HOME/GARDEN

Water gardens

Just south of Midland, Kevin and Brenda Slaton have transformed an arid section of grassland into a West Texas oasis./**10C**

SPORTS

Goodbye Pudge?

Before midnight tonight, the Rangers will have either sent Ivan Rodriguez packing or resigned themselves to the possibility of losing him to free agency./**1C**

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Double blasts kill 14 in Jerusalem market

■ Attack by two suicide bombers injures more than 150; Israel suspends peace talks with Palestinians.

Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Carefully synchronizing their attacks, two men carried briefcases packed with explosives and nails into Jerusalem's most crowded outdoor market Wednesday and blew themselves up, sending body parts and blood-soaked vegetables flying.

The double blasts killed 14 people — including the two bombers — and injured more than 150, striking at the teetering Mideast peace process at a time when renewed progress seemed plausible.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's Cabinet met in emergency session to suspend peace talks with the Palestinians — which resumed this week after a four-month deadlock — until Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat acts against the militants "with determination," Israel TV said.

A leaflet claiming to be from the militant Islamic group Hamas took responsibility.

Mahane Yehuda, Jerusalem's main fruit and vegetable market, was packed with shoppers when the two bombs went off in an alley, about 50 yards apart, at 1:15 p.m.

"People flew in the air without legs, without arms, without clothes," said one witness, 43-year-old Sarah Yamin.

Soot-covered bodies lay on the ground, their blood

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AP Laserphoto

An injured Israeli woman, center, is assisted by medics after a double suicide attack at a crowded outdoor vegetable market in Jerusalem Wednesday. At least 14 people were killed and more than 150 were injured in the attack.

A.M. BRIEFING

TODAY

Partly cloudy, chance of rain, high in lower 90s. Weather on 6A

John Marquez marches with others last month outside the Federal Building in El Paso, to protest the shooting death of Esequiel Hernandez Jr. by a Marine in Redford.

Border shooting

EL PASO — Two months after Esequiel Hernandez Jr. died on a rainswept hill on the border, a grand jury began debating whether charges are warranted against any of the Marines involved in his shooting. But the panel took no action Wednesday. The grand jury will return Aug. 14 to continue in the case.

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Tax bill effects?

WASHINGTON — Turmoil in the stock market. A surge in college tuition costs. A boom in condominium sales at the expense of houses. The guessing is starting on possible unintended consequences of the huge and complex tax bill.

Story page 6B

One winner

AUSTIN — One winning ticket was sold in Houston for the latest Lotto Texas, state officials said Wednesday. The estimated jackpot was worth $4 million. The winning numbers drawn from a field of 50 for the twice-weekly lottery were **2-12-17-35-45-49.** With the winner, the estimated jackpot for Saturday's drawing reverts to about $4 million.

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Summer hummers

Two baby hummingbirds await the return of their mother in a nest built on a low branch outside an office building in the 3000 block of West Illinois Avenue.

Photo by Tim Fischer

Some educators think MISD's pay isn't competitive

■ Board approves 5.5 percent raise, which includes average 3 percent step increase.

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

Teachers may have received a pay raise from MISD board members Tuesday night, but some educators feel that Midland salaries are becoming less competitive.

The Midland Independent School District board approved the staff recommendation of a 5.5 percent increase for teachers.

Art Martin, executive director of business services, said MISD salaries compared favorably with other large districts in the West Texas area, including Abilene, Lubbock and San Angelo.

But Steve Buck, president of the Midland Federation of Teachers, said this was an unfair comparison. "Traditionally, these are the lowest-paid large districts in the state."

He said this disparity hurts Midland in competing for new teachers. "Abilene, Lubbock and San Angelo are college towns and can attract an abundance of new teachers." He said higher salaries were needed to attract those same teachers to Midland.

"We did the best we could with the money we had," said Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr.

The 74th Legislature approved a 5.5 percent pay raise for teachers in May. It is up to individual districts to pass that raise on to their employees.

"A lot of school districts passed on every bit of the 5.5 percent increase approved by the Legislature," Buck said. "The MISD is not passing along nearly that much."

Buck said the 5.5 percent increase that MISD approved does not equal the 5.5 percent approved by the Legislature. MISD's 5.5 percent increase will include the step increase — an average of 3 percent — and teachers will receive an additional 2.5 percent, Buck said.

He estimated that the MISD would have had to pass a 13 percent increase in salaries to equal the 5.5 percent passed by the Legislature.

Buck noted that about 30 percent of the school boards in Texas met Tuesday night, and that those districts were passing 6 to 8 percent raises on to their teachers.

"Even with this raise, we may still be below the state average," Buck told the Reporter-Telegram Wednesday.

The amount of money that Midland

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Sea Fury makes stop in Midland on way to England

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

As today's glorious sunrise begins to brighten up the West Texas sky, British aviators Paul Morgan and Steve Noujaim will be revving up the powerful engine of their vintage Hawker Sea Fury fighter-bomber bound for England after a refueling stop in Midland.

"It's been in the States for 27 years and it's going back home," said Noujaim, 36, a Royal Air Force jet service pilot.

England's Hawker Aircraft Co. had built 186 of the Sea Fury between 1947 and 1954.

During the Korean War, the carrier-borne aircraft scored kills against the Russian-built MiG-15 jet fighter as a testimony to the Sea Fury's power, speed and maneuverability.

"We are taking it back to England to show it over there," said Morgan, a 49-year-old pilot and mechanical engineer who in Great Britain builds auto-racing engines for the Mercedes-Benz Championship Auto Racing Team.

Californian Lloyd Hamilton, who races high-performance aircraft in the Reno Air Races, is loaning the Sea Fury to England where the aircraft is rarely known now, Morgan said.

"There are about 25 flying in the world at the moment. We are

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Steve Noujaim, left, and Paul Morgan, are taking turns piloting the Sea Fury between California and Galveston. Noujaim gave a ride to Angel Wood Wednesday during their layover in Midland.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

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Japan shuts down bank, largest brokerage

TOKYO (AP) — The Finance Ministry ordered Japan's biggest brokerage and a major bank Wednesday to shut down key operations until the end of the year, making its strongest attack yet on corporate dealings with organized crime.

Nomura Securities Co. and Dai-Ichi Kangyo Bank will be forced to close some of their most profitable divisions for five months — the toughest penalty ever handed out by Japan's financial regulators.

Analysts predicted that Nomura may lose up to a third of its potential revenues for the year as a result.

Nomura and Dai-Ichi Kangyo are accused of paying off a reputed racketeer — Ryuichi Koike — to keep him from revealing company secrets and scandals or disrupting shareholders' meetings.

Nomura was ordered to stop the lucrative business of trading stocks for its own account until the end of the year, and to stop underwriting government bonds during that period. Nomura's headquarters was also closed for a month and the company was banned from all stock transactions for a week.

Dai-Ichi Kangyo was ordered to halt new loans to businesses for five months, and was banned from underwriting government bonds. Starting next month, it will be forbidden to set up new branches or businesses anywhere in the world for a year.

Announcing the penalties Wednesday, Finance Minister Hiroshi Mitsuzuka, said it was "truly regrettable" the two financial institutions were implicated in wrongdoing.

Nomura President Junichi Ujiie told a news conference the punishment was severe but that the company would accept it.

"Through this inappropriate act we caused a loss of faith in the securities market and greatly inconvenienced our clients," Ujiie said. "For this we are sincerely sorry."

Ujiie said it was impossible to estimate how much the penalty would cost the company but "we will surely lose business."

Nomura also will impose pay cuts of up to 30 percent on its board members and senior managing directors as punishment for failing to prevent the payoffs to Koike, Ujiie said.

The scandal surrounding Koike widened Wednesday when prosecutors raided the head office of Yamaichi Securities Co., another major brokerage. Yamaichi is suspected of funneling about $679,000 to Koike in 1995.

Nationally broadcast TV footage showed dozens of dark-suited investigators entering the company's headquarters in central Tokyo. Prosecutors also searched several other offices related to Yamaichi, news media reported.

The Nihon Keizai, Japan's leading business newspaper, reported Wednesday that the Koike family had connections to all of Japan's "Big Four" brokers — Nomura, Yamaichi, Daiwa Securities Co. and Nikko Securities Co.

All maintained special accounts in the name of Yoshinori Koike, Ryuichi's younger brother, and an acquaintance, the paper said.

Executives of Nomura and Dai-Ichi Kangyo already have been charged with illegally channeling money to the racketeer and face separate criminal penalties, including prison time and fines.

Ujiie acknowledged last week that his company violated the law by making payments to Koike, who is reputed to be a "sokaiya" — someone who buys small amounts of stock in target companies to gain entry to shareholders meetings, then threaten to raise embarrassing questions about executive sex scandals or losses at subsidiaries if not paid off in advance.

Nomura is accused of maintaining a special profit-guaranteed investment account for Koike, at shareholders' expense, to keep him quiet. Koike has been charged with illegally accepting a payoff of more than $400,000 from Nomura in 1995.

Four senior Nomura managers including former president Hideo Sakamaki have been arrested in connection with the case.

Dai-Ichi Kangyo allegedly extended more than $100 million in illegal loans to Koike. Eleven bank managers have been arrested in the case and the bank's former chairman hanged himself last month in the face of further questioning.

It has not been specified what kind of threat Koike allegedly posed to Nomura or Dai-Ichi Kangyo.

Public prosecutors indicted the bank Monday on charges it hid some of the loans from Finance Ministry regulators in 1994.

Financial analysts predicted the penalties will hit Nomura harder than Dai-Ichi Kangyo.

Since most of Dai-ichi Kangyo's revenues come from outstanding loans, "incremental new loans are not that important," said Betsy Daniels, an analyst at Morgan Stanley. She estimated the penalty will erode the bank's operating profit by 5 percent or less.

On the other hand, a large proportion of Nomura's revenue comes from trading stocks for its own account, and the brokerage will have the additional burden of paying employees during the shutdown, analysts said.

Nomura reported a net loss last year of $2.29 billion, largely because of writing off bad loans at an affiliated company.

U.S astronaut confident that Mir is safe to fly

STAR CITY, Russia (AP) — Once rejected for Mir duty because of her height, the next U.S. astronaut ticketed to fly to the hobbled Russian space station showed Wednesday she's not short on nerve.

A fire, pressure leaks, power outages and other breakdowns — none of Mir's well-publicized problems this year are too daunting for Wendy Lawrence, who said all the right stuff Wednesday, and in good Russian, too.

The 5-foot-3 American told journalists at Russia's cosmonaut training center at Star City, outside Moscow, that she has a "big desire" to go to the Mir.

U.S. space officials, quietly leery of the 11-year-old Mir's condition after the series of recent glitches, must first give the September mission the final go-ahead.

"First and foremost we will review the safety of Mir," Lawrence said.

"There is always something unexpected when it comes to flying in space, but our priority is safety," said the 38-year-old astronaut, who is to replace compatriot Michael Foale.

Both the Russians and the Americans say the Mir remains safe, though NASA officials also have said there must be scientific value to sending up another astronaut.

Many of the U.S. science projects were ruined when the Mir collided with a cargo ship June 25, punching a hole in the Spektr module where the U.S. experiments were located.

Mir commander Vasily Tsibliyev, who was controlling the cargo ship at the time of the collision, said Wednesday that the damage would have been far greater if not for his masterful steering.

"I was attempting to brake it and cause the craft to go by. If I had not been doing that, I'm sure that it would've hit the station directly," Tsibliyev said through a translator. "And if it had done so, we would've either died or been just metal floating in space."

There has been speculation that either pilot error or an overloaded craft that wouldn't respond properly caused the accident. Tsibliyev said that to figure out what went wrong, data must be analyzed on the ground.

"You can always find somebody to blame but the important part is that we have a setup here that was not worked out completely or not perfected," he said.

Russian space officials have decided to have the next crew fix the damage from the collision, rather than have the current, tired crew attempt it.

Anatoly Solovyov and Pavel Vinogradov blast off for the Mir on Aug. 5 and are to carry out key repairs to restore the station to near full power before Lawrence arrives for a scheduled four-month visit.

An "internal spacewalk" into the damaged Spektr module to reattach electric cables is planned for Aug. 20, with other spacewalks to follow.

"We will make a spacewalk into the module, reconnect the electric cables, look around at what's in there, maybe even lift one or two panels at the most likely locations of the depressurization, and — that's it!" said Solovyov, the expected Mir commander.

Lawrence starts training with a full-scale Mir model next week in case she has to help on a subsequent spacewalk into the Spektr module.

She's not expected to get any spacewalk assignment, but rather would stand by in the Soyuz escape capsule in case evacuation is needed during her Mir stint.

"As much as I can, I want to help my crew," she said.

Lawrence, a third-generation flier and Navy commander who has made one space flight, would be the sixth U.S. astronaut on the Russian space station.

The Russians yanked her from the crew lineup because she was below their stringent height standards. She was cleared to return last summer when the requirements were modified.

She already has experienced her first Mir mishap, of sorts.

Someone knocked a plastic-and-metal Mir mock-up off her desk after the news conference, which a superstitious person might take as a bad omen of a rocky flight ahead.

WORLD IN BRIEF

17 Alpine climbers die in 5 days

PARIS — Drawn by deceptively sunny weather, at least 17 people have died scaling the snow-covered Alps since the weekend, including climbers from the United States, France, Italy, and Austria.

Two others — from the Netherlands and Britain — died in the mountains three weeks ago but their bodies were only located Wednesday.

The warm summer weather and blue skies draw thousands of tourists, hikers and climbers to the Alps every year, leading to fatalities in snowy conditions.

"Unhappily, this happens every year. In the snow they can fall, and it's always great heights, and they die," said Pierre Faussurier, a police spokesman in the French Alps.

Four climbers — including an Austrian, a Frenchman and an American — died Wednesday morning in two accidents on Mont Blanc. Authorities had not yet identified the nationality of the fourth climber.

N. Zealand mulls live seafood ban

AUCKLAND, New Zealand — Seafood is always better fresh, but New Zealand lawmakers are moving to ban extra-fresh — in fact, live — delicacies such as "screaming prawn" and "dancing crayfish" from the menus.

The bill would forbid restaurants to serve live seafood, sparing diners sights such as the one Cyrina Holland witnessed in a recent night out with her boyfriend in Auckland.

Holland, confused by a menu item that offered diners a chance to "check the cray dance," asked her boyfriend to explain.

