashe said the cause of the explosions was under investigation. The plant was shut down indefinitely.

The explosions occurred in a part of the plant where electricity is generated and where bauxite, a reddish and clay-like aluminum ore, is mixed with a liquid form of sodium hydroxide, a caustic chemical.

The explosions blew a cloud of the mixture into the air — speckling cars, homes and people who happened to be outside.

Cockburn said he first rinsed off his house and dog, then hosed off his normally reddish truck and his wife's car. "My wife's car wasn't silver anymore. It matched mine," he said.

Larry Jones was finishing up the long Fourth of July weekend with friends at a bar about a mile from the plant. His arms and clothes were speckled with the red mixture and his vehicle looked like it had been driven on a muddy road.

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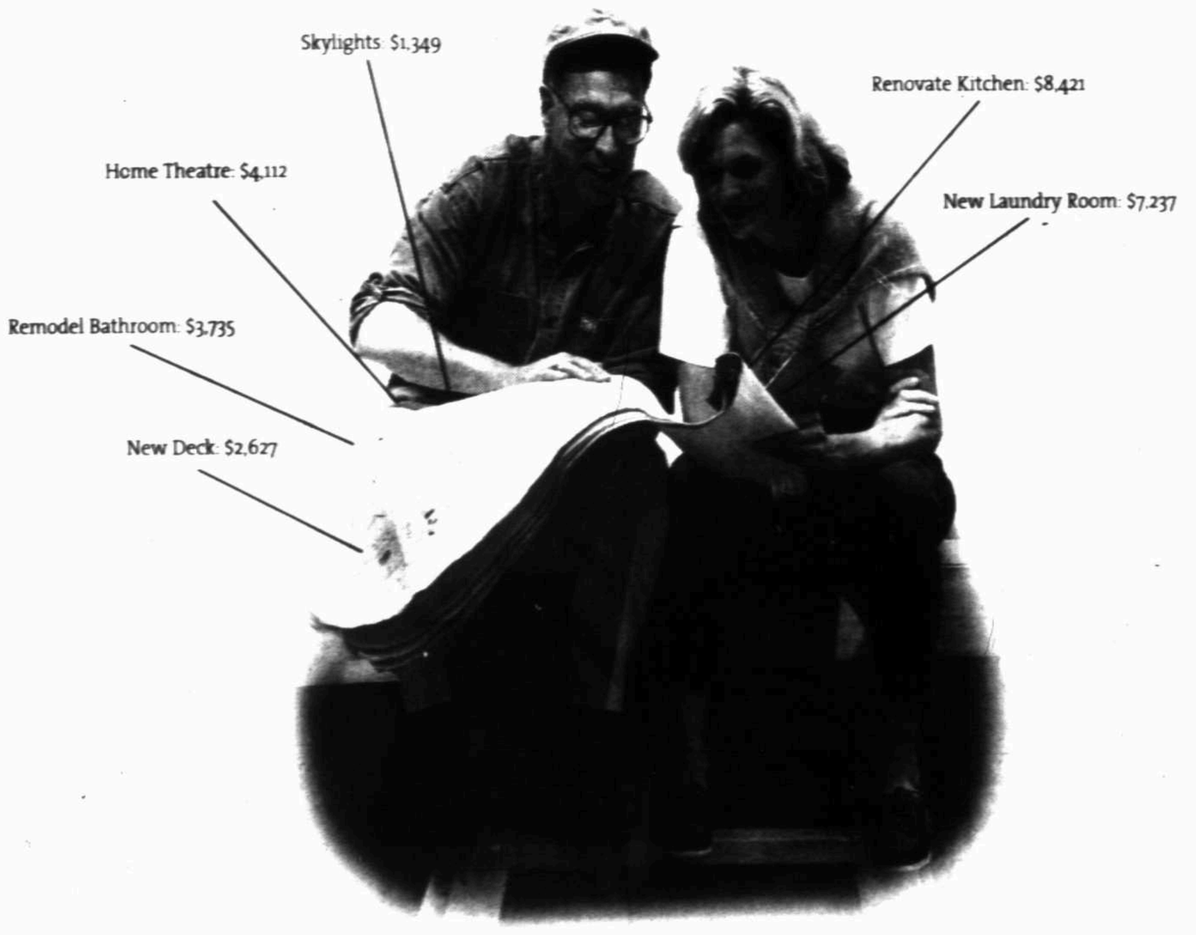
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Police: No shots fired at suspect during chase

SALEM, Ill (AP) — A white supremacist suspected of targeting minorities in a deadly two-state drive-by shooting spree committed suicide by shooting himself three times as officers pursued him.

Benjamin Nathaniel Smith, 21, led officers on a slow-speed pursuit late Sunday after he ditched his blue Ford Taurus and carjacked a minivan at gunpoint at a gas station in the southern Illinois town of Ina, Marion County Sheriff Gerald L. Benjamin said.

The woman who was driving the minivan and her 13-year-old daughter escaped without injury.

Shortly after entering Salem, about 35 miles north of Ina, Smith apparently shot and wounded himself twice, once in the neck or chin and again in the leg. The minivan then went off the left side of the road and hit a small, abandoned building.

As he struggled with five sheriff's deputies and police officers who tried to subdue him, Smith shot himself a third time, this time in the chest, Benjamin said. He died a short time later in a hospital.

"I'm glad it's over," Benjamin said. "I feel sorry for his parents and the victims and their relatives. I don't know what caused this but it's very sad."

Benjamin said none of the officers fired their weapons and Smith didn't appear to have shot at them during the pursuit or attempted arrest.

Two people were killed during the drive-by spree, including former Northwestern University men's basketball coach Ricky Byrdsong, who was black, and a Korean student in Bloomington, Ind. Seven others were wounded, one seriously.

Authorities said they believed Smith began his drive-by killing spree in Chicago on Friday by wounding six Orthodox Jews leaving synagogue. Within an hour, Byrdsong was shot to death in nearby Skokie and two Asian-Americans were shot at, but not hit, while driving in Northbrook.

The shooter also fired at Asians and blacks in two Illinois cities on Saturday, seriously wounding one man, before the Bloomington shooting on Sunday.

A .22-caliber handgun and a .380-caliber handgun found with Smith were consistent with the guns used in the shootings. Authorities were trying to trace the source of the weapons.

Smith was a member of the World Church of the Creator, a white-supremacist organization, and distributed anti-minority and anti-Semitic literature while a student at Indiana University in Bloomington.

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Special Olympians close out games marred by deaths

DURHAM, N.C. (AP) — Thousands of Special Olympics athletes observed a moment of silence during closing ceremonies for the 10th World Summer Games — an event marred by three deaths.

During the nine-day international competition that ended Sunday a 14-year-old athlete died in his sleep, a volunteer collapsed and died minutes after opening ceremonies, and University of North Carolina chancellor Michael Hooker died of cancer.

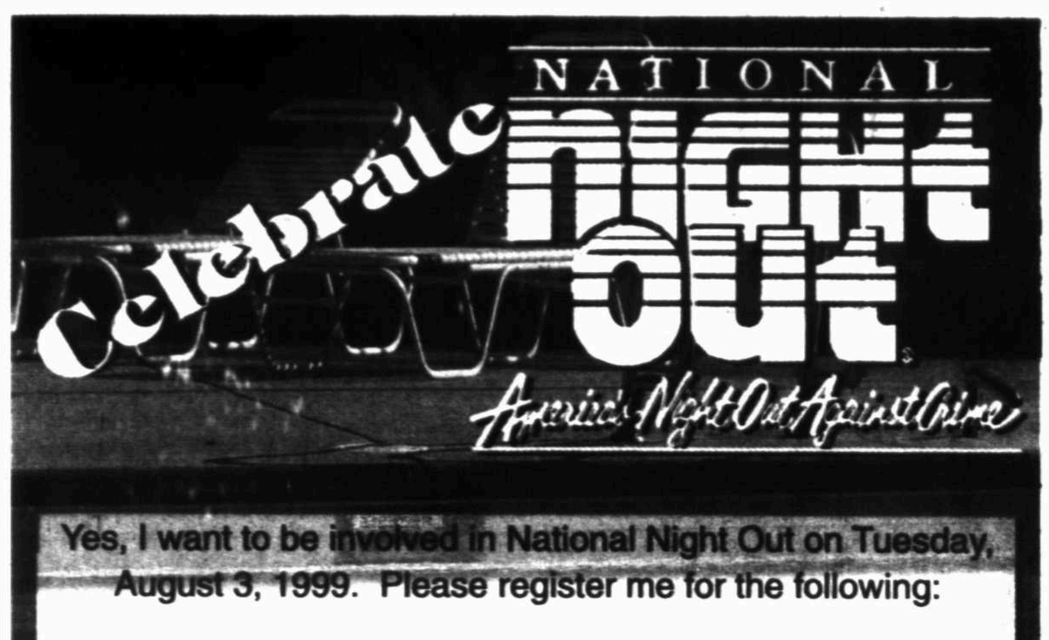
Hooker, 53, was on the Special Olympics board of directors and played a key part in bringing the games to the area.

In addition, two Dominican basketball players and two Moroccan soccer players slipped away from their delegations in the event's opening days. Three of them have been heard from since, but one of the Moroccans remains unaccounted-for, officials said.

After the moment of silence, Tim Shriver, head of Special Olympics Inc., urged the 7,000 participants gathered at the closing ceremony Sunday to look with optimism toward the future.

Founded in 1963 by Eunice Kennedy Shriver, the event this year featured competitors with mental retardation from 150 countries. There were about 2,000 coaches, 15,000 friends and relatives and 45,000 volunteers.

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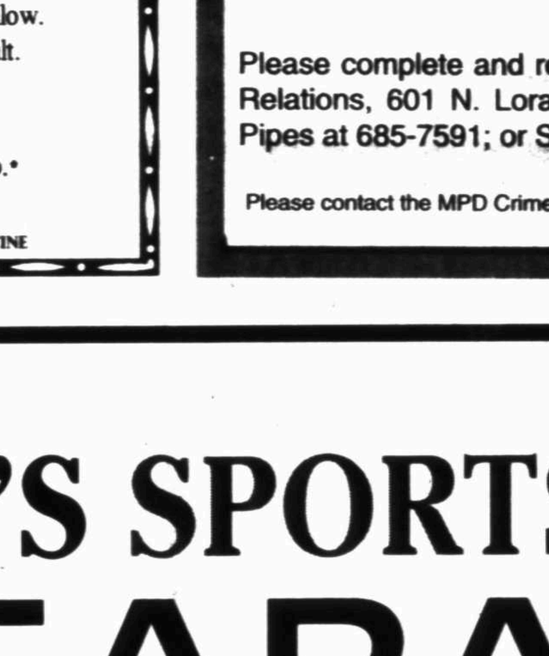
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Students sacrifice for sake of education

Sixteen students enroll in new physicians assistant program at Midland College

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

Time to hit the books is exactly what you don't expect to hear during the peak of summer vacation. However a group students at Midland College will use the phrase as its battle cry for the next two years.

The students are enrolled in the new physicians assistant program, a joint effort between Texas Tech University and Midland College.

The class of 16 students (current maximum size) began classes on June 7 and will go to school every weekday until August of 2001, according to Larry Dennis, clinical coordinator for the school.

"They come to class everyday, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. all year long, Monday through Friday," Dennis said. "They get holidays off but that's about it. The first 12 months is all classroom work while the second half is clinical work that is done in the field."

Dennis said that because the class has a limit of how many people it can allow in, there is competition for the spots.

"There's no test to get in the program but we do have a stringent criteria," Dennis said. "Students have to have all the basic sciences and from then on it's competition. Whoever has the better GPA (grade point average), better references and so on. Once in the class, the students are under the same grading system they would be at Texas Tech."

When the students receive their degree, they will have to take a national certification test, take a requalifying test every six years and have 100 hours of continuing education every two years in order to practice, Dennis said.

For the most part, the students all have experience in the medical field. Most of the students said they reached a point in their previous jobs where they wanted to be able do more for their patients.

Daniel Freshour, 27, a Big Spring resident, was working as a registered nurse in Big Spring when he decided to go for his degree as a physicians assistant.

"I don't want to take anythihg away from nurses ... I am one, but there is only so much you can do." Freshour said. "As a PA (physicians assistant) you can do anything your supervising physicians authorizes you to do ... assist in surgery, set bones, write prescriptions, just to name a few. Generally speaking, in smaller areas you do a lot more and have more responsibility. There are so many small towns and there are no doctors close by."

One goal of the program, which has been praised as a classic cooperative effort between Texas Tech and Midland College, is getting a medical presence in many of the rural comm.u-nities in West Texas.

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U. Frank Williams Jr./Reporter-Telegram
Daniel Freshour of Big Spring, left, examines the eyes of Lubbock's Andrea Smith using an opthalmoscope at Midland College.

Technology in Training Techniques

Better luck next crime: Local FBI agents train with interactive game

By Rick López
Staff Writer

Their assignment seemed ordinary: execute an arrest warrant on a young woman wanted on federal forgery charges.

So when Midland FBI agent Steve French and his partner found the suspect working in a dusty old warehouse, it was almost mission accomplished for them. All they had to do was handcuff the slender, nerdy-looking girl and take her in for booking.

What they didn't know was that the suspect is a street-smart, highly-trained karate expert. As they padded her down for weapons, she inconspicuously nabbed a handgun from French's inattentive partner.

Within seconds, the two agents became victims of a hold-up.

They pleaded with her: "Drop the weapon, ma'am. Drop the weapon." But several attempts to subdue the cussing, combative woman failed.

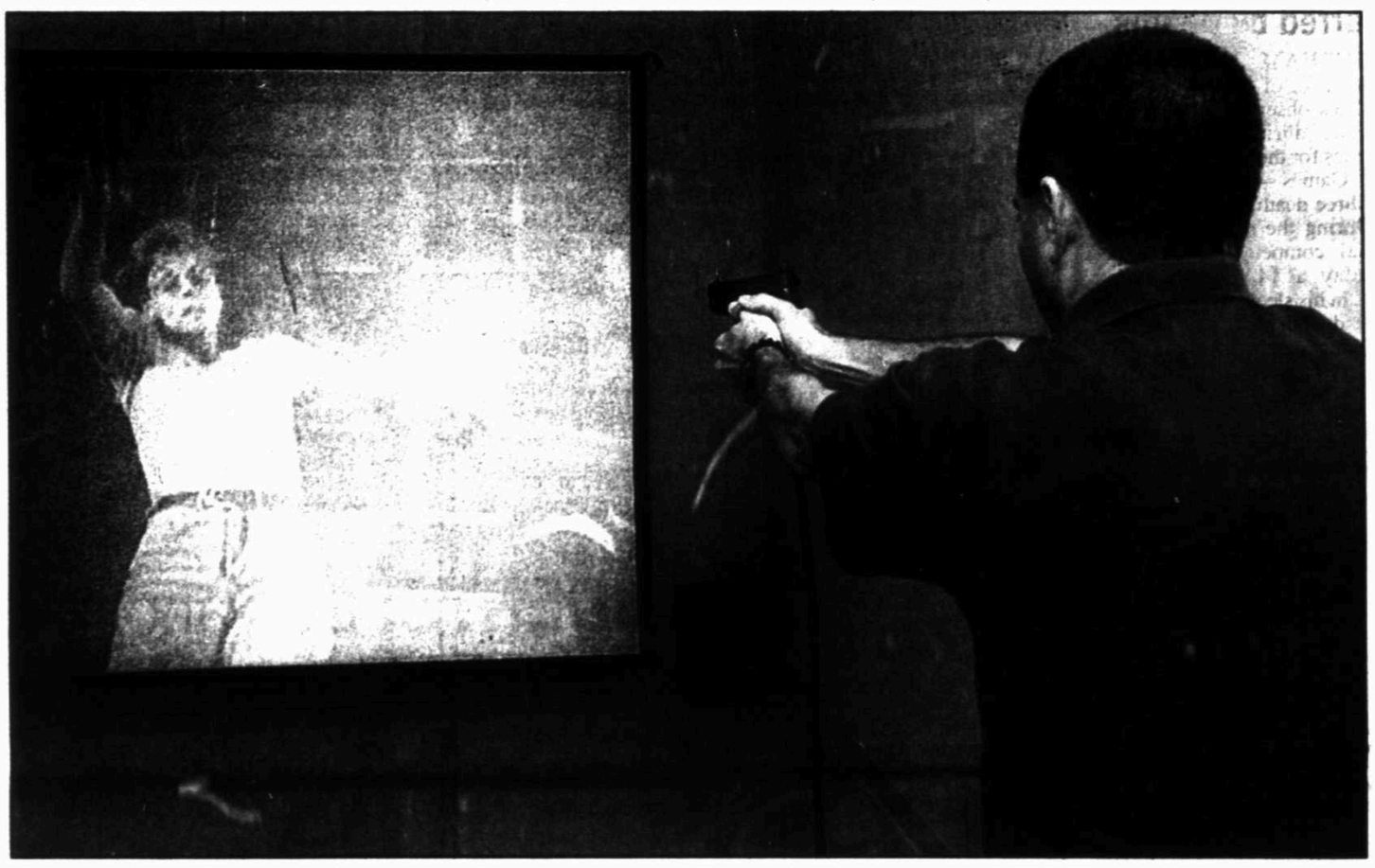
With beads of sweat rolling down her flushed forehead, she taunts the men by waving the gun in their direction. Then, a serious look comes across her face and she cocks the gun. As she aims at his partner, French fires four shots — three of which penetrate the woman's abdomen.

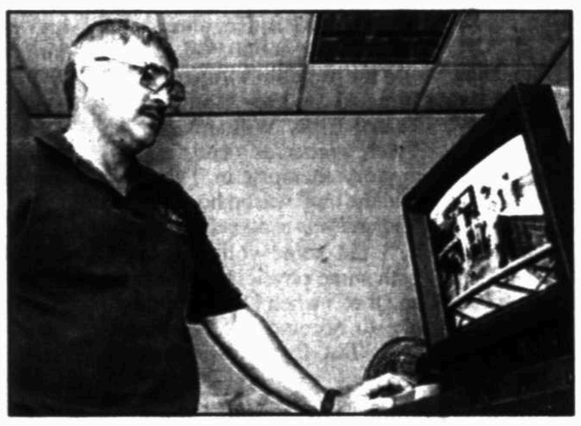
French saved his partner's life, who without his handgun, had almost no chance of survival.

Then the lights go on, and everything disappears: the bleeding woman, the dusty warehouse and French's nervous partner. He's alone in a room with a giant theater screen, movie projector and folding chair. His gun is loaded with a laser beam, not bullets.

The terrifying ordeal was just part of a virtual reality system the FBI uses to train their agents. It's so realistic that sometimes they almost forget it's a mock inci-

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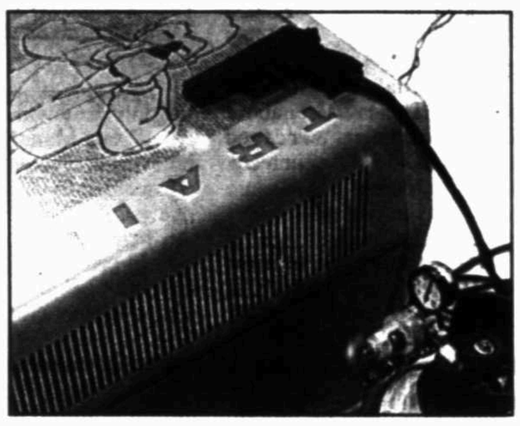




Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Steve French, above, firearms instructor at the Midland FBI office, demonstrates the new firearm training interactive scenarios.

Bob Smith, left, FBI firearms instructor, watches the video display as he controls the action in each scenario.

Part of the system incorporates a true Sig Saur P229, equipped with a laser in the barrel and a CO2 line to "chamber" the next round.





Melanie Gambrell with her dog, Buckshot, an 87-pound cancer survivor.

Big Spring dog makes medical history ... continues to fight

By Johnnye Montgomery

BIG SPRING — Buckshot is 87 pounds of tail-wagging, drooling love who has been having a little trouble jumping on his human companions' waterbed lately because of the pelvic pain he's experiencing as the result of a rare cartilage cancer.

But don't count Buckshot out. He's made medical history once, and he just could do it again. Meanwhile, his best friend, Melanie Gambrell is helping him to be the very best cancer survivor he can be.

Ms. Gambrell, owner of a pet grooming and boarding facility just outside Big Spring, said she first noticed that Buckshot, a 10-year-old golden retriever, wasn't walking as well as he should around Christmas time in 1997.

"We noticed that he was losing muscle tone in his back right leg. I took him to his veterinarian, and he diagnosed the condition as a rare cancer in dogs.

"I was devastated. I immediately asked where I could take him for treatment, and my veterinarian told me that the Colorado State University was the site of the leading veterinary oncology research facility in the U.S.

"We received the diagnosis on a Friday. I got on the phone and got an appointment for the following Monday, and Buckshot and I headed for Colorado."

After a battery of exhaustive tests including CT scans, chest X-rays and other tests, the staff at the University laid out their findings and offered Ms. Gambrell a radical option for treatment. They would subject the cancer to megadoses of radiation five days a week — a treatment that Texas A&M had the capability of doing, but refused to do, Ms. Gambrell said, "...because of political considerations. They could radiate him three days per week, but not five."

She signed Buckshot up for the treatment and headed home to her husband and the pet grooming business with questions crowding her mind. After having lost both her mother and father to cancer, Ms. Gambrell had no rosy illusions about what might lie ahead for Buckshot. She wanted to be with him.

"I was so torn up over leaving him that by the time I reached Dalhart, I had a migraine headache. I knew had to go back," she said. She returned home and made arrangements with an employee to keep the pet grooming facility open half-days, then began to shop for a travel trailer. Since she had never pulled a trailer before, her husband insisted that she practice by driving to the truck stop a couple of times before heading for Colorado the next week, accompanied by Lucky, her English pointer.

After finding a place to park the trailer in Fort Collins, Colo., Ms. Gambrell. Lucky and Buckshot

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Gary Ott

When preparing for a close encounter, eat some toothpaste

More rambling thoughts ...

— When a mother gets angry with a misbehaving daughter who is under the age of, oh, let's say 10, does she still refer to the child as a — and I quote — "young lady"? And if so, does the mother still arch her left eyebrow in a menacing way when uttering the words?



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— Sudden thought: You don't seem to see as many people walking around with a pencil behind the ear as you used to.

— You know you are hard of hearing if, when reading a book, you occasionally find yourself saying, "What?"

— Trust me. It makes sense if you think about it.

— Dogs who stick their head out the window of a moving vehicle just look incredibly happy.

— Overheard: "Never cut what you can untie."

— Also overheard: "Never appeal to a man's better nature. He might not have one."

— Everyone, I'm willing to bet, has, at one time or another, eaten a gob of toothpaste in a desperate attempt to mask a rather nasty case of bad breath, especially when getting ready to experience a close encounter with an attractive member of the opposite sex.

— OK, so it has been a long time since any of us has experienced a close encounter with an attractive member of the opposite sex, but you get my drift. When it did happen, we went for the toothpaste.

— Which begs this question: Where's that stick of Juicy Fruit chewing gum when you really need it?

— Quick: Can anyone name a movie sequel that was better than the original?

— I can't either.

— Great book title: "Cadillac Jukebox," by James Lee Burke. It just makes you want to pick up the book and see what it's about.

— Anything covered in powdered sugar is almost always very tasty. Butterscotch is a classic example.

— Benjamin Franklin, in "Poor Richard's Almanac," said, "The wit of conversation consists much less in showing a great deal of it than in bringing it out in others."

— Of course, that's often easier said than done.

— What this world needs is another Patsy Cline song, preferably a long, lost gem written years ago by Willie Nelson.

— I hope I never completely understand what motivates a person to commit a hate crime.

— There is a certain romantic charm to a sidewalk cafe, wouldn't you agree?

— Did you know? Adolf Hitler was not born in Germany, but rather in a small town in Austria across the Inn River from Germany.

— Seems to me that Germany got the worst end of that deal.

— In addition to the fact that they make you jump up and down and act silly, one very basic reason I never wanted to appear on a TV game show is the overriding fear that I would give really stupid answers to their questions and come across as a complete idiot in front of a nationwide audience.

— It is always amusing to watch a married man talk to his wife on the telephone while he is surrounded by his male buddies.

— Is there a more demeaning job than cleaning your commode?

— It has been said many times before, of course, but it bears repeating. Never answer a hypothetical question.

— I've never understood why so many people have a "fear of success."

— And today's final quote comes from G.C. Lichenberg, who once said, "Before we blame, we should first see if we can't excuse."

— Yeah, right.

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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Today's Agenda

Clogging, basic & intermediate levels, 7 p.m., 2800 W. County Road 130 (Cotton Flat Road and S. Midkiff Road).

Midland Area AIDS Support, for family and friends of people with AIDS, 7 p.m., 684-6161 or 684-7821.

West Texas Singles dance class/lessons, 7:30 p.m., 550-6960.

Midland Rape Crisis support for incest survivors. For group information call 682-7273.

Compassionate Friends support group, Hospice, 911 W. Texas Ave., 7:30 p.m., 685-1566.

Permian Basin Parkinson's support group, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital, Loop 250 and Thomason Drive, 682-4100

Permian Basin Chapter of TAPA, 7 p.m., Midland Holidome, 332-0466.

Rebekah Lodge No. 91, 8 p.m. 610 E. Florida St.

East Side Lions Club, 7:30 p.m., El Rancho Grande.

Wall Street Toastmasters Club, 5:30 p.m., Midland County Library, 697-2084.

Support group for persons with hepatitis, 7 p.m. Immanuel Baptist Church, 4020 E. University Blvd., Odessa, 366-4439.

La Leche League, 7:30 p.m., Grace Presbyterian Church, 694-2018.

Barbershop Singing Society, Permian Basin Chapter of SPEBSQSA, Our Savior's Lutheran, 7 p.m., 685-1831.

Midland Assembly No. 193, Order of Rainbow, 7:30 p.m., 1600 W. Wall St.

Midland Chapter American Association support group, 7 p.m., Abell Hanger Medical Pavilion, 682-0314.

A support group for military personnel and their families, 7:30 p.m., Midland County **Chapter of the American Red Cross**, 2306 Elizabeth Ave., 684-6161.

Civil Air Patrol, adults and cadets, 7 p.m., CAP building at Midland Air Park, 685-3384 or 694-2035.

Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, 7 p.m., Dot, 683-3775 or 580-HELP

Civil Air Patrol, cadets, 7 p.m., Midland Air Park, 682-6776.

Midland AARP Chapter 256, 6 p.m., Senior Citizens Center at Kingsway Center, 682-1770 or 694-1447.

The Midland Assembly No. 193, Order of Rainbow for Girls, 7:30 p.m. Masonic Temple, 1600 W. Wall Ave.

Wallstreet Toastmasters Club, 5:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library second floor meeting room, 697-2084.

West Texas Harmony, 7 p.m., Memorial Christian Church, 694-2035 or 333-5838.

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous, noon, First United Methodist Church, 694-2860.

Law requires defense to disclose witnesses

AUSTIN (AP) — Requiring defendants to share their witness list with prosecutors is a critical step toward ensuring victims' rights in a trial, a state senator said Monday.

"It is only fair that both sides have adequate time to prepare for the questioning of these witnesses," said Sen. Eddie Lucio, D-Brownsville. Lucio sponsored the measure approved this year by the Legislature.

The bill is designed to allow prosecutors time to prepare for expert testimony, Lucio said.

"We are talking about highly technical testimony with expert witnesses ... and since jurors are not allowed to ask the questions, they must rely on the thorough questioning by the attorney's on both sides of the case," he said.