"He pointed to the table behind me and there was a crayfish cut in half and walking around the table," she said. "It was alive, and they were getting into it with their chopsticks."

The crustacean, its tail stuffed with rice and noodles, crawled around the table as the diners broke off its legs and ate them.

Sterile father beheads daughter

CAIRO, Egypt — A Cairo man newly rediagnosed as sterile beheaded his 4-year-old daughter, deciding she must have been fathered by another man, police said Wednesday.

Ismail Mohammed Abdel-Alim, 28, confessed just after the slaying Tuesday that he took his daughter over his knee and cut off her head, said police officials who spoke on customary condition of anonymity.

Abdel-Alim was married three times. He had the daughter with his second wife and had gone to a doctor to inquire why his new wife was not yet pregnant after eight months of marriage, the officials said.

He had been diagnosed as sterile once before but believed he had been cured by medication when his daughter, Noha, was born. He told police that after the second diagnosis, he could not bear the images of infidelity put into his mind by Satan.

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Police fear deaths after landslide hits ski lodges

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — A landslide smashed through two ski lodges in southeastern Australia on Wednesday, trapping 20 people under the rubble, police said. Cries of the victims rose from the wreckage.

Police Superintendent Charlie Sanderson said he expected there would be a number of deaths in the slide at Thredbo, a popular resort in the state of New South Wales, 185 miles south of Sydney.

The landslide brought tons of earth, trees and cars down on top of the two lodges, which flattened under the weight, local lodge guest Greg Milne told a radio station.

"It would be a real miracle if they pull anyone out of there," Milne said.

Unstable ground kept rescuers from reaching the trapped people into early Thursday.

A spokeswoman from the Thredbo media office, Suzie Rowland, said the Carinya Ski Club had slid into the adjacent Bimbadeen Staff Lodge. At least 33 people were booked into the buildings.

A State Emergency Services spokesman said it appeared part of a road behind the two lodges gave way, causing the landslide. A fire brigade spokesman said an explosion had been reported before the slide.

Four more nearby lodges had been evacuated and the immediate area sealed off.

Queanbeyan police said rescuers were being brought in from nearby Jindabyne, Thredbo and Perisher Valley, as well as Cooma, Canberra and Goulburn.

Heavy equipment was being brought into the ski village to dig through the landslide. Helicopters were unable to reach the scene because of bad weather.

Tycoon pulls pistol to delay plane's takeoff

BANGKOK, Thailand (AP) — A Cambodian tycoon who once shot out the tires of an airliner after his luggage was lost pulled a pistol on a flight Wednesday, ordering the crew to hold the plane and fellow passengers to get off.

Orient Thai Airlines' response to Teng Bunma's brief hijacking: an abject apology, indicating the airline's desire to stay in the good graces of Cambodia's wealthiest businessman.

Teng Bunma has close ties to Cambodian strongman Hun Sen, leader of a bloody July 5-6 coup. Washington suspects Teng Bunma of heroin trafficking and has barred him from ever entering the United States. Teng Bunma, also president of Cambodia's Chamber of Commerce, has denied involvement in drugs.

On Wednesday, he boarded a Bangkok-bound flight at Phnom Penh's international airport with his armed bodyguards and demanded the pilot delay departure to await friends who had booked seats but hadn't arrived, witnesses and airline officials said.

The crew insisted it keep to its flight schedule and continued preparations for takeoff.

Passenger Yupaporn Saengtong, a news researcher for Japan's Fuji TV, said she saw Teng Bunma briefly display a pistol to the crew.

"He pulled out a pistol and spoke to the airplane crew and told them to take the passengers off," Yupaporn said.

Yupaporn quoted him as saying: "I will not allow the plane to take off. I will capture the plane."

Teng Bunma then disembarked, flanked by the two rifle-toting bodyguards, and was met by Orient Thai officials who had arrived to try to end the standoff.

The airline's managing director, Udom Tantiprasongchai, apologized for the plane's need to depart on time and assured Teng Bunma he was an important customer.

Teng Bunma apologized and said he had been under a lot of stress lately and had a bad temper, Udom told The Associated Press.

The plane took off an hour late. Airport security had no comment on the incident.

Udom said the Bangkok crew didn't know who Teng Bunma was. "We have to make everybody happy, but there are too many VIPs in this country," Udom said.

Asked for comment, Teng Bunma said only that he was free to go anywhere he wanted. He didn't elaborate.

During Teng Bunma's last run-in with an airline on April 8, he took a pistol from a bodyguard and shot out a tire of a Royal Air Cambodge jet in Phnom Penh because the national carrier lost his luggage.

The Washington Post, citing Teng Bunma's interview with an Australian broadcaster, reported last week that he made nearly $1 million in gold available to Hun Sen during the July 5-6 coup "to control the situation."

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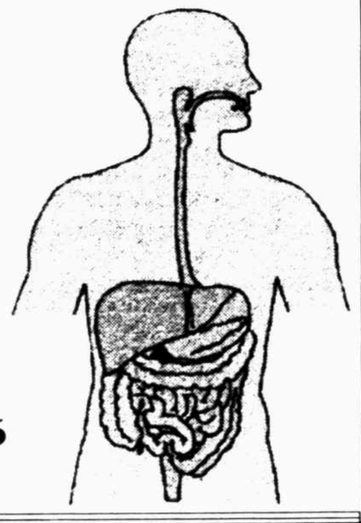
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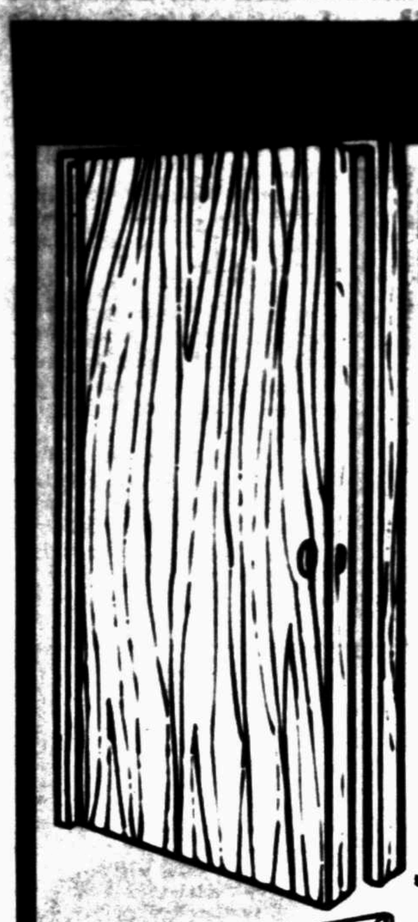

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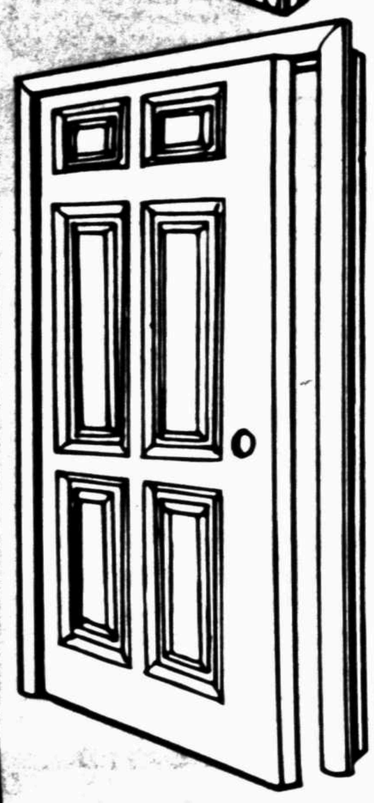

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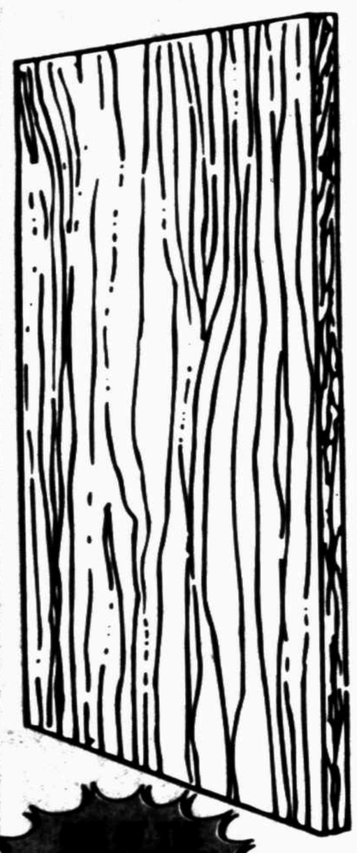

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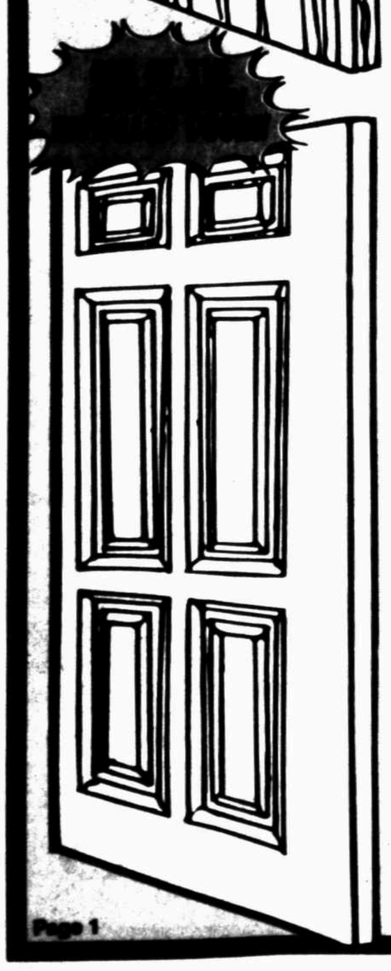

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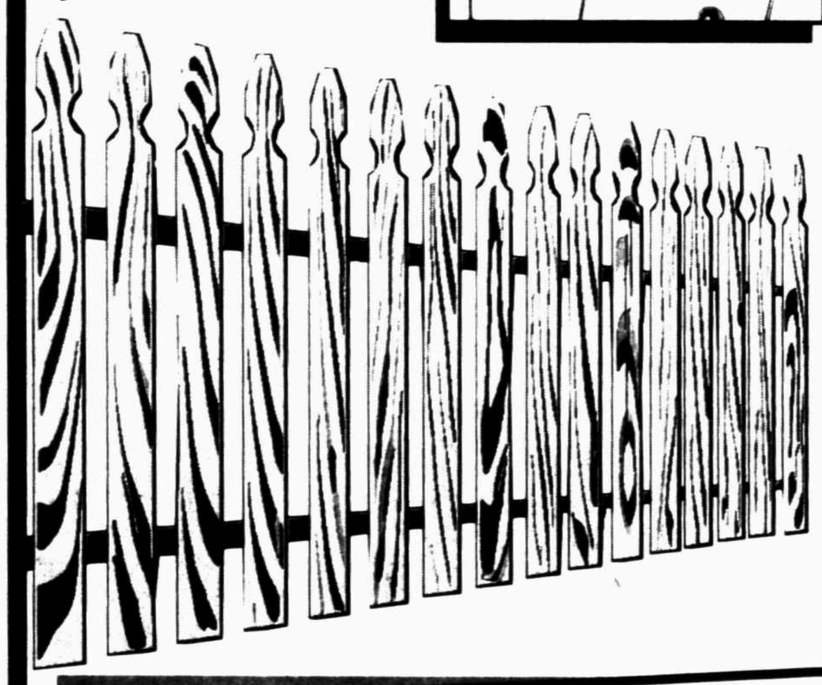

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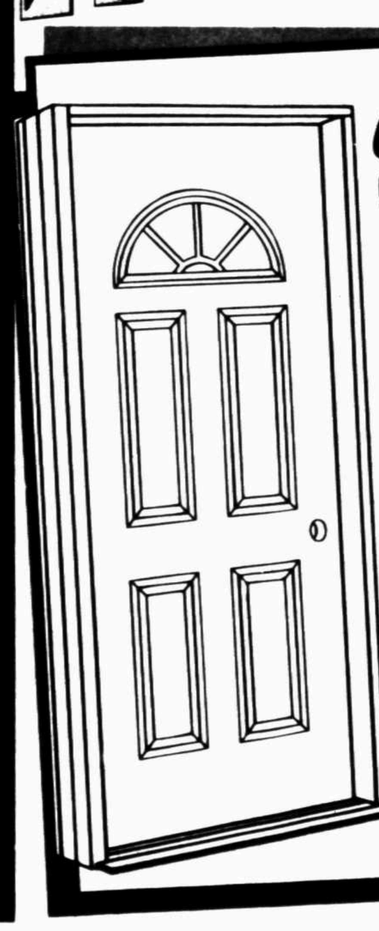

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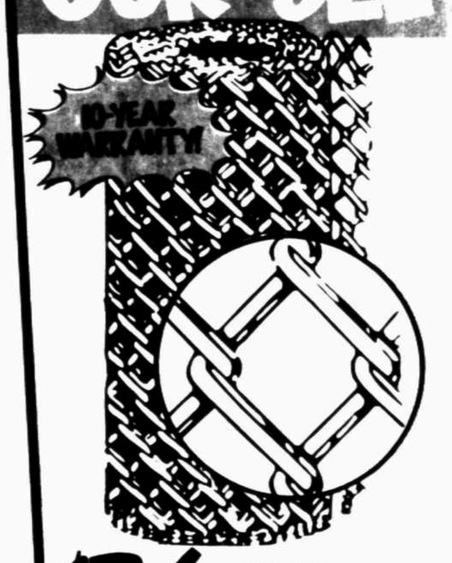

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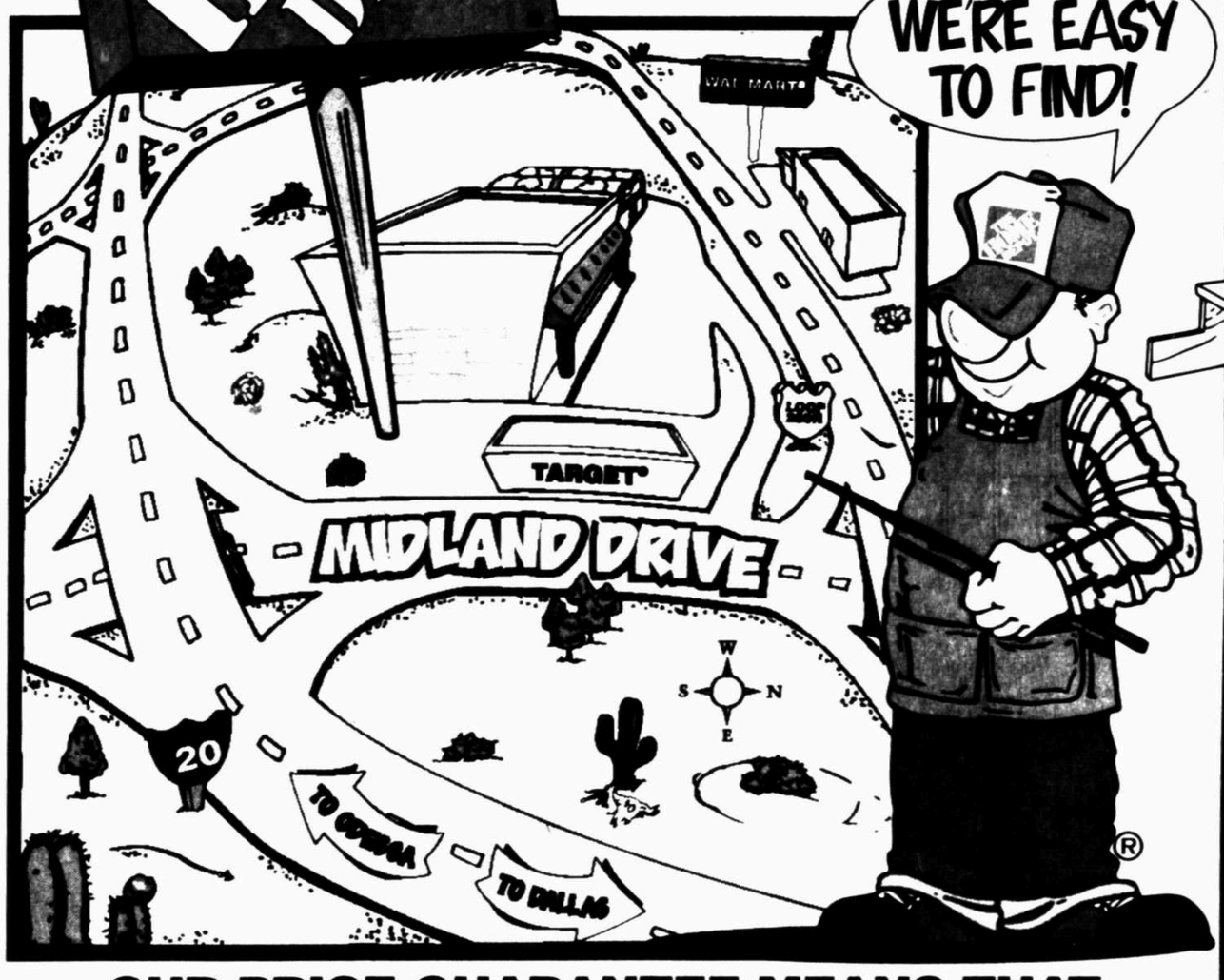

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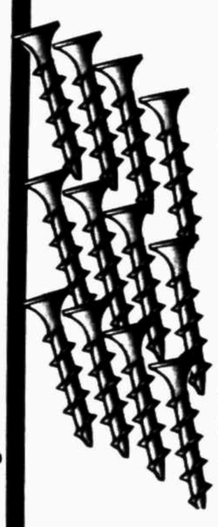

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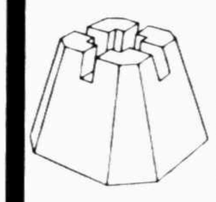

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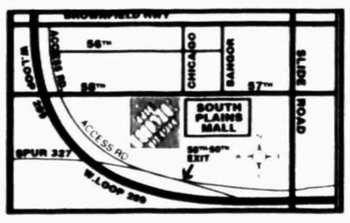

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Friday	Saturday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 92	High 91	High 91
Low 70	Low 69	Low 70

Today's forecast calls for low clouds during morning hours. Skies will be partly cloudy by afternoon. There is a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms later in the day. A high will be in the lower 90s. Winds will be from the east at 5 to 15 mph.

Tonight calls for partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. A low will be near 70.

Friday's forecast includes partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms. A high will be in the lower 90s.

After a high of 96, Wednesday's low was 75, compared to the record low of 59 set in 1971. According to the National Weather Service, the all-time high was 106 set in 1931.

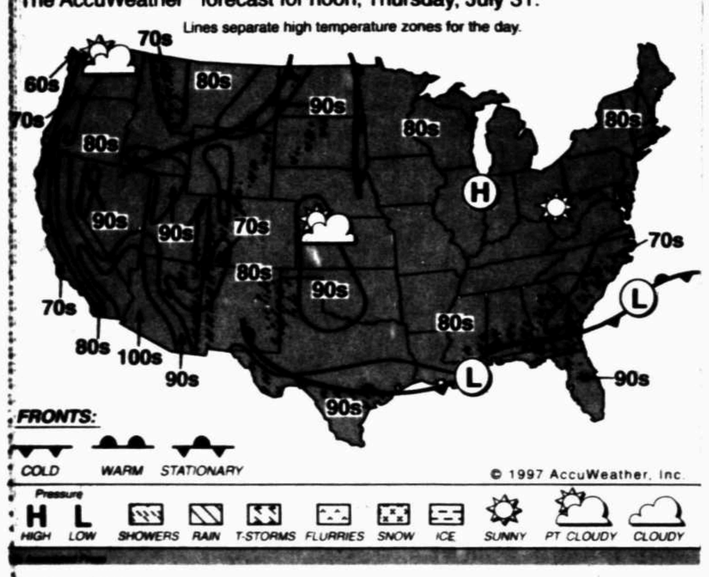
Yesterday's precipitation		Yesterday's temperatures	
Rainfall Tuesday	.00 in.	High	96
Rainfall Wednesday	.00 in.	low	75
Total for month	2.26 in.	Normal high	92
Total for year	10.45 in.	Normal low	68

Sunrise 7:04 a.m. Sunset 8:46 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Thursday, July 31.

Lines separate high temperature zones for the day.



United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:39 p.m. EDT

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	82	47	clr	
Albuquerque	79	65	05	cdy
Anchorage	60	57	03	cdy
Asheville	68	68	74	cdy
Atlanta	88	74	11	m
Atlantic City	79	55	clr	
Baltimore	84	56	clr	
Billings	89	59	cdy	
Birmingham	91	73	cdy	
Bismarck	70	54	cdy	
Boise	87	61	06	clr
Boston	84	62	clr	
Buffalo	78	52	clr	
Burlington,Vt	81	49	clr	
Casper	85	57	m	
Charleston,S.C.	89	74	62	m
Charleston,W.Va.	79	61	clr	
Charlotte,N.C.	71	70	35	cdy
Cheyenne	78	59	13	m
Chicago	77	59	clr	
Cincinnati	82	63	clr	
Cleveland	76	52	cdy	
Columbia,S.C.	80	74	cdy	
Columbus,Ohio	79	60	clr	
Concord,N.H.	82	46	clr	
Dayton	79	54	clr	
Denver	82	62	52	cdy
Des Moines	77	59	cdy	
Detroit	79	55	clr	
Duluth	76	49	cdy	
Evansville	82	65	clr	
Fairbanks	80	52	cdy	
Fargo	83	55	cdy	
Flagstaff	76	51	cdy	
Grand Rapids	81	55	clr	
Great Falls	87	60	cdy	
Greensboro,N.C.	67	65	31	cdy
Hartford Spgfld	83	50	clr	
Helena	84	53	cdy	
Honolulu	88	80	m	
Indianapolis	81	59	clr	
Jackson,Miss.	91	73	m	
Jacksonville	90	75	16	m
Juneau	64	50	m	
Kansas City	79	62	clr	
Las Vegas	100	78	clr	
Little Rock	88	73	03	cdy
Los Angeles	79	63	clr	
Louisville	84	67	clr	
Memphis	87	73	clr	
Miami Beach	92	80	cdy	
Milwaukee	72	54	clr	
Mpls-St Paul	77	59	cdy	
Nashville	86	73	clr	
New Orleans	92	75	m	
New York City	80	66	clr	
Norfolk,Va.	74	72	04	clr
North Platte	73	61	20	cdy
Oklahoma City	87	73	clr	
Omaha	77	65	cdy	
Orlando	93	73	m	
Philadelphia	82	63	clr	
Phoenix	103	82	clr	
Pittsburgh	78	51	clr	
Portland,Maine	84	53	clr	
Portland,Ore.	79	60	clr	
Providence	81	57	clr	
Raleigh-Durham	71	71	19	cdy
Rapid City	80	55	12	cdy
Reno	85	51	cdy	
Richmond	77	67	clr	
Sacramento	84	59	clr	
St Louis	82	63	clr	
Salt Lake City	84	64	cdy	
San Diego	74	67	clr	
San Francisco	67	58	cdy	
San Juan,P.R.	88	78	cdy	
Santa Fe	74	59	cdy	
St Ste Marie	77	52	cdy	
Seattle	72	58	cdy	
Shreveport	86	76	cdy	
Sioux Falls	72	64	cdy	
Spokane	83	62	01	clr
Syracuse	80	50	clr	
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	91	77	m	
Topeka	82	64	clr	
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Washington,D.C.	85	66	clr	

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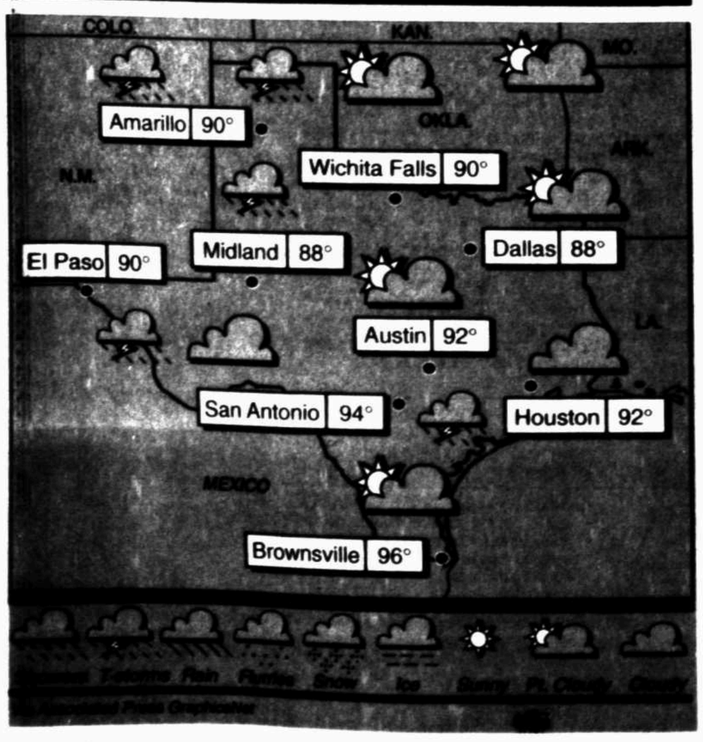


Texas temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Abilene	94	72	
Alice	104	76	
Amarillo	84	65	
Arlington	94	77	
Austin	98	74	
Beaumont	85	77	
Brownsville	98	77	
Burnet	98	74	
Childress	89	73	
College Station	97	75	
Comroe	88	76	
Corpus Christi	98	75	
Corsicana	95	75	
Cotulla	103	76	
Dalhart	84	66	
Dallas	95	78	
Del Rio	101	78	
Denton	93	74	
El Paso	87	68	
Fort Stockton	97	69	
Fort Worth	93	75	
Galveston	86	75	
Harlingen	100	75	
Hondo	100	75	
Houston Hobby	89	77	
Houston Intrctnl	89	76	
Huntsville	94	79	
Junction	98	70	
Kingsville	101	76	
Laredo	107	78	
Lubbock	89	68	
Lufkin	96	74	
Marfa	88	63	
McAllen	103	78	
Midland	96	75	
Mineral Wells	93	74	
Navy Corpus	91	78	
New braunfels	98	M	
Palacios	89	82	
Paris	88	73	
Rockport	92	79	
San Angelo	98	71	
San Antonio	99	77	
Shreveport	86	76	
Terrell	93	75	
Texarkana	89	74	

BLASTS: Clinton postpones U.S. peace initiative

(From 1A)

mixing with smashed watermelons, torn clothes and shredded newspaper. Green awnings covering the alley were torn apart and vegetable stands and clothing displays overturned; scraps of clothing dangled from telephone lines.

The market has been the site of a dozen bombings and attempted bombings since the 1960s, but the latest assault was the deadliest.

The attackers — whose overall aim has been to scuttle the peace process — achieved a short-term goal: President Clinton postponed a new peace initiative by U.S. envoy Dennis Ross, who was to arrive in the region today. No new date for the trip was set.

The attacks came just days after Netanyahu appeared on TV to highlight his success in preventing the deadly suicide bombings that bedeviled his predecessors and led to his election last year.

Shortly after the bombing, Arafat called Netanyahu to express his condolences, resulting in what Netanyahu spokesman Shai Bazak called a "tough conversation."

Later, at the emergency session of the Israeli Cabinet, Netanyahu said Palestinians' condolences were not enough: "What we expect is action."

One senior Israeli official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said Israel might resort to commando strikes or limited military offensives in Palestinian-controlled areas to try to stop the attacks.

Arafat, speaking in the West Bank city of Jericho shortly before declaring a state of emergency, said he "strongly and completely" condemns the violence, which he said "is not only aimed at Israelis but at the peace."

Arafat said he hoped Israel would not use the attacks as a pretext for further delays in peace talks, which collapsed in March over Israeli building into disputed territories and Israeli demands for a crackdown on Palestinian militants.

Israeli television reported that Arafat was expected to conduct mass arrests of Islamic militants in the West Bank and Gaza late Wednesday.

News reports said the two bombers apparently drove to the market together wearing black coats and white shirts — perhaps in an effort to look like ultra-Orthodox Jews. Each carried a briefcase packed with 22 pounds of explosives, police said.

"I heard the explosions one after another," said 65-year-old Simha Kadoori, speaking from a hospital bed after doctors removed a 1-inch black nail lodged in her chest. "I fell (and) saw blood on my chest."