Gov. George W. Bush on Monday held a ceremonial bill signing for the bill, which he officially signed into law last month. The signing ceremony was closed to the public.

Requiring defense disclosure brings Texas in line with every other state and laws governing federal trials, Lucio said. Texas previously only required prosecutors to disclose their witness list to defendants.

Also included in the signing ceremony were bills to eliminate appeal bonds for people convicted of violent offenses or who receive sentences of 10 years or longer and to increase the number of training hours child care providers must receive on what causes brain injuries among infants.

Attending the ceremony were Mark and Kathy Dittman, of Harlingen, whose 2-year-old daughter Maggie died while in the care of a baby sitter in 1998 after being shaken.

The baby sitter, Alma Quintanilla, was convicted of injury to a child and sentenced to 10 years in prison but remains free on bond while she appeals.

The Dittmans lobbied lawmakers to pass the bills.

"This sort of abuse happens not only statewide, but nationwide," said Mark Dittman. "We didn't think it could happen to us. We decided to use our considerable passion and energy to not only help prevent child abuse, but to help prosecutors convict and sentence people who commit crimes against children."

Police Reports

Midland County Sheriff's Department

Sunday

Theft: The theft of $15.01 in gasoline by the driver of a Chevrolet Caprice sedan was reported at Friend's Convenience Store at 13220 West U.S. Highway 80. The incident was reported to the sheriff at 6:04 p.m.

Monday

Criminal Mischief: Andy Stewart at 10:49 a.m. reported criminal mischief by damage to vehicles at 13330 West County Road 123.

Anyone having information about these reports is asked to call the Midland Police Department at 685-7180 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

Body in car believed that of elderly man missing 10 days

BONHAM (AP) — A body found in a car in dense brush is believed to be that of a 90-year-old man missing since June 23.

The victim, found Friday by a passing motorist, matched the description of Clyde Caskey and was carrying Caskey's wallet and driver's license, according to Chief Deputy Wendell Bockman of the Fannin County Sheriff's Department.

Members of the sheriff's department, Bonham police, Texas Department of Public Safety and others had conducted an extensive search for Caskey.

It appears Caskey ran off the road along Highway 78, just south of Bonham and only a few miles from his home, Bockman said.

He said the Dallas County medical examiner is investigating the cause of death.

Caskey was last seen June 23, around 2 a.m. driving his car. He was reported missing later that day when he did not return home, Bockman said.

The body was found by a passerby who spotted a reflection coming off Caskey's car, Bockman said.

Obituaries



Elan Cope

Elan Ford O'Neal Cope was born September 22, 1947 in Lubbock, Texas to Howard Ford and Jacqueline Beaver Ford. She was a graduate of Midland High School, and in 1969 graduated from Texas Tech. She was also a member of Junior League in Midland.

Mrs. Cope was preceded in death by her mother and her first husband, Martin "Duzzy" O'Neal. Survivors include her husband, Cecil Cope of Midland; two sons, Jeffrey O'Neal and wife, Claudia of Midland and Gregory O'Neal of Dallas; a daughter, Jorja O'Neal Gautrau and husband, Mike of Mississippi; her father and step-mother, Howard and Jo Ford of Midland; brother, Joel Ford and his wife, Monica of Midland; step-brother, Eddy Elliott of Midland; step-sisters, Lisa Gillian and Mary Adkins, both of Midland; 4 grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Cope died Saturday evening, July 3, 1999, in a Midland hospital.

Funeral services are scheduled for 10 a.m. Tuesday at First Christian Church, 1301 W. Louisiana in Midland with the Reverend Tommy Potter officiating. Burial will follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Robert Cudd, Greg Galvan, Joseph Payne, Patrick Rayburn, Tony Olivas, Marc Atnipp and Gabriel Salazar.

The family requests memorials be directed to Multiple Sclerosis Society, 3200 W. Cuthbert, Suite 8-A, Midland, Texas 79701 or to Lupus Foundation, Lubbock, Texas 79401.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

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

Death Notices

Bobby Pierce

Bobby Joe Pierce, Sr. died Saturday, July 3, at his residence.

Graveside services are to be 4 p.m. Wednesday at Fairview Cemetery with the Rev. Billy Raies officiating, under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

He was born Sept. 21, 1936, in Little Rock, Ark.

Survivors include four sons, Ray Rodriguez of Midland, Bobby Joe Pierce Jr. of Tracy, Calif., and Bobby A. Pierce and Johnny Pierce, both of Bakersfield, Calif.; four daughters, Lori R. Herebia, Kim P. Leyba and Kelly P. Savas, all of Midland, and Sherry G. Pierce of Bakersfield; and 21 grandchildren.

Gary Parrish

LUBBOCK — Former Midlander Gary Don Parrish, 42, died Saturday, July 3, in a Lubbock hospital.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Wednesday in Franklin-Bartley Chapel with the Rev. Russ Hale officiating. Burial is to follow at Peaceful Gardens Memorial Park. Visitation will be 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

He was born June 21, 1957, in Lubbock.

He was an automobile salesman for Gene Messer Toyota. He was a Baptist.

Survivors include a son, Michael B. Parrish of Lubbock; his mother and step-father, Doris and Robert Duff of Lodi, Calif.; a sister, Kay Parrish of Antioch, Calif.; a brother, Bobby V. Veitch of Orcutt, Calif.; four step-brothers; two step-sisters; and a niece and nephew.

Memorials may be made to the Children's Miracle Network, P. O. Box 5980, Lubbock, TX 79408.

Ruth Langston

KERMIT — Ruth Langston, 91, mother of Midlander Christine Roberts, died Sunday, July 4, at a Kermit hospital.

Services are to be 1 p.m. Wednesday, July 7, at United Pentecostal Church with the Revs. Gary Johnston and Thomas Ingram officiating. Burial is to follow at the Kermit Cemetery.

She was born Sept. 9, 1907, in St. Louis, Mo.

She lived in Kermit 54 years. She was a nurse's aide, before retiring. She was a Pentecostal.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Ellis Campbell Langston on Aug. 2, 1966; a son, Lelburn Langston; a daughter, Linda Langston; a grandchild, Keylee Ingram; and a great-grandchild, K. C. Rupke.

Other survivors include a son, Ramon Langston of Kermit; three daughters, Dolores Ingram of Whitehouse, Birthel Parker of Longview and Marilyn Whitaker of Tyler; 19 grandchildren; 19 great-grandchildren; and a great-great-grandchild.

John Fulesday

BIG SPRING — John E. Fulesday, 55, died Monday, July 5, in a Big Spring hospital.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Wednesday, July 7, at Myers and Smith Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Steve Stutz officiating. Burial is to follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park.

He was born Aug. 28, 1943, in El Paso. He moved from Alabama to Big Spring in 1980. He served 15 years in the U.S. Army, and later worked at the V.A. Medical Center. He was a member of the Lutheran church.

Survivors include a daughter, Regene Paredez of Colorado City; his parents, Joe and Pauline Fulesday of Big Spring; two sisters, Karen Lee of El Paso and Reveille Patterson of Big Spring; and two brothers, Val Fulesday and Charles Fulesday, both of Big Spring.

John Shanks

DEL RIO — John Shanks, 61, formerly of Big Spring, died Sunday, July 4.

Services are pending with Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home of Big Spring.

STUDENTS: Demanding class is set out in the medical field as well as in the actual classroom

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Andera Smith, 25, who was working at St. Mary's Surgery Center in Lubbock, said she thinks it is great that she has a job where she gets to make people feel better.

"I really think I will like doing this job even though no one has any idea what a physicians assistants (PA) is," Ms. Smith said. "Most of the time people say, 'don't you already assist physicians as a nurse.'

"Advancing from a position like RN (registered nurse) to a PA is a natural step in areas were PAs are more common. This is the first school in West Texas so in this area it may not be yet. I wanted to do more for my patients, sure, but I would be lying if I didn't say the money was not a big factor, too."

Ms. Smith said that while an RN can make a nice salary, a PA can start out at $60,000.

The program's appeal has attracted students from around Texas. Chris Williams, 28, of Tyler, worked as a certified respiratory therapist in Tyler. He said the only reason he moved to Midland was to attend the school.

"I did some volunteer work with some physicians assistants and that's when I though I might like to become one," Williams said. "But, I was never attracted to the field. I stumbled into all this. I had no career plans or any idea what I wanted to do with my life. I got into the respiratory therapy, and now into this.

"When I finish I want to go into primary care so I can take care of the total patient. I'm not interesting in specializing. I just want to finish. I'm married so my wife is taking care of the financial needs and my job is to work hard and pass this program."

A big sacrifice some of the students have to make is the loss of time they can spend with their families due to the classes. Freshour said he is glad he has a family that understands what he is trying to do.

"I have two kids (Kacey 8 and Blake 2) so my wife (Stacey) catches a lot of the work," Freshour said. "I get up about 6 a.m. everyday to get here (Midland College) by 8 a.m. for class; get out of class at 5 p.m.; get home and get dinner down; play with the kids, when they are not doing their homework; put Blake to sleep and hit the books.

"Although it is discouraged, I do work on the weekends with a home health agency. On Saturday's I'm up at the office and take calls and on Sundays I'm at home, but I still have to take calls. My wife really understands. I mean, you give what it takes to get what you want."

Immigrant deaths due to dehydration decline in South Texas

McALLEN (AP) — Fewer undocumented immigrants have died trying to traverse South Texas this year despite fears that even more people would die this summer than during last year's heat wave.

In the Border Patrol's McAllen sector, 13 people have died so far this year. Eighteen immigrant deaths were documented during the same period a year ago, The Monitor of McAllen reported Monday.

Kenedy County, made up of vast ranchland and few cities, is one of the deadliest stretches for immigrants attempting to make it north to cities such as Houston.

Seven undocumented immigrants have died this year in Kenedy County while attempting to circumvent the Sarita checkpoint.

On June 26, Kenedy County Sheriff Rafael Cuellar Jr. found a man, dead apparently from dehydration, leaning against a tree. Cuellar speculated the 42-year-old from Mexico had grown weary and disoriented while traversing the brush.

In neighboring Brooks County, another dangerous place for undocumented immigrants, there have been no such deaths this year.

Chuck Roberson, the Border Patrol agent in charge of the Falfurrias station, said recent rains have filled wells that immigrants encounter on their journey and mild temperatures also have helped.

"We've been real fortunate this year," Roberson said. "We haven't encountered anyone in the brush seriously suffering from exposure, let alone dead."

The Border Patrol kicked off a summer safety initiative earlier this year, stepping up efforts to aid immigrants while discouraging them from crossing into the United States through public service announcements.

The initiative was implemented before summer because the Border Patrol anticipated a hotter and deadlier season.

About 150 undocumented immigrant deaths across the nation have been attributed to drowning, exposure to the elements, accidents and other causes since October, compared with 128 during the same period last year, said Tomas Zuniga, spokesman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service.

Critics say that efforts to crack down on illegal immigration have pushed immigrants to more desolate and dangerous routes.

The Border Patrol, however, consistently blames immigrant smugglers for the heat deaths.

"The smugglers are the ones who are putting these people in jeopardy, not the U.S. Border Patrol," Garza said.

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FBI: Trainees interact with 12 scenarios; computer program calculates performance

(From 1B)

dent, French said.

"Your heart pounds, your breathing gets heavier ... it makes your adrenaline flow," the 7-year agent said.

If it sounds easy, think again.

Some sharpshooters find out this scenario is much different from what goes on at the rifle range. Law enforcement scholars say interactive training is much more challenging than the usual standbys: immobile silhouettes or jerky mannequins.

"This is as close to the real thing as possible," said Terry Kincaid, senior supervisory agents for the Midland FBI. "Before this, we shot paper targets at the range. The paper target does not have the ability to shoot back. This makes our agents realize this is a dangerous situation, and that maybe they're not as skilled with a firearm as they think they are."

This high-tech system is called Fire Arms Training System (FATS). It's software produced exclusively by and for the FBI. It uses a digital video disc (DVD) player that projects realistic, filmed reenactments of scenarios experienced by FBI agents.

In fact, most of the cast includes actual agents from their Quantico, Va. headquarters — like their agency's chemical expert and gun vault operator. Since last winter, this training has been conducted at all 54 FBI offices — including the one in Midland.

This is how it works:

■ A test administrator can choose one of 12 scenarios, which include a bank heist, a foiled drug deal and even a shoot-out with a young teen — an eerie role played by an FBI agent's son.

■ A DVD player projects the image onto a large screen. Most scenarios are seen through the eyes of the trainee's partner. The scenes are filmed from an angle that makes the actors and props life-size or depicted to scale.

■ Trainees interact with the plot, giving witnesses and suspects verbal commands, like "Stand back, FBI!", or "Don't shoot!" The test administrator has the power to change the outcome based on how the trainee reacts.

■ If the trainee fires his weapon (sometimes, the suspects surrender at their own will), a computer equipped with a laser sensor tracks the number of hits and decides if they are fatal wounds, non-fatal wounds or misses.

■ On target-shooting mode, the computer can track the path that the shooter moved the gun for the last four seconds before he fires.

Midland agents trained with FATS recently. Kincaid said he chose not to describe this particular exercise to his agents so they could get the full effect of it.

"We did that on purpose, so they wouldn't know what to expect," Kincaid said. "All of them were surprised how realistic this was and that they weren't as accurate as the felt they were."

He said he hopes local agents will be able to train with the software at least three times a year.

The entire system costs $64,000, said Walter Smith, firearms trainer for the El Paso FBI office. Sometimes, the agency allows police departments and other authorities to use the equipment for their own training.

Agents are required to qualify with their weapons eight times per year and this tool can be used for that qualification, rather than going to the range.

"Nothing prepares you for the real situation, but this is the closest thing to it. It involves more concentration," Smith said. "You have to really focus on what's happening on the screen."

Smith said two people quit the FBI academy in Quantico, Va. because they couldn't fire the weapon at a gun-toting teen-ager shown in one scenario.

"This job wasn't for them. You have to admire their honesty," Smith said. "They have a hard time shooting people. This (practice) shows you the guy on the street has a face. This is real life.

"We want to know what a trainee's judgment is like. There is no right or wrong, but when the test is over, we want to know why you didn't fire your weapon. Maybe it was because of safety reasons, or because you were scared of hitting a hostage. It makes a big difference."

Though some might think FATS could desensitize officers, Kincaid believes it might have the total opposite effect.

"We're always looking to resolve the situation without a loss of life — no matter how desperate the situation could be," he said. " We only execute deadly force when we feel we have no other alternative."

DOG: Family pet beats the odds after surviving new type of treatment for rare canine cancer

(From 1B)

quickly setting into a routine built around Buckshot's radiation schedule. She found work in CSU's animal care unit, where she cared for animals in treatment and gave support to their owners.

"Every day I'd take Buckshot down to the hospital at 8 a.m. and go pick him up at one, and we'd go to the trailer and sleep until 5 p.m., when I'd take both Buckshot and Lucky back to the hospital with me and I'd work. Lucky would stay with Buckshot in his kennel with his blanket, and his medication and his food, and we'd all get back to the trailer at 11 p.m.

"Lucky was so gentle with him," she said. "Besides being protection for me, I could cry on her fur when it got to be too much for me. And when she began to play with Buckshot, I knew he was getting better."

The regime lasted just over a month and resulted in publication of several papers in veterinary medicine journals as well as the remission of the Buckshot's cancer. Back in Big Spring, normal life resumed with a few modifications.

"On the way back home, we stopped for an appointment with a homeopathic doctor," said Ms. Gambrell. "He put Buckshot on vitamin C, vitamin E, feverfew, Bayer Aspirin, sea salt and molecular injections of a clear liquid, along with an oatmeal and cottage cheese diet. I also started him on prunes, which he loves."

When Big Spring staged its annual Cancer Survivor's Walk and Relay for Life, Buckshot was among the walkers.

"He was a great hit at the walk," Ms. Gambrell said.

Last February, to celebrate Buckshot's year in remission, the Gambrells celebrated with a party, with 55 humans and 39 dogs in attendance. Ms. Gambrell baked 400 cheesy carrot muffins for the dogs, her husband cooked burgers and dogs for the humans and a professional photographer took pet photos of all the four-legged guests.

Buckshot had outlived the experts' best hopes for longevity by some two to six months.

But late in May, he began having mobility problems again. The cancer is back, in the pelvic area as well as the sciatic nerve. But the Gambrells and the doctors at CSU aren't giving up. When the cancer reaches a certain point, they will attempt to surgically remove it, and while Buckshot's under anesthesia, they will radiate the area.

Meanwhile, to aid in walking, he wears a prosthesis especially designed for his special mobility needs — another first in veterinary dog care.

Buckshot, Ms. Gambrell says, has his good days and bad days, but he still loves walking with Lucky, and having people visit him.

"We've had so many people support us, from here to Colorado and beyond," said Ms. Gambrell. "Smokey's Boot and Shoe Repair repairs his prosthesis, and people are always calling to ask how he is. His story has really touched a lot of people. There are a lot of people who don't realize cancer is so prevalent in dogs, and they are surprised that there's treatment for it."

The Gambrells have no exalted hopes for Buckshot, but they do plan to help him to fight a good fight, Ms. Gambrell says.

"We're going to celebrate every day we can, as long as we can."

DEAR ABBY

Wife seeks way to cut off harassment by other woman

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for 11 years. My husband began working the night shift, and after about 10 months of his throwing a co-worker and her family and me and my child together for barbecues, parties, etc., I found a love letter to him.



Abby

My husband and I are living in the same house until we can afford to get divorced or separated. The woman keeps calling here saying ugly things to me and calling me names. My soon-to-be-ex has told me they had only a one-time fling and they are "just friends" now. What should I do about the other woman? I want to be left alone, but it will be another month or so before I can move out.

She is married with children and her husband is willing to work it out with her, but I am pretty sure he doesn't know she is still calling here, and my husband is still calling her. I believe their affair is still going on, because once you catch a liar you never know what the truth is. — **DEBBIE IN MEMPHIS**

DEAR DEBBIE: It appears the "other woman" is trying to harass and stampede you. Are you sure that separation or divorce is what you really want? Perhaps counseling for you and your husband could help to heal your marriage. It has worked in countless other cases.

Since your husband says they are "just friends," tell him that you want the harassment to stop or you will ask the woman's husband to stop it. He'll see that she gets the message. If the calls continue — keep your word.

DEAR ABBY: I'm responding to the letter from "Proud Mother in Illinois," who wrote that her daughter asked for, and received, a promise ring. I agree that these rings are a good idea. They promote conversations about serious topics such as sex, drugs and alcohol.

Abby, in my high school, men as well as women wear these rings as a symbol of their morals and beliefs.

What I wish to comment on is your statement that this custom allows parents and daughters to discuss and reinforce their family values. That comment is a stereotypical example of something my age group is trying to overcome and terminate. Girls should not be the only ones expected to abstain from premarital sex; boys should be expected to do the same. It is still commonly felt that girls are regarded as "sluts" if they participate in sexual activities, but men are admired because they are "players" or "studs."

If a family has both a son and a daughter, they should instill the same morals in both of them. If their daughter should save sex for marriage, so should their son.

Abby, your comment took us back to the age of the double standard — something this generation is desperately trying to do away with. — **ANONYMOUS IN NEW JERSEY**

DEAR ANONYMOUS: Guilty as charged. Old habits die hard. Of course I agree there should be no double standard. I apologize for the slip of the pen and will try hard not to repeat it.

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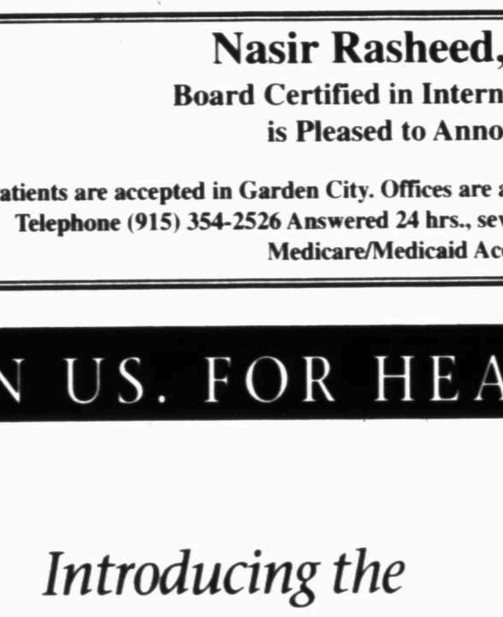
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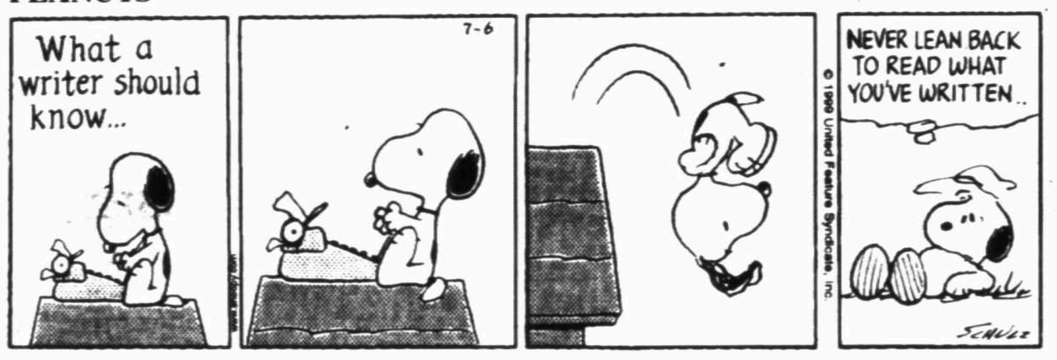
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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★ You might feel pressured to cover all bases. You'll get a lot done as long as you discern what is high-priority. Be willing to toss out what isn't effective or supportive of you. Break old patterns; venture in a new direction. Unexpected news pops up. Tonight: Do your own thing.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ Take a step back. Think carefully before you proceed any further. Review calls, messages and appointments. Because of unusual developments at work, you might opt to rearrange your schedule. Emphasize efficiency. Tonight: Take a nap.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Realize that there are limits to money and resources. Pressure to do what you want could become absolutely too demanding, financially. Be willing to put your foot down and enforce limits. A little self-discipline helps you make a lot of personal progress. Tonight: Where your friends are.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You simply do not agree with another. How important is it for you to see eye-to-eye? Work is demanding, impelling you to perform. A partner's wonderful idea helps you with your work and makes you even more efficient. Tonight: Burning the midnight oil.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Negativity could cause you to sabotage yourself. You may feel that another is testing your limits, but you're the one who must draw the line. Unexpected news arrives. Tonight: Look past the obvious to find a solution.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Change plans and direct your energies elsewhere. You find out just how demanding a partner can be. Be realistic about your expectations. Greet the unexpected positively. Tonight: Explore the mysteries of the universe (or whatever else intrigues you).

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Defer to others. Understand your limitations. What seemed impossible can now happen because of a sudden flash of insight. A child or loved one feeds you many ideas. Creativity surges. A boss pressures you. Tonight: Accept an impromptu invitation.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Maintain your work ethic. Don't let news break your concentration. Your imagination knows no limits. Know what you want and expect from a co-worker. Discussing goals is important. Persuade a family member to work with you, not against you. Tonight: Clear your desk.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Say what you mean and mean what you say. A partner challenges you down to your very basics. You can come up with a creative response to just about any query. Stop and think about what is really happening. Tonight: Go with the unexpected.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You might feel like a partner is limiting your potential and/or threatening your power base. Recognize limits when dealing with others. Build more secure foundations. Family needs to come first. Tonight: Mentally prepare yourself for an important conversation.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Your unpredictability generally serves you well, but sometimes it diverts your attention from your duties. Today, you lose sight of priorities. Nevertheless, a new direction or an important conversation proves to be rewarding. Tonight: Let the good times happen.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Intuition helps you with work and money. A flirtation distracts you from building security. Separate fun from responsibilities. Build a nest egg. Refuse to spend unnecessarily. Tonight: Pay bills.

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♡ 5 2
◇ A Q J 10 7
♣ A J 5

WEST
♠ 2
♡ 10 9 7
◇ 8 6 5 4
♣ 8 7 4 3 2

EAST
♠ K J 5
♡ A K Q J 8 3
◇ 2
♣ Q 10 9

SOUTH
♠ A 10 9 8 6 4
♡ 6 4
◇ K 9 3
♣ K 6

The bidding:

EAST	SOUTH	WEST	NORTH
1♡	1♠	Pass	4♠
Pass	Pass	Pass	

Opening lead: Ten of ♡

At the bridge table, do not submit like a lamb to the slaughter. Dig deep to find a way to avoid the fate your opponents have in store for you.

North's hand is certainly worth a jump to four spades after South's vulnerable one spade overcall. The West hand will contribute little to the defensive effort, and it should be easy for partner to place all the missing cards.

West led the 10 of hearts, East overtook with the jack and shifted to the two of diamonds, an obvious singleton. Declarer won the trick in dummy and led the queen of spades, covered by the king and won with the ace.

There are two obvious lines to try to come to 10 tricks: One is to lead another trump, hoping East started with only two trumps and will not be able to ruff a diamond. The other is to take a club finesse, intending to discard a heart on the ace of clubs. A glance at the diagram is all that is needed to see that both these methods are doomed.

Declarer found another way. The king and ace of clubs were cashed and the jack was led. Had East followed low, declarer would have ruffed and relied on finding East with only two spades. But when East produced the queen, declarer discarded a heart instead of ruffing. Now there was no way for East to reach West to get a diamond ruff, and declarer could force out the jack of trumps at leisure and score 10 tricks.

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(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Guinness World Records: Primetime 23780		Fox Files 49728		Mad About You	The Nanny 25709	Jerry Springer 22051		Cops 52475	NewsRadio 87612
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 4235	Entertain. Tonight	JAG: Gypsy Eyes 76254 (TVPG-V)		60 Minutes II 85902		48 Hours: Wild Things 72438		News 6882167	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Craig Kilborn
(9) KWES	9	9	News 8419	Seinfeld 2099	3rd Rock From Sun	NewsRadio 1983	Just Shoot Me	Will & Grace 3419	Dateline NBC 12070		News 4873631	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	Faye Hardin 47322	John Hagee 61902	Faith Pleases God Church 16438		The Light of the Southwest 29902				Richard Roberts 15709		News 82983	Aquilla Nash 47032
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 848235		Nova 972631 (TVPG)		The Search for Shangri-La 958051 (TVPG)		Building for Meaning: Architecture		Telecourse 234983			
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(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Family Matters	Baseball: Kansas City Royals at Chicago White Sox 128506						News 160916	The Honeymooners	In the Heat of the Night 611964 (TV14-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	Roseanne 772693	Baseball: Florida Marlins at Atlanta Braves 293254						Basic Instinct (R, '92) ** (Michael Douglas, Sharon Stone) 2951709				
(14) FAM		14	Show Me	Show Me	Life	Life	Young Indiana Jones and the Treasure of the ...				The 700 Club 226099		Show Me	Show Me
(20) DISC		20	Baboon Tales 404815 (TVG)		Secrets of Alcatraz 514631 (TVG)		New Detectives: Studies in Forensic Science		The FBI Files: The Crazy Don 510815 (TVPG)		Secrets of Alcatraz 513902 (TVG)		New Detectives: Studies in Forensic Science	
(21) AMC		21	Easy Come ... (9:15)		Bang the Drum Slowly (PG, '73) *** 734693				Moviemakers		The Rainmaker ('56) *** 4145709			
(22) TNN		22	The Waltons 101902		Dukes of Hazzard		Prime Time Country		George Jones Show		Dallas 294051		Dukes of Hazzard	
(23) TNT		23	ER 194612 (TV14)		Surviving the Game (R, '94) * (Ice-T) 916362				Boiling Point (R, '93) ** (Wesley Snipes) 207525				Surviving the Game	
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(26) BET		26	Plane: Groove 812631		Hit List 913709		Sparks	Thea	Comicview 902693		Tonight W/Tavis Smiley		Sparks	227
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Eurythmics launch tour on Greenpeace boat

LONDON — The rock group **Eurythmics** staged a miniconcert Monday on the River Thames to announce the band's first major tour in 10 years, which will benefit Greenpeace and Amnesty International.