Dozens of ambulances lined up along Jaffa Road, one of Jerusalem's busiest streets, to carry away the dead and injured. A 14-year-old boy was seen with a badly mangled leg, and rescue workers tried to revive a boy about 8 years old.

Half a corpse, ripped apart by the force of the blast, lay covered with a blanket — apparently one of the bombers.

Israeli TV said that beside the suicide bombers, eight men and four women were killed. Police identified two of the victims as David Nasco and Sammy Malka, both 44 years old and from the Jerusalem area.

Shopkeepers were ordered to close their stores while police searched for more explosives. Bomb squads picked up blackened screws and nails, packed into the bombs to increase their deadly impact.

Dozens of Israelis gathered near the site of the attack, and some shouted, "What kind of peace is this? Who needs this peace?"

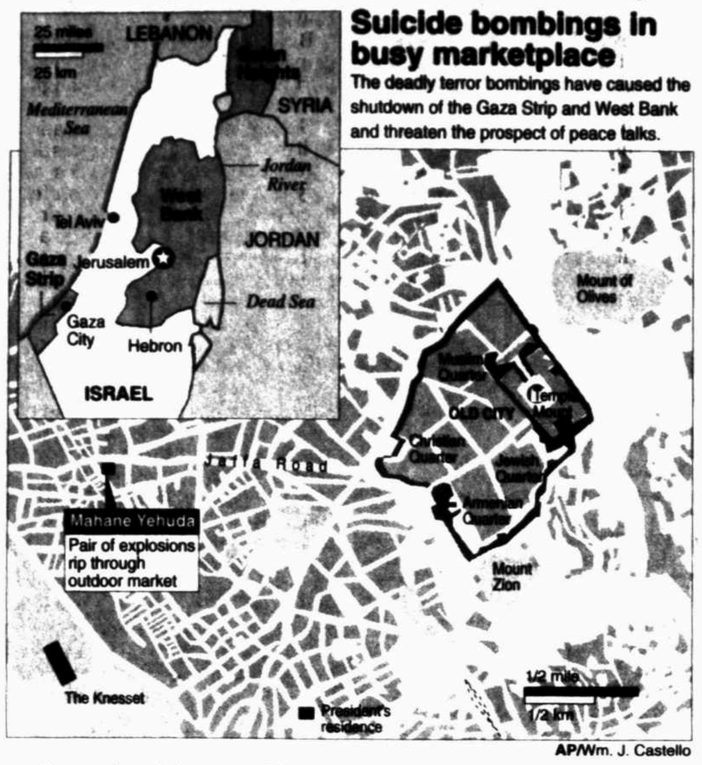
A leaflet signed by Hamas claimed responsibility and demanded the release of the group's jailed spiritual leader, Sheik Ahmed Yassin, and all other Palestinian prisoners.

The leaflet said the demands must be met by 9 p.m. Aug. 3, but did not say what would happen if they were not.

Sheik Abdel Aziz Rantisi, the No. 2 man in Hamas' political leadership, cast doubt on the claim's authenticity, saying "the tone of the leaflet is unusual."

Suicide bombings in busy marketplace

The deadly terror bombings have caused the shutdown of the Gaza Strip and West Bank and threaten the prospect of peace talks.



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House OKs budget-balancing bill; tax cut vote today

WASHINGTON (AP) — With President Clinton poised to sign his name, the House ended years of partisan deadlock Wednesday by overwhelmingly approving a bill aimed at balancing the budget by 2002. The measure would retool Medicare and spend billions generated by the hale economy for children's health and welfare.

In testament to the spoils it bore for both parties, lawmakers whipped the package through the House by a surprisingly one-sided 346-85 bipartisan margin. The measure was backed 193-32 by Republicans and 153-52 by Democrats; the one independent voted "no." House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., announced the vote from the speaker's chair, basking in a moment he helped create by leading the Republican takeover of Congress in the 1994 election.

The Senate was debating the same bill, which claims to save $130 billion over five years, and planned to pass it by today. Also today, both chambers plan to begin pushing the biggest tax cut since 1981 to Clinton, who is expected to sign both measures next week.

The tax measure reduces levies by $152 billion through 2002, establishing a $500 tax credit for millions of children, new credits and deductions for college students, lower capital-gains tax rates and a slew of savings incentives. It simultaneously raises $56 billion in other taxes, mostly on airline travelers and smokers.

The effort gives supporters from both parties a chance to claim credit for erasing federal red ink for the first time since 1969, even as the soaring economy by itself is pushing this year's deficit down toward $40 billion for the first time in 23 years.

"This bill says 'I love you' to our children," said Rep. Anne Northup, R-Ky., referring to future taxpayers' savings.

There were other victories for both parties. Republicans won tax cuts, spending restraints plus Clinton's support for Medicare savings similar to those that he bashed them for in the last election.

Democrats gained hope that their "tax-and-spend" label would be erased. They also captured a $24 billion initiative to provide health insurance for uncovered children, restored welfare benefits for thousands of legal immigrants, and added Medicare coverage for mammograms, prostate and colorectal cancer screening and some diabetes treatments.

But even liberals were split. House Minority Leader Dick Gephardt, D-Mo., was opposed but Sen. Edward M. Kennedy, D-Mass., said the measure "represents the most far-reaching step that Congress has ever taken to help the nation's children and the most far-reaching advance in health care since the enactment of Medicare and Medicaid a generation ago."

The foot-thick spending measure, born of months of talks between White House officials and congressional leaders, was not in final form until 3 a.m., after lawmakers added provisions reshaping federal aid to the District of Columbia.

Republican leaders were so eager to move the bill before opposition could crystallize that debate began before the nonpartisan Congressional Budget Office could sharpen its estimates of how much money would be saved and what annual deficits would be in the future. Democrats talked of hidden boobytraps.

"You'll come to regret what is hidden from the public," predicted Rep. David Obey, D-Wis.

Besides the $130 billion in benefit program savings, the measure orders another $140 billion cut from unspecified other programs over the next five years. These would jeopardize funds for everything from national parks to biomedical research, but final decisions on which programs would be hit will be made in future legislation.

PLANE: Pilots make overnight stop in Midland to refuel

(From 1A)

hoping to make the Sea Fury more popular in England."

Morgan and Noujaim, who are taking turns piloting the Sea Fury, stopped to refuel at Midland International Airport in their flight between Santa Rosa, Calif., and Galveston.

"We're putting the aeroplane on the boat in Galveston. And Midland is a good overnight stop between California and Galveston," Morgan said.

And Midland is home of Franz Weis' VDS Racing Inc. Engine Shop, which rebuilds Mercedes-Benz auto racing engines.

On Wednesday afternoon, Noujaim took Angel Wood, daughter of Franz and Kathy Weis, up for a flight in the Sea Fury.

"See, that's the rip cord," Noujaim said as he fitted Ms. Wood with the parachute. "Pull that and the grand piano comes out back, and you float down."

Once back to down to earth, Ms. Wood said the 30-minute adventure was wonderful.

Though built as a one-seater aircraft, this Sea Fury is fitted with a jump seat directly behind the pilot.

"The aeroplane lived in Santa Rosa, Calif., since 1971 when it was imported from Australia," said Morgan, who noted that the aircraft had served in the Royal Australian Navy and bears the navy's 1951 dark blue and light green color scheme and bright yellow spinner and propeller tips.

"It has been raced at Reno in the standard class for aeroplanes ever since 1971, except for one year," Morgan said, and won the races' "Silver" category last year.

The Sea Fury is powered by the Bristol Centaurus 18-cylinder air-cooled radial engine that drives a five-blade propeller and develops 2,750 horsepower at 2,700 rpm (revolution per minutes), Morgan said.

In addition to the Sea Fury, Hamilton owns a modified racing Sea Fury that is fitted with the almost 4,000 horsepower, 28-cylinder Pratt & Whitney Aircraft engine.

Propelled by the radial engine's five-blade propeller, the Sea Fury has a top speed close to 500 mph, or about 425 knots, and a cruise of 300 mph.

In performance, the Sea Fury is comparable to America's carrier-borne World War II Grumman Hellcat and Bearcat fighters, Morgan said.

The Sea Fury has a 38-foot, 5-inch wingspan and a 34-foot, 8-inch fuselage.

"The Bearcat is significantly lighter than the Sea Fury, because it was designed to go up from a carrier and protect the carrier, so it's got a relatively small amount of fuel," Morgan said. The Sea Fury, designed for greater range, will fly 750 miles on its internal fuel and is "slightly more powerful" that the standard Bearcat."

Morgan, who allowed that the Sea Fury is "a very nice-flying" aircraft, said that it and "the Bearcat are two of the ultimate piston-engine aircraft around."

Though powerful and agile, the Sea Fury "from a stability point of view" demands constant attention. "You always have to be flying the aeroplane," Morgan said. "You can't stop and look at the map for too long because you will suddenly find that you are off course and a lot lower or higher than you expected to be."

From Noujaim's viewpoint, the Sea Fury "is the closest piston (aircraft) to a jet I've flown. It doesn't have the push-rod system like the American engines. It's a very smooth engine, which attributes to its jet-like qualities. It's very agile."

Noujaim, who is taking a two-week holiday from the RAF, said "I love to fly it (the Sea Fury)."

PAY: MISD board OKs teacher raise

(From 1A)

teachers earn over the state minimum salary is dropping.

"Last year we were $1,100 above state base, this year we are $1,000 above state base," Martin said.

Teachers received an average 3 percent cost of living raise (the step increase) as part of the 5.5 percent raise. Auxiliary personnel also received a 3 percent cost of living raise.

Martin told board members that the 1996 inflation rate was 3.3 percent.

"This is where one of the problems lies," trustee James Fuller said. "Where are teachers gaining?

"I'm a teacher and I look at the hard of reality of purchasing power. To me this is not a raise."

Some feel a tax increase is the only way to solve the district's problem.

"We need to look seriously at raising taxes to do it (increase salaries), Fuller said Tuesday.

Buck echoed Fuller's sentiments. "I think the board has got to raise taxes. They don't have a choice," he said Wednesday. "I don't blame the board one bit for not wanting to raise taxes. But there hasn't been a tax increase in five years."

"I assume we would not raise the tax rate," Martin told the Reporter-Telegram Wednesday. "I think it could be done without raising taxes."

"We are trying to stay within the tax rate, with the only increase being for new debt," Baressi said.

"We are progressively becoming less competitive," Fuller said. "The community has to be prepared to accept the consequences."

Buck said that Midland teachers with 21 years of experience go for four years without an increase in pay. "My recommendation is that we put at least $300 between those steps."

Board members agreed with Buck and are considering the $300 additional increase. They will decide on it at their next meeting.

Martin estimated it would cost the district an additional $140,000 to implement the $300 per step raise for those years. This is a revision from a previous estimate of $360,000 because it takes into account teachers who will be retiring.

Board members allowed for an increase in the money that teachers can put into an annuity plan, which Martin compared to a 401(k) retirement plan.

Previously, teachers were allowed to contribute 2.6 percent of their gross salary to the fund. For the next two years, teachers will be allowed to contribute up to 3 percent of their gross salary to the annuity.

Buck said the increase in the annuity was "very important" for teachers to be able to retire comfortably.

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Charles, Diana maneuvering for British prime minister's approval

By Bernard Kaplan
Hearst News Service

LONDON — Prince Charles and his ex-wife, Diana, are furiously maneuvering against each other to win the support of Britain's new prime minister, Tony Blair.

Charles, who has established what his aides describe as an "easy rapport" with the government chief, seems to be winning. But the cagey Blair has also gone out of his way to praise the princess for her "good works."

The controversial heir to Britain's 1,000-year-old monarchy is said to be convinced that Blair, whose radically modernized Labor Party won an overwhelming victory in parliamentary elections May 1, is likely remain prime minister for at least 15 years.

So the prince and his advisers are betting he'll be running the country when the times comes for Charles to succeed his 70-year-old mother, Queen Elizabeth II.

The prince and the prime minister share similar views on issues like the need to overhaul Britain's poor public educational system drastically, attack urban blight and close the still-widening gap between the better-off and the underprivileged.

They have met so often recently to discuss such problems that Britain's conservative weekly, the Spectator, recently warned Charles not to become too closely identified with Blair and the Labor government. The magazine suggested that if he went much further, he might compromise the bipartisan nature of Britain's constitutional monarchy.

However, Richard Coreys, a retired Tory politician, said Charles and Blair are both "moderate social democrats in their political and social thinking. 7/8 Charles does not share the right-wing views of many in the aristocracy and never has. So they have a great deal in common."

In addition, the prince is trying to ensure that Blair gives no support to growing sentiment within his own party and in the nation generally to replace the monarchy with a republic, Coreys said.

"If Blair remains in office for a decade or more, he will obviously exert an enormous influence over the question of whether Britain

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should be turned into a republic, as perhaps half of the population now favors. No one knows this better than Charles."

But even if the republican movement is thwarted, the prince's personal future may be in doubt.

Many in this country who support the monarchy also want him to step aside. And there is strong feeling that his position would become untenable if he insists on marrying his lover, Camilla Parker Bowles, widely considered to be the cause of the royal divorce.

On this matter, Blair is cautious. This week he strongly denied the claim in a newly published book by a former Labor Party insider, Derek Draper, that the prime minister is agreeable to a marriage between Charles and Parker Bowles.

Blair pointedly declared that the prince would need to "win the support of the people" if he sought to remarry.

George Hopkinson, a specialist on British constitutional questions, noted that because of Charles' adultery and divorce, opposition to his becoming king is widespread. "Whoever is prime minister at the critical moment could compel the prince to renounce the throne in the national interest," Hopkinson said.

If that happened, 14-year-old Prince William, the elder son of Charles and Diana, would replace him — sweet revenge for Diana, who has publicly dismissed her ex-spouse as unfit to be king. As the mother of the king, her power would be enhanced.

According to royalty watchers, this explains Diana's bid to establish a close personal relationship with Blair and, especially, his influential wife, Cherie. The princess, who seldom saw Blair's predecessor, Tory John Major, except on rare formal occasions, has dined twice with the couple since the election and lunched alone with Cherie Blair once.

"They hit it off pretty well," according to Selena West-Carpenter, a royal biographer. "They're all of the same generation and see things in much the same way. When Diana met Major and his wife, there were long pauses in the conversation. They really had nothing to say to each other."

Blair has responded to the princess's overtures by lauding her self-styled role as a "roving ambassador" in behalf of good causes.

In an interview this week with the mass circulation London Daily Mirror, the prime minister called her "crusade" to ban the manufacture and sale of land mines, as well as her many charitable engagements, as "very important work that earns her respect and admiration around the world."

He said Diana "should be allowed to carry on the work she is doing" — thus implicitly criticizing those who have demanded she quit the limelight now that she is no longer officially a royal highness.

Blair's praise for her was particularly noteworthy because it came after she had attracted unfavorable comment in the media and royal circles for accepting a Mediterranean holiday aboard the yacht of a controversial tycoon, Mohammed Al-Fayed.

The businessman, who owns the famous Harrods department store in London and the Ritz Hotel in Paris, has been involved in several British political scandals and has been refused British citizenship for reasons that have never been disclosed.

Diana briefly interrupted her cruise on Al-Fayed's yacht to attend a memorial service in Milan for the slain Italian fashion designer Gianni Versace — a gesture that also drew some accusations here that she is too close to jet-set society.

"By blowing the whistle on her detractors, Blair signaled that she remains in good standing," said West-Carpenter. "He was saying, in effect, that it would be unwise for anyone to count her out just yet."

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Mauro won't say, but he's running

While we are prone to agree with Lt. Gov. Bob Bullock's assertion that a challenge by Land Commissioner Garry Mauro to the re-election of popular Gov. George W. Bush would be "almost a kamikaze," Mauro's entrance into the governor's race would certainly make the race more interesting.

Bush, who unseated Gov. Ann Richards during the 1994 gubernatorial election after her first term in office, literally taught the "old dogs" in the Texas Legislature new tricks about how to put aside partisan bickering to work for the good of Texas.

As a result of his willingness to work with legislators from both sides of the aisle to achieve results, Bush has earned wide respect of Texans of all political stripes. What's more, he has been mentioned for months as presidential timber and although he has not ruled out seeking the presidency — and following in the footsteps of his father, President George H.W. Bush — the governor has made it clear that the only office he is interested in now is the one he occupies.

Mauro, on the other hand, has made it known for years that he eventually wants to reside in the Governor's Mansion. During the four terms he has served as land commissioner, nagging questions have followed Mauro around although he has seemed to waltz away from the political fallout from them. Recently, Mauro has been traveling throughout the state touting a book he wrote entitled, "Beaches, Bureaucrats, and Big Oil" that seemed to remove all doubt he will be a Democratic candidate for governor in next year's election.

But Mauro still hasn't said he'll attempt to oust Bush, only that he will announce his plans this fall.

We think he'll run and that definitely will make the gubernatorial election more interesting. But we also think — as does Bullock — that Mauro may be biting off more than he can chew by taking on Bush.

Another View

Students in colleges despite higher costs

Students in Texas and the 14 other Southern Regional Education Board states are pursuing college educations in record numbers, despite increasing costs and having to shoulder more of the financial burden.

Over the past 20 years, according to the latest edition of the SREB "Fact Book on Higher Education," tuition and fee increases have exceeded inflation by a large margin.

At public universities, the increases approached 80 percent when adjusted for inflation. At public two-year colleges, the increases were more than 80 percent.

But tuition and fees are only a fraction of college costs. Six out of every 10 families have been substantially impacted by rising college costs. It now takes an additional 5 percent of their annual incomes to cover costs at a four-year college.

Despite rising college costs, enrollment numbers keep rising. Texas and the other SREB states comprise only 35 percent of the nation's population. Yet students attending the universities in Texas and those states have accounted for more than 50 percent of the nation's growth in higher education over the past decade. Other regional trends:

- Forty percent of all students are over age 25.
- Twenty-nine percent in four-year colleges are part-time.
- Women outnumber men among undergraduate (56 percent) and graduate (55 percent) students.

College education and the higher education campuses that provide this valuable resource are vital to successful competitiveness for citizens and their states. Yet our colleges have become increasingly strained financially, despite the fact that more of the financial burden is being passed on to and shouldered by students and their families.

— The Lubbock Avalanche-Journal

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Cal Thomas

Contributor considers White House 'subway'

One of the Democratic Party's biggest campaign donors during the last election cycle, Johnny Chien Chuen Chung, has told the Los Angeles Times that he personally handed a $50,000 check to the First Lady's then-chief of staff, Margaret Williams — this in response to requests for "help" from aides to Hillary Rodham Clinton.

Thomas

Saying he was seeking special treatment for himself and a delegation of visiting Chinese businessmen, Chung says he was asked to help defray the cost of a White House Christmas reception that had been billed to the Democratic National Committee. Chung's version of events directly contradicts Clinton Administration accounts that claim "at no time" did anyone solicit contributions from Chung."

In the latest example that these White House occupants hung out a "for sale" sign, Chung said, "I see the White House is like a subway: You have to put in coins to open the gates." An administration that regards the White House as the people's house and the presidency as something other than the divine right of political kings would not invite such cynicism. But a prostitute cares little about the background or motives of a customer, so long as the john comes up with the cash.

President Clinton, himself, has vouched for Williams, who he claimed played a "completely passive role" in relaying what he alleges was an unsolicited donation check to the DNC. But Chung says most of his contributions were solicited by DNC Finance Director Richard Sullivan and other DNC officials. Chung gave $366,000 between mid-1994 and November 1996, all of which was returned because the DNC wasn't certain that the source of the money was Chung rather than the Chinese businessmen Chung represented.

While Chung was described in a now-famous National Security Council memorandum as a "hustler," that didn't stop him from being admitted to the White House, any more than pimps are kept out of bordellos. A pimp's job is to produce "clients" and Johnny Chung was pimping for the Clinton-Gore reelection drive. Twenty of his 49 visits to the White House came after the NSC warned about his character flaws.

Chung told the Times, "Johnny Chung's not promoting the policy interests of some foreign government; he's promoting Johnny Chung. That's not a crime. It's the American way."

Not exactly. If Maggie Williams and/or the First Lady solicited a contribution for a political cause while on federal property, that's a violation of the Hatch Act, which criminalizes such activity. Chung claims it was Williams who came up with the idea about paying for the White House Christmas reception, which he claims another aide, Evan Ryan, told him cost $80,000.

White House officials confirm that Chung came to Mrs. Clinton's office on March 8 and 9, 1995, that Williams did receive a $50,000 check from Chung in the White House and that Chung was seeking admittance for himself and the Chinese businessmen to sit in on the president's radio address. And they say that Williams may have arranged lunch and a photo with Mrs. Clinton. But they deny soliciting the money.

When one is left with a choice of believing the Clinton White House, which regularly backtracks and dissembles about almost everything associated with ethical behavior, and Johnny Chung, who views the White House as a subway turnstile, it is clear that Bill Clinton's promise to make his the most ethical administration in history is not going to be realized.

Since Chung has refused to testify before the Senate Governmental Affairs Committee unless he is granted immunity, the public may never get the chance to hear, under oath, a full accounting of Chung's "subway" journeys. But if this isn't enough to persuade a fair-minded person that this White House has been turned into a house of ill repute, consider this.

Chung's attorney, Brian Sun, says that just one month ago, while the DNC was returning his client's donations, Chung received an invitation to join the president and vice president for a Broadway fund-raiser in New York. Chung declined, but the invitation shows that after its derailment, the White House "subway" and the turnstiles necessary to reach it, appear to be back in operation.

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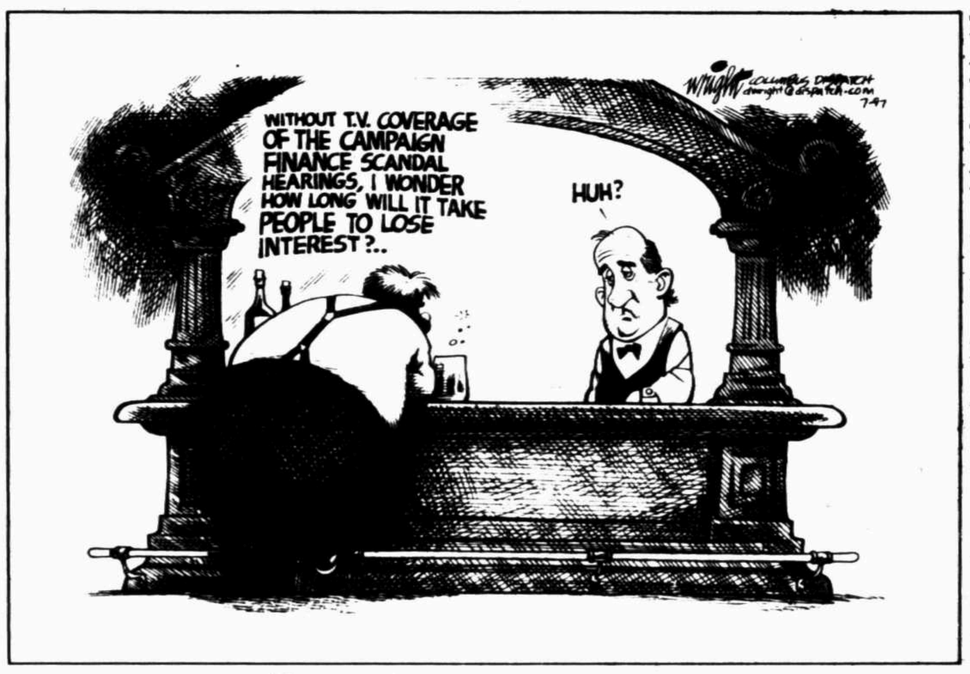

George Will

In baseball, not politics, backward thinking is OK

SAN DIEGO—Tony Gwynn, although having one of the better seasons in baseball history, recently endured a 5-for-28 mini-slump against 16 pitchers during six games in six days in four time zones. (You think the achievements of earlier eras were somehow more impressive?) Then Gwynn used the fourth pitch he saw here at home to restore normality.

Will

On a two-and-one count in the first inning, Pittsburgh's pitcher thought he would be safe if he kept the ball out of the strike zone. Silly him. Gwynn jerked a low-and-inside sinker into right field for a single. Gwynn swings at many pitches out of the strike zone "because I know I can handle them." He handled another pitch that night, producing his 47th multi-hit game in 96 games, the 826th of 2,042 games in his 15-year career.

At 6 p.m. the next night, 90 minutes before game time, he sits in the clubhouse, half-dressed in his game uniform and more than halfway through a workday that began with early afternoon batting practice to correct the flaw that had driven his average down to a still-stratospheric .385. Reading the marks his feet made in the batter's box, he knew he had not been getting his front foot down properly. In fluent Gwynnspeak he explains that when his mechanics unravel, "my hands come forward too soon," "my upper body drifts forward," "my front foot floats. ..."

Before he peels off his number 19 jersey this night he will have his 827th multi-hit game and hits 2,711 and 2,712. He started the season ranked 66th on the all-time career hit list. Any day now he will move past Gehrig into 44th place, heading toward the 3,000-hit brotherhood.

In his clubhouse space this night is a pile of Sports Illustrateds, hot off the press with a cover photograph of him completing a swing, his eyes following the ball where he frequently flicks it, through the "5.5 hole," between third and short (the 5 and 6 positions, if you are keeping score). SI's cover proclaims: "Baseball's Best Hitter Since Ted Williams." San Diegans, who know that if Gwynn played in New York he would be baseball's biggest star, think: Nice of you to notice.

SI's Tom Verducci, a masterful sifter of statistics, notes that, measuring Gwynn's .339 career average against the .261 average of all major-leaguers during his career, his differential of .0789 is the sixth best ever, behind Cobb (.1029), Williams, Hornsby, Lajoie and Keeler. Against the best pitcher of his era, Greg Maddux, Gwynn's career average is .459. Since 1995 he is hitting .425 with runners in scoring position. Can he become the first since Williams in 1941 to hit .400? The night the 1994 strike started Gwynn was an effortless 3-for-4, ending that truncated season at .394.

There is a paradox in the glittering performances of Gwynn and others. Maddux recently required just 78 pitches for a complete-game victory. The Mariners' Randy Johnson recently achieved history's second-best mark over a 50 decision span—44-6. The Yankees' brilliant 23-year-old Derek Jeter may never be the American League's best shortstop, so gifted is the Mariners' 22-year-old Alex Rodriguez. Baseball is unlike politics, education, popular culture and much else. Baseball is going against the grain of contemporary America by maintaining high quality. Yet some of baseball's owners are suffering a crisis of confidence in their product.

They are scrambling for gimmicks to entice customers who, these owners evidently think, cannot be attracted, as fans always have been, by what baseball alone among the professional sports has—more than a century of continuity that enables fans to savor Gwynn's greatness through meaningful comparisons with distant predecessors. These owners are threatening to rip the fabric of this most traditional sport by a stunning miscalculation.

Believing that this year's novelty of interleague play boosted attendance because of regional rivalries, they propose radical realignment of the teams, obliterating the identities of the National and American Leagues by creating geographic divisions. Here is one proposed division: Cubs, White Sox, Brewers, Twins, Cardinals, Royals, Rangers, Astros. With competition for the sports fans' dollar increasingly intense—the first NFL preseason game comes six weeks after the last NBA championship game—why does baseball contemplate jettisoning the traditionalism that makes it distinctive? Does it really want to become just another in the blur of constantly changing entertainment choices?

In baseball, unlike in, say, politics, it is not disheartening to compare the present and the past. Gwynn compares with Stan Musial more reassuringly than, say, President Clinton compares with President Truman, or Speaker Gingrich compares with Speaker Henry Clay. So real fans, who understand how much the enjoyment of baseball derives from today's game being a linear extension of the game's past, should say to intrusive owners: "Down in front. Number 19 is on deck."

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Art Buchwald

You can trust Swiss banks to do the right thing

The recent revelation that the Swiss banks had found millions of dollars belonging to victims of the Holocaust made me realize what great shape Swiss accounting has been in for over half a century.

Buchwald

I am familiar with Swiss banks and always visit them when I am in Zurich and Geneva because Willie Sutton of bank robber fame told me that's where the money is.

Even though the Swiss people have faults like everyone else, I always assumed that they never made mistakes when it came to keeping track of every last franc. No bank employee is allowed to eat any Swiss chocolate until the books are balanced. Tellers are revered and presented with Rolex watches every time they open a new numbered account.

I remember meeting the head of the Gross Swiss Bank at the Palace Hotel in St. Moritz. He was arguing with a waiter over a six centime charge on a cup of hot chocolate.