Appropriately, band members **Annie Lennox** and **Dave Stewart** performed their short set on the Rainbow Warrior II, a Greenpeace vessel.

"We are so proud to be here. This is a very noble boat," Lennox told the crowd that gathered to watch the show in the shadow of Tower Bridge.

Lennox and Stewart, whose biggest hit was 1983's "Sweet Dreams (Are Made of This)," began work on a new album last year, almost a decade after drifting apart.

The pair plan to encourage audience members and album buyers each to pledge at least $16 to Greenpeace and Amnesty.

The tour will begin in September in Germany and travel to France, Italy, the United States, Australia, Sweden and Denmark before wrapping up in Britain in December.

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HUNTINGTON BEACH, Calif. — Singer **Pat Boone** said he loves appearing at Fourth of July parades because it gives him a chance to sing "Happy Birthday" to the United States.

"I feel like a human roman candle or firecracker," the 65-year-old performer said Sunday, waving the tassle-covered sleeves of his red, white and blue jumpsuit as he broke into song: "Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday to you! Happy Birthday, dear America. We thank God for you!"

Boone was the grand marshal at the 95th annual Huntington Beach parade, one of the oldest Independence Day celebrations in Southern California.

The entertainer said his new video album "American Glory" will feature only patriotic songs because he believes American melodies promote respect for the country and good behavior.

"We need something like this in every American home," he said. "If we don't sing those songs, and if our kids don't learn them, we're going to lose them all."

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MIAMI BEACH, Fla. — Rapper **Luther Campbell** was charged with aggravated battery Monday after he allegedly struck a man in the face with a whiskey bottle at a nightclub.

Police said the former front man of **2 Live Crew** became angry when a man and his friends blocked the rapper's view of a show at Club Zen early Monday.

Campbell began arguing with **Mathieu Fabrice**, then smashed a bottle of Jack Daniels whiskey against his face, said Lt. John DiCenso of the Miami Beach Police Department.

Fabrice suffered cuts and a possible broken nose.

Campbell was taken to Miami-Dade County Jail and later released.

Campbell gained notoriety nine years ago when he was acquitted of giving an obscene performance at a south Florida nightclub after a federal judge declared 2 Live Crew's "As Nasty As They Wanna Be" album obscene.

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LONDON — **Prince Charles** saluted **King Hussein** as a "king among kings" at a memorial service Monday for the Jordanian monarch.

More than 2,000 people attended the service at St. Paul's Cathedral, including Hussein's son, **King Abdullah**, and his wife, **Queen Rania**; Hussein's widow, **Queen Noor**; **Prince Philip**, husband of Queen Elizabeth II; and **Prime Minister Tony Blair**.

In his address, Charles said Hussein had been "a man amongst men, a king amongst kings."

"When Queen Noor asked me to give this address, I felt profoundly unequal to the task of doing justice to a truly inspiring individual whose personal kindness to me, and many others with whom he came into contact, meant more than you can imagine," said Charles, the heir to the British throne.

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PARIS — A French judge investigating the car crash that killed **Princess Diana** has handed the case over to the state prosecutor's office for a recommendation on whether to bring charges, according to judicial sources.

Judge Herve Stephan is expected to wrap up his investigation before Sept. 1, said the sources, speaking on customary condition of anonymity.

Once the probe is concluded, the judge will be able to decide whether to charge nine photographers and a press motorcyclist who were placed under formal investigation for alleged manslaughter and failing to aid people in danger.

A French appeals court last week rejected requests for further inquiries in the investigation into the car crash.

Lawyers for **Mohamed Al Fayed**, whose son, **Dodi**, also died in the accident, and for the family of driver **Henri Paul**, had presented their requests in May.

The princess and the two men died Aug. 31, 1997, in a car crash in a Paris traffic tunnel. Only bodyguard **Trevor Rees-Jones** survived.

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Is the Medicare drug coverage proposed by Clinton a good deal?

WASHINGTON (AP) — Elderly and disabled Americans who rack up unusually high bills for medicines would not be rescued by Medicare prescription drug coverage President Clinton has proposed. Many others already get better drug benefits as part of retirement packages.

But Clinton's proposed drug coverage could help many who have moderate drug costs and no coverage now or who buy comparatively expensive individual insurance policies.

"How good a deal it is sort of varies, depending on what you have now," said Margaret Davis, assistant director of the Institute for Medicare Practice at the Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York.

Clinton's proposal to add prescription drug coverage to Medicare, made public last week, would be available as an option to all 39 million elderly and disabled beneficiaries starting in 2002. People would have a one-year window to decide whether they want the drug benefit, either in 2002 or the year they become eligible for Medicare at age 65.

Medicare now covers only drugs administered in hospitals or doctors offices.

Those who opt for the new benefit would pay a $24-a-month premium. In return, the government would pay half the price of their prescriptions up to a $1,000 annual cap on federal payments.

By 2008, the premium would rise to $44 a month and the maximum government payment to $2,500 a year.

For the one-third of Medicare beneficiaries without drug coverage now — including many disabled Americans turned away by private insurers — the new benefit would be a modest help.

Prescription costs per person for Medicare beneficiaries are around $600 per year, on average. Under Clinton's plan, someone whose drugs cost that much in 2002 would pay $588 — the $288 annual premium plus $300 in cost sharing — saving $12.

The maximum savings possible would be $712, for those with $2,000 or more in drug costs. About 13 percent of Medicare beneficiaries have drug bills that high.

For them, the help Clinton is offering will not go very far, consumer advocates say.

"That small percentage of people with big expenses, those are the people who need help the most," said Gail Shearer, director of health policy analysis for Consumers Union. "But the problem politically is if you target the funds there, it's not going to be very popular."

Clinton's plan would provide more substantial help for those with incomes near the poverty level, who would pay no premium or cost-sharing. The administration also predicts that, as a large purchaser, Medicare will be able to negotiate drug discounts resulting in savings of 10 percent to 15 percent for all beneficiaries.

But the proposed Medicare benefit would be a step down for most of the 10 million retirees who get drug coverage from former employers.

"People covered by employer plans will be better off staying with the employer plans," said Richard Ostuw, global practice director for Watson Wyatt Worldwide consultants in Bethesda, Md.

Most retirees who get drug coverage from large companies pay premiums of only a few dollars a month, cost-sharing is normally limited to a flat $5 to $10 charge regardless of the price of the prescription, and caps on insurance payments are unusual.

Retirees would be able to keep better employer-sponsored benefits since the Medicare drug coverage Clinton proposes would be voluntary. But Republican lawmakers critical of Clinton's plan worry that companies may feel they no longer must offer drug coverage to retirees if Medicare does.

"Will employers drop the currently provided retiree coverage for drugs when a universal new benefit is paid for by the government?" wonders Rep. Tom Bliley, R-Va., chairman of the House Commerce Committee.

Clinton wants new financial incentives to help encourage companies to keep offering retiree drug benefits.

On the other hand, most of the 3 million Americans who now buy private individual insurance to supplement Medicare, known as Medigap, likely would prefer the benefits Clinton has proposed. Premiums for Medigap policies vary widely, but the portion accounting for drug benefits can range from $60 to $150 a month, according to estimates from the insurance industry and consumer groups.

That's more than double Clinton's plan. Plus, Medigap requires a $250 deductible before coverage kicks in. Medicare would have no deductible.

Early studies prompt hope for a new way to treat cystic fibrosis

WASHINGTON (AP) — Every day for a week, Dannon Baker swallowed a little white pill as part of an experiment to see if a new type of therapy will finally attack the cause of deadly cystic fibrosis rather than just treat its symptoms.

Studies of three drugs called "gene assist therapies" are in their early stages, experts caution. But, if they work, Baker and other patients could expect more normal lives by using a daily medicine to control a genetic defect that causes cystic fibrosis.

"This is a great time," says Dr. Pamela Zeitlin of Johns Hopkins University, which is testing two of the gene-assist drugs. "None of these drugs are cures — they would have to be continually taken. But it's a very good idea."

That promise led the 24-year-old Baker to volunteer for the study of one drug candidate, a relative of caffeine called CPX.

"Obviously, taking a medicine for a week isn't going to change my life," said the Atlanta woman, who, like the scientists, will not learn the study's results until fall. "But down the road, it might."

Cystic fibrosis afflicts about 30,000 American children and young adults. The disease attacks patients' lungs with a thick mucus and most die from lung damage or infection. CF also harms digestion and vitamin absorption by clogging other organs, and causes patients to excrete high levels of salt through sweat.

Treatments to fight lung infections and improve nutrition have improved care dramatically. But they treat only symptoms.

In the majority of patients, CF's damage stems from a single genetic defect: It skews a protein called CFTR that is responsible for balancing the salt content of cells lining the lungs and certain other organs.

CFTR is supposed to travel to a cell's surface to create openings, or channels, for chloride ions to exit the cell. But if CFTR is mutated, it dies before ever reaching the surface, so chloride cannot escape. The chloride then mixes with sodium inside cells and a resulting salt buildup prompts the dangerous mucus formation.

Gene-assist drugs would circumvent this, not by curing the genetic defect but by helping the mutated protein work more normally.

CPX, the candidate furthest in testing, "provides eyeglasses and a cane to help (the mutated protein) find its way through the cell and do its work," said Dr. Harvey Pollard, who discovered the drug while at the National Institutes of Health. Although the drug is related to caffeine, caffeine itself does not help cystic fibrosis, he said.

The drug binds to mutated CFTR and chaperones it to the cell surface. Once there, even defective CFTR can shuttle out a little chloride. But CPX also boosts the protein's power to open chloride channels. That double whammy excites the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, which is helping to fund CPX's development.

"CPX was able to induce a massive secretion of chloride from these CF cells" in test-tube studies, said Pollard. "At that point, we realized we had something really good going."

Now the question is whether the drug works in patients the way it did in Pollard's laboratory.

SciClone Pharmaceuticals, a California biotechnology company, licensed CPX from the government and is sponsoring clinical trials to find out. Test results are expected in several months.

FBI relies on state cooperation for gun background check information

The Associated Press

The FBI's National Instant Criminal Background Service was established last year to make sure dangerous people don't get their hands on guns, but officials say the system can't work without cooperation from the states.

The FBI tries to weed out people with past convictions, outstanding felony warrants, restraining orders for domestic violence and other violations during its background checks for gun purchases.

But much of the information in state computers never reaches the FBI.

"We can only check what's in there," says James E. Kessler, Jr., head of the FBI's Clarksburg, W.Va.-based background service, called the National Instant Check System or NICS. "If it's not in there, it's not going to get checked,"

Kessler said just 24 states provide information on restraining orders to federal authorities. Some don't provide information on mental illness or suspected gang participation because of privacy concerns. Also, states on average share less than one in five outstanding felony warrant records.

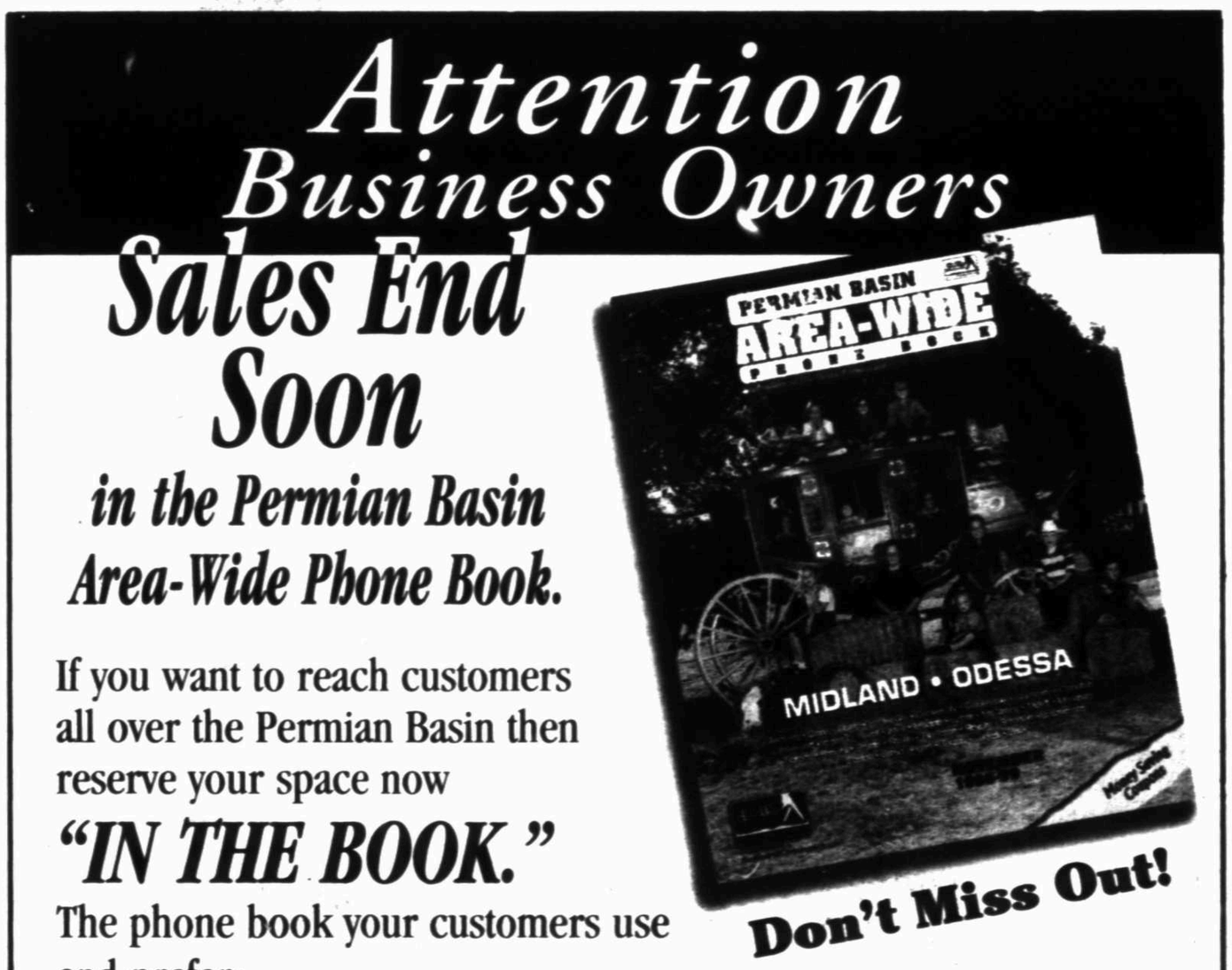
Kessler said NICS officials spend the bulk of their time dealing with the 5 percent of state records that arrive without dispositions, which tell whether a felony arrest resulted in conviction.

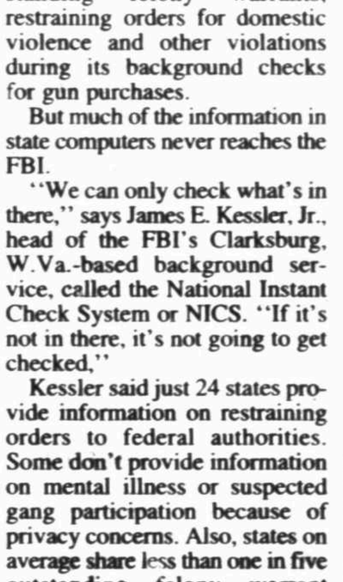
Massachusetts state Sen. Cheryl Jacques, who has sponsored legislation calling for her state to improve warrant tracking, says lack of cooperation can undermine the whole system. Massachusetts does not provide the FBI with information on restraining orders, and only 2,700 of the state's 70,000 outstanding felony warrants are in the FBI wanted list.

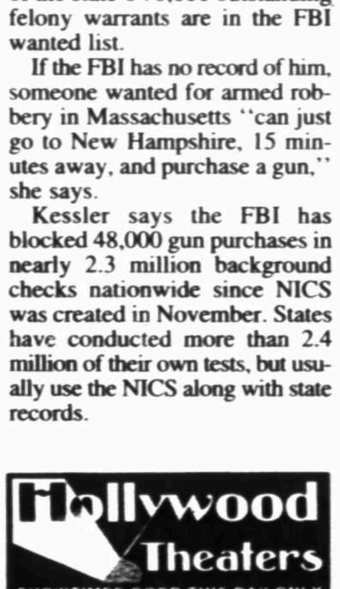
If the FBI has no record of him, someone wanted for armed robbery in Massachusetts "can just go to New Hampshire, 15 minutes away, and purchase a gun," she says.

Kessler says the FBI has blocked 48,000 gun purchases in nearly 2.3 million background checks nationwide since NICS was created in November. States have conducted more than 2.4 million of their own tests, but usually use the NICS along with state records.









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Exciting Wimbledon breathes life into tennis

By Stephen Wilson
AP Sports Writer

WIMBLEDON, England — Tennis has some zip again.

Wimbledon, like the French Open a month ago, injected new life into the sport when it needed it most. The All England Club provided the stage for the coronation of a new female champion (Lindsay Davenport), the farewell of an old champ (Steffi Graf) and the emergence of potential future champs (Alexandra Stevenson, Jelena Dokic and Mirjana Lucic).

Wimbledon also confirmed the untouchable grass-court mastery of Pete Sampras, as well as the remarkable renaissance of Andre Agassi, who energizes the men's game like no other player.

"Andre brings out the best in me," Sampras said after blasting Agassi in straight sets Sunday for his sixth Wimbledon crown. "He elevates my game to a level that is phenomenal."

Phenomenal sums up Sampras' 6-3, 6-4, 7-5 victory, a virtuoso display of serving, volleying and shotmaking that was arguably the best performance ever on Centre Court.

Willie Renshaw is the only man with more Wimbledon titles (seven), and that was back in the 1880s. At 27 years old, Sampras looks certain to surpass that record as well as the mark for total Grand Slam championships (12), which he now shares with Roy Emerson.

Asked how many more times Sampras can win Wimbledon, Agassi said, "For the next four years — as many times as he wants."

Sampras will be chasing the Grand Slam record two months from now at the U.S. Open, a tournament he has won four times.

"I'd love to do it where it all started for me in 1990," he said.

If Sampras is the best player ever to pick up a racket at Wimbledon, there is still debate whether he's the greatest ever, period. Sampras has never won the French Open, or even reached the final of the clay court classic.

By contrast, Sampras' idol, Rod Laver, won the French twice. Bjorn Borg did it six times. And Agassi won the French four weeks ago to become only the fifth man in history to win all four Grand Slam events.

The French Open is the toughest test in tennis, where baseline play and physical stamina are the key ingredients. Neither is Sampras' strong point.

But on the lawns of Wimbledon, where the rallies are few and the serve-and-volley dominates, Sampras is invincible. He's slightly less omnipotent on the hard courts of Flushing Meadow, where the higher bounce gives players like Agassi a chance.

"I want another shot at him and I want another shot at him this summer," Agassi said. "I want another shot at him in the finals of the U.S. Open."

Men's tennis suffered in recent years from a shortage of personalities and a lack of a compelling rivalry. Now, with Agassi back at the top after climbing back from No. 141, he could provide Sampras with the foil he needs.

But can they maintain a long-running rivalry matching Borg vs. McEnroe and McEnroe vs. Connors?

"Maybe it's the start," Sampras said, "but it's difficult to have a consistent rivalry because the game is so strong today. It's really hard to have two or three guys playing each other all year round. The game is not like it was 15 years ago when the top four were so much better than everybody else."

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AMERICAN LEAGUE ALL-STARS

Coming up Short

'Net boosts Garciaparra past Jeter in fan voting

By Josh Dubow
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — Nomar Garciaparra, backed by Boston's high-tech campaigning, was elected to the All-Star game Monday. Four Cleveland Indians benefited from more traditional methods to gain their starting spots.

The Indians, who lead the majors in attendance, will send Jim Thome, Roberto Alomar, Kenny Lofton and Manny Ramirez to the All-Star game July 13. But in the biggest shakeup of the final week, Garciaparra passed the Yankees' Derek Jeter and Cleveland's Omar Vizquel to start at shortstop in Fenway Park.

"I'm probably as shocked as you guys," Garciaparra said. "It's an honor. It's nice when it's at home."

Paul Beeston, baseball's chief operating officer, said last Thursday none of the Internet votes had been counted until the last week. Fans were allowed to vote 22 times on the Internet — the average number of home games for each team during the balloting.

Garciaparra apparently benefited from Boston's aggressive campaigning on-line. Garciaparra, who trailed Jeter by 30,655 votes last week, finished with 1,089,974. Jeter was second with 1,069,528 and Vizquel was third with 1,038,362.

"The fans are going to vote for who they want to see," Jeter said. "I don't think you can go wrong with a number of shortstops in our league."

Thome (1,364,692) will be at first base, Alomar (2,793,891) at second. Lofton (1,676,595) and Ramirez (1,898,430) join leading vote-getter Ken Griffey Jr. of Seattle in the outfield.

"I want to go out there and have some fun, enjoy a little time off," Lofton said. "It's a mental break from the action of the season."

Griffey is the leading All-Star votegetter for the fourth straight year and seventh time overall. Elected to start for the 10th consecutive time, he got 2,918,055 votes.

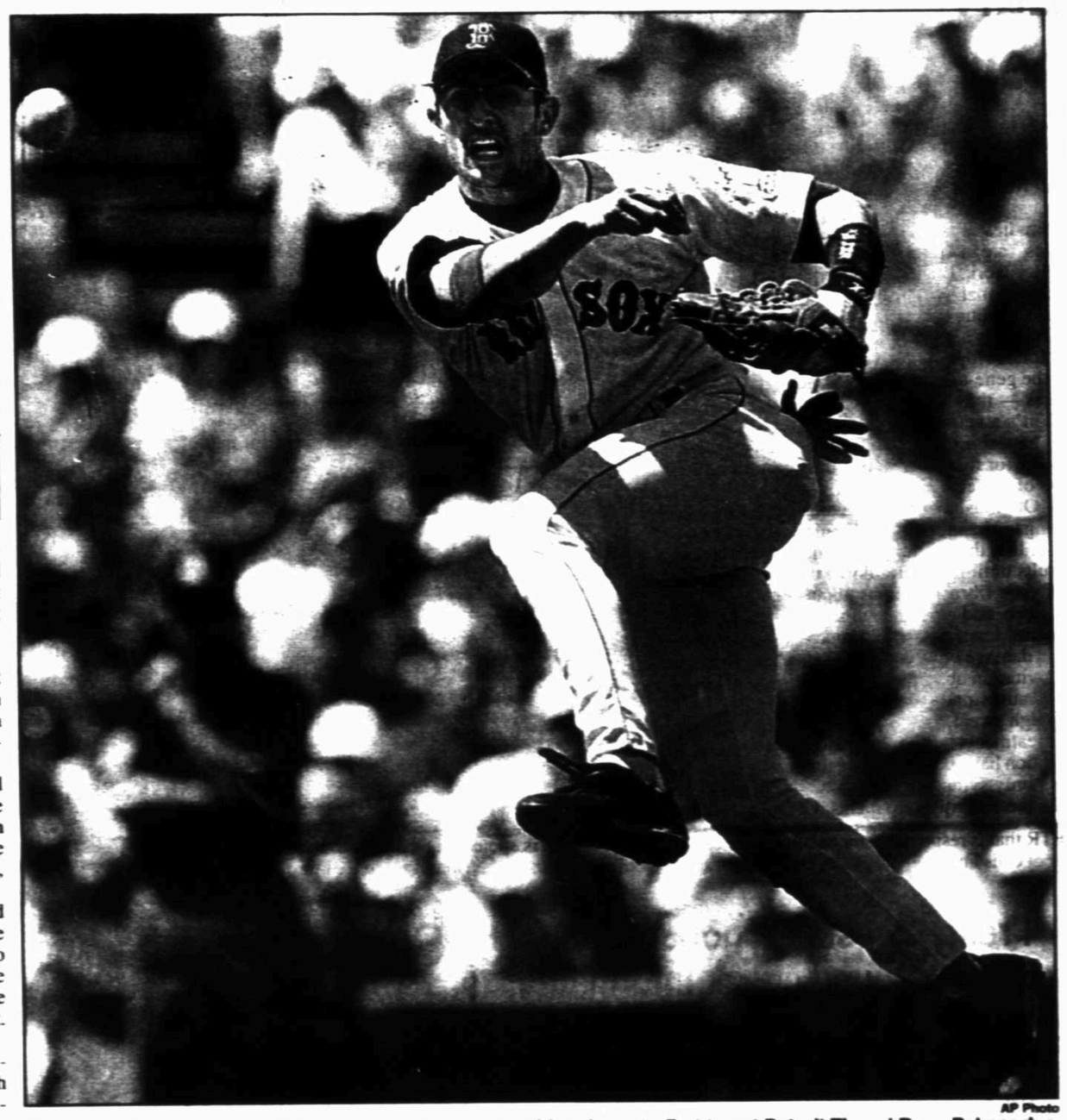
The rest of the AL starting lineup: Texas' Ivan Rodriguez (1,897,774) at catcher, Baltimore's Cal Ripken (1,285,728) at third base and Tampa Bay's Jose Canseco (1,664,282) at designated hitter.

"I've come full circle," said Canseco, who made the team for the first time since 1992. "I went from being the best baseball player in the world, hands down by far at one point, to more or less almost an outcast."

Six of the nine starters also started last year's game. Ramirez took the place of Texas' Juan Gonzalez, who said he won't play this year because he is not starting, and Garciaparra made it ahead of Seattle's Alex Rodriguez. There was no DH last season.

Ripken will make his 17th consecutive All-Star appearance and 16th straight start. Ripken, who led balloting in 1992 and '95, ties Rod Carew

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AP Photo

Boston Red Sox shortstop Nomar Garciaparra lets go with a throw to first to get Detroit Tigers' Dean Palmer during the third inning of Boston's 8-7 win at Fenway Park in Boston May 31. Garciaparra, backed by Boston's high-tech campaigning, was elected to the All-Star game Monday.

Rangers' Palmeiro could turn out to be big-time bargain

By T.R. Sullivan
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

ARLINGTON — Two big-name free agents went head-to-head last week in Southern California.

The $80 million guy, limping with a bad ankle, went 0-for-8 with five strikeouts. The $45 million guy, limping with a bad knee, went 9-for-13 with a home run, four runs scored and six runs batted in. His team won all three games and is in first place, and he has yet to lead a mutiny against his manager.

Score it a clear knockout for Rafael Palmeiro over Mo Vaughn and further indication the Rangers might have landed a bargain when they signed Palmeiro to a five-year, $45 million contract in the off-season. There have also been clear indications, halfway through the 1999 season, that Palmeiro is not the same hitter, or player, the Rangers let get away five years ago.

When Palmeiro left the Rangers to sign with Baltimore after the 1993 season, he was still in transition as a hitter, trying to go from a high-average guy who could compete for a batting title to a middle-of-the-lineup, home run and RBI guy. He was also a player who still let his emotions get to him, as he did the night the Rangers announced they had signed Will Clark to play first base when both Clark and Palmeiro were free agents.

The first sign of a changed man came in the off-season when Palmeiro took control of his contract situation and got something done quickly with the Rangers. Then he took the field and showed the transition as a hitter is complete.

In fact, the numbers show he might be the best all-around hitter going in the American League right now.