He told me, "When one is a Swiss banker, one can't be too careful. Little mistakes lead to big mistakes, ad infinitum, until you have to hire an American public relations firm to explain why you made so many blunders."

I said, "I read where you just found eleven million dollars belonging to depositers who are no longer with us. How did this happen?"

"Our executive president put the decimal point in the wrong place. For years we thought it was eleven dollars. You have to give us credit for finding it after all this time."

"I do," I assured him. "That's why I enjoy doing business with the Gross Swiss Bank. What do you plan to do with the newfound money?"

"We intend to see that it goes to its rightful owners."

"Pray tell," I said. "What happens when the rightful owner is no more?"

"It's never happened. People with numbered bank accounts never fail to show up."

"Suppose they don't. Suppose somebody did something nasty to them?"

"Then we would have to put their money in a Christmas Club Account where they could earn three percent interest. If you can't trust a Swiss banker, who can you trust?"

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Environment beats heredity in determining intelligence

NEW YORK (AP) — Nurture edges out nature in determining a person's IQ, according a new study that also finds a surprisingly important role for prenatal development in shaping human intelligence.

In an analysis combining more than 200 earlier studies, statisticians concluded that genes account for 48 percent of the factors that determine IQ.

That's less than most psychologists would estimate, said study author Bernie Devlin, and far enough below the figure cited by the controversial 1994 book "The Bell Curve" to undercut its authors' main conclusions.

"That number is way too small for their arguments to be of any great consequence," said Devlin, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine.

Devlin's study, conducted with Michael Daniels and Kathryn Roeder of Pittsburgh's Carnegie Mellon University, also found that conditions during prenatal development significantly affect a person's intelligence. That suggests that inadequate prenatal care may explain why poorer people and blacks generally score lower on IQ tests.

"Our study gives credence to that idea, and that in fact is something that people should be concerned about," Devlin said. "Poor prenatal care may have a negative impact on IQ."

He and his colleagues report their findings in Thursday's issue of the journal Nature.

The statisticians combined the results of 212 earlier studies that compared the IQs of twins, siblings or parents and their children. Then the researchers constructed a set of statistical models, or predictions, to determine which one best fit the accumulated data.

The best-fitting model was one that included genetic effects, environmental effects such as being raised in the same or different households and prenatal conditions.

Many of the 212 earlier studies had found a strong genetic component to intelligence by showing that identical twins raised apart have remarkably similar IQs. But the new study weakens that conclusion somewhat by showing that fraternal twins — who are different genetically — also have more similar IQs than siblings.

The mere fact that they occupy the same womb at the same time accounts for 20 percent of the similarity between twins, decreasing the relative significance of genes. Even for siblings who aren't twins, being carried by the same mother at different times explains 5 percent of the similarity in IQ.

"The implication would be that the in-utero environment has a profound effect on IQ in the general population," said University of Minnesota psychologist Matt McGue. "It will stimulate people to think about prenatal factors in a way they hadn't before."

It is already well-known that drinking or smoking during pregnancy can cause decreased IQ in children, and that exposure to lead in the womb can also lead to lower intelligence. There may be other prenatal factors that are important as well, Devlin said.

McGue said the study casts doubt on the main hypothesis of "The Bell Curve." The book, by the late Harvard University professor Richard Herrnstein and political analyst Charles Murray, argues that the continued intermarriage of highly intelligent, well-educated people will lead to the development of a two-tiered American society — one rich and smart, the other poor and dumb.

But that can't come to pass, Devlin and his colleagues argue, because intelligence depends too little on genes. Even the 48 percent number overestimates the influence of a parent's "intelligence" genes, he explained, because in every person synergistic effects arise from the mixing of both parents' genes. Those synergistic effects account for about 14 percent of IQ, bringing the true inherited component down to 34 percent.

Murray said in a telephone interview that he and Herrnstein had assumed in "The Bell Curve" that genes account for 40 percent to 80 percent of intelligence. But he disputed the charge that their argument depends on a connection between genes and intelligence.

Even if parents pass intelligence to their children through nurture, education and other environmental means, Murray said, a two-tiered system will develop.

"The big misconception about 'The Bell Curve' is that it's about genes. It's not. It's about the role of IQ in shaping social outcomes," he said.

Senate passes tuna compromise

WASHINGTON (AP) — After seven years of only "dolphin-safe" tuna on grocery shelves, consumers may soon see tuna cans with no such promise under a measure the Senate passed 99-0 Wednesday.

The bill would lift the embargo on imports of tuna from the Eastern Pacific, but tuna caught there with huge nets that can encircle dolphins could not carry the dolphin-safe label until proved safe.

Under the bipartisan compromise, the secretary of Commerce would make a preliminary determination in March 1999 on whether new net-fishing methods — which have greatly improved dolphin safety since the embargo was imposed in 1990 — protect the mammals sufficiently to warrant the label.

Sen. Barbara Boxer, D-Calif., pressed for the compromise after the House in May passed a measure 262-166 to lift the embargo and immediately label the new imports "dolphin-safe" without the study the Senate would require.

"I feel good today because I know that consumers can continue to rely on the 'dolphin-safe' label for at least 18 more months, and that means fewer dolphins will die," Boxer said.

The House will likely accept the Senate's version, said Dan Walsh, legislative director for Rep. Wayne Gilchrest, R-Md., who sponsored the House bill.

"We think the compromise is worse than the House bill, but apparently it's the best we're going to get from the Senate, so we'll take it," Walsh said.

Under the Senate version, it would be up to consumers to determine whether to stick with tuna labeled "dolphin-safe" — the only kind now available — or buy fish without the label.

A final decision by the Commerce secretary, either confirming or reversing the March 1999 ruling, is due by Dec. 31, 2002.

The close connection between dolphins and schools of tuna occurs mainly in the tropical eastern Pacific Ocean. The 1990 embargo was imposed after the huge encircling purse-seine nets were blamed for the deaths of hundreds of thousands of dolphins a year.

But fishing methods with the nets, including deployment under the dolphins, have vastly improved, said Annie Petsonk of the Environmental Defense Fund.

Twelve countries, including the United States, signed the Declaration of Panama in October 1995 that limited total annual dolphin kills through net fishing to 5,000.

The other 11 countries — Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, France, Honduras, Mexico, Panama, Spain, Vanuatu and Venezuela — had contended the U.S. embargo was an unfair barrier to the lucrative American market.

"I think at the end we are seeing a good result," Carlos Camacho, Mexico's deputy minister of fisheries, said in an interview in Washington. "We needed the United States, which was committed to the Declaration of Panama, to change its legislation."

One third of Mexico's tuna fleet already fishes dolphin-safe, Boxer said.

The issue has sharply divided the environmental community.

Critics say a designation of dolphin-safe doesn't ensure that all individual dolphins are being protected.

"Dolphin-safe for the average consumer means it's safe for each and every dolphin," said John Fitzgerald of Friends of the Earth. "It turns dolphin-safe from a green label to a green lie.,"

However, groups including Greenpeace and the Center for Marine Conservation support changing the dolphin protection policy, arguing the Senate legislation will lead to increased international protection of dolphins by the tuna industry.

"This is a victory for dolphin, the marine ecosystem and consumers," said Roger McManus, president of the Center for Marine Conservation. He said by the United States lifting the import ban, countries with large tuna fleets in the eastern Pacific will comply with new international efforts to protect dolphins.

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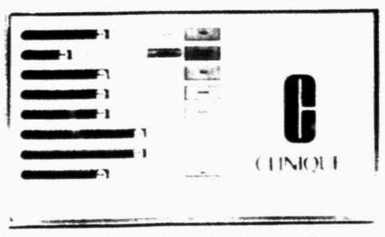

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For more information, call 685-4553.

Philately fun

The U.S. Postal Service is planning special stamp cancellations this week. The General Mail Facility at air terminal in Midland is offering American Classic Doll Stamp cancellation 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday. In conjunction with the cancellation, there will be balloon animals and a coloring contest for children 3-12. There will be two winners in each of four age categories. Girls will win a sheet of doll stamps and a stamp T-shirt and boys will win a sheet of dinosaur stamps and a toy dinosaur. In honor of the first anniversary of the opening of Odessa's Parker House Museum, U.S. Postal Service officials are to unveil a pictorial cancellation Friday at the museum, 1118 Maple Ave. Postal clerks will sell stamps and cancel envelopes 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Postmaster Guadalupe Ramirez said the special stamp will be available at the main and northeast stations through August.

Patsy Cline

ODESSA — The musical "Always ... Patsy Cline" is to open today at Permian Playhouse, 310 W. 42nd St., for a four-day engagement. The musical is based on the true story of a woman named Louise Seger who met Ms. Cline in 1957 and continued a friendship with the country music star until her death. The show interweaves two dozen of Ms. Cline's songs through a 90-minute monologue that covers Ms. Cline's musical and professional career. The show, which is produced by the Amarillo Little Theatre, will be onstage at 8 p.m. today through Saturday and at 2:30 p.m. Sunday. For reservations call 1-915-362-2329 or 550-5456.

TODAY'S AGENDA

For information on checking out books, library hours and how to get a library card, call the Midland County Library Information Line, on CITYLINE, 560-2400, Category 7100.

The Permian Basin Stamp Club will meet at the General Mail Facility, Midland International Airport, 7:30 p.m. The public is welcome. For more information, call Mike Cherrington at 699-0202.

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

Share Success-Basics of Goal Setting, Mr. Gatti's (party room 1), 3205 W. Cuthbert Ave, noon, 570-4533.

Survivors Group for Sexual Abuse, Rape, Incest Victims, 6 p.m., Glenwood Hospital, 3300 South FM 1788, 563-1200.

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

Blacksheep A.A. group, 8 p.m., Glenwood Hospital, 3300 S. FM 1788, Info. 563-1200.

Optimist Club of Midland, noon, Best Western Sidewalk Cafe.

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

Project ADAM (Alternatives to Domestic Assault for Men) - Support group, 6:30-9:30 p.m., 986-8428 or 520-0277.

Midland Gem and Mineral Society, 7 p.m., Sibley Center by SE entrance of Hogan Park. Call 686-7442.

Parents Anonymous, 7 p.m., for location and other information, 520-2282.

Survivors of Homicide Support Group, 7:30 p.m., second-floor classroom at law-enforcement building, 400 S. Main St., 688-8909.

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Grand jury studying border shooting

■ Panel considers evidence, testimony Wednesday; to continue Aug. 14.

By Eduardo Montes
Associated Press

EL PASO — Two months after Esequiel Hernandez Jr. died on a rainswept hill on the border, a grand jury began debating whether charges are warranted against any of the Marines involved in his shooting.

But the panel took no action Wednesday after a day spent listening to testimony from seven witnesses and reviewing lab results, photographs and videotapes. The grand jury will return Aug. 14 to continue in the case.

Presidio County District Attorney Albert Valadez said he did not present any federal witnesses at the proceedings in Marfa, and would have to issue about eight new subpoenas, apparently for officials from U.S. agencies.

Hernandez

"Usually we pick up the phone and get their cooperation," Valadez said without elaborating. "The subpoenas were not to their standards. We're going to do them again the way the federal government wants us to do them."

The shooting has drawn criticism about the growing militarization along the U.S.-Mexico border and has also prompted military officials to review the use of troops for drug interdiction efforts. They have suspended operations similar to the one that resulted in Hernandez's death.

The panel convened Wednesday morning to begin hearing evidence, including some that civilian authorities have said does not seem to support the military's version of the events that led to Hernandez's slaying.

The grand jury's actions could range from a murder indictment to a no-bill, which means no charges will be filed.

Defense attorney Jack Zimmermann, who is representing Cpl. Clemente Banuelos, said no charges are warranted. "This was a tragedy, but not a criminal act," he said.

Hernandez, an 18-year-old high school student from Redford, was fatally shot May 20 after crossing paths with a four-man Marine surveillance team conducting an anti-drug mission on the border at the request of the Border Patrol.

Military officials contend Hernandez fired twice at the Marines with a .22-cal-

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Weapons seized from suspected gang members were on display Wednesday at the landlords' training program presented by the Midland Police Department.

Landlords learn to crack down on criminal tenants

By Rick Lopez
Staff Writer

Criminals who victimize the apartment complex where they live are difficult subjects to apprehend, but preventing them from repeating the crime at the same rental property is a challenge, police told local apartment managers Wednesday.

"When I was on patrol, we had an incredible amount of criminal activity running rampant in rental property," Detective Cass Jenkins said. "We would take the person to jail for a criminal offense, and they would be back the next day after they bonded out ... doing the same thing.

"They were still committing criminal acts within their apartment complex. The management did not know what to do," he said. "We're trying to address this problem because the manager has an enormous amount of authority and discretion to remove someone from that property. We can't evict someone — that is not our job. Our job is to enforce the law."

Midland apartment managers completed training Wednesday with the MPD's Landlord Training Program, which gave them a new lease on apartment living.

The program, Jenkins explained, was created in the 1990s in Portland, Ore., by apartment residents who were fed up with rogue tenants. It proved to be such a great success that Austin police officials got word of the program a couple of years ago. After he attended seminars in Austin and Tucson, Ariz., in mid-1996, Jenkins brought the program to the attention of Midland authorities. After gaining approval from police administration, City Council and the Midland Apartment Association, the program was launched locally Wednesday at Police Department headquarters.

"Our mission is to keep illegal activity out of rental property," Jenkins said. "What I'd like to see is police go to a certain complex, arrest a couple of people for some criminal offense, ... and if we have a good working relationship with the management, begin to evict these folks from the property."

He added that approximately 70 apartment complexes,

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Proposed MHMC budget contains no tax increase

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

There are no tax or rate increases in Memorial Hospital and Medical Center's proposed budget, which was presented Wednesday to the Midland County Hospital District's board of directors.

For the fourth consecutive year the proposed budget does not include room rate increases, said Larry Sanz, vice president and chief financial officer for MHMC.

If accepted by the board, the next fiscal year will be the sixth in a row without an increase in the ad valorem taxes collected by the hospital.

More than $7 million is collected annually from these property taxes and is now used exclusively for the care of the county's indigent population — some of which receive medical care at the new Florida Avenue outreach clinic in south Midland.

There is only one payment remaining on the general obligation bonds that were authorized by the voters in 1977, said Laurie Johnson, director of public relations for the hospital.

These bonds were passed to pay for expansion of the hospital when the hospital district was first established.

After this final payment is made, there will be no outstanding general obligation bond debt for the hospital. The hospital still executes revenue bonds to provide adequate supplies of liquid capital, but these are not paid through tax dollars and fall under the business operation of the institution.

The current expansion projects at the hospital are being funded by the hospital, with assistance from the state and from donations for such portions of the expansion as the new pediatric ward.

On Aug. 22-24, MHMC surgery functions will be moving into the new surgery center constructed on the top floor of the expansion wing facing Garfield Street, said Harold Rubin, president and chief executive officer for the hospital.

The new pediatric and orthopedic surgery areas are on schedule for completion by Sept. 12, Rubin said.

These new pediatric rooms are covered under the daily rate that is the only one to be changed in the proposed bud-

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Texas deficit hawks caution Congress its work not done

WASHINGTON (AP) — As an unusually unified Congress marched in bipartisan fashion towards passage of sweeping legislation committing to a balanced budget by 2002, some Texans in Congress warned Wednesday the task isn't done.

"I think, on balancing the budget, that it is important to remember an adage that Abraham Lincoln used to be fond of," Sen. Phil Gramm, R-Texas, said in a floor speech Wednesday. "Abraham Lincoln once said 'The hen is the wisest of all birds. She never cackles until the egg is laid.'"

Added Gramm: "I hope our colleagues are as committed to living up to this budget as they are to adopting it."

Similar caution was voiced by House deficit hawks.

One committed balanced-budget supporter, Rep. Charles Stenholm, D-Stamford, said he would hold off on popping the champagne corks until the budget actually is balanced. That said, he added: "This is a tremendous step for the future of our country."

The legislation, laboriously crafted by congressional Republicans and the White House, claims to cut future spend-

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Home Depot

Ken Paul, store manager, left, and Bob Penn, district manager, hold the ceremonial board as Mike Harrell, Midland Chamber of Commerce, cuts through it to open Home Depot on Loop 250. As part of the opening day ceremonies, Home Depot donated $5,000 to High Sky Children's Ranch. The store will open its doors to the public this morning. This is the chain's 559th store to be opened in the United States and Canada since Home Depot started 20 years ago.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

ED TODD

Patience and persistence get us out of the rut — for a while

Muddy rut. Who hasn't been in one? Probably no one. This fellow has been in ruts deep and narrow and meandering from time to time.

The first time known to this fellow's memory, at least for now, was early into the 1940s on an old, muddy, blackland country road between Lake Creek and Pacio in Delta County just below the Sulphur River.

Todd

Daddy was driving the family's 1936 Ford-black Chevrolet sedan. And that rascal, which seemed to always give Daddy fits, especially when he tried to crank it up, got stuck smack-dab in middle of the road.

As people do when they are in a muddy rut, Dad put that Chevy into first gear, revved up the six-cylinder engine, and spun the wheels. Then he shifted into reverse and back into first gear in hopes that any rocking motion would almost miraculously sail the car and family out of trouble.

In that predicament, the mud flew all over tarnation and especially onto the undercarriage and backside. And the smell of rubber, fuel, heat and black mud alarmed everybody within the engine's revving range.

Now Daddy, who was a practical man despite his schoolteacher idealism, came upon a solution that proved to be unpopular, at least for awhile.

Granddaddy — who lived just down the road — or any of the other neighbors would have been happy to help another fellow out of a bind.

But Daddy didn't walk down the road to call upon Granddaddy and his old Farmall tractor to chain-pull the car out of the mud. He didn't seek out a neighbor's Popping Johnny John Deere tractor or Jay Gentry's team of mules.

No, sir.

Now Mother, whom Daddy called Maurice, was prone to worry as a dutiful housewife and mother of two boys. (Another son would arrive in 1946).

Now, the dialogue that ensued doesn't come to mind right now. But it was clearly there and probably dwelt on the "why" of getting stuck in the first place and "how," if ever, are you going to get out of this mess and "when"?

The parents were gentle and kindly souls. And Daddy, who was accustomed to commanding classrooms and running rural schools could tell you "how the cow ate the cabbage," which was straightaway.

Dear Mother, glowing with her wonderful anxiety, was excited in a concerned sort of way and expressed her sentiments.

Daddy knew that the world wasn't going to suddenly end even if the old Chevy stayed stuck for a week or until the rain stopped and creeks dried up along with the road. Mother wasn't so sure.

So, Daddy, in contemplating a solution, suggested that Mother and the boys get out of the automobile to somewhat lighten the load.

That accomplished, Mother and sons moved clear of the car and what would be flying chunks and streams of black, sticky East Texas mud.

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POLICE REPORTS

Child abuse

ODESSA —An Odessa woman told police Wednesday that her two daughters, 2 and 5, were sexually assaulted.

Officials said medical examinations were conducted on the two girls. The Odessa Police Department, based on the results, has initiated an investigation.

It was unknown Wednesday who the perpetrators were or when the incident occurred. An investigation continues.

The girls remained in their mother's custody late Wednesday, officials said.

Midland Police Department
Tuesday

Burglary of a vehicle: Jaime Marquez said a chainsaw was taken at 306 E. Pine Ave. It was reported at 7:30 a.m.

Burglary of a habitation: Ruth Eshom reported a residential break-in from 1902 Midland Drive. It was reported at 10:30 p.m.

Theft: A carton of cigarettes were taken from 4517 N. Midland Drive. It was reported at 9:05 p.m.

Theft: Charlene Hicks reported checks were taken at 402 E. Magnolia Ave. It was reported at noon.

Wednesday

Burglary of a habitation: A residential break-in was reported from 1411 N. Lamesa Road. It was reported at 3:07 a.m. Nothing was missing.

Theft: A 1996 Dodge Caravan was taken from 4401 Andrews Highway. It was reported by Angelica Valdez at 4:17 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: Veronica Gonzalez Guevara reported a vehicle break-in at 604 Andrews Highway. It was reported at 4:30 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: Scott Phillips reported the incident at 3601 Roosevelt Drive. It was reported at 5:15 a.m.

Burglary of a vehicle: A burglary occurred at 4025 Roosevelt Drive. Lisa Mae Rose reported it at 8 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Tuesday

Theft: A 1996 GMC Suburban was taken from 12300 W. Highway 80. Kendra Medellin reported it at 6 p.m.

Wednesday

Theft: Marshall Willis made a theft and burglary report from 1310 W. County Road 114. It was reported at 8:45 a.m.

Criminal mischief: The front door to a residence at 2208 Warehouse Road was spray-painted. Donna Friday reported it at 12:51 p.m.

Anyone having information concerning any of these incidents should call the Midland Police Department at 685-7108 or Crime Stoppers at 694-TIPS.

LANDLORDS: Police include eviction process in program

(From 1B)

including small duplexes, exist in Midland.

"We had a need for this," Jenkins said, adding that this is the first program of its kind in the Permian Basin. "We found out that a lot of landlords at rental properties weren't very experienced in the eviction process. We wanted to involve the law and eviction" process in the instruction.

The property managers attending the seminar participated in a two-day lecture scheduled in the morning. Topics discussed included "Applicant Screening," "Effective Management," and "Legal Rights."

A couple of sessions helped management identify gang and drug activity.

"They showed a lot of interest in this. No one wants to go to an apartment with 10 gang-bangers hanging out in the parking lot," Jenkins said. "No one wants someone making crack cocaine in one of their apartments. That's why we are trying to get the managers involved. We want them evicting these people."

At the seminar, police, city and county officials also offered advice and answered questions on the eviction process, fair housing and preparing property before it is rented out.

Participants were given certificates and an educational manual after completion. A post-seminar survey indicated favorable reaction of participants. Many asked that the seminar include longer sessions the next time.

"The managers are open to this. They want some good tenants out there, but it takes just a few bad (tenants) to put a sour taste in their property."

One local property manager, Phillis Palmer, of the Ashton Way complex, said she would recommend the program to any landlord or anyone in real estate.

Implementing the suggestions would "reduce problems around the community. Everyone wants a nice apartment complex," Ms. Palmer said. "I have to educate my residents to keep problems out of my property.

"A lot of people think the key to a successful property is location, location, location. It's not — it's education, education, education."

"In this business, you learn as you go," said Tina Robertson, property manager for the Treemont Apartments. "I learned a lot of things I never knew. It was interesting because we got a lot of information on things around us that we don't know about, for example, drugs and gangs. I know how to carefully screen applicants and what to look for."

She added that the program was "excellent for anyone who manages an apartment."

The MPD plans to offer at least six more seminars — 25 persons in each class — in the next year or so. One is tentatively scheduled for late September, Jenkins said.

Other plans include enhancing the program to a Phase Three format. Phase One, Jenkins explained, would be establishing a good reputation throughout the community. Managers who wish to have this training under their belt must complete eight hours of training every year.

Phase Two, he added, would require an officer to probe the property for security requirements, which include trimmed shrubs, locks for both sliding and wooden doors, peepholes and adequate external lighting.

Phase Three requires residents, managers and law enforcement to become involved in crime-prevention meetings and neighborhood watch programs.

The department is in the process of implementing the last two phases, said officer Scott Casey, who will be taking over the program soon.

"We want to help those who are interested in cleaning up their apartments," Casey said.

Property managers who are interested in attending the next seminar should call the Midland Police Department at 685-7108.

MHMC: Rates to stay competitive

(From 1B)

get.

These rooms are scheduled to drop from the current $495 a day to $329 a day, Sanz said. This represents a decrease in cost of 33.54 percent.

The current pediatric room rate is in line with major medical centers in Lubbock, but was found to be higher than rates for similar rooms in Odessa hospitals, according to Sanz.

This change is intended to keep MHMC room rates competitive in all cases with other hospitals in the area, he said.

Other kinds of beds at the hospital will keep the current daily rates. These are $755 for critical care/intensive care, $650 for telemetry beds, $650 for beds in the cardiac diagnostic unit, $329 for a regular private bed, $265 for a semi-private bed, $505 a day for a semi-private room in the rehabilitation unit and $205 a day for a bed in the skilled nursing unit for long-term care patients.

OBITUARIES

Jack Thornton

Jack Dennis Thornton was born April 30, 1924, to C.F. and Irene Thornton in Royston, Texas. He attended schools in Crane and Jayton, graduating from Jayton High School. He joined the Army Air Corps during World War II. After the war, he married Eula Vern Rushing on Nov. 26, 1946. He graduated from Texas Tech University in 1949, and moved to Midland. Mr. Thornton was a member of Covenant Presbyterian Church and the Optimist Club in Midland. He was active for many years in the Midland Junior Baseball Association and he served for one year as commissioner. He was a member of the West Texas Association of Petroleum Geologists and American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Mr. Thornton was preceded in death by a son, J. Neil Thornton, in 1976, and by a brother, Jim F. Thornton.

He is survived by his wife, Eula Vern Rushing Thornton of Midland; two sons, Forrest Wayne Thornton of Lubbock and J.B. Thornton of Midland; a sister, Marjorie Dale Kisselberg of Brownwood, Texas; one grandson, Brian Thomas Henry Thornton; and numerous nieces nephews.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Midland Junior Baseball Association, c/o Eula Vern Thornton, No. 1 Ridgmar Court, Midland, Texas 79707; or High Sky Children's Ranch, HC 31, Box 21-A, Midland 79707-8509.

Mr. Thornton died Tuesday, July 29, at Memorial Hospital in Midland.

Memorial services have been set for 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1, 1997, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield, of West Kentucky Baptist Church, officiating. Visitation will be on Thursday, July 31, from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Linda Jones

Linda Jones was born Oct. 14, 1948, in Beatrice, Nebraska. She attended Lee High School in Midland and then attended Texas Tech University in Lubbock. She and John A. "Gus" Jones were married for 22 years. Mrs. Jones was a paralegal until her daughter was born, and she returned to the profession after her son was born. She has continued to work as a professional paralegal up to the present. She was a member of Midland Jaycees, the Women's League and Symphony Guild. She was a member of First Baptist Church.

She is survived by her son, Steven Chance Jones of Midland; her daughter, Katherine (K.C.) Jones of Midland; two brothers, Charles Lee Talbot of (wife-Sue) of Fort Worth, Texas, and Donald Gene Talbot of Fayetteville, North Carolina; a sister, Susan Carroll Stephan (husband-Clinton) of Grandfalls, Texas; and four nieces and nephews, Tanya Lee Williams, Jennifer Stephan, Stephanie Dawn Furmannek and Laurel Renee Calvert.

The family requests that memorials be directed to the charity of your choice.

Mrs. Jones died late Monday at Memorial Hospital in Midland.

Funeral services have been set for 9 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1, 1997, at First Baptist Church with the Rev. Charlie Dodd officiating. Interment will be at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Visitation will be on today, July 31, from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

Zada Hamlin

Zada Stella Hamlin, 84, of Amarillo, died Monday, July 28, 1997.

Services will be at 3 p.m. today, July 31, at Ellis Funeral Chapel in Midland, Texas. Officiating will be the Rev. W.R. Simpson of Tall City Bapist Church. Burial will be in Resthaven Cemetery. Arrangements are by Boxwell Brothers Funeral Directors, 2820 Virginia Circle, Amarillo.

Mrs. Hamlin was born in Denton County, Texas. She lived in Midland from 1927, until her move to Amarillo in 1994. Mrs. Hamlin retired from Midland Sample Cut where she cut samples from the oil fields. She was a member of Crestview Bapist Church in Midland.

She is survived by two daughters, Joy Rudd of Silverton, Ore., and Eddie Mae Wilson of Seward, Alaska; two sons, Clinton Hamlin of Anchorage, Alaska, and Douglas Hamlin of Amarillo, Texas; two sisters, Alice Howlett of Melvin, Texas, and Evelyn Montgomery of Overbrook, Okla.; 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials to Crown of Texas Hospice, 1000 S. Jefferson, Amarillo, Texas 79101.

Ida Hollis

Ida B. Hollis was born Dec. 24, 1903, to George and Lula Scott in Stephens County, Texas. At an early age, she moved to Crowell, Texas with her family. She was reared and educated in Crowell. Mrs. Hollis moved to Midland in 1973. She was currently residing at Manor Park. Mrs. Hollis was active in the Memorial Hospital Auxiliary and was a member of First Baptist Church.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Dave Hollis.

She is survived by her son, Bob Hollis (wife-Carol) of Flagstaff, Arizona; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Manor Park or the charity of one's choice.