Palmeiro went into Saturday's game hitting .362 with 20 home runs and 70 RBI, which put him in the AL top 10 in all three categories. His .632 slugging percentage led the league, and his .439 on-base percentage was fourth.

"So far everything has gone better than expected," said Palmeiro, who stands an excellent chance of being selected to the American League All-Star team on Wednesday.

But Palmeiro's value goes far beyond mathematics. Rangers manager Johnny Oates was reminded of that during the final game against the Anaheim Angels, an 18-4 victory for the Rangers.

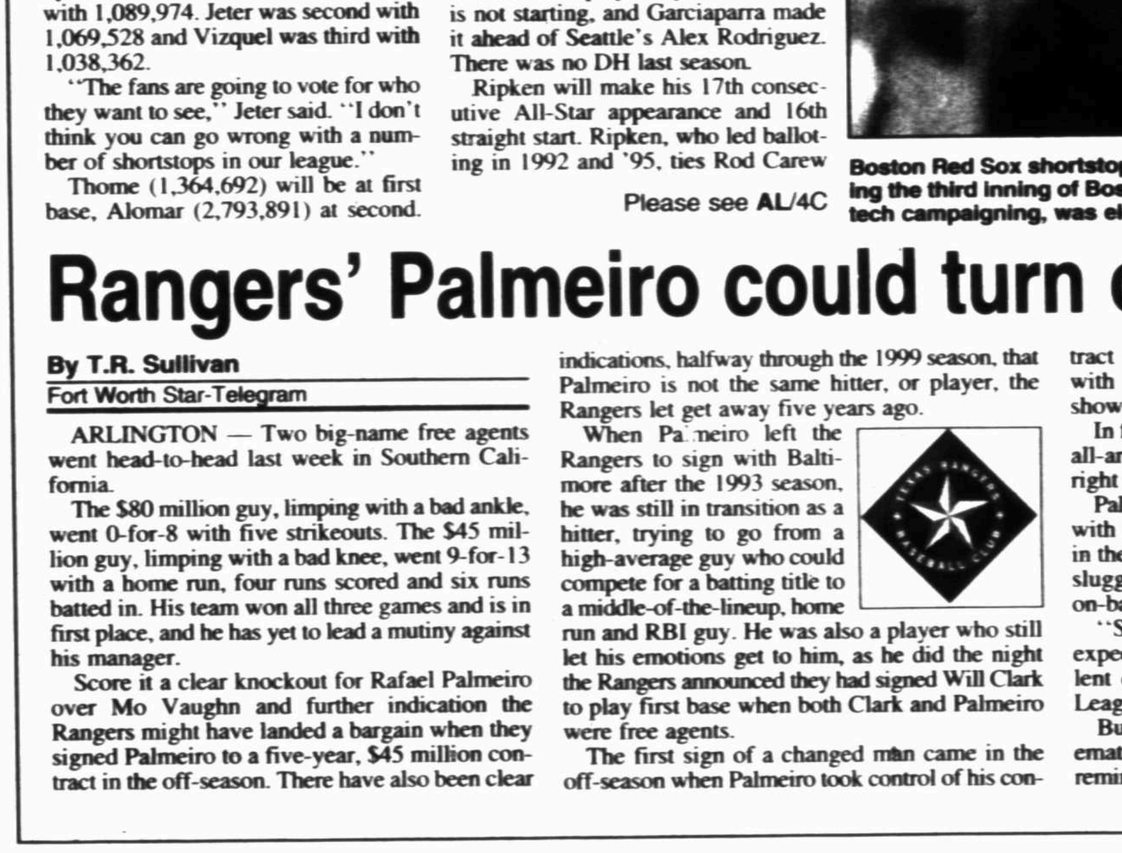
"I took him out that game in the sixth inning and I look up, he's still on the bench, cheering for his teammates," Oates said. "I gave him the opportunity to shower early because we were leaving right after the game and he said, no, I want to stay here with these guys.

"The guys who were in there, who don't play much, don't think they don't appreciate Raffy sitting there on the top step cheering them on."

Outfielder Rusty Greer sees something else.

"Besides all the offense, he's shown that he goes out there every day and plays in pain," Greer said. "That's part of leadership. There were times he could have taken days off but he didn't, even with the knee hurting. That goes a long way with your teammates."

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AP Photo

U.S. Women's soccer goalie Briana Scurry keeps her eyes on a shot during a practice session at George Mason University in Fairfax, Va. June 29. Brazil's sharpshooters and China's precisionists don't scare Scurry. She practices against the best front line, so why worry during games?

Practice makes perfect for U.S. women's goalie Scurry

By Barry Wilner
AP Sports Writer

STANFORD, Calif. — Brazil's sharpshooters and China's precisionists don't scare Briana Scurry.

After all, she practices against the best front line in the world, so why worry during games?

The Americans have had little to worry about in front of their goal during the Women's World Cup. They've yielded only three scores on their way to the finals, one a ball they put into their own net.

While there have been enough breakdowns by defenders and midfielders to concern coach Tony DiCicco, he doesn't have the same anxiety about his goalkeeper.

"As a former goalie and a goalie coach, I can really appreciate what Bri does," DiCicco said as his team began preparations for Saturday's final against China. "She challenges shooters, she plays the angles well, she knows where to be. And she's a leader on this team.

"This is a team that has a lot of scoring ability and presses the attack, and having her back there gives us the freedom to that. I can't say enough about her or how much confidence we have in her."

Scurry has three shutouts in this tournament and 52 for her career. She joined the national team in 1994 and a year later was the No. 1 keeper as the Americans finished third in the World Cup.

She backstopped the United States to the gold medal at the 1996 Olympics, making headlines not for her habit of undressing shooters, but for her promise to streak through the streets of Athens, Ga., if the team won. It did, and off she went.

Before this World Cup, some pointed to Scurry and the defense as being suspect. While the backline has made several errors, Scurry has been solid. Or, as her teammates call her, "The Wall."

"We as defenders are going to make mis-

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Amarillo's O'Brien will round out American Davis Cup team

Associated Press

BROOKLINE, Mass. — U.S. Davis Cup captain Tom Gullikson has his team. Now all he has to do is figure out the lineup.

Gullikson picked Alex O'Brien on Monday to complete a roster that already included Pete Sampras, Jim Courier and Todd Martin. But the captain was mum on whether Sampras, fresh off another Wimbledon title, will play singles or doubles.

"You'll have to wait and see," Gullikson said at a news conference at the Longwood Cricket Club, where the United States will play its quarterfinal against Australia on July 16-18.

O'Brien of Amarillo, has eight career doubles titles, including one at Queen's Club last month in which he and Sebastien Lareau beat Australians Mark Woodforde and Todd Woodbridge. O'Brien will be making his third Davis Cup appearance, with a 1-2 career record.

The winner of the best-of-5 quarterfinal will advance to the semifinals against Russia or Slovakia on Sept. 24-26.

In addition to roster announcement, the event celebrated the 120th birthday of Davis Cup founder and original U.S. captain Dwight Davis. Shortly after graduating from Harvard University in 1900, Davis bought a silver bowl for $750 and offered it as a prize for an international lawn tennis competition.

Sampras originally balked at joining the team because Gullikson had asked for a full-year commitment. He later agreed to sign on but said he would play only doubles so as not to upset those who were there from the start.

Still, Martin said he would sit out singles to make room for Sampras, who might be the best player in tennis history. But Gullikson said there are other considerations.

"Pete's feelings, Todd's feelings, Jim's feelings, Alex's feelings," the captain said. "We just didn't want someone jumping in for this historic tie. ... He (Sampras) was very sensitive that Jim and Todd have been there every time for us."

The decision doesn't have to be made until the day before the matches, July 15.

Gullikson also said he spoke recently with Wimbledon runner-up and world No. 1 Andre Agassi. Agassi had a falling out with the Davis Cup leadership over scheduling and will not participate.

"Obviously, we'd love to have Andre back. He chose not to be. That's his personal decision," Gullikson said. "My door is always open for him to come back.

"Everybody can choose to play or not play. This is America. ... In a perfect world, every American would make himself available at the beginning of every year. It isn't like that."

College star ousts Washington in first round

NEWPORT, R.I. — College star James Blake made an auspicious professional debut in rallying to defeat former Wimbledon finalist MaliVai Washington 1-6, 6-3, 6-4 Monday in the first round of the Hall of Fame Tennis Championships.

Blake, 19, who reached the 1999 NCAA final as a Harvard sophomore before turning pro three weeks ago, blamed nerves for his rough first set.

"After the first set, I told myself to stop worrying and have fun," Blake said. "Going into the match, I had so many thoughts going through my head."

Blake, who competed in the tournament, sponsored by Miller Lite, as an amateur last year, said one of those thoughts was his opponent.

"He's been a role model of mine my whole life. The first set I think I was a little tight because of who he is."

■ Tennis Roundup

Washington's appearance was his first of the year and his first on grass since losing the 1996 Wimbledon final to Richard Krajicek. He has been working to strengthen a knee that has troubled him for more than two years.

The 30-year-old Washington acknowledged that his career is at a crossroads. He said he would determine his tennis future after seeing how his knee responds to a busier summer schedule.

Washington looked great in the first set, dominating Blake with a serve-and-volley attack.

Early in the second set, Blake chided himself: "Would you please make one good return."

He started hitting shots past a charging Washington. At the same time, Washington's game faded. His ground strokes sailed beyond the baseline and volleys were dumped into the net.

Washington said his lack of preparation might have cost him the final set, but he wouldn't blame the heat.

In other matches, Blake's older brother Thomas won a qualifying match Monday against David Wheaton, the tournament's 1994 champion. Also in first round action, unseeded Max Mirnyi of Belarus defeated sixth-seeded American Justin Gimelstob, 6-3, 7-6 (7-2).

Sargis Sargsian, the fifth seed and 1997 champion, was the only other seeded player to play. He defeated Axel Pretzsch of Germany in three sets.

Rios, Costa win first-round matches

GSTAAD, Switzerland — World No. 9 Marcelo Rios showed signs of inactivity after a five-week layoff, beating Czech Bohdan Ulihrach 6-2, 6-7 (7-9), 7-6 (7-1) in the opening round of the $560,000 Swiss Open Monday.

The Chilean, who was sidelined with a thigh injury, needed 2 hours, 9 minutes, to overcome Ulihrach.

Rios' last tournament was the French Open, where he was upset in the quarterfinals by Slovakia's Dominik Hrbaty. While Rios said he had recovered sufficiently to return to competition, he expects he'll need to continue therapy.

"I feel physically fine, but it was not a good match," the third-seeded Rios said. "There were a lot of mis-hit balls."

Last year in Gstaad, Rios reached the semifinals before losing to Boris Becker.

Eighth-seeded Alberto Costa of Spain, the 1996 champion, beat Lorenzo Manta of Switzerland 6-1, 6-1. Swiss hopes had been high for Manta, who had been playing the best tennis of his career, reaching the fourth round at Wimbledon.

American Vincent Spadea, who reached the third round of the French Open, beat Italy's Renzo Furlan 6-3, 6-2. Croatian qualifier Ivan Ljubicic, 152nd in the world rankings, upset Daniel Vacek of the Czech Republic, ranked No. 51, 6-7 (5-7), 6-4, 6-4.

Defending Swedish Open champion Gustafsson wins opener

BASTAD, Sweden — Defending champion Magnus Gustafsson won his opening match in the Swedish Open, beating Italy's Vincenzo Santopadre 6-2, 6-4 Monday.

Crowd favorite Gustafsson, seeded No. 3, is seeking a fifth tournament win. Gustafsson had not played for more than three months because of a back injury.

LOCAL SPORTS

Senior League tourney starts

ODESSA — Midland Western defeated Van Horn 13-8 in opening round action from the Senior League (15-16 year-old) All-Star Tournament at Floyd Gwin Park.

Western was led by Justin Sammons, who struck out 11 in six innings. Western will play the winner of Midland Eastern and Floyd Gwin at 5:30 p.m. today.

Rattlers fall in final

AUSTIN — The West Texas Rattlers 14-under baseball team fell in the CABA state championship game to the Brazos Valley Seminoles 10-1 this weekend.

The Rattlers advanced to the finals with a win over the Texas Reds in the semifinals. Justin Gaines was 2-for-3 with a two-run homer. Dawson Wilber added a two-run bomb to win the game.

The Rattlers (38-6) qualified for the CABA World Series, which will be held later this month in Columbus, Ohio.

'Hounds fall to Missions, 6-1

Staff Report

SAN ANTONIO — A game that was closer than its score indicated came down to some close plays and poor relief pitching, and in both cases, the San Antonio Missions, not the Midland RockHounds, were the ones who benefited.

In a battle between the Texas League West co-leaders, the Missions (9-7 in the second half) won 6-1 to take a one-game lead over Midland (8-8). The difference in the game was five runs at game's end but that really wasn't the case throughout the contest.

In the fourth, Midland had runners on first and second with one out when Mario Encarnacion ripped a double. The hit had RBI written all over it, but Adam Piatt was tagged out at the plate. Piatt could have avoided Missions' catcher Geronimo Gil but he went in standing up rather sliding.

Missions' pitcher Eric Gagne (9-2) then struck out Justin Bowles, leaving runners on second and third. Gagne allowed just one run in seven innings. He struck out 10 'Hounds while walking no RockHound batters.

In the bottom of the fifth, extra hustle by DeRond Stovall meant an extra run for San Antonio. Stovall reached base on an infield hit and scored on a Luke Allen triple. Allen then scored on a single by Glenn Davis in the three-run fifth for the Missions.

A Jeff DaVanon homer in the sixth cut the lead to 3-1, but the Missions put the game away, taking advantage of a poor RockHound bullpen effort.

Andy Kimball came on to relieve Kevin Gregg, who allowed three runs in 6.2 innings. Kimball, however, didn't last a full inning. After a pair of singles, including a RBI single from Tony Mota, Kimball gave up a two-run bomb to Stovall.

For the game, both teams had eight hits. Piatt had three for Midland. Encarnacion added two. For San Antonio, Stovall and Davis both had two hits.

PIATT HONORED: Adam Piatt — who is three homers short of becoming Midland's all-time leading Double-A home run hitter — was named the TOPPS Texas League Player of the Month for June. For the month, Piatt played in 29 games hit .368, with 10 home runs and 36 RBIs. The other two players up for the honor were Jeff DaVanon and Josue Espada. Espada hit .446 in the month of June. DaVanon hit .369. Piatt already has 28 home runs this season.

San Antonio 6, Midland 1

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	San Antonio	ab	r	h	bi
DaVanon rf	4	1	1	1	Bocchca 2b	3	0	1	1
Garland lf	4	0	0	0	Metcalfe ss	3	1	0	0
Piatt ss	4	0	3	0	Mota dh	3	1	1	1
Marcinczk 1b	4	0	1	0	Gil c	4	0	1	0
Encarncion cf	4	0	2	0	Stovall cf/lf	4	2	2	2
Bowles dh	4	0	1	0	Allen 3b	3	1	1	1
McKay 3b	3	0	0	0	Davis 1b	4	1	2	1
Morales c	4	0	0	0	Phoenix rf	3	0	0	0
Castro 2b	3	0	0	0	Saitta lf	2	0	0	0
Espada ph	1	0	0	0	Moreta cf	0	0	0	0
Totals	35	1	8	1	Totals	29	6	8	6

Score by Innings

Midland	000	001000—	1
San Antonio	000	03003X—	6

E-Metcalfe. DP-Midland2. LOB-Midland 8, San Antonio 5. 2B-Encarnacion, Bowles. 3B-Allen. HR-DaVanon (8), Stovall (2). SB-Metcalfe, Mota.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Gregg L, 2-3	6.2	5	3	3	3	0
Kimball	0.2	2	3	3	3	0
Perez	0.2	1	0	0	0	2
San Antonio						
Gagne W, 9-2	7.0	6	1	1	0	10
Mayo	1.1	2	0	0	1	0
Montgomery	0.2	0	0	0	0	1

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GOALIE: Scurry covers up mistakes

(From 1C)

takes," U.S. captain Carla Overbeck said. "Knowing that Bri is back there makes all the difference ... Bri is a calming force. She is extremely athletic. She's very dependable. She's the best keeper in the world."

Scurry laughs when she hears such praise. But when the 27-year-old goalie from Dayton, Minn., plays as she did in the semifinals — six saves, most on difficult shots — Scurry probably deserves such adulation

"The best?" she asked. "People say that? When I play well, I am, when I don't, I'm not. I don't know. It might be true. I'm on the best team."

Perhaps. The Chinese are 2-1 against the Americans and have looked sensational in the World Cup. They will provide the final test.

The Americans are confident their wall can match up with China's Great Wall, goalie Gao Hong. And that Scurry can handle China's best finishers, Sun Wen and Liu Ailing.

But Scurry works out every day against some formidable players, stopping shots by Mia Hamm, Michelle Akers and Shannon MacMillan.

"That's why I don't let things bother me in a game," she said. "The pressure they put on a goalie in practice is great preparation. When you've practiced against them, the game is actually easier."

So Scurry enjoyed a hard day's work, right?

"Nah, that's not good to me," she said. "I'd rather have a boring game. I'd rather not have any shots to stop."

TENNIS: Sampras aims for Slam wins

(From 1C)

Sampras, who has finished the year at No. 1 for a record six years in a row, fell to No. 3 behind Agassi and Australia's Patrick Rafter in the new rankings released Monday. But Sampras has other priorities.

"The game for me right now is to do well at the majors," he said. "Grand Slams are always going to be the reason why I'm going to be playing this game in my early to mid-30s."

Agassi, in what sounds like wishful thinking, thinks Sampras' move from Florida to California may wind up cutting his career short.

"I've got a hunch L.A. will break him down before his body does," Agassi said. "If he starts getting comfortable on the lifestyle and changes his priorities, it's different."

Living in California hasn't hurt Davenport, who punished Graf 6-4, 7-5, in the women's final, adding the Wimbledon title to the U.S. Open championship she won last year.

The match marked the end of seven-time champion Graf's Wimbledon career. But it marked a breakthrough for Davenport, who had always struggled on grass.

"I look at someone like Lindsay as inspirational," McEnroe said. "We had Andre at the French, and he lifted the spirits of the tennis world. But to see somebody like Lindsay, who wasn't known as the best athlete, shows you can do it the old-fashioned way: hard work, dedication, love for your sport."

Davenport was virtually overlooked throughout the tournament as the spotlight fell on younger, more glamorous players such as Venus Williams and Anna Kournikova. The down-to-earth Davenport has never courted publicity or celebrity.

"I think it's the greatest thing to get attention for winning tournaments, and for being a good person and for being normal," she said.

Plenty of attention was paid to Stevenson, the 18-year-old American who became the first player in Wimbledon history to come out of the qualifying rounds to reach the women's semifinals. Not only that, the world learned that Stevenson's father is basketball great Julius Erving.

Stevenson wasn't the only new face. Dokic, a 16-year-old qualifier, stunned No. 1 Martina Hingis in the first round before losing to Stevenson in the quarters. And Lucic, the 17-year-old Croat, pushed Graf to three sets in the semis.

After some lean times, tennis should have plenty of storylines to follow in the months and years to come.

Rookie thinks he'll make Mavs

By Mike Finger
Associated Press Writer

DALLAS — After testing his wares against NBA talent for the first time Monday, 18-year-old Leon Smith said he fully expects to be wearing a Dallas Mavericks uniform in November.

But others who attended the first day of the Mavericks' minicamp weren't as sure about the future of the team's first-round draft pick — especially since the professional players he faced were named Chris Anstey, Bruno Sundov and Randy Duck. Smith's 6-foot-10-inch frame and his high-flying dunks were officially introduced to Dallas Monday, but head coach and general manager Don Nelson said that it may be a while before his final plans for the high school phenom are revealed.

"What he's asked us to do is basically keep an open mind, and evaluate him over the summer," Nelson said. "We're going to do that. We're not going to make our minds up yet."

When Dallas pulled off a draft-day trade with the San Antonio Spurs to acquire the rights to Smith last week, Nelson said he wanted the talented teenager to play a season in Europe to develop his game. The Mavericks would retain the rights to Smith during that time, and Nelson planned to have him rejoin the team beginning in the 2000-01 season.

While Smith said he would be willing to go to Europe if the the Mavericks ask him to, he said he would rather remain in Dallas and learn in the NBA, even if it means sitting on the end of the bench for a year.

"I feel like I can play with anybody, regardless of who they are," said Smith, who averaged 25.5 points and 14.5 rebounds per game last year at Martin Luther King High School in Chicago. "At the same time, you have to take the steps to be prepared for what you're jumping into."

Smith appeared to be the most athletic player on the floor during Dallas' workout, which featured rookies, free agents and a handful of veterans who will play for the team in the NBA's summer league. His inexperience was evident on the perimeter, but Nelson said the 1999 Illinois Player of the Year impressed him with his passing and his skills around the basket.

However, the decision on whether or not to keep Smith in the U.S. may have more to do with numbers than with how well he performs this summer.

Nelson said Dallas is trying to sign all of its free agents, a list that includes Gary Trent, Cedric Ceballos, A.C. Green and Samaki Walker. If the Mavericks are able to keep all of those players, they would have no room on the roster for Smith.

"I think our chances with all of the free agents are good," Nelson said. "I can't put a percentage on it, but we'd like to keep all of them."

Should Dallas fail in its pursuit of one or more of those players, its youngest player seems to be eager and ready to fill the void.

Smith said all he wants is a chance — something not many people thought he had after his parents left him at the age of five. Since then, he's been a ward of the state and lived in five different group homes, but he said he's never lost his perspective.

"I'm not the type of person to be intimidated by anything," Smith said. "I'll just fight through it. I know if I follow my heart, I'll come out as the victor."

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	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Portugal W,5-6	6	7	2	2	2	3
DLowe	2	2	0	0	0	2
Wakefield S,9	1	0	0	0	0	1
Tampa Bay						
Rekar L,5-4	6	8	4	4	3	2
Aldred	1	0	0	0	1	2
Santana	2	1	0	0	1	2

Portugal pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.

HBP—by DLowe (Trammell). WP—DLowe. PB—Varitek. T—2:48. A—21,967 (42,531).

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BALTIMORE	ab	r	h	bi	NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi
BAdsn cf	4	0	1	1	Knblch 2b	3	1	1 0
Bordck ss	2	2	0	0	Jeter ss	4	0	0 0
Surhff lf	5	1	3	4	Bllgr ss	0	0	0 0
Belle dh	5	0	2	1	O'Neill rf	3	0	2 1
Conine 1b	5	1	1	0	Ledee rf	0	0	0 0
Amaral rf	5	0	1	0	BWms cf	4	0	1 0
Rpken 3b	4	2	2	2	Mrtnz 1b	3	0	0 0
Rbolet 3b	1	0	0	0	Davis dh	4	0	1 0
Hrst jr. 2b	5	1	1	0	Curtis lf	4	0	0 0
Jhnsn c	3	2	2	1	Brsius 3b	2	0	1 0
Figga c	0	0	0	0	Manto 3b	1	0	0 0
					Girardi c	3	0	1 0
Totals	**39**	**9**	**13**	**9**	**Totals**	**31**	**1**	**7 1**
Baltimore			**110**	**200**	**230**	**—**	**9**	
New York			**100**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**1**	

DP—Baltimore 2. LOB—Baltimore 10, New York 8. 2B—ByAnderson (15), Belle (7), Ripken (17), Hairston jr. (3), CJohnson (10), Knoblauch (18). HR—Surhoff (20), Ripken (11). S—Girardi.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Mssna W,10-4	5 1-3	6	1	1	2	1
Johns	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
GMolina	2	1	0	0	2	2
Coppinger	1	0	0	0	0	0
New York						
APettitte L,5-7	6	8	4	4	5	4
Grimsley	1 1-3	3	5	5	2	0
Naulty	1 2-3	2	0	0	0	0

WP—GMolina. T—3:26. A—29,934 (57,545).

NL Boxes

REDS 5, ASTROS 2

HOUSTON	ab	r	h	bi	CINCINNATI	ab	r	hbi
Biggio 2b	3	0	0	0	Reese 2b	5	0	2 0
DeBell rf	3	0	0	0	Tucker rf	5	1	0 0
GBrkr rf	0	0	0	0	Casey 1b	3	1	1 0
Bgwell 1b	4	0	2	0	GVghn lf	4	0	1 1
Everett cf	4	0	1	0	Larkin ss	3	1	1 0
Hidalgo lf	3	0	1	0	Boone 3b	4	1	3 1
Slsrski p	0	0	0	0	Cmron cf	4	1	1 3
Cbrera p	0	0	0	0	LaRue c	3	0	1 0
Spiers ph	1	0	0	0	Villone p	3	0	1 0
Esebio c	3	1	1	0	Slirvan p	0	0	0 0
Bako c	1	0	0	0	Mrns ph	1	0	0 0
Gterrz ss	4	0	0	0	Graves p	0	0	0 0
Bogar 3b	3	0	0	0				
Holt p	2	0	0	0				
Mieske lf	1	1	1	2				
Totals	**32**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**Totals**	**35**	**5**	**11 5**
Houston			**000**	**000**	**200**	**—**	**2**	
Cincinnati			**012**	**002**	**00x**	**—**	**5**	

E—GVaughn (2). DP—Cincinnati 1. LOB—Houston 5, Cincinnati 9. 2B—Eusebio (7), Reese (19). HR—Mieske (1), Cameron (8). SB—DeBell (14), Bagwell (15), Everett (21), Larkin (15), LaRue (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Holt L,1-9	5 1-3	10	5	5	0	3
Slsrski	1 2-3	1	0	0	2	2
Cabrera	1	0	0	0	0	0
Cincinnati						
Villone W,4-2	7	6	2	2	2	2
Sullivan	1	0	0	0	0	0
Graves S,11	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Holt (LaRue). T—2:45. A—23,958 (52,953).

CUBS 5, PIRATES 2

CHICAGO	ab	r	h	bi	PITTSBURGH	ab	r	hbi
Mrndni 2b	3	2	2	0	Martin lf	5	0	1 0
Alxndr ss	5	1	1	0	Nunez ss	4	2	2 0
FHrdia p	0	0	0	0	Chrstns p	0	0	0 0
Aglera p	0	0	0	0	Giles cf	2	0	1 1
MGrc 1b	5	0	1	0	BBrwn 1b	5	0	2 1
Sosa cf	4	0	0	1	Sprge 3b	5	0	2 0
HRdrgz lf	4	1	2	3	Mrns 2b	4	0	1 0
GHill rf	4	0	0	0	ABrwn rf	5	0	2 0
Hrndz ss	0	0	0	0	Osik c	5	0	0 0
Hston 3b	3	1	2	0	Schmdt p	1	0	0 0
SMrtnz c	3	0	1	0	Grcia ph	1	0	0 0
Sntiago c	1	0	0	0	Sarbck p	0	0	0 0
Lieber p	1	0	0	0	Haad ph	1	0	0 0
RKing p	0	0	0	0	Hnsell p	0	0	0 0
Krchnr p	0	0	0	0	Bnjmin ss	0	0	0 0
CGdwin cf	1	0	0	0				
Totals	**34**	**5**	**9**	**4**	**Totals**	**38**	**2**	**11 2**
Chicago			**102**	**020**	**000**	**—**	**5**	
Pittsburgh			**101**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**2**	

E—Houston (10), Nunez 2 (7), Sprague (18). WMorris (7). DP—Pittsburgh 2. LOB—Chicago 9, Pittsburgh 15. 2B—HRodriguez (18). HR—HRodriguez (15). CS—Morandini (3), Sosa 2 (4). S—Lieber. SF—HRodriguez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Lieber W,7-3	5 1-3	8	2	2	5	10
RKing	1-3	0	0	0	1	0
Karchner	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	1
FHeredia	1	1	0	0	0	2
Aguilera S,4	1	1	0	0	0	0
Pittsburgh						
Schmidt L,8-6	5	7	5	3	4	3
Sauerbeck	2	1	0	0	1	1
Hansell	1	1	0	0	0	1
Christiansen	1	0	0	0	0	1

FHeredia pitched to 1 batter in the 9th.

Balk—Schmidt. T—3:24. A—19,762 (48,044).

CARDINALS 1, DIAMONDBACKS 0

ARIZONA	ab	r	h	bi	ST. LOUIS	ab	r	hbi
Wmack rf	4	0	0	0	MEwg cf	4	0	0 0
JBell 2b	4	0	0	0	Plnco 2b	3	0	0 0
LGnzlz lf	3	0	0	0	MGwr 1b	4	1	1 0
MWlm 3b	3	0	0	0	Tatis 3b	3	0	1 0
Finley cf	2	0	1	0	THwrd rf	3	0	1 1
TLee 1b	3	0	0	0	Rntria ss	2	0	0 0
DMiller c	3	0	0	0	ACstllo c	3	0	0 0
AFox ss	3	0	1	0	DHwrd lf	2	0	1 0
RaJhsn p	2	0	0	0	Jmenez p	3	0	0 0
Dllucci ph	1	0	0	0				
Totals	**28**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**Totals**	**27**	**1**	**4 1**
Arizona			**000**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**0**	
St. Louis			**000**	**100**	**00x**	**—**	**1**	

DP—Arizona 1, St. Louis 1. LOB—Arizona 2, St. Louis 6. 2B—SFinley (17), DHoward (3). SB—Renteria (15). CS—Polanco (2), Tatis (5).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
RaJohnson L,9-6	8	4	1	1	4	12
St. Louis						
Jimenez W,5-8	9	2	0	0	1	9

WP—RaJohnson. T—2:08. A—33,700 (49,676).

BREWERS 5, PHILLIES 0

MILWAUKEE	ab	r	h	bi	PHILA	ab	r	hbi
Loretta 1b	5	0	0	0	Glnvle cf	5	0	2 0
Blliard 2b	4	1	2	0	Gant lf	3	0	1 0
Cirillo 3b	3	1	1	1	Abreu rf	3	0	0 0
Burnitz rf	4	1	1	1	Rolen 3b	3	0	0 0
Nilsson c	3	1	1	2	Brgna 1b	3	0	1 0
Banks c	0	0	0	0	Jordn 2b	4	0	1 0
Grssm cf	4	1	2	0	GBnntt c	4	0	1 0
Jenkins lf	4	0	2	0	Doster ss	4	0	0 0
JsVltn ss	3	0	1	0	Ogea p	2	0	0 0
JiAbbtt p	2	0	0	0	Grahe p	0	0	0 0
Bcker ph	0	0	0	1	Sefcik ph	0	0	0 0
Roque p	1	0	0	0	Schrnk p	0	0	0 0
					Tlmaco p	0	0	0 0
					Arias ph	1	0	0 0
Totals	**33**	**5**	**10**	**5**	**Totals**	**32**	**0**	**6 0**
Milwaukee			**100**	**200**	**110**	**—**	**5**	
Philadelphia			**000**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**0**	

DP—Philadelphia 3. LOB—Milwaukee 5, Philadelphia 10. 2B—JsValentin (4), Brogna (15). HR—Cirillo (8), Burnitz (24), Nilsson (19). SB—Abreu (8). S—Cirillo.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milwaukee						
JiAbbott W,2-7	6	3	0	0	3	3
Roque S,1	3	3	0	0	2	4
Philadelphia						
Ogea L,4-8	6 2-3	7	4	4	1	3
Grahe	1-3	0	0	0	1	0
Schrenk	1	3	1	1	0	0
Telemaco	1	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Schrenk (Nilsson). WP—Roque. T—2:48. A—13,248 (62,363).

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
New York	49	31	613	—	z-7-3	L-2	26-17	23-14	5-4
Boston	48	34	585	2	z-6-4	W-2	27-16	21-18	2-7
Toronto	42	42	500	9	6-4	W-2	29-19	13-23	3-6
Tampa Bay	35	47	427	15	z-6-4	L-3	13-22	22-25	1-8
Baltimore	34	47	420	15 1/2	2-8	W-2	17-20	17-27	5-4

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Cleveland	53	28	654	—	6-4	L-1	28-17	25-11	6-3
Chicago	39	40	494	13	4-6	L-1	19-22	20-18	6-3
Kansas City	34	47	420	19	z-4-6	W-1	17-23	17-24	3-6
Detroit	34	48	415	19 1/2	z-4-6	W-1	19-25	15-23	5-4
Minnesota	31	49	388	21 1/2	5-5	L-1	15-24	16-25	5-3

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Texas	46	35	568	—	z-6-4	L-2	20-16	26-19	4-5
Seattle	41	40	506	5	5-5	W-2	20-19	21-21	4-5
Oakland	39	42	481	7	3-7	L-1	24-14	15-28	5-4
Anaheim	37	43	463	8 1/2	z-6-4	W-1	17-18	20-25	3-6

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Atlanta	51	32	614	—	z-7-3	W-1	26-16	25-16	5-4
New York	47	36	566	4	5-5	W-2	23-18	24-18	6-3
Philadelphia	43	38	531	7	z-5-5	L-1	21-19	22-19	6-3
Montreal	30	48	385	18 1/2	z-3-7	L-4	19-25	11-23	6-3
Florida	29	53	354	21 1/2	5-5	L-1	15-30	14-23	6-3

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Cincinnati	46	33	582	—	z-8-2	W-1	20-23	26-10	4-5
Houston	46	35	568	1	4-6	L-1	24-18	22-17	4-2
Milwaukee	40	41	494	7	7-3	W-5	11-23	29-18	2-3
Pittsburgh	40	41	494	7	4-6	L-4	23-17	17-24	4-5
St. Louis	40	42	488	7 1/2	z-5-5	W-1	17-22	23-20	4-5
Chicago	38	41	481	8	3-7	W-1	17-17	21-24	1-5

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
San Francisco	47	36	566	—	7-3	W-1	28-17	19-19	6-3
Arizona	45	38	542	2	3-7	L-1	26-15	19-23	4-2
San Diego	40	41	494	6	z-7-3	L-1	27-17	13-24	4-2
Colorado	37	43	463	8 1/2	3-7	W-1	21-17	16-26	3-3
Los Angeles	35	45	438	10 1/2	z-3-7	L-1	19-23	16-22	3-6

z-first game was a win

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Monday's Games

Late Games Not Included
Boston 4, Tampa Bay 2
Baltimore 9, New York 1
Texas at Oakland (n)
Seattle at Anaheim (n)
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Boston (Cho 2-1) at Tampa Bay (Alvarez 4-5), 6:05 p.m.
New York (Irabu 5-3) at Detroit (Moehler 7-8), 6:05 p.m.
Toronto (Wells 8-6) at Baltimore (Erickson 3-8), 6:35 p.m.
Kansas City (Suppan 4-4) at Chicago (Baldwin 4-8), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Wright 6-5) at Minnesota (Milton 3-7), 7:05 p.m.
Seattle (Meche 0-0) at Anaheim (Fyhrie 0-0), 9:05 p.m.
Texas (Glynn 2-2) at Oakland (Haynes 5-6), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Monday's Games

Cincinnati 5, Houston 2
Chicago 5, Pittsburgh 2
St. Louis 1, Arizona 0
Milwaukee 5, Philadelphia 0
New York 2, Montreal 1
Atlanta 6, Florida 5
Colorado 8, Los Angeles 4
San Francisco 4, San Diego 1

Tuesday's Games

Chicago (Trachsel 2-11) at Pittsburgh (Ritchie 7-6), 6:05 p.m.
Milwaukee (Nomo 6-1) at Philadelphia (Person 1-2), 6:35 p.m.
Montreal (Pavano 6-6) at New York (Hershiser 8-5), 6:40 p.m.
Florida (Fernandez 2-5) at Atlanta (Glavine 7-7), 6:40 p.m.
Cincinnati (Tomko 3-4) at St. Louis (Bottenfield 12-3), 7:10 p.m.
Los Angeles (Dreifort 6-7) at Colorado (Astacio 7-7), 8:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 5-5) at San Diego (Clement 5-7), 9:05 p.m.
Houston (Holt 1-8) at Anzona (Daal 7-4), 9:05 p.m.

METS 2, EXPOS 1

MONTREAL	ab	r	h	bi	NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi
MMrtz cf	4	1	2	0	Cdeno rf	4	0	1 1
TJones lf	4	0	3	1	Alfnzo 2b	4	0	1 0
JFrndz 3b	4	0	0	0	Olerud 1b	3	0	1 0
Mota p	0	0	0	0	Mora lf	0	1	0 0
Telford p	0	0	0	0	Piazza c	4	0	2 0
VGrero rf	4	0	0	0	Vntura 3b	3	0	1 0
Vidro 2b	2	0	0	0	McRae cf	4	0	1 0
Widger c	4	0	1	0	Agbyni lf	3	0	0 0
Sgngl 1b	4	0	0	0	MFrco 1b	0	0	0 0
Cbrra ss	4	0	0	0	Ordnz ss	4	1	0 0
Hrmns p	2	0	0	0	RReed p	1	0	1 0
Kline p	0	0	0	0	LLopez ph	1	0	1 0
WGrro ph	1	0	0	0	Wndell p	0	0	0 0
Mrdcai 3b	0	0	0	0	Benitez p	0	0	0 0
Totals	**33**	**1**	**6**	**1**	**Totals**	**31**	**2**	**9 1**
Montreal			**001**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**1**	
New York			**000**	**010**	**01x**	**—**	**2**	

E—OCabrera (7), Olerud (6). DP—Montreal 1, New York 1. LOB—Montreal 7, New York 9. 2B—MMartinez (11), Piazza (15). RReed (1). 3B—TJones (1). SB—TJones (1). CS—Cedeno (9). S—RReed.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Montreal						
Hermanson	6 2-3	8	1	0	0	2
Kline	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Mota L,1-3	0	1	1	1	2	0
Telford	1	0	0	0	1	0
New York						
RReed	7	5	1	1	1	4
Wendell W,2-0	1	1	0	0	0	1
Benitez S,5	1	0	0	0	1	2

Mota pitched to 3 batters in the 8th. Balk—Wendell. T—2:43. A—22,699 (55,777).

BRAVES 6, MARLINS 5

FLORIDA	ab	r	h	bi	ATLANTA	ab	r	hbi
Cstllo 2b	4	0	2	0	Guilln ss	4	0	0 1
Berg ss	4	1	0	0	Boone 2b	5	3	3 1
Aven lf	4	0	1	2	CJnes 3b	3	0	1 0
Millar 1b	3	0	0	0	BJordn rf	4	0	1 1
Alfnsca p	0	0	0	0	Klesko lf	1	1	0 0
PWilsn cf	4	1	2	0	GWlms lf	2	0	1 1
Butista rf	4	1	1	0	AJnes cf	4	1	3 1
Lowell 3b	2	1	1	2	Simon 1b	4	1	1 1
Rdmnd c	4	0	1	0	EPerez c	3	0	1 0
Ktsay 1b	0	0	0	0	OPerez p	1	0	0 0
Sprngr p	2	0	0	0	RSprgr p	0	0	0 0
Hyers ph	1	0	0	0	Lckhrt ph	1	0	0 0
Edmnd p	0	0	0	0	Rmingr p	0	0	0 0
JSnchz p	0	0	0	0	Seanez p	0	0	0 0
Looper p	0	0	0	0	BHuntr ph	1	0	0 0
AGarcia ph	1	1	0	0	Rocker p	0	0	0 0
Fbrgas c	0	0	0	0	McGlhy p	0	0	0 0
Totals	**33**	**5**	**8**	**4**	**Totals**	**33**	**6**	**11 6**
Florida			**000**	**121**	**001**	**—**	**5**	
Atlanta			**030**	**010**	**101**	**—**	**6**	

One out when winning run scored.

E—CJones (11). DP—Atlanta 3. LOB—Florida 8, Atlanta 10. 2B—Aven (8), PWilson (7), CJones (24), AJones (15). HR—Lowell (2), BBoone (11). CS—BJordan (5). S—OPerez. SF—OGuillen.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Florida						
Springer	6	7	4	4	3	1
Edmondson	1	1	1	1	0	0
JSanchez	2-3	1	0	0	1	0
Looper	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Alfonseca L,4-5	1-3	2	1	1	2	0
Atlanta						
OPerez	5 2-3	5	4	4	5	3
RSpringer	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Remlinger	1	0	0	0	0	2
Seanez	1	1	0	0	0	1
Rocker	2-3	2	1	1	2	0
McGlhy W,5-3	1-3	0	0	0	0	0

WP—Alfonseca, OPerez. T—3:02. A—37,506 (50,528).

GIANTS 4, PADRES 1

SAN FRAN	ab	r	h	bi	SAN DIEGO	ab	r	hbi
Benard cf	5	1	1	0	Veras 2b	4	0	0 0
Muller 3b	4	0	1	0	Jcksn ss	4	0	0 0
BBnds lf	3	1	0	0	Sndrs rf	3	1	2 0
Kent 2b	3	0	2	2	VnWal lf	4	0	2 1
Snow 1b	4	0	0	0	Jyner 1b	3	0	0 0
Burks rf	4	0	1	0	Mgdn 3b	3	0	1 0
Aurilia ss	4	2	2	0	RRivra cf	3	0	0 0
Mayne c	3	0	0	0	BDavis c	3	0	1 0
Ortiz p	3	0	2	2	Bhrngr p	2	0	0 0
					CReyes p	0	0	0 0
					Berga ph	1	0	0 0
					Almnzr p	0	0	0 0
Totals	**33**	**4**	**9**	**4**	**Totals**	**30**	**1**	**6 1**
San Francisco			**001**	**101**	**001**	**—**	**4**	
San Diego			**000**	**001**	**000**	**—**	**1**	

DP—San Francisco 2, San Diego 2. LOB—San Francisco 6, San Diego 4. 2B—Vander Wal (11). SB—Kent (12), Vander Wal (1). CS—Mueller (2), RSanders (5). S—Ortiz.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Francisco						
Ortiz W,10-5	9	6	1	1	2	10
San Diego						
Bohringr L,5-2	6 2-3	6	3	3	2	2
CReyes	1 1-3	1	0	0	1	2
Almanzar	1	2	1	1	0	0

WP—Boehringer. T—2:30. A—58,333 (46,510).

ROCKIES 8, DODGERS 4

LOS ANGELS	ab	r	h	bi	COLORADO	ab	r	hbi
Yung 2b	4	0	3	0	Perez ss	5	2	4 2
Hndley c	5	1	1	1	DHlton cf	4	2	2 0
Shffield lf	4	0	0	0	LWalkr rf	3	1	0 0
Karros 1b	4	0	1	0	Bchette lf	4	1	2 4
Mlwrng p	0	0	0	0	Cstilla 3b	4	0	1 2
[illegible]dx p	0	0	0	0	Hlton 1b	4	0	2 0
Hndsw ph	1	0	0	0	Abbtt 2b	4	0	0 0
Mndesi rf	4	1	1	0	Mnwrn c	4	1	3 0
DWhite cf	4	1	1	0	Kile p	1	0	0 0
Beltre 3b	4	1	2	2	Shprt ph	0	1	0 0
Vzcino ss	4	0	1	1	Lskanic p	0	0	0 0
KBrwn p	3	0	1	0	LHarrs ph	1	0	0 0
Mska p	0	0	0	0	Veres p	0	0	0 0
Hnsen 1b	1	0	0	0				
Totals	**38**	**4**	**11**	**4**	**Totals**	**34**	**8**	**14 8**
Los Angeles			**100**	**001**	**020**	**—**	**4**	
Colorado			**210**	**000**	**50x**	**—**	**8**	

E—Karros (4), KBrown (4). DP—Los Angeles 2. LOB—Los Angeles 9, Colorado 5. 2B—Karros (25), DWhite (12), NPerez (11), DHamilton (9), Manwaring (4). HR—Hundley (12), Beltre (9). SB—EYoung 2 (32). S—Kile.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
KBrown L,9-6	6 2-3	11	6	6	1	5
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AL All-Star Voting

NEW YORK (AP) — Final voting for the 1999 American League All-Star team released Monday:

Catchers

1, Ivan Rodriguez, Texas, 1,897,774. 2, Sandy Alomar, Cleveland, 1,629,674. 3, Jorge Posada, New York, 252,739. 4, Charles Johnson, Baltimore, 238,587. 5, Dan Wilson, Seattle, 221,314.

First Basemen

1, Jim Thome, Cleveland, 1,364,692. 2, Rafael Palmeiro, Texas, 684,891. 3, Tino Martinez, New York, 551,154. 4, Mo Vaughn, Anaheim, 514,073. 5, Fred McGriff, Tampa Bay, 346,706.

Second Basemen

1, Roberto Alomar, Cleveland, 2,793,891. 2, Chuck Knoblauch, New York, 673,351. 3, Delino DeShields, Baltimore, 221,595. 4, Ray Durham, Chicago, 187,181. 5, Mark McLemore, Texas, 173,585.

Third Basemen

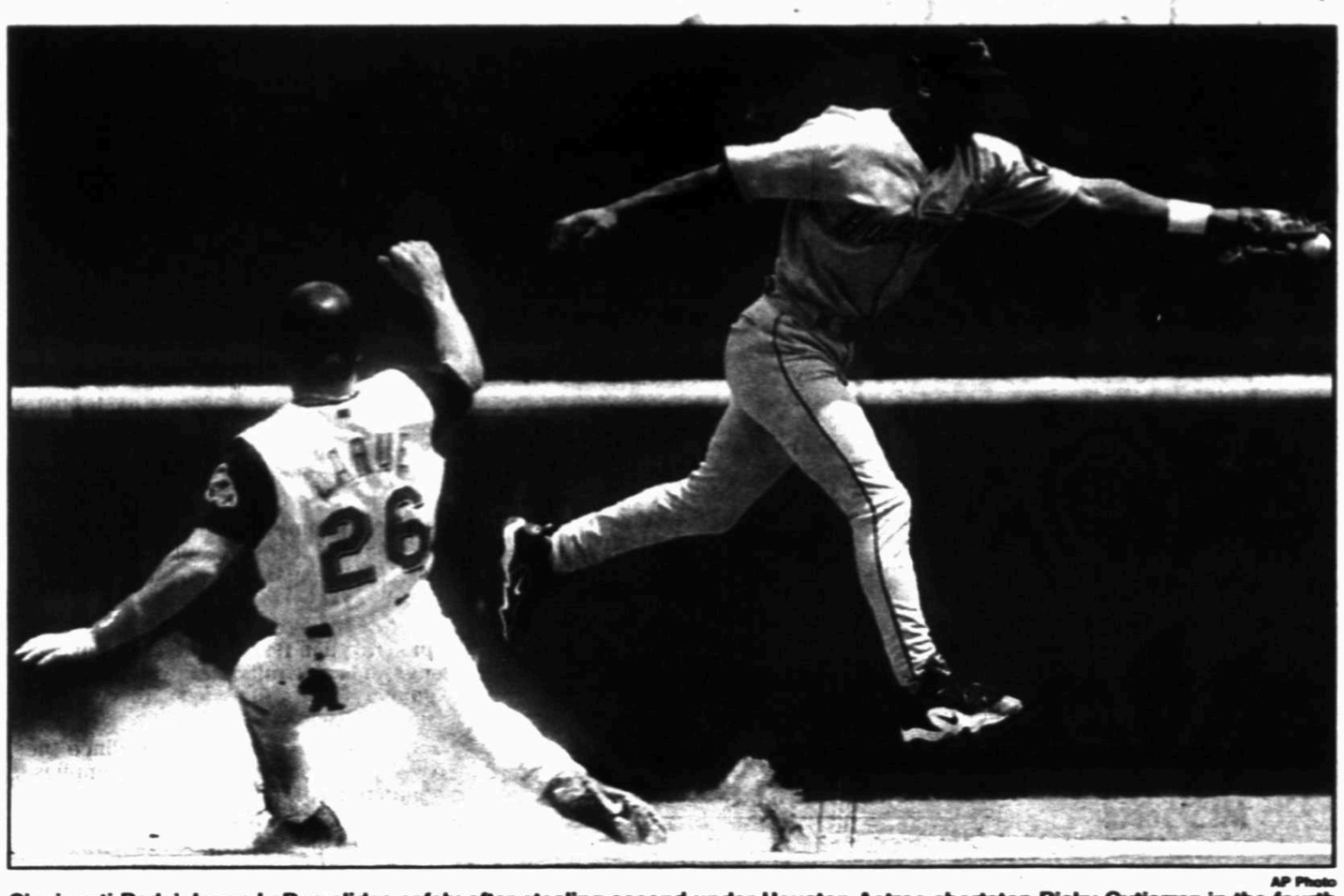
1, Cal Ripken, Baltimore, 1,285,728. 2, Travis Fryman, Cleveland, 1,130,651. 3, Tony Fernandez, Toronto, 639,622. 4, Scott Brosius, New York, 432,781. 5, Wade Boggs, Tampa Bay, 279,579.

Shortstops

1, Nomar Garciaparra, Boston, 1,089,974. 2, Derek Jeter, New York, 1,069,528. 3, Omar Vizquel, Cleveland, 1,038,362. 4, Alex Rodriguez, Seattle, 613,377. 5, Royce Clayton, Texas, 178,063.

Outfielders

1, Ken Griffey, Jr., Seattle, 2,918,055. 2, Manny Ramirez, Cleveland, 1,898,430. 3, Kenny Lofton, Cleveland, 1,676,595. 4, David Justice, Cleveland, 1,336,304. 5, Juan Gonzalez, Texas, 834,962.



AP Photo

Cincinnati Reds' Jason LaRue slides safely after stealing second under Houston Astros shortstop Ricky Gutierrez in the fourth inning Monday afternoon in Cincinnati. The Reds won 5-2.

Villone and Reds are too hot for Astros

By Joe Kay
AP Sports Writer

CINCINNATI — The Houston Astros couldn't touch Ron Villone in their climate-controlled dome. They didn't do much better on a field as hot as a griddle.

The left-hander extended one of the NL's most amazing turnarounds Monday, throwing 100 pitches in wilting heat as the Cincinnati Reds pulled away to a 5-2 victory.

Five days after he outpitched Randy Johnson, Villone (4-2) had another overpowering performance and even had a base hit of his own as the small-market Reds moved back into sole possession of first place in the NL Central. Villone has won his last three starts, a streak that started when he went to the Astrodome and allowed only one hit over seven scoreless innings.

"I can can't explain it," Astros interim manager Matt Galante said. "We've seen him a number of times, and that's not the same Villone. There are a lot of things like that in baseball that you can't explain."

Villone had a streak of 21 scoreless innings — second-longest in the majors this season — snapped by Matt Mieske's two-run homer in the seventh. He gave up six hits and two walks in seven innings in what he described as the hottest conditions he's ever pitched in.

"I didn't feel great," said Villone, who got a liter of fluids intravenously before the game to prepare for the heat. "I didn't have my best stuff. The defense helped me. Things went our way."

Danny Graves pitched the ninth for his 11th save in 14 chances.

Aaron Boone had three hits for the second straight game and Mike Cameron homered off emergency starter Chris Holt (1-9) as Cincinnati split the four-game series.

"I think they went back home realizing, 'These guys can play with us. We're not running away with this thing,' " manager Jack McKeon said.

For the second straight afternoon, melting was as much on the players' minds as winning. Officially, it was 89 degrees at the first pitch, but the on-field temperature was much higher.

RANGER: Palmeiro outpacing Vaughn

(From 1C)

Palmeiro has come a long way in that regard. The toughness, the leadership and the hot start have helped dispel some "myths" about Palmeiro.

He has heard them before: that he was not a leader, that he was selfish, he was only concerned about his own numbers and didn't care about the rest of the team.

"I don't know where that all got started," Palmeiro said, shaking his head. "It's unfair. That's not what I'm about. But you can't please everybody.

"Reporters started saying the only thing I care about is my numbers, but I want you to name me one player in baseball who doesn't think about his numbers. Everybody does to some degree. But I think the more people watch me play, the more they understand who I am and what I'm about."

Such myths — fair or not — cost Palmeiro money. Over the past five years, Vaughn has hit .319 with 184 home runs and 562 RBI; Palmeiro has hit .292 with 182 homers and 553 RBI. Palmeiro, a two-time Gold Glove winner, is a much better defensive player and clearly seems in better shape.

Yet Vaughn was the one who got the much bigger contract during the off-season because of his perceived clubhouse presence. The Angels thought that would make a difference. Instead, Vaughn was reported as the leader of a rebellious group of Angels players that went complaining to general manager Bill Bavasi about manager Terry Collins.

"The thing with Raffy is he doesn't try to be somebody else," Rangers general manager Doug Melvin said. "He's a quiet leader, but the players have a lot of respect for him. Johnny's known him for a long time, he managed him in Baltimore, and he knew what kind of guy he is."

Vaughn laments that his ankle injury has limited his production and made for a frustrating season. Vaughn, who spent two weeks on the disabled list in April, entered Saturday's Angels game hitting .277 with 16 homers and 51 RBI.

His team is in last place in the AL West.

"I'm not out there in the fray," Vaughn said. "That's what bothers me. No one here has ever seen me play at full strength. I'm a different person. I'm a different player."

But Palmeiro's return to Texas, as well as it has gone, has not been without setbacks.

Palmeiro signed with the Rangers expecting to bat third and play first base. Instead, Oates decided to bat him fifth, and two operations on his right knee have limited him mostly to the role of designated hitter duty.

He hasn't let either affect his performance.

"In the past it might have bothered me," Palmeiro admitted. "But not now. The thing about DH, I have to accept it no matter what because the knee hasn't responded as well as I would have liked. The fifth position, I knew it wouldn't be a problem. My job is to produce runs, and in this lineup, third, fourth, fifth or even sixth, it's an RBI position."

The RBIs have come. So has the average, the home runs and the leadership, all combining to help push the Rangers into first base in the American League. With each passing day it's becoming more obvious.

Palmeiro is everything the Angels ever expected from Vaughn.

AL: No Yankees will start for Torre

(From 1C)

as the only players elected to start 15 times — in 1988 Alan Trammell was elected but got hurt and Ripken started in his place.

"There was a lot of uncertainty at the start of the year, with my father passing away and a major injury," Ripken said. "I was able to heal up physically, and it looks like I was able to heal up mentally."

Rodriguez will make his eighth straight All-Star appearance and Alomar was elected for the eighth time.

Shortstop was the most competitive position, with the three teams actively campaigning. Yankees manager Joe Torre argued Jeter's case through the media, the Red Sox stumped for Garciaparra on the Internet and the Indians flashed nightly scoreboard messages at Jacobs Field urging fans to push Vizquel over the top.

In the end, it was the modern technique, and Garciaparra's performance, that won out. Garciaparra is hitting .366, with 14 homers and 57 RBIs.

Entering Monday, Jeter was second in the AL with a .377 average and has 14 homers and 58 RBIs. Vizquel is batting .336 average with two homers, 35 RBIs and 17 stolen bases.

"Who's to say who should start," Garciaparra said. "When I look at Derek, looking at what he's doing this year, it's unbelievable. If you ask me, I believe he deserves to start."

The Yankees will have no starters for the second straight year. Torre will manage the AL team.

"It's just that different cities do different things," Torre said. "I think they do more politicking and lobbying in other ballparks."

Griffey gets $100,000 bonus for getting elected and having the most AL votes, and will get an additional $25,000 if he's the major league leader. Ripken also gets a $100,000 bonus.

Alomar, Garciaparra, Canseco, Lofton, Ramirez, Rodriguez and Thome each get $50,000.

NL starters will be released Tuesday and reserves for both leagues will be announced Wednesday.

Ex-Hound Hudson shuts down Texas

Associated Press

OAKLAND, Calif. — Tim Hudson, who started the season with the Midland RockHounds, pitched seven shutout innings and John Jaha drove in the go-ahead runs as the Oakland Athletics defeated the Texas Rangers 4-2 Monday night.

Jason Giambi went 4-for-4 and Tony Phillips had two hits, including career No. 2,000, as the Athletics won for just the fourth time in 12 games.

John Burkett (2-4) got his first loss since May 17 despite pitching 5 2/3 strong innings. He had allowed only two runs in his previous 18 innings before the A's scored four times in the sixth.

Jaha's single, which scored Phillips and Ben Grieve, ended Burkett's night. Matt Stairs added an RBI single off Rangers reliever Mike Munoz, and Ramon Hernandez followed with an RBI single off Tim Crabtree.

Hudson (4-1) allowed one run on five hits. He struck out seven and lowered his ERA to 2.54.

The Rangers closed to 4-2 on Ivan Rodriguez's solo homer in the eighth off reliever Doug Jones, but Billy Taylor got the final four outs for his 20th save.

■ AL Roundup

Oakland turned four double plays in support of Hudson, who made his sixth career start. His only loss came at Texas on June 24, when he allowed five runs in six innings.

Texas outfielder Juan Gonzalez, who asked not to be selected as a reserve for the AL All-Star team because he's upset at not being voted a starter, got his 77th RBI when he singled home Mark McLemore in the first inning. McLemore opened the game with a double.

Orioles 9, Yankees 1

NEW YORK — Cal Ripken celebrated another All-Star election with his 1,000th career extra-base hit, and the BOrioles beat the 100-degree heat and nemesis Andy Pettitte to stop the Yankees.

Ripken, elected earlier in the day to make his 17th straight All-Star appearance, hit a two-run homer and a double to reach the extra-base milestone.

Red Sox 4, Devil Rays 2

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Mark Portugal beat Tampa Bay for the third time this season and Mike Stanley homered for Boston.

Rodriguez powers Cubs over Pirates

Associated Press

PITTSBURGH — Henry Rodriguez homered and drove in three runs and the Chicago Cubs benefited from some terrible Pittsburgh infield play on a brutally hot day to beat the Jason Kendall-less Pirates 5-2.

Rodriguez had a sacrifice fly in the first inning.

Cardinals 1, Diamondbacks 0

ST. LOUIS — At least the Arizona Diamondbacks got two hits in the rematch of Jose Jimenez vs. Randy Johnson.

Brewers 5, Phillies 0

PHILADELPHIA — Jim Abbott won, while Jeff Cirillo, Dave Nilsson and Jeromy Burnitz homered.

Mets 2, Expos 1

■ NL Roundup

NEW YORK — Brian McRae drove in the go-ahead run with a double-play grounder in the eighth at Shea Stadium.

Braves 6, Marlins 5

ATLANTA — Gerald Williams' bases-loaded single in the ninth inning gave Atlanta its 14th victory in its last at-bat.

Rockies 8, Dodgers 4

DENVER — Darryl Kile outpitched Kevin Brown, and the Rockies got four RBIs from Dante Bichette to defeat the Dodgers.

Giants 4, Padres 1

SAN DIEGO — Russ Ortiz threw a six-hitter for his second complete game and also hit two RBI singles.

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Markets were closed for the Fourth of July holiday.

T-shirts pulled

PLANO (AP) — There'll be no more trash-talkin' about women at J.C. Penney.

After a feminist group complained, the department store chain announced it is pulling a line of basketball-themed T-shirts aimed at young men with lines that include: "Your game is as ugly as your girl," and "You like that move? So does your girl."

The "trash talk" line of apparel, manufactured by AND1 Basketball, is offensive to women, said the leader of the group that complained.

"It's a put-down of girls in the process of putting down a sports opponent," said Martha Burke, president of the Center for Advancement of Public Policy in Washington, D.C.

"The strong implication is that girls are the property of boys to be traded like baseball cards," she said. "It's an insulting, dehumanizing thing, and we have enough incivility in society without this gender-based stuff."

Ms. Burke said several people contacted her group to complain about the shirts, and that she later denounced the apparel in the center's newsletter, "The Washington Feminist Faxnet," which is faxed to several thousand people around the country.

J.C. Penney Co. Inc. spokeswoman Stephanie Brown said the Plano-based retailer got enough complaints that it will no longer carry shirts that specifically target women. Other AND1 apparel will still be available.

"We put the T-shirts out thinking we wouldn't have a problem," Brown said. "But we are having some concerns coming our way, and they are valid concerns."

Burke said she welcomed Penney's decision and will target other retailers, including Footlocker and Just for Feet, that still carry the shirts.

Officials with AND1, based in Pennsylvania, were not available for comment Monday. A recorded phone message said their offices were closed for the day.

The company produces dozens of shirts with phrases such as "Turn on the disposal, your game's garbage." Most of them have nothing to do with gender.

In a recent interview with Sports Illustrated, company president Seth Berger said, "Trash talk is a crucial element of basketball, part of what makes it great and gives it flavor."

It is not the first time that J.C. Penney has pulled T-shirts from the racks. In April, customer concerns led to the removal of shirts featuring South Park, the Comedy Central show about foul-mouthed grade-school children.

Dollar up

LONDON (AP) — The dollar rose against most other major currencies in European trading Monday. Gold fell.

The euro was quoted at $1.0224, down from $1.0240 Friday.

Other dollar rates compared with late Friday: 122.26 Japanese yen, up from 120.96; 1.5692 Swiss francs, up from 1.5665; and 1.4628 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4666

The British pound was quoted at $1.5746, down from $1.5778.

Financial markets were closed in the United States for the Independence Day holiday.

Currencies of the 11 countries participating in the euro are no longer traded separately, though they remain in use.

Total Fina launches hostile bid for Elf

PARIS (AP) — In the latest wave of oil merger activity, France's largest oil company Total Fina SA launched a $43 billion hostile takeover bid Monday for rival Elf Aquitaine SA in a move that, if successful, would create the world's fourth leading oil company in terms of market share.

The bid was a further sign of the new aggressive mood in French business, but wasn't welcomed by Elf, whose board said the offer had "not been the subject of any study or discussions." It claimed the deal, which it will study, was not in its shareholders' interests.

Total Fina is offering Elf shareholders four Total Fina shares for three Elf shares. The all-stock offer is conditional upon shareholders holding at least two-thirds of outstanding shares accepting the offer.

The new company would be Europe's third largest oil group, after Royal Dutch Shell AG and BP Amoco PLC, and would likely enjoy strong growth in output and be better able to compete with its U.S. and European rivals, analysts said.

"For middle-sized oil companies such as Total and Elf, this is the only way to compete with the big industry players," said Hugues de la Presle, an analyst at Standard and Poor's in Paris.

Before this year, a hostile takeover bid by one French company for another was all but unheard of. But the Total Fina move follows the continuing hostile takeover fight by French bank Banque Nationale de Paris SA for rivals Societe Generale SA and Paribas SA.

"French business leaders are feeling a little more brave," De la Presle said.

Total Fina and Elf have been under pressure to increase in size amid rapid recent consolidation in the sector in the U.S. and Europe. Exxon Corp. plans to acquire Mobil Corp., creating the world's largest oil company, while BP Amoco plans to purchase Atlantic Richfield Co.

Even Total Fina is a product of the industrywide consolidation, the result of Total SA's acquisition of Belgium's Petrofina SA.

Elf in particular has been considered too small to develop current exploration assets to their full potential, and for long-term expansion. Earlier this month, Elf lost a battle to buy Saga Petroleum, Norway's third largest oil company.

Pierre Terzian, editor of Petrostrategies, a Paris-based petroleum weekly, said that Elf's failure played a part in the timing of Monday's bid.

"The group is a little demoralized and there have also been recent strikes by workers," he said. "If Total had waited, the situation could have been very different."

Terzian said that, although a successful resolution looked "difficult," he believed it would reap rich rewards.

"The two companies complement each other greatly. For example, Total is strong east of the Suez, and Elf is strong in West Africa," he said. "Also, production is going to increase in 2001, or before."

Analysts said the combination would make the company the world's leading downstream presence in West Africa, expanding further Elf's vast portfolio there.

Elf, at the time the French state's largest concern, was privatized in 1994. The French government no longer has an equity stake, but retains a so-called golden share, allowing it to veto any takeover bid.

It said late Monday, however, that since the merger would not threaten national oil supplies, it does not plan to block the bid.

"It is not up to public powers to judge a deal between two private companies," French Finance Minister Dominique Strauss-Kahn said in a statement.

The offer represents a 15 percent premium for Elf shareholders compared with Friday's closing price, and a premium of around 20 percent of the average price over the last six months.

Home buyers use stock profits for down payments

By Tessie Borden
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — It used to take decades of scrimping and saving to buy a dream house. In the midst of Wall Street's bull market, investors are shaving years off that waiting time and ditching their piggy banks.

With stock prices climbing by double digits in each of the past four years, people in their 20s and 30s are using proceeds from profit-swollen stock portfolios for down payments for increasingly luxurious homes.

"Is there another way to do it?" joked Dan Summers, a 35-year-old engineer at Silicon Valley-based laser maker Visx. He cashed in his company stock options for a four-bedroom home in Northern California. "The stock went up, so I had the money to buy."

The stock market's advance, underpinned by the booming economy and the growth of high-tech and Internet companies, has given more Americans the means to buy bigger and better homes. But financial experts and mortgage brokers warn that some homeowners might find they can't afford to keep those homes if the market heads south.

An April spot survey by the California Association of Realtors showed about 15 percent of customers in the nation's most populous state bought their homes with money from stocks, stock options and 401(k) plans.

No comparable figures exist for previous years. But census numbers show that a decade ago, only 4 percent of new home buyers nationwide used profits from investments or the sale of real estate to buy new homes.

The trend may be most apparent in California, the home of many high-tech companies that have gone public and enriched their employees. But investors across the country who have poured money into stocks and mutual funds in recent years — sending the overall value of the stock market to $13 trillion from $1 trillion in 1982 — are also benefiting.

Doug Anderson, president of Cornerstone Mortgage Corp. in Denver, and Pretam Fuqua, a real estate agent in Los Angeles' San Gabriel Valley, said they have seen doctors, nurses, attorneys, teachers, even a jockey cash in stocks from mutual funds and retirement plans to buy their houses.

"Everybody is looking at an increase in stock ownership," said Fred Flick, a vice president of economic research at the National Association of Realtors in Washington.

Betsey Twigg, a Virginia real estate agent, said so many of her customers use stocks for seed money that it has become part of her company's standard contract.

"It's another store of wealth," she said.

But some financial pros worry that these home buyers, having seen the Dow Jones industrial average rise more than 7,000 points over the past five years despite several big downturns, may have a false sense of security.

"I think people may be overbuying," Anderson said. He said customers sometimes overstate income, counting on as-yet-unrealized stock profits to get big mortgages.

"Buyers see stocks as a source of quick cash if they need to act quickly in case interest rates go up," said Susan Ratliff, a real estate agent in Pasadena. But using stock market earnings to pay a mortgage can be a formula for disaster if Wall Street suffers a protracted decline.

"People assume it'll just keep going," said Mark Cowan, a Visx regional service manager who used stocks for a down payment but can handle the mortgage with his salary.

"The people that just got out of school are living in the million-dollar house and driving the Porsche around, these are people that could be broke at 30."

The new money, a tight housing market and favorable interest rates have led to bidding wars for homes in some parts of the country, particularly where high-tech businesses are clustered.

Glen Mendell, a San Francisco-area real estate agent with several clients in Silicon Valley, recently offered about $60,000 over the asking price for a $459,000 house. Six other offers beat his.

In the 18 months since Summers bought his home for $298,000 — having sold half his stock holdings for the down payment — its value climbed $52,000 to $350,000. He gets letters from real estate agents every week asking him to consider selling.



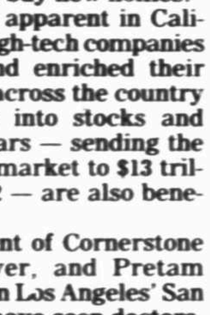
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Mark Cowan, service manager for a Silicon Valley-based company, sits behind the wheel of his 1999 Porsche Boxer in front of his Santa Clara, Calif., home Thursday, June 24. Cowan said he bought both his home and car with money from stocks he cashed in.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

How should Y2K influence investment decisions?

By Eric Tyson

Q: What do you recommend for defensive investing for the rest of the year? I think the stock market will go down significantly because of the Year 2000 scare. Also, are drug stocks considered defensive? Lastly, what mutual bond fund would you recommend for this year, if any?



Tyson

A: When I invest my own money in stock and bond mutual funds, I do so with the long term in mind. I don't select investments for "the rest of the year" or "this year." I believe you should follow the same path, presuming that your money is invested for the long haul.

Y2K is old news. While it could have some negative effect on some financial markets, it's simply impossible to know which markets, when and what the exact effect will be.

When you say that you believe that "the stock market will go down significantly because of the Year 2000 scare," you should stop to consider what stock market(s) you mean. Are you referring to the U.S. market, specific foreign markets or all stock markets?

Various issues could send stock prices lower or higher from here — Y2K is just one of many. I wouldn't waste my time focusing upon it.

If you wish to invest more defensively, a better reason to do so is that stocks, especially those of larger companies in the United States and Europe, are selling at historically high valuations. Smaller-company stocks, for example, appear to offer somewhat better values, as do those in select foreign markets, but please recognize that such stocks are generally more volatile.

I would not say that drug stocks are more defensive than the average stock. In fact, drug-maker stocks have been quite volatile.

With the recent slide in bond prices and increase in yields, some better values exist in the bond market than in quite a while (unless you believe inflation is rearing its ugly head again). However, I would not advocate that you invest in any bond simply for the second half of this year.

Choose a bond fund that suits your tax situation. If you're in a high tax bracket and investing outside a tax-sheltered retirement account, consider a municipal bond fund.

Q: In a previous column, you stated that the federal capital gains tax rate is 20 percent. You then said that the capital gains rate is lower than the personal income tax rate. What income assumptions are you using? The federal tax rate on income up to $43,000 is 15 percent. If you examine the tax tables, the tax rates rise slowly beyond that.

A: For those who are in the 15 percent federal income tax bracket, the corresponding tax rate for long-term capital gains (for assets held more than one year) is just 10 percent, which is substantially (one-third) lower than the income tax rate of 15 percent.

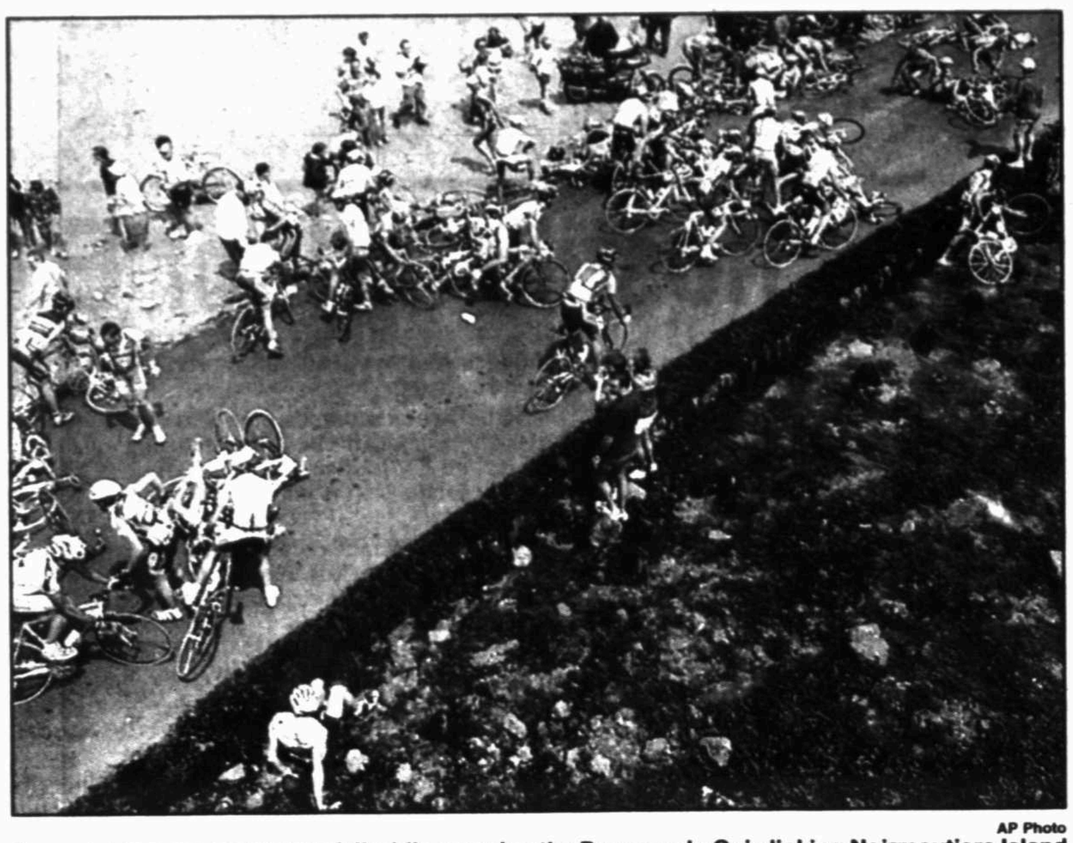
For a married couple, the first $43,050 of income is taxed at the federal level at 15 percent. For single people, the first $25,750 of income is taxed at 15 percent.

For married couples with incomes above $43,050 up to $104,050 and for single people with income above $25,750 up to $62,450, the federal income tax rate jumps up to 28 percent. For people in this bracket, the long-term capital gains rate is 20 percent, which is substantially lower than the 28 percent income tax rate.

Please also recognize that there are federal income tax brackets of 31 percent, 36 percent and 39.6 percent. For people in these higher brackets, the long-term capital gains rate is just 20 percent. So, no matter what a person's income tax bracket, the long-term capital gains rate is substantially lower, especially for those in the highest tax brackets.

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Several riders are caught in a fall while crossing the Passage du Gois linking Noirmoutiers Island to the mainland during the second stage of the Tour de France cycling race between Challans and Saint-Nazaire, western France, Monday.

Crash mars Tour de France

By Jocelyn Noveck
Associated Press Writer

SAINT-NAZAIRE, France — The Tour de France sank below sea level on Monday.

A 10-rider crash on a narrow spit of land ensnared some of the top riders during the second stage of cycling's premier event.

The spill happened on the Passage du Gois, which connects a small island to the mainland in the coastal Atlantic Vendee region. The strip is no more than two car lengths wide and is usually submerged by water. It is closed during high tide.

The picturesque ocean causeway proved treacherous for such favorites as Alex Zulle, Michael Boogerd and Ivan Gotti. They lost valuable minutes when they were trapped behind the crash.

The day's racing began under brilliant skies, with the 109-mile stage won in a final sprint by Tom Steels of Belgium. Lance Armstrong of Texas lost the overall lead to Estonia's Jaan Kirsipuu.

Another American, Jonathan Vaughters, fractured his chin in the crash and had to drop out of the race. Vaughters and Armstrong both ride for the U.S. Postal Service team.

"I just want to stay out of trouble until the real race begins on Sunday with the time trial," Armstrong said.

Kirsipuu earned bonus points in winning two of the day's three sprints. In third and fourth place were sprinter Mario Cipollini of Italy and Germany's Erik Zabel.

In another strong showing for U.S. Postal, George Hincapie came in sixth and is seventh overall.

Vaughters was taken to a hospital in Nantes, as was Marc Wauters, who also is out of the race. The crash wasn't the first of the day — there was an earlier mishap at 21 miles involving 30 riders.

With the beginning of the summer holiday for many of the French, thousands of vacationers lined the roads. They set up folding chairs and elaborate picnic tables along the road and leaned out of balconies in small villages.

Along with the occasional anti-drug banner — "Say No to EPO" — many fans showed support for French cycling star Richard Virenque. He is under investigation for last year's race that was nearly cut short because of the drug scandal.

"Allez Richard — We Forgive You," said one banner held by two young children.

Armstrong won the world championship in 1993 and competed in the Olympics in 1992 and 1996.

In October 1996, he was diagnosed with testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain. He had surgery to remove his right testicle and brain lesions, and returned to racing early last year.

He said Monday he thought the drug scandal was "exaggerated and overblown." He also complained of the tactics by French police during last year's drug busts.

"I'd like to think that nobody here has anything to hide," he said.

Armstrong steers clear of hazards

By Jocelyn Noveck
Associated Press Writer

SAINT-NAZAIRE, France — His comeback is astonishing.

Less than three years ago, Lance Armstrong was diagnosed with testicular cancer that had spread to his lungs and brain.

Now, he is not only riding again. He is an early favorite to win the Tour de France.

The 28-year-old Texan won the race prologue by a convincing seven seconds. Armstrong lost the leader's yellow jersey during Monday's second stage but he remained in second place overall.

What's more, he is in excellent position to exploit his strong points: time trials and mountain climbs. In an interview Monday, Armstrong spoke of the crisis his sport has gone through since a drug scandal almost destroyed the Tour de France last year.

"It has been exaggerated and overblown," said Armstrong, who lives in Austin. "It's been open season on cycling. Why haven't French officials looked at other sports?"

At this time last year, the Tour was thrown into chaos when French customs officials caught Team Festina trainer Willy Voet with a stash of performance-enhancing drugs.

French authorities intensified their crackdown, even raiding team hotels as cyclists slept between stages. Eleven people remain under official investigation, which in France is a step short of being charged.

Armstrong said the French police tactics were out of line.

"There were clearly some violations of human rights last year," he said.

As to whether problems will continue this year, he said, "I'd like to think that nobody here has anything to hide."

But, he added, "There are no saints. This is 1999. There is sex in the White House. There are IOC scandals. It's not a perfect world."

Armstrong won the 1993 world championship and competed for the U.S. Olympic team in 1992 and 1996.

But in October 1996, he was diagnosed with cancer. He underwent surgery to remove his right testicle and lesions from his brain. Intensive chemotherapy followed.

Mark Gorski, general manager of the U.S. Postal Service team, thinks Armstrong's strong comeback will have a big impact on cycling in the United States.

"Lance almost died," Gorski said. "America embraces heroes. This is the most important story in cycling since Greg LeMond."

LeMond won the Tour three times, and Armstrong is well aware of the comparisons.

"It would be really hard to recapture that magic," he said.

But he knows some fans in the United States are paying attention to the Tour, and maybe that will lift cycling's popularity among Americans.

But, he said, if American cyclists can get even a minute of TV coverage because of their accomplishments on the Tour de France, "That's big, that's significant."

For now, Armstrong says he feels good, even better than before his illness. He says he just wants to stay out of trouble — and out of crashes — until Sunday's time trial in Metz, in northern France, and then look toward the Alps.

"The time trial, and the mountains — that's when the real race begins," he said.

Ex-Ozona point guard emerges stronger from fighting leukemia

By Ray Glass
Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

LUBBOCK — Ozona's uptempo offense was never better than in the mid-1990s, when the Lions rode it to consecutive Class 2A girls basketball state championships.

"Our fast break was awesome," Bobbie Bryson says nearly four years later. "Amber would grab the rebound, and I'd take off running."

It doesn't matter that the best Bobbie can do now is an occasional jog in her west Lubbock neighborhood. The memories are strong, always near the surface for the former Ozona High School point guard.

She's sitting in a comfortable chair in her living room, but for a moment she might be back on the basketball court with Amber Tarr and Amber McWilliams, schoolmates and teammates in Ozona.

"I'd run and run and run," Bobbie said, her arms pumping, a twinkle in her eye, a smile crossing her face.

All that speed is gone now, lost during Bobbie's three-year battle with high risk T-cell leukemia. But the courage and spirit of a champion remain intact after years of chemotherapy, trips to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tenn., and countless prayers.

She finished her first semester at Texas Tech last spring, achieving a longstanding dream to attend the university with Tarr, who plays basketball for the Lady Raiders. Bobbie plans to attend the second session this summer and dreams of playing collegiate golf.

The 19-year-old has been through an ordeal difficult to imagine without first-hand experience. She looks to the future with understandable caution.

"In Texas, I'm considered in full remission," said Bobbie, whose final chemotherapy treatment was Sept. 28, 1998. "But at St. Jude's, they say you're in full remission in five years."

Her family and hundreds of friends in Lubbock and across West Texas try not to worry about a relapse and remain upbeat following a battle that Bobbie came close to losing.

"It crossed my mind," Tarr said of the possibility that her best friend — the first person to introduce herself after Tarr moved to Ozona as a sixth grader — could have died. "After all she's gone through, I'm thankful she's around."

Bobbie Bryson was anything but your ordinary high school point guard at Ozona. She was tiny at 5-foot-3/4-inch and about 100 pounds, but made up for her lack of size with speed, quick hands and dogged determination.

"She was by far the best point guard I ever coached," Ozona head coach Dickie Faught said. "And there are not too many of them that I got a chance to see who would rank ahead of her."

Bobbie, dubbed the "Gnat" in tribute to her pesky defense at the top of Ozona's 1-3-1 zone, likely would have drawn attention from recruiters and possibly could have played Division I basketball.

With Bobbie feeding the ball to her teammates, creating offense with her defense and running the floor, Ozona won state titles when Bryson, Tarr and McWilliams were freshmen in 1994-95 and sophomores in 1995-96. That success naturally fueled the girls' dreams.

"We all wanted to go play at Texas Tech," Bobbie said. "We teased Amber (Tarr) about how she was going to be the next Sheryl Swoopes."

But a few weeks after Ozona won its second title, Bobbie noticed several small spots on her body. She was diagnosed with leukemia, and her world changed forever.

"We were just in shock," Tarr said. "You just never think anything will happen to you or anyone you know."

Bobbie soon began treatment at St. Jude's, battling the cancer with chemotherapy while trying to find the strength to continue the fight.

"The first night we were there, she went into cardiac arrest for 45 minutes," said her stepmother, Maida Bryson.

On another occasion, Bobbie suffered through seizures for 48 hours. Once while weak, suffering from pneumonia and hardly able to talk, Bobbie was content to stop fighting.

It might have been the low point of her fight to overcome the disease alone with her stepmother in the Memphis hospital, waiting for her father, Robert, to arrive from Lubbock.

"That night when he came in, I'm sitting there bawling and squalling on the curb," Maida said. "I said, 'You've got to help me. I've pulled every rabbit I can think of out of the hat. I've called Ozona. She won't talk to them. She's given up, and I don't know what to do.'

"He went up there and chewed her butt out from one end to the other and said this is the way it's going to be. (She said) 'Yes sir.'

"He kind of cursed a little bit," Bobbie said with a grin. "Something like, 'Dang it Bobbie, get it in gear.' "

It was a long haul, though. Bobbie lost 40 of her 110 pounds and most of her muscle tone and hair. The nerve endings in her legs were damaged by the chemotherapy, and she spent more than a month in a wheelchair.

"When she was on real strong drugs, she couldn't feed herself," said Maida, who initially had a difficult time understanding some of Bobbie's hand motions.

Bobbie returned to the court briefly for Ozona's first game of her junior season.

"She was in the lineup long enough to get the tip to her," Faught said. "We had hopes she might be able to get through that chemotherapy, but at the time, we didn't realize how much it was affecting her."

Then there was the time Bobbie said she "fell on my face" on the court in front of Tech coaches Marsha Sharp and Linden Weese, who were in town recruiting Tarr. Letting go of her dream proved difficult.

"It was hard, very hard, especially having to watch during my junior and senior years," Bobbie said, her voice wavering.

But Bobbie battled back. She completed her final two years of high school, mainly at home, using a lap-top computer, and graduated near the top of her class. She moved from Sonora to Lubbock last year when her father, who teaches electrical safety for the Texas Engineering Extension Service, was transferred.

She had her final two chemotherapy treatments in Lubbock at Covenant Medical Center and gets physical therapy and follow-up care here as well. She's regained all the lost weight and is gradually rebuilding her strength.

Shop Talk With M.A.R.C.

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Only 19, Garcia could play in Ryder Cup

By Robert Millward
AP Sports Writer

LONDON — Sergio Garcia keeps moving closer to a spot on the Ryder Cup team.

And a number of people — Colin Montgomerie and U.S. captain Ben Crenshaw among them — think the 19-year-old Spaniard should represent Europe in Brookline, Mass., on Sept. 24-26.

Garcia won the Irish Open on Sunday, his first pro title in only his sixth tournament. He earned enough Ryder Cup points to put him 18th on the list of European team contenders.

Even if he does not make the automatic top 10, he could be one of captain Mark James' two extra picks.

"If Mark James thinks I'm up to it, I'll be glad to play," Garcia said Sunday after finishing with a 7-under 64 and winning by three strokes.

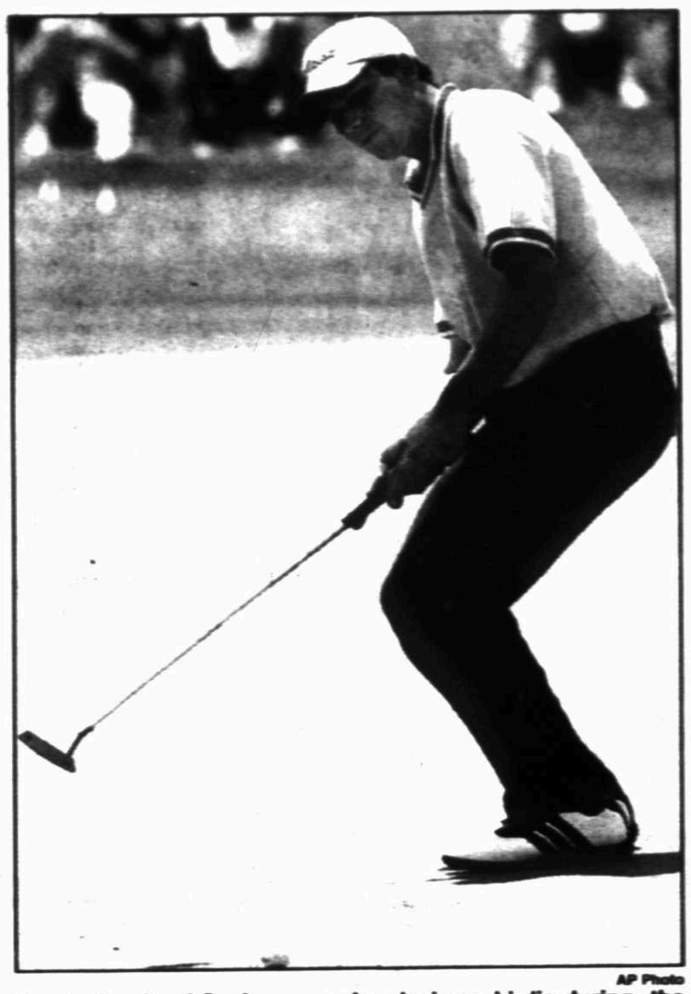
"I am playing well and if I can help the team I would love to play in Boston," Garcia added. "But there is a long time until September."

Garcia showed up for practice for this week's Loch Lomond tournament sporting a shaved head.

"When I turned pro I said that when I had my first big victory I would cut my hair like this," he said.

He has Loch Lomond and seven more tournaments to make the top 10. And by the way he's been playing in his six tournaments, it appears he has the game to qualify.

Since placing as the highest amateur at this year's Masters, Garcia tied for third at the Byron Nelson Classic in May and 11th at the Memorial tournament three weeks ago. On the PGA European Tour, he has placed 25th, 20th, 19th and now first.



AP Photo

Sergio Garcia of Spain, narrowly missing a birdie during the Byron Nelson Classic in Irving, keeps moving closer to a spot on the Ryder Cup team.

Crenshaw is convinced he'll see Garcia at Brookline.

"A kid like this is extra special," Crenshaw said. "There's no question in my mind he'll be in the European team."

Montgomerie, who leads Europe's Ryder Cup points list, said a month ago James should put Garcia in the team and play him alongside Masters champion and fellow Spaniard Jose Maria Olazabal.

"Just give Sergio to Olly and let him go," Montgomerie said.

Other big names in the top 10 are Olazabal, Darren Clarke, Lee Westwood and Bernhard Langer and James himself, although the captain won't play. But former Ryder Cup stars such as Nick Faldo and Ian Woosnam have virtually no chance of making the 10 and will need to be among the captain's choices to make the lineup.

Garcia's first triumph came on the day Tiger Woods regained his No. 1 ranking with a three-stroke victory at the Western Open. Woods has won three of his last four tournaments.

Ladbrokes rate Woods a 7-1 shot to win the British Open, with David Duval at 10-1, Montgomerie at 16-1 and Davis Love III, Ernie Els and Westwood at 20-1. The odds on John Daly even showing up are slim.

The British Open winner at St. Andrews in 1995, Daly's game is so erratic he pulled out of this week's Loch Lomond tournament. He finished with rounds of 81 and 74 at the Irish Open.

"I have no confidence now and I'm tired," Daly said at Druid's Glen. "I don't think I would find that confidence at Loch Lomond so I've decided to go home. I'm pretty sure I'm out of the Open too because Carnoustie is hardly the place to go when you're not playing good."

Daly's late entry at the Irish Open prompted speculation he appeared only to collect the $160,000 in appearance money.

"Unfortunately appearance money is part of the European Tour," Clarke said. "It's going to be very difficult to clamp down on it, but I think it would be much better to see it going into the prize fund."

More Sports/1D

Tiger still roars with hype now subsiding

By Nancy Armour
AP Sports Writer

LEMONT, Ill. — The last time Tiger Woods made a victorious walk up the 18th fairway at the Western Open, thousands of fans broke through the security ropes to follow him.

Woods headed for the green with a sea of people in tow, just wanting to be close to him, just wanting to bask in "Tigermania" if only for a few minutes.

On Sunday, Woods took his victory walk alone. Maybe it was the tighter security. Maybe his victory was anticlimactic after leading the second and third rounds.

Or maybe Tigermania is finally settling to a low roar.

"To be honest with you, I don't think so," he said when asked if the near-hysteria that followed him in 1997 will ever be repeated.

"Because of the fact I was new to the scene. I came out new and fresh. Most fans don't pay attention to amateur golf," he said. "Then, when I came on the scene, the huge endorsement numbers got everyone's attention. Then coming out and winning twice in seven weeks and getting my card that way, getting the Tour championship, people kind of took notice of that.

"Winning the Masters by 12. Being a person of color, doing that at a tournament that historically has denied access. So a lot of different subplots."

But Woods, who regained the No. 1 world ranking with his victory at the Western, can still draw a crowd. The rest of the field Sunday at Cog Hill Golf and Country Club played in relative obscurity. Relative, that is, because those were about the only people paying attention to the other golfers.

Thousands of people lined every hole he played. People staked out spots at upcoming holes hours ahead of time. There were cheers of "C'mon, Tiger!" and "Go get 'em, Tiger!" after every drive and every hole.

Marshals repeatedly had to ask fans to stop walking or talking, reminding them others were still playing.

"I knew that people would be pulling for Tiger big-time," said Mike Weir, Woods' playing partner Sunday. "I just had to block that out and play my own game and not pay attention to what he was doing."

What Woods has been doing lately is playing his best golf since 1997 — even better, actually. Despite steamrolling through the Masters and winning three other tournaments that year, he was horrified when he looked at videotapes of his swing. So he ripped it apart, changing just about everything.

The effort to make the changes second nature to his game showed. Though he held the No. 1 ranking and led the tour with 13 top-10 finishes, he "only" won one PGA Tour event.

"Being No. 1 in the world and not winning like I was doing in '98, that's not that great," he said. "I was having consistent finishes, but also changing my game. And I knew it was going to take me awhile, so I understood that.

"But I liked winning," he said. "I don't like going home and knowing that somebody beat me."

This year, he's already won three PGA Tour events. Including a tournament in Germany, he's won three of his last four starts. He also leads the PGA Tour with 10 top-10 finishes this year.

The long, jaw-dropping drives are still there. His bunker game is vastly improved, and his putting is stronger, too. And his killer competitiveness is as sharp as ever.

When Weir pared his lead to one stroke with a birdie on No. 7, Woods responded by rolling the ball within 8 feet of the pin on his second shot and then making the putt for birdie. Weir, who missed his own birdie putt, never threatened again.

"The key is just keep hitting good shots and give yourself a chance at some putts," Woods said. "I'm rolling the rock well. I'm controlling my trajectory, driving it pretty good. Overall, my game is coming around. I like it. I'm very pleased."

Inkster, Robbins give U.S. Nations Cup lead

TORONTO (AP) — Juli Inkster and Kelly Robbins teamed to win both of their matches Monday and give the United States a 3-1 lead over Canada in the inaugural Nations' Cup women's golf tournament.

Despite hot, muggy conditions at the 5,670-yard, par-72 Emerald Hills Golf Club, Inkster and Robbins defeated Lorie Kane and Dawn Coe-Jones 4 and 3 in the best-ball competition in the morning. They then downed Kane and Nancy Harvey 3 and 2 in the alternate-shot event.

"Juli Inkster is on a massive run," said Kane. "She is putting and playing with the confidence that every week she plays you know she is going to contend.

"But anything is possible. The key is the 10 women playing here play every week on the LPGA Tour, and we're so deep on the tour that anyone can win. It's anyone's game. We're just going to go out and do our best and play hard."

Meg Mallon and Rosie Jones registered the Americans' other win, downing A.J. Eathorne and Gail Graham 3 and 2. Eathorne and Graham captured Canada's lone point, downing Jones and Dottie Pepper 5 and 3 in the other best-ball match.

American coach Judy Rankin was forced to keep Inkster and Robbins together for both matches after the 95-degree and high humidity forced Pepper to withdraw from the afternoon play. With both the Inkster-Robbins and Mallon-Jones teams playing the same ball, Rankin said it was natural they team for the alternate-ball competition.

"In this tournament, you have to choose one ball and play it on through," said Rankin, a Midlander who splits her time between being the captain of the American Solheim Cup team and a golf analyst with ABC. "So then it became a fit with Juli and Kelly because they played well in the morning, their games are somewhat similar, they're both strong high-ball hitters and play the same golf ball.

"It fit on paper. It worked out."

Graham has the unenviable task of teeing off against Inkster in singles competition. But she says she's looking forward to the challenge.

"Singles is like playing sudden-death playoff on every hole," Graham said. "When you're only playing against one player and it's just you and that player out there, maybe every now and then you can go for things you usually wouldn't.

"You can play your own game, and you can't do that in alternate shot. You have to pay attention to what your partner is doing as well."

The other matches feature Coe-Jones vs. Pepper, Kane vs. Mallon, Harvey vs. Robbins and Eathorne vs. Jones.

After winning their morning match with ease, Inkster and Robbins began their afternoon contest by going 2-up through three holes. Kane and Harvey rallied to go one-up through 10 holes, but that lead disappear at No. 12 after Harvey's tee shot went deep into the woods.

Inkster and Robbins then won three of the next four holes.

"I just got a little quick on that tee shot and probably should have just taken a No. 3 wood and put it down there and played it," Harvey said of her errant tee shot. "I just tried to fight that wind a bit with the drive and I left it out there.

"I felt we hit some good shots, but unfortunately the shots we hit that were a little astray cost us. But Juli is one of the greatest match-play players in the history of the game and Kelly is no slouch either. For us to take them to 16 holes with a couple of the errant shots we hit ..."

Canadian captain Sandra Post was hardly disappointed with her team's play, noting this marked the first match-play event for her squad.

"We have to start somewhere, and this was our starting point," said Post. "The task ahead is most difficult, but we've got to come fast, as fast as we can."

Fans can listen in with Arena Football

By Deepti Hajela
Associated Press Writer

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Duke Covone was at a New York Giants game with his wife not long ago. She mentioned that it would be interesting to hear what the players talked about on the field.

And that got Covone thinking.

Covone is a partner in Interactive Sports Signals, Inc. The company, headquartered in New Milford, Conn., is giving fans of the New Jersey Red Dogs of the Arena Football League a chance to listen to the players during the game.

The company has been putting microphones on players and renting headsets to spectators in the stands.

"I like listening to the strategy part," Charles McHarris, a 44-year-old fan, said at a recent game at the Meadowlands. "You can hear what the players are thinking."

Covone started working seriously on this project in March 1998 when he met Sebastian Failla, who worked in satellite communications. They spent the next year working on the plan and trying to sell it professional sports leagues.

They were joined by a third partner and began by using the system at Red Dogs games.

"We wanted to start with a venue big enough to try the system but not overwhelming," Covone said.

The headsets have been available at home games this season, with the Red Dogs getting a percentage of the profits, team spokesman Kevin McKearney said.

"The only hesitation we had was for the logistics," McKearney said. "After that first meeting pretty much, we knew it was definitely something we would like to be involved in."

Up to four players wear microphones at every home game. The signal from the microphones is sent to tiny receivers spectators can rent for $10. The talk is live and uncensored, and even children are permitted to rent a receiver. The headset comes with a pamphlet warning of rough language.

ISS might shut the sound if a situation appears heated and the language profane. The sound is also turned off during huddles to provide security.

"It's like living-room surround sound at your seat," Failla said. "If somebody gets hit you feel it in your seat."

That's what encouraged Tim Rogers, 33, of Dover, to try the headsets for the first time at a recent game.

"I want to hear the hits," the season-ticket holder said. "I want to hear the oomphs."



West Texas Sports

Golf...

The **36th annual Women's City Tournament** is set for July 26-29. The match play tournament will start on Monday, July 26 with the qualifying round at Green Tree Country Club. Hogan Park, Ranchland Hills Country Club and Midland Country Club will host the final three rounds. The tournament is open to all women golfers but contestants must have been a resident of Midland for a minimum of 30 days and own a current handicap. Anyone with a handicap index of 16.9 or lower must qualify. Anyone else who wishes to qualify may also do so. Qualifying will be done for placement in the championship and first flights. The entry fee is $30 and the deadline for entry is July 23. Sign-up sheets are available at local golf shops. For more information, call Peg Hodge at 682-3899 or Evelyn Davis at 699-4837...

Hogan Park will be hosting the **Chase Midland Men's City Championship** on July 30-Aug. 1. Championship flight participants must have a 0-3 handicap. Presidents flight entries must have a 4-7 handicap. Tee times for those two flights begin at noon July 30. All other flights will get underway on July 31. Entry fee for championship and presidents flights is $85. All other flights are $75, and the deadline for entry is 6 p.m. on July 28. Signup at the Hogan Park golf shop. For more details on the city tournament call 685-7360...

Ranchland Hills Country Club will hold the 22nd annual **Blowout Golf Tournament** July 23-25. Entry fee is $600 inclusive per 4-man team. Four divisions split into eight flights after first day. Member teams must have at least one non-member. All team member handicaps should be within 10 shots. Minimum age is 21 years. Contact the RHCC golf shop for full schedule of events associated with the tournament...

The **Ward County Golf Course in Monahans** is hosting the following tournaments: July 17-18, Monahans Chamber of Commerce Team Scramble; Aug. 14-15, Lads and Lassies Couples Scramble, $140 per team; Aug. 28, Qualifying begins for $10,000 hole-in-one Shootout, finals Sept. 6; Sept 4-5, Labor Day 2-person scramble/lowball, $140 per team; Oct. 16-17, Fall Classic 4-person scramble, $280 per team. For more information, call Gary Wood at (915) 943-5044...

The **12th annual Andrews Chamber of Commerce 2-Person Scramble** has been re-scheduled for July 10-11. Entry fee is $100. To enter, call the Andrews Pro Shop at 524-1462...

Crane Country Club will hold a three-lady, 18-hole select shot tournament July 31. The cost is $35 per person, and a meal will be provided after the round. For more information, call the Crane C.C. at 915-558-2651...

Crane C.C. will conduct the **Angie Workman Memorial 4-person select shot tournament** on Aug. 21-22. The cost is $220 per team. For more information call Crane C.C. at 558-2651...

McCamey Country Club has the following events scheduled: July 17-18, Couple Select Shot, $80 per team; Aug. 7-8, Club Championship, $20 per person; Sept. 11-12, W.F. "Nick" Nobles Invitational, 4-man select shot, $280 per team; Sept. 18, Ona Lee Sharp Classic, 4-lady select shot, $40 per person; Oct. 16, 3-person select shot, $35 per person. Call 1-915-652-8904 for information...

The **Midland Jaycees** first "Scramble for the Cure", a golf tournament to benefit Round up '99 and the American Cancer Society will be held July 23 at Hogan Park Golf Course. It will be a four-man scramble with 18 team dn shotgun start at 1 p.m. The fee is $60 per person (includes green fees, lunch and cart). For more information contact Vaughan Edmonson at 694-8801 (day) or 694-0556 (evening)...

The **12th Annual Andrews Chamber of Commerce Two-person Golf Scramble** will held July 10-11. A six-stroke rule will be in effect and teams will be flighted after the first round. Cash prizes will be awarded in each flight. The entry fee is $100 per team and this fee includes a free lunch after Saturday's round. Carts are not included and green fees are required. To enter, call Andrew Pro Shop at (915) 524-1462...

The **Knights of Columbus Council # 9215** will hold its 11th Annual Golf Tournament July 25 at Hogan Park Golf Course. The cost is $45 and a meal will be provided after the round. Registration starts at 10 a.m. and the first tee time is at 11:30 a.m. The tournament is limited to the first 15 teams. For more information, please call Lon Dominguez at 570-7984 or Ruben Carrasco at 570-0388...

Softball...

Scorekeepers are needed for several softball tournaments that are coming up in next three months. The fee will be based on the tournament involved. Please call Janice Klein at 697-5722 after 6 p.m. for more information...

In Memory of Johnny Robledo Tournament will be held July 10-11 in Fort Stockton. The entry fee is $100. For more information call Felix Garza at 915-697-2122...

The **Midnight Madness Tournament** will be held at 7 p.m. on July 9 by the Concho Valley Softball Association in San Angelo. The entry fee is $110 and there will be divisions for Class C teams and Class D & E teams. The entry deadline is 7 p.m. on July 7. For more information, call Steve Mann at (915) 942-0726, Leo Brannan Jr. at (915) 655-4292, Jim Schafer at (915) 659-4707 or the CVSA office at (915) 655-4251...

A **Texas ASA District 26 qualifier** is scheduled for July 9-11 at UT-Permian Basin. The tournament is a men's Class C double elimination. The $125 entry fee is due by 5 p.m. July 7. All checks should be made payable to Texas ASA. For more information, call Freddie Ezell at 694-5508 or 520-6502, or Bruce Merritt at (915) 367-2824...

The **Toros second annual Summer Bash** is scheduled for Hogan Park July 16-18. The tournament is a Class D format with a maximum of 30 teams. The $125 entry fee is due July 14. For more information, call Johnny Lozano at 687-2761 or 570-0528, Rick Gutierrez at 687-2281 or Aaron Herrera at 620-8504...

Tennis...

The **Midland Tennis Club** will hold the following tournaments at the Midland College Tennis Center: July 10-11, Men's Doubles/Women's Doubles; July 17-18, Men's Doubles/Women's Singles; July 24-25, Mixed Doubles; July 31-Aug. 1, Men's Singles/Women's Singles; Aug. 7-8, Men's Doubles/Women's Doubles; Aug. 14-15, Men's Singles/Women's Singles; Aug. 21-22, Mixed Doubles. Club Levels are Open, A-1, A-2, B-1, B-2, C and Senior (50 and over). Non-members can play in any tournament with a $10 entry fee...

A **doubles training tennis clinic** for juniors and adults will be held through July 8 at the Kimber-Lea Swim and Tennis Club. The times are 1-3 p.m. on Monday and Wednesday and 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday and Thursday. For more information call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5360...

Free tennis clinics, sponsored by Casa de Amigos and the USTA will take place every Thursday from 7-8 p.m. at Lee Freshman (July 8), Washington Park (July 15), Midland Freshman (July 22) and Midland High (July 29). For more information, call 682-9701. Volunteers are needed.

Volleyball...

The **University of Texas-Permian Basin** is hosting three volleyball camps in July with each class limited to 24 students. Camps for 7th-8th graders will run from July 12-16 at $100 a student. Camps for 9th-10th graders will be July 19-23 at $125 a student while camps for 11th-12th grades will be July 26-30 at $125. For more information, call Dr. Steve Aicinena at 552-2675...

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is $40 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is holding water aerobics classes Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., and 5:30 p.m. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Beth Santilli at 684-7755...

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The **COM Masters Swim Team** is open to anyone 20 and over. There are two Masters swim team workouts. You can choose from Mon.-Wed.-Fri or Tue.-Thurs.-Sat. at 6-7 a.m. at the COM pool. Call 684-7755 for more information...

COM Diving offers a full range of diving instruction from beginning lessons to elite team training and competition. All ages and ability levels are invited to participate. Diving lessons are offered Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 to 4:55 p.m. and from 5 to 5:25 p.m. For information, call 684-7755...

Soccer...

The **Rebel soccer camp** for boys and girls ages 4-11 is July 12-16. The cost is $50. For more information call 689-1646 or 570-1540...

The **British Soccer Camp** will be held in Midland July 19-23 at the Windlands Soccer Complex for boys and girls ages 5-18. Please contact Connie Stall at the Midland Soccer Association at 684-5425 or 570-5461...

The **SDS Soccer Camp** for 4-7 year-olds is $25 from 6-7:15 p.m. Monday through Thursday on the following dates: July 19-22, 4-5 boys; July 26-29, 4-5 girls; Aug. by appointment, teams, boys or girls. Call David Stall at 682-8904 for information...

The **Flash Soccer Club** is holding tryouts for its boys 13 and under team at Hogan Park field No. 5 on July 6, 8, 12 and 19 from 6:30-8 p.m. The tryouts are for boys born between Aug. 1, 1986 and July 31, 1987. Players can attend more than one tryout. A ball, shin guards and a white t-shirt are required for the tryouts. For more information, call Scott Ingram at 699-5252 or 687-7212...

Fusion '88 Girls U-12 Soccer Club will hold tryouts July 8 (7-9 p.m.); July 10 (10 a.m.-noon); July 13 (7-9 p.m.). Tryouts will be held at Lions Club Park on Semond Drive in Odessa. Call Gregg Belcheff at 362-0220...

The **Midland Mirage Futbol Club** will hold tryouts for U-11, U-12 and U-14 teams July 8 and 13, and U-15, U-16 and U-18 teams on July 6 and 13 from 7-9 p.m. An additional tryout for all age groups will be Saturday July 10 from 9 a.m. to noon. All tryouts will be held at Hogan Park Fields 6 and 7 (off Wadley and Lamesa). Players should bring water, ball, shinguards and white and dark shirt. For more information contact Steve Byrd at 689-3628 or Jo Ann Hudson at 685-1829...

The **Fusion Soccer Club** is holding tryouts for its U-11 and U-13 girls soccer teams at Lancaster Park (Cuthbert and Alpine) on July 12, 13 and 14 from 6-8 p.m. Players are required to bring a ball, shin guards and water. For more information, please contact Joe McEwen at 689-0296 or Lynny Nutt at 520-0245...

Tryouts for the **Force United '85 (under-15)** boys soccer team will be held at the east side of Sherwood Park on July 8 (6:30 to 8 p.m.), July 10 (noon to 1:30 p.m.) and July 13 (6:30-8 p.m.) Registration begins 15 minutes prior to tryout times. For more information, please call Steve Aicinena at 915-368-5623 (H) or 915-552-2675 (w)...

The **Blast Soccer Club** will hold tryouts for boys and girls under-11 through under 19 on July 8, 9, 10 and 13 at the C.J. Kelly Soccer Complex. For more information, contact Mike Thompson at 915-694-0735 or Shane Barden at 915-699-3065...

The **West Texas Heat Soccer Club** will hold tryouts at Abell Junior High for the 1984 boys team at 7 p.m. on July 7, 9, 10, 11 and 14; for the 1985 boys team at 5:30 p.m. on July 7, 9, 10, 11, 14; for the 1987 boys team at 7 p.m. on July 6, 8, 13, 15 and at 10:30 a.m. on July 10; for the 1989 boys team at 5:30 p.m. on July 6, 8, 13 and 15 and at 9 a.m. on July 10; and for the 1989 girls team at 9 a.m. on July 3 10. For more information call the club at 915-683-5760...

Magic Soccer Club tryouts will be held at Bowie Elementary for U-11 through U-17 boys teams and U-11 through U-13 girls teams. The tryouts will be held at various times on July 6, 8, 10 and 11. For specific information on Magic tryouts call Chad Peterson at 520-0615...

Baseball...

The **Midland Junior Baseball Association** is holding registration for its Big League (16-18) season. Applications can be filled out at Stadium Sports. Call Michael Mullins at 685-3661 for more information...

AAU Baseball is holding a national tournament for high school teams in Brenham July 16-25. The tournament will feature teams from Arizona, Utah, Kansas, Virginia and Texas. All team members must attend the same high school. For more information, call Frank Dorner at (281) 469-6721...

Summer Camps

The **Odessa Jackalopes** announced the 1999 Jackalope Summer Hockey School will take place this summer for interested players ages 6-up. There will be two sessions — July 19-23 and July 26-30 — at Music City Mall. Each session is $235 and among the instructors are Joe Clark (camp director), Jacque Rodrigue and Paul Vincent. For more information, call 552-PUCK (7825).

The **1999 Midland College Basketball Camp** for boys will be held July 12-15 from 1-5 p.m. for high school students. Sessions will be held at the Midland College P.E. gymnasium. The cost is $60 if registered by July 6. It's $75 for late registration. For registration or further information please contact coach Cotten at 685-4578...

The **1999 Red Raider Summer Baseball** Camps are offering sessions in July and are opened to anyone through high school senior. Older campers can attend one of either two July sessions: July 16-18 or July 30-Aug. 1. A camper may attend as a commuter or stay overnight. Commuter tuition is $200 and those staying overnight will pay $265. A deposit of $100 is required for the July sessions. For more information or a brochure, please call Greg Evans at (806) 793-3319. Tuition and/or depos with name, address, t-shirt size, age and camp attending can be sent to: Red Raider Baseball Camp, Box POB 53932, Lubbock, TX, 79453...

The **Midland College Girls Summer Basketball Fundamental Camp** will be held July 19-22 for grades 3-7 and July 26-29 for grades 8-12. Shooting camps will also be held on July 30-31 for both groups. For more information, call 685-4580 or 685-4579...

Summer Beginner and Intermediate Junior Tennis clinics at the Kimber Lea Swim & Tennis Club will be held Mondays and Thursdays from 9-10:30 a.m.and running through Aug. 5. Deadline to register is one week before you want to start. You may pay by the session or by the day. Sessions will be for 3rd-6th grades. Kindergarten through second grades will be accomodated upon request. For further details please call Luis Valdez at 689-2237 or 683-5369...

The **University of Texas Summer Baseball Camp** will be in nine different sessions this summer. Specialty Camps Session 8: July 12-14. Advanced Camp (Monday-Friday) - Session 9: July 19-23...

Midland Christian Lady Mustangs Volleyball Camp is July 26-30 from 8 a.m. to noon and is for grades 9-12 girls. MC staff and college players will conduct this camp. For information call Midland Christian at 694-1661 or Raymond Yell at 686-7354 or 685-4525...

Miscellaneous...

The **Midland Wrestling Club** offers adult, high school, Olympic and freestyle wrestling. Call 685-0531 for information...

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755...

The Midland branch of the **American Escrima Wing Tsun Organization** is holding an adult self defense combat class in association with the Midland Wrestling Club. Classes will be held three times a week. For more information, call David Lesser at 687-6973 or 685-0531...

Warkentin wins 2 golds at University Games

By Howard Fendrich
Associated Press Writer

PALMA DE MALLORCA, Balearic Islands — Olympic hopeful Mark Warkentin picked up two more golds Monday and cracked the University Games record for the men's 800-meter freestyle by nearly four seconds, leading the U.S. swimming team to victories in five of the day's six events.

But Olympic champion Anita Nall finished fourth and out of the medals in the women's 200 breaststroke, the event in which she shattered the world record twice in one day at the 1992 U.S. Olympic trials. It was her first taste of international competition since the 1995 Pan-American Games, because she has suffered blood pressure problems.

She won a gold, silver and bronze at the 1992 Summer Games in Barcelona.

"It seems like forever ago," Nall said of her Olympic triumphs. "I would have liked to have gone a little faster today, and been in the top three. But I'm not disappointed."

Her time of 2:33.00 was more than four seconds off her 1992 world record and a second behind winner Yuko Sakaguchi of Japan.

Warkentin cut about six seconds off his personal best time, winning the 800 free in 8 minutes, 0.81 seconds. He held off Italy's late-charging Andrea Righi and eclipsed the mark of 8:04.80 set by Canada's Thurlough O'Hare at the 1993 University Games.

Ninety minutes later, he anchored the U.S. team to victory in the 4x200 freestyle relay in 7:27.33. Ukraine was second in 7:28.49.

After taking the 200 free as a late fill-in on Sunday, Warkentin is shooting at five golds here. He'll race the 400 free, his best event, on Wednesday, and the 1,500 free on Friday.

"Ask some of the coaches I've been around and they'll tell you this meet was a long time due," Warkentin said. "I have been waiting for big drops in my time and I knew it was going to come. It was just a matter of what meet and it happened to come here."

Jeff Somensatto (200 butterfly), Beau Wiebel (400 individual medley) and Kimberly Black (200 freestyle) won the other U.S. golds Monday.

The U.S. women opened defense of their 1957 basketball gold medal by beating China 107-89, despite losing point guard Brandi McCain, who strained her right knee driving to the basket with one second left in the first half.

North Carolina's LaQuanda Barksdale led six Americans in double figures with 15 points. China's Lijie Miao led all scorers with 24.

The U.S. men's team improved to 3-0 here, and stretched its University Games winning streak to 35 games overall, by thrashing the Czech Republic 102-43. Elsewhere, world champion Svetlana Khornika posted the top scores in three of four events to win the women's gymnastics all-around title, while Ukraine's Alexander Beresh won the men's all-around gold.

Two Americans pulled out with injuries. Heather Renee Brink was taken to the hospital for X-rays after suffering what appeared to be a broken foot during the floor exercise, her second discipline. Mohini Bhardwaj withdrew before action started Monday because she aggravated an elbow injury in the team competition.

Top sprinters Greene and Boldon don't discourage drug tests

ROME (AP) — Maurice Greene and Ato Boldon, the two hottest sprinters on the IAAF circuit, said Monday that their goal was to keep track and field drug-free.

They expressed full support for all anti-drug measures.

"We love drug tests," said Greene, the world champion and world record-holder in the 100-meter dash.

Greene and his training partner Boldon offered their strong stand against drugs during a press conference for Wednesday's Golden Gala meet.

Boldon, who beat Greene in the 100 at the Athletissima meet in Lausanne, Switzerland, last week, will run his favorite distance, the 200, on Wednesday. Greene will compete in the 100.

Boldon, of Trinidad & Tobago, will face Olympic champion Michael Johnson, who will be in a 200 for the first time in six weeks. Johnson missed the 200 at the U.S. Championships last month because of injury .He is coming off a season best of 43.92 in the 400 at Lausanne.

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THE PREVIOUSLY Published notice of a public hearing of the City Council of the City of Midland, Texas, to be held, at **11:09 A.M., Tuesday, July 13, 1999**, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by **Great Western Outdoor** for a **Specific Use Permit with Term for a Billboard,** on a 5.45-acre tract in the SE/4 of Section 1, Block 39, T-2-S, T & P Railroad Company Survey, Midland County, Texas, being more particularly described, as changed, below **HAS BEEN CANCELED AND RESCHEDULED TO 11:00 A.M. on Tuesday, July 27, 1999 at the same location.**

FIELD NOTE DESCRIPTION of the survey of a 6.82 Acre (record 5.45 Acre) Tract of land being the Olliff Donovan's property out of the SE/4 of Section 1, Block 39, T-2-S, T&P RR Co. Survey, Midland County, Texas, said 6.82 Acre Tract being described more fully by Metes and Bounds as Follows:

BEGINNING at a highway concrete monument in the south Flight-of-Way Line of Taylor Avenue for the NE corner of this tract, from which the SE corner of said Section 1 bears N. 74° 49' 30" E. 116.12 feet (Rec. 116.60 feet) and S. 15° 06' 00" E. 1,760.60 feet (Rec. 1094.90 feet);

THENCE S. 74° 49' 30" W. 311.1 feet along the south right-of-way of Taylor Avenue to an iron rod for an interior corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 71° 57' 00" W. 713.24 feet (Rec 713.20 feet) along the south right-of-way line of Taylor Avenue to an iron rod for the NW corner of this tract, said road is S. 15° 06' 00" E. 71 feet from an iron rod in fence line;

THENCE S. 15° 06' 30" E. 687.50 feet (Rec 687.55 feet) to an iron rod located in the North right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 20 for the SW corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 69° 37' 30" E. 143.90 feet, along and with the North right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 20, to a Highway concrete monument.

THENCE N. 60° 26' 30" E. 718 feet, along and with the North right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 20 to a Highway concrete monument for a corner of this tract;

THENCE N. 18° 23' 00" E. 126.35 feet, along and with the north right-of-way line of Interstate Highway 20 to the Place of Beginning.

(Generally located near the northwest corner Interstate 20 and Fairgrounds Road.) The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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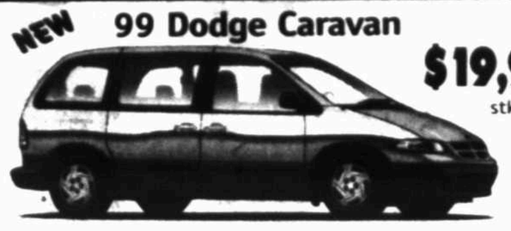
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470 Musical Instruments

WURLITZER STUDIO piano for sale. Used, good condition. $700. Call Debbie at 697-0263, after 10AM.

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ROMWEBBER OFFICE Furniture: Executive desk with caderuza, book cabinet, secretarial desk with wing, lamp table and 8 side chairs (barrel with saddle leather). Call 684-8248 or 686-7386 after 5.

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We move, buy, sell and rent portable buildings. MORGAN (915) 563-1860

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GARAGE SALES

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79701

117 EAST COWDEN- Wednesday, July 7th. Clothes including plus sizes, miscellaneous. Nothing over $5. 7:30AM.

79705

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

79707

5117 SAN ANTONIO AVENUE; Saturday- July 10th. Retired seamstress garage sale! Fabric, patterns, notions, shoes, small women's clothes, miscellaneous household items!

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.

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Call 682-6222 Today!

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318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

Cheddar's casual cafe

Now Interviewing for:

ASSISTANT MANAGER

- Good communication skills
- Understanding
- Willing to learn
- Friendly
- High Energy
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Starting salary: $21,500 year, plus benefits

Fax resume to: 570-8965

316 Sales Help Wanted

$25 To $50K Per Year

Resthaven Memorial Park is seeking sensitive, caring individuals to act ad as Pre- Need Counselor. If you are truly interested in helping people, this is one of the most rewarding careers available. All the benefits plus a bonus opportunity.

For an interview, contact Alan Schnaufer, 682-3061 between 9- 5, Monday- Friday. Must have dependable transportation.

316 Mgmt. Help Wanted

HAIR SALON/ Day Spa Manager wanted for upscale salon in Midland. Please send confidential resume to 4400 Andrews Highway, #803.

JUMBURRITO NOW hiring Management Positions. Please mail resumes to: P.O. Box 50607, Midland, TX 79710. No phone calls please.

Call Today! 682-6222

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MECHANICAL- PIPING Supt. A long time Lubbock general contractor & engineering firm with primary operations in the continental U.S. Requirements: Experienced in total project management, safety training, record keeping, and communications. Must have knowledge of scheduling, unit costs, man hour production, crew composition, etc. Must be able to meet with and communicate with owners, plant managers, design & project engineers. A degree not required, but some formal education in engineering a definite plus. Must be willing to travel & have a safe driving record. Benefits: Medical insurance. Simple I.R.A. retirement plan. Stable long time company. Send resume to: P.O. Box 3279, Lubbock, TX 79452.

NATIONAL OWNER seeking property manager for commercial tenants. Apartment management experience a plus. $30,000 +. Send resume to: Box P-6190, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

Let Sure Sell Work For You! Call 682-6222

318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

RETAIL MANAGERS: seeking Market Manager and a Bakery- Deli Manager. Excellent Supervisory, Management, and Customer Service skills with 1- 2 years minimum experience required. Market Manager- $40,000/ year; Bakery- Deli Manager- $26,000/ year. Plus insurance and 401K plan. References required. Send resume to: Box P-6193, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

ASSISTANT PRODUCTION Supervisor: Amarillo Independent Energy Company seeking experienced individual to monitor production, pumpers, evaluate design and supervise workovers on approximately 300 wells (primarily stripper). Will answer to company production manager and owner. Age and formal education less important to us than experience and well-economics knowledge. Mail resume to Riata Energy, Inc:, PO BOX 10209, Amarillo, TX 79116-0209 or fax to 806/352-3225. Include wage requirements.

→NEW TODAY←

Need experienced individual on contract basis to design and supervise workover operations including well repair and stimulation. Send resume to 306 West Wall, #209, Midland, Texas 79701 or call (915)685-3805.

320 Skilled Trades

MECHANIC WANTED: ASE and A/ C certified. Base plus commission. Call 557-6372 or page 499-7245.

320 Skilled Trades

AMI SERVICES is looking for an experienced HVAC Installation Service Tech. Full time Position. Please call 570-8105, ask for Sheila.

NOW TAKING applications for Experienced Valve Technicians. Salary & bonuses, company benefits including health insurance and safety incentives. 915-689-6341. Ask for Pam.

SHIPPING MANAGER: Needed to schedule over- sized loads traveling nation- wide. Experience with state DOT standards a plus. Apply in person at 10600 West Interstate 20. Salary DOE.

STABLE and RAPID growing dirt excavation company with good benefits, looking for a dependable and very self motivated estimator. Equipment operator/ Foreman- needs experience on 953C track loaders, excavators, rubber tire loaders, blades. A must to read plans, shoot grades, and read grade stakes. Salary based on experience. Call 817-478-0384 or fax resume to 817-478-1513.- Ft. Worth Area.

WANTED: Experienced HVAC/ Refrigeration Technicians and Installers. Will pay up to $17 an hour, experienced only need to apply in person at 1607 South Midkiff, Midland, Texas, or send resume to P.O. Box 732, Midland, Texas 79702. E.O.E.

WANTED: Experienced Journeyman Plumbers. Will pay up to $17 an hour, experienced only need to apply in person at 1607 South Midkiff, Midland, Texas, or send resume to P.O. Box 732, Midland, Texas 79702. E.O.E.

336 Adult Care Providers

INHOME CARE for all your in home health needs. Bathing, cooking, cleaning, running errands, etc. Give us a call for more information at 570-4475; ask for Jackie.

340 Child Care Needed

WANTED FULL Time caring individual to help with 4 small children, daily home management and meal preparation. Call 570-6918.

350 Business Opportunities

Attention Readers

Occasionally, ads found in this section come from distant points & the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract/ or giving out your credit card or bank information.

LOCAL BUSINESSES for sale. Small and large. Some have low down payments and owner financing. Call for a free confidential interview- Sunbelt Business Brokers, 520-1515.

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✔ MOTHER'S DREAM Stay home, lose weight, make money! Call 570-6313.

FOR SALE: Established tour and promotions company. Good income potential. Make money driving a Hummer! Serious inquires only. Call 697-2509.

600 For Rent

RENTALS 600

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Residential rental locators are required to be licensed by the Texas Real Estate Commission (P.O. Box 12188, Austin, TX 78711 1-800-250-8732 or 512-465-3960).

603 Roommates Wanted

CHRISTIAN DAUGHTER looking for roommate in Lubbock. Student preferred but not necessary. 682-0909 days. 570-8609 evenings.

605 Apartments Furnished

AVAILABLE NOW- 1 or 2 bedrooms, pool, laundry, carports, all utilities paid. Imperial Apartments, 405 Sunset. 694--9978.

→NEW TODAY←

ALL BILLS Paid, furnished, 1 & 2 bedroom, downtown, quiet complex. To see apartments call 682-3589

1210 COLLEGE- One room apartment, bills paid. $275/ monthly, $75/ deposit. Inquire at rear Apartment C.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

PATIO TOWNHOUSES, 1710 N "A". Ask about our Move In Specials! 1 Bedroom apartments & 2 bedroom townhomes. Gas & Water paid. Now open Saturday 10 am- 4 pm, 682-4783.

Excellent Location Large Apartments THE ARCHES 694-2466

$199 MOVE IN Special on selected 2 bedrooms. Hurry while they last! Big backyards, all downstairs. Call 682-3831.

SAGEWOOD CONDO; 1 bedroom, full kitchen, living and dining areas, covered parking. Call 570-4884.

610 BURLESON; Clean one bedroom duplex, water paid, $275 monthly, $100 deposit. 689-7107.

2 BEDROOMS, 1 BATH- 3 entrance doors, washer/ dryer connections, brick fireplace, upstairs or downstairs. $300 / monthly, $100/ deposit. 570-4514.

✔ ALL BILLS PAID. Large 1 & 2 Bedrooms. Excellent location. Abbey Court. 694-2549.

QUIET!!! LARGE apartments. $199/ month and up. Monthly leases available. Free cable and water. 620-9111.

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Free months rent or $199 move in special.
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Hunter's Ridge

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4201 Andrews Hwy. Midland, TX 79703

SPACIOUS 2 & 3 bedroom apartment homes. $150 Off 1st full months rent. Villa Chateau Apartments, 1603 North Midkiff. 694-1112.

LARGE VERY beautiful, one bedroom, one bath, huge closets, cathedral ceilings, landing, basic cable, covered parking, free laundry. $350 per month. Located in Quiet Whispering Oaks. 1904 North Midland Drive. 694-4001.

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2928 WEST Louisiana
687--4514

- 1-2 & 3 Bedrooms
- Mini-Blinds Throughout
- 2 Pools
- 2 Laundry Facilities
- Covered Parking

★ Open (7) Days A Week ★

LARGE TWO bedroom, 1 bath, washer/ dryer connections. $295/ month. 4409-D Crockett. Call 699-4182.

ALL Utilities Paid! 1 & 2 bedroom apartments. Deposit required. 683--5161.

LAS COLINAS, Midland's foremost townhouses, 1, 2 & 3 bedrooms, $495 to $695. Open 3- 6 pm except Sunday. 697-8770.

VILLA TRIESTE; Small complex- Very quiet. Nice retirement atmosphere. Call for appointment, 694-8591.

THORNWOOD Apartments Great prices, 1, 2, & 3 Bedrooms, Free Cable. Senior discounts. 682-5381.

CLEAN WESTSIDE, upstairs, 2 bedroom ,1 bath, appliances. No pets. $275/ month plus deposit. 522-1030.

625 Houses Unfurnished

READY NOW; Clean three bedroom, two bath, large living area, good storage. $600 monthly, 699-1130.

2 BEDROOM, 2 Bath. 510 ECR 129. $400 monthly, $200 deposit. 682-9847.

625 Houses Unfurnished

1, 2 & 3 Bedroom Houses & Duplexes. $300- $750 Monthly + Deposit. Williams & Assoc., 694-9663.

3 BEDROOM, 2 bath, 2 living, fireplace, garage, central air/ heat, $750. 2306 Dengar. 686-0734, 687-6406.

1311 SOUTH PRATT. Three bedroom, two bath, mobile home, stove/ refrigerator furnished, fenced yard with 12 X 18 storage shed, $340 monthly, 559-1113.

4503 VERSAILLES. 3 Bedroom, 1 bath Home in West Midland. Fireplace, large yard, recent carpet. $595. Contact Tammy Edwards- 520-7719.

VERY NICE 3 bedroom, 2 bath duplex at 2307-B Haynes. New carpet & paint. $675 with water paid, $550 deposit. 520-8630.

4318 CEDAR SPRING. 3 Bedroom, 1 1/2 bath, single garage, central air/ heat, very clean. Rent $575 plus deposit. Available immediately. Call Kevin at 520-5217.

FOR LEASE. 3134 Teakwood. Low maintenance, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, very nice, $1,200/ monthly. Jan Melton & Associates 682-2422.

LARGE 3 BEDROOM, 2 bath duplex. Dining room, sunken living room, fireplace, garage, fenced yard. $675/ month. 5102 Rainbow. 697-7097.

SPACIOUS ATTRACTIVE Home. 114 N. Eisenhower. 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 garage. $695/ month, $350 deposit. Contact Cindy Brown owner broker with Realty Unlimited. 550-5809.

3 BEDROOMS, 2 Baths, large kitchen, double garage, fenced yard, family neighborhood, $700 plus $500 deposit. Available July 1st. 915/837-0051.

FABULOUS 3 Bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living areas plus fountain area next to pool. Wonderful kitchen- great for summer entertainment! $1,275 per month, $1,000 deposit. Call Lee Denny 694-4637 or Langston Realtors, 685-0400.

VERY NICE 2 bedroom, 1 1/2 bath condo at 422-B West Pecan. New carpet & paint, attached garage with opener. $485 with $400 deposit. 520-8630.

TWO BEDROOM mobile home; 1407 South Moran, $280 monthly, $100 deposit, stove/ refrigerator furnished, fenced yard. 559-1113.

4 BEDROOM, Duplex, 2.5 bathrooms, all electric, double garage with openers, low maintenance yard, no pets, $900/ month, $600/ deposit. 694-2949.

GREENWOOD AREA; Three bedroom, two bath, $700 monthly, plus deposit. Call 570-1033, 361-274-3353.

SEVERAL nice homes & apartments, $250-$725. Jeannie Printz, Agent 694-8202.

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213 CRESTVIEW- 3BR, 1.5BA, 2 liv, cpet, no outside pets	$695/mo.
3609 STOREY- 3BR, 2BA, formal dining, bonus room	$950/mo.
*3300 CALDERA #245 SAGEWOOD CONDO-2BR, 2BA, pool, covered parking, washer, dryer, refrigerator, water paid, ceiling fans	$575/mo.
2303 FRONTIER-3BR, 2BA, 2 living, cpet, pool, remodeled	$700/mo.
807 KANSAS- 3BR, 2BA, hot tub, pool perfect	$750/mo.
3519 BAUMAN-3BR, 2BA, 3 living, 2 car	$750/mo.
3305 SHANNON-4BR, 2BA, 2 living, lots of updating	$775/mo.
4421 HUMBLE-3BR, 2BA, 2 car, Great Plan	$775/mo.
3309 BUCHANON- 3BR, 2BA, 2 car, on cul-de-sac	$825/mo.
2211 HUNTINGTON-3BR, 2BA, 2 living, 2 car, screen patio open	$850/mo.
45 BELFIELD-4BR, 2BA, 2 car, 2 liv, spacious rooms	$1,000/mo.
2201 HARVARD- 4BR, 3.5BA, 2 Living, RV/ Covered Parking	$1,100/mo.
4311 ST. ANDREWS-3BR, 2BA, 2 car, cul- de- sac, 1 yr. old townhome	$1,200/mo.
3702 BERMUDA CT.-4BR, 3BA, wet bar, hot tub	$1,250/mo.
3106 METZ-4BR, 2BA, 3 living, form dining, updated	$1,300/mo.
4308 A GLENEAGLES-3BR, 3BA, 2 car, cul- de- sac, 1 yr. old townhouse	$1,400/mo.
3307 WEDGEWOOD-4BR, 3BA, walkin, whirlpool bath, water & yard PD	$1,600/mo.

OWNER AGENT

625 Houses Unfurnished

SMALL TWO BEDROOM. New vinyl, carpet, cabinets, paint and much more. Very nice. $310/ monthly. 804 Powell. 699-0550.

NICE 2 BEDROOM, 1 1/2 bath duplex at 419-A Neely. Recent carpet & paint, small fenced yard. Rent reduced to $435 with $400 deposit. 520-8630.

★ NEW IN TOWN? For your FREE "New Resident" Welcome Packet. Call Newcomers Unlimited, 570-8045.

BEAUTIFUL two bedroom, one bath, one carport, lots of new, $450 monthly. No pets. 4801- A Harvard. 620-9222.

3 BEDROOM , 1 bath, like new carpet/ paint, central air/ heat. $350/ deposit. $450/ monthly. Must have references. 520-5358.

2 BEDROOMS, 1 bath house with carport. $325 per month. No deposit. Big living room, corner lot, storage room, no backyard, no appliances or window cooler provided. You pay all utilities. Must be quiet and stable. Located at 300 W. Hamby. Drive by first, then call 689-6454.

2 BEDROOM Duplex, 212 Mitchell. $400/ monthly $200/ deposit. Water Paid. Appliances. No pets. 570-7465.

HOUSE FOR rent: Live in the Country! Spacious four bedroom, three bath house, with fenced yard off Cottonflat Road. Monthly rent, $700 and a $500 deposit. Small pets allowed. Contact Chuck- 915-687-0348.

LARGE 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, 3/4 acre South of Midland. 1 year lease. $800 month, $800 deposit. 684-5836.

3 BEDROOM, 2 Bath, living area, single garage, central heat and air. $400 Security deposit, $495 monthly. 4415 Versailles. 580-5483.

FOR LEASE- 4204 Greenbriar Dr. Large 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. fireplace, sprinklers, $1,000/ month, $700/ deposit. 1 year lease. 699-7368.

2003 Huntington- 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas, sun porch, laundry room, outside storage, double garage. Fannin. $750. 682-2931.

4718 LAURA: 3 Bedroom, 2 bath, 1 living. $825/ month. Owner/ agent. 683-7070.

1802 W. WASHINGTON. 2 bedrooms, $375 monthly, deposit required. 683-5161 or 687-3413.

625 Houses Unfurnished

✔ 3 BEDROOM- 2 BATH houses $650 to $750 month. 1 & 2 Bedroom houses and duplexes $295 to $550 month. Williams & Assoc., 694-9663.

RANCH ESTATES; 6315 Hopi Court, three bedroom, two bath, washer/ dryer, refrigerator, $550 monthly plus deposit. On quiet cul- de- sac. 684-4909.

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath, garage, fireplace, water paid. 3801A Storey. $550. 686-0734, 687-6406.

THREE BEDROOM, two bath, Fannin district, $900 monthly, $900 deposit. Call 697-3194 or 684-1100.

DUPLEX, ONE bedroom, one bath, washer/ dryer, covered parking, 915 North Bentwood. $325 monthly. 687-5422.

NEWLY REMODELED- 3 Bedroom, 1.5 bathrooms. 3305 Storey. $495/ month, $300/ deposit. References. 520-3529/ 687-0924.

3 BEDROOMS, 2 baths, 2 story, duplex. Smoke free, pet free environment. $595. Page Owner/ Agent 495-1233.

NICE DUPLEX, totally private, including washer and dryer. $500 monthly./ $350 deposit. Call 570-6900/ 570-0511.

FANNIN DISTRICT: 3 bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, 2 car garage. Pool, spa, decks, professionally landscaped. $850/ $500 deposit. 697-3719, after 5PM.

★ DUPLEX FOR LEASE- 2 Bedrooms, 2 baths, double garage, fireplace. 3105 Mark Lane. $825 monthly. 697-4306.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH house near downtown. Central heat and air. $595/ $300 deposit. 683-5497.

CHARMING 3, 1 3/4, close in on Louisiana, central air, appliances, water furnished. $625 per month, $400 deposit. 557-2432, 682-8787.

4823 ILLINOIS- $650; #70 Liddon- $600 (bills paid); 3817 Roosevelt- $550; 4312 Versailles- $650. 694-5389.

2 BEDROOM, Central air, stove, refrigerator, very clean. 2713 Franklin. $345 monthly, $200 deposit. 694-6826.

635 Houses Unfurnished

NICEST DUPLEXES in Midland! Minimum Sq Ft 1,530. Washer- dryer connections. Covered parking. Fireplace. 2 & 3 Bedrooms available. Call for appointment, 686-8126.

RENTERS WANTED! $500 down allows you to own a 3 or 4 bedroom mobile home with approved credit. Stop throwing money away and start investing. 1-800-698-8003.

3414 WEDGEWOOD- 2 bedroom, 2 bath, dining, living with fireplace, office or sitting area, double garage, appliances. $1,200/ monthly, no deposit. 699-1448.

4313-B WEST STOREY 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. $675/ month plus security. 4321-B West Storey 3 bedroom 2 bath, 1 car garage. $625/ month plus security. No pets, smoke- free environment, references required. 638-2525 or 686-9090.

MODERN DUPLEX; 419 "B" West Spruce. Three bedroom, twp bath, double garage, fireplace, fenced yard. $575 monthly. 699-0569.

COUNTRY HOME. 3 Bedroom, 2 baths. $325 Monthly. South off Cottonflat. Call 683-9408 after 7:00 pm.

4 BEDROOM, 1 BATH, 1 living. Central heat/ air, refrigerator, stove, dishwasher, disposal, freshly painted inside. $550/ month, $275/ deposit. 1704 S. Marshall. 687-4103.

3 BED, 2 Bath, 2 car garage houses for lease. $600 monthly, $400 deposit. 511 Parkwood, 107 N. Bentwood. Call 550-6412.

635 Condo Townhouse Furn.

2 BEDROOM, 1 bath. Furnished Liddon Townhome. Lush landscaping, large pool. $600, bills paid. 699-4461.

640 Condo Townhome Unfurn.

TOWN PLAZA; 2 bedroom 1 1/2 bath, $400 monthly, $200 deposit, Call 682-7885.

SAGEWOOD CONDOMINIUM- 1 Bedroom, excellent location, washer/ dryer connections, upstairs. $350/ month. Call 699-7720.

1/2 MONTH FREE rent. 1, 2 & 3 Bedrooms, 1 & 2 baths. 841- 1,537 Ft. garage, connections, fans, microwave. $450/ Up. 689-8116, 697-9768.

2,000 SQ FT Townhome for lease. Quiet complex of professional people. 3 Large bedrooms, 2.5 baths and dressing rooms. City utilities and gas furnished. Yardman and swimming pool with clubhouse. 501 Scharbauer, Unit 40. $550/ Month. For details, call Chaparral Realtors, 915-686-7000.

FAIRGATE Townhomes, northwest side, 6 and 12 month leases, 2 and 3 bedrooms 1600 sq. ft. livable, all appliances, fans, fireplaces and garages. 697-9566.

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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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