Mrs. Hollis died early Monday at Mabee Health Center in Midland.

Graveside services have been set for 2 p.m. today, July 31, 1997, at Crowell Cemetery in Crowell, Texas, with the Rev. David Stapp officiating. Midland arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Crowell arrangements are with Womack-Maynard Funeral Home.

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.

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

DEATH NOTICES

Sharon Pool

Sharon Pool died Tuesday, July 29, at a local hospital.

Services are to be at 3 p.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Bryan Briley officiating and Alfred Johnson assisting. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born June 14, 1943, in Altus, Okla.

She lived in Plano before moving to Midland in 1981. She worked for Midland Independent School District as cafeteria manager and was currently assistant manager of Waldenbooks. She was a member of Main Street Church of Christ.

Survivors include twin daughters, Shannon Sherman and Sheila Paul, both of Midland; her mother, Marie Bell of Altus, Okla; a brother, Robert Bell of Burkburnet; six sisters, Martha Ann Vanderslice of Marlow, Okla., Glenna Nathe of Lawton, Okla., Janet Billington of Madera, Calif., Reba Conrad of McKinney, Judy Gramling of Denton and Karen Bryce of Altus, Okla.; six grandsons; and 18 nieces and nephews.

The family requests that memorials be directed to Midland Cerebral Palsy Center, 802 Ventura, Midland, 79705.

Mabel Moore

ODESSA — Mabel Moore, mother of Midlander Betty Depew, died Tuesday, July 29, at a Midland hospital.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Friday, Aug. 1, at Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Home Chapel in Odessa with the Rev. John Rasco officiating. Burial is to follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Hubbard-Kelly Funeral Hom.

She was born May 21, 1911, in Wetumka, Okla.

Before moving to Odessa in 1947 she taught in Lawrence County, Tenn., public schools. She was a substitute teacher in Odessa. She was a member of First Baptist Church and Lydia Sunday School Class. Ector County Retired Teachers Association and Chapter 1009 of the American Association of Retired Persons.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Edward Moore, on Feb. 12, 1988.

Other survivors include another daughter, Nelda Kathleen Dunn of Phoenix, Ariz; two sisters, Irene Guthrie and Lenna Shadix, both of Odessa; and three grandchildren.

Robert Pulliam

WEATHFORD — Robert Greg Pulliam of Weatherford, son of Midlander O.M. "Buddy" Pulliam, died Monday, July 28, at his residence.

Graveside services are to be 10 a.m. today, July 31, at Bethesda Cemetery in Parker County under the direction of Cotton-Bratten Funeral Directors in Weatherford.

He was born March 9, 1949, in Denver.

He moved to Weatherford 10 years ago. He was a real estate agent.

Other survivors include his sister, Shirley Verkerk of Rhododendron, Ore., and several nieces and nephews.

Marie Crumpton

Midlander Marie Crumpton, 87, died Wednesday, July 30, at a local hospital.

Services are pending at Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

SHOOTING: Restrictions on military to remain

(From 1B)

iber rifle and was about to shoot again when Banuelos returned fire.

Zimmermann said Banuelos was trying to protect another Marine, James Matthew Blood, whom Hernandez allegedly was aiming at.

Civilian authorities say Hernandez may not have seen the camouflaged troops, and an autopsy report indicates he was not facing the soldiers when he was killed.

Hernandez's family says the teen-ager carried the rifle to protect his goat herd from predators and occasionally for target shooting.

Military officials said Wednesday the Defense Department has indefinitely suspended all frontline operations conducted under the auspices of Joint Task Force-Six, the agency that coordinates drug missions between the Armed Forces and civilian law enforcement.

"Those sorts of missions are similar to the one that was involved in Redford, where folks are actually out on the ground," said Kevin Stephens, a spokesman for the U.S. Atlantic Command, which oversees JTF-Six.

"For all practical purposes, it involves all missions involving people roaming around, people outside on the ground, in public so to speak," he said.

Aerial surveillance, communication and some intelligence operations will continue, the military said.

Pentagon spokesman Col. Dick Bridges said the suspension order was issued last Thursday to stop two missions scheduled to get under way in Texas and California.

The restrictions will remain in place while the military re-examines its role in anti-drug missions, a move that began after Hernandez's shooting.

"We feel that we need to do a careful analysis of what the mission is that we're supposed to be doing, whether or not that mission is valid, what procedures we need," Bridges said.

Another concern is resolving legal questions so the military can ensure soldiers operating during domestic missions will not face criminal charges or civil liabilities.

The suspension should not be interpreted as a sign the military believes the Marines acted inappropriately in the Redford case, Bridges added.

"Our position still is that the Marines did act in accordance with the rules of engagement, that they did what they were supposed to do under their instructions, within the scope of their employment," Bridges said.

"It does not make the incident any less tragic and we've already expressed regret that the events occurred."

Inmates convicted of weapons smuggling

WACO — A plot to sneak a handgun into a Gatesville prison has resulted in convictions for four inmates.

Tony Curtis Collins, 41, was convicted Wednesday on multiple felony counts for arranging to get the gun delivered and hiding it in the prison, said Assistant U.S. Attorney John Phinizy.

He said inmates Darren M. Tate, 35, 27-year-old Kevin Sauls and Douglas Evans, 38, were convicted of the lesser charge of lying to investigators about their knowledge of the plot.

Prosecutors said Collins asked an acquaintance to leave a .38-caliber handgun on the grounds of the Hughes Unit in November 1996. Other prisoners then helped get the gun to Collins, but prison officials discovered it before an escape could occur.

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Authorities seize malnourished dogs in Roxton

ROXTON (AP) — Authorities have seized 49 dogs from a residence after being notified that the animals were not being fed and were eating each other.

"It appeared they had been living together quite some time, born and raised," Lamar County sheriff's Capt. Scott Cass said Tuesday. "These were a pack of dogs."

Law enforcement officers, city of Paris animal control officers and Lamar County Humane Association representatives were notified about the dogs by a concerned citizen.

The dogs, including 21 puppies, were being held at the Paris animal shelter until a hearing before a justice of the peace.

The home's owner, Robert Seitz, could not be reached for comment.

Roxton is 82 miles northeast of Dallas.

Six indicted in FBI corruption sting

HOUSTON — Two current and two former Houston city councilmen were among six people indicted Wednesday on federal charges of accepting bribes to push through a $155 million downtown hotel project.

A 10-month FBI sting resulted in charges against former councilmen Ben Reyes and John Peavy Jr.; current council members Michael J. Yarbrough and John Castillo; former Houston port commissioner Elizabeth "Betti" Maldonado; and lobbyist Ross C. Allyn.

An FBI agent and another person, both working undercover, approached Reyes in 1995, just months before he resigned under term limits, the indictment said.

Posing as representatives of a fictitious company called Cayman Group, the FBI team hired Reyes for $50,000. The undercover agents also hired Allyn, an aide to Reyes, and Ms. Maldonado to help secure council votes for a bid submitted by developer Wayne Duddlesten.

The FBI team told Reyes and others that they represented minority businessmen who were interested in the Duddlesten proposal because it offered minority investors ownership interest in the hotel project.

The hotel, to be built near the George R. Brown Convention Center, is a public-private effort. Construction has not yet begun.

During a November 1995 meeting with the FBI duo, Reyes instructed them on the importance **of making cash payments to elected officials, the indictment alleges.**

The indictment also says Reyes, Allyn and Ms. Maldonado went immediately to work to get the votes of Peavy, Castillo and Yarbrough. In mid-January 1996, Reyes gave $3,000 to Castillo, $1,500 to Yarbrough and $2,500 to Peavy, according to the charges.

The council approved the Duddlesten contract in a 13-2 vote on Jan. 31, 1996.

The undercover sting was revealed on May 9, 1996, when FBI agents descended on city council members' doorsteps to ask what each knew about the Cayman Group.

Since then, there has been rampant speculation about the sting and its targets as the U.S. Department of Justice and FBI — which directed the sting operation from Washington — kept tight lips.

That speculation ended Wednesday as the 11-count indictment was revealed.

All six were charged with conspiracy in the first count. Reyes faces four bribery counts, while Allyn faces three and Castillo and **Ms. Maldonado two each. Yarbrough and Peavy each face one count of bribery.**

Conviction on all counts carry punishments and fines ranging from 15 years and $500,000 for Yarbrough and Peavy to 50 years and $1.5 million for Reyes.

The accused disavowed the charges.

"I'm a victim of a scam and the people who ran the scam are the federal government," said Yarbrough.

"I'm confident that when this clears the legal process I'll be cleared of wrongdoing," said Castillo, who was in a city council meeting when the indictment was announced.

"It's been very difficult and very tragic year for me," said Reyes, the first Hispanic elected to Houston's city council. Last October, his son, Ben Reyes Jr, committed suicide.

There was no telephone listing for Allyn, and Peavy could not be reached on Wednesday.

Mayor Bob Lanier said the City Hall scandal shouldn't affect public opinion of city government.

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Separatist convicted on weapons charge

LIBERTY (AP) — A Republic of Texas separatist who argued that he's not subject to state laws has been convicted on a weapons charge and other violations.

Lamar Isaiah Fontenot, 37, said he does not recognize the county legal arena or any other court in the nation.

He went to trial and, acting as his own attorney, used as the basis for his defense previous Texas court decisions that he also claims to ignore.

A jury in Liberty disagreed and, after only nine minutes of deliberations, convicted him Tuesday of illegally carrying a gun, having no driver's license and having no insurance.

Officials say Fontenot is one of more than 50 members of the Texas separatist movement in Liberty County.

County Judge Chap Cain III fined Fontenot $200 and sentenced him to two years probation and 75 hours of community service.

Fontenot was arrested on the gun possession charge after he was stopped because his vehicle had an invalid registration sticker. A state trooper took Fontenot into custody after seeing a semi-automatic gun on the front seat.

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TODD: Persistence pays off temporarily

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Daddy didn't let up until he had driven the lumbering and mud-bedraggled Chevy up to Granddaddy's farmhouse about a muddy mile into the distance.

And all this son remembers, for now, is Mother screaming loudly and desperately, "Jamie! Jamie!," as if time were ending and Daddy would disappear forever beyond the horizon.

He didn't, of course. And Mother and sons got safely home under Daddy's care. All was calm again.

And the black '36 Chevrolet was, at last, out of a rut for another while.

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

BUDGET: Deficit hawks send warning

(From 1B)

ing by about $130 billion over five years, helping achieve a balanced budget for the first time since 1969. It also would create a $24 billion program of health coverage for millions of uninsured children and would overhaul Medicare, extending the solvency of the program through 2007.

The House, by a resounding 346-85 vote Wednesday, endorsed the spending part of the package, saving the companion tax measure for the following day.

Three Texans were among the 32 Republicans voting against the deal — Reps. Joe Barton of Ennis, Henry Bonilla of San Antonio and Ron Paul of Surfside. No Texans were among the 52 Democrats defecting from the package supported by President Clinton.

Paul flatly predicted that the budget deal will never balance the budget.

"I just think there are a lot of people deluding themselves into believing this is a new era that we are entering into," he said. He does plan to vote for the tax package.

So does Bonilla, who like Paul said he opposed the measure because it doesn't cut spending enough. Bonilla also voiced concern about changes in health care policy and a tobacco tax increase that "to me is a politically correct headline-grabbing issue that's unnecessary."

Barton, too, opposed the spending measure because it includes a tobacco tax hike. "He's pledged to vote against all tax increases," said spokesman Craig Murphy.

Barton also remained disappointed that he, Stenholm and a contingent of deficit-conscious lawmakers failed in their effort this month to pass a budget enforcement act that would cap spending and delay tax cuts if certain revenue and spending targets weren't achieved. They contend that without an enforcement mechanism, the current budget-balancing legislation could be vulnerable to unrestrained spending growth, economic downturns and a lack of congressional backbone.

Beyond ensuring that the commitments outlined in the budget deal are followed, Congress still must rein in government spending, tackle entitlement reform and reduce government red tape, Republicans said.

"This budget is only a first step. We still have a lot of work to do," said House Majority Whip Tom DeLay, R-Sugar Land.

DeLay termed the package "a compromise with a president who wants to spend more money."

For his part, Gramm said he was concerned that the bipartisan legislation gives birth to several new programs. "I'm worried these new programs are like little baby hippopotami," he said. "They are little and pretty now, but if we're not careful, they are going to all grow each one into a big hippopotamus."

Gramm was poised to vote for only part of the budget-balancing legislation, which is split into separate spending and tax measures. He is expected to vote against the spending portion, in large measure because he is "profoundly disappointed" at budget negotiators' failure to resolve Medicare's long-term financial problems.

Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, likewise was expected to support the tax part of the package, which cuts taxes by about $150 billion over five years. She remained undecided whether to support the spending measure, her spokesman said Wednesday.

Sixteen A&M students accused of hazing

COLLEGE STATION (AP) — Sixteen Texas A&M University students face charges of hazing in connection with events that allegedly occurred while they were part of the elite Fish Drill Team, the school announced Wednesday.

The students were mailed letters informing them of the charges, and the students have three days to schedule an administrative hearing.

"We want to make it clear to everyone that Texas A&M takes this very seriously," Texas A&M spokeswoman Mary Jo Powell said. "We believe this is unacceptable behavior and we want everyone to know that."

If the students are found guilty, punishment could range from a reprimand to expulsion.

All of the new charges are related to hazing within the drill team that is alleged to have occurred during the past several years. The drill team is a precision rifle unit in the Corps of Cadets made up entirely of freshmen.

Nine students have already received sanctions for hazing that school officials say occurred within the group. The new charges stem from testimony those students gave during their hearings last spring.

The nine students also have been indicted on hazing charges by a Brazos County grand jury. Two have pleaded no contest to the charges and have cooperated with authorities.

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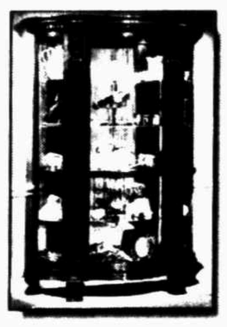
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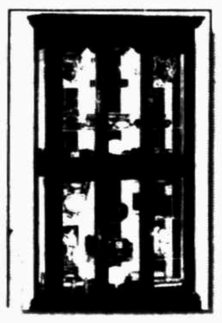
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FannMae	61336	48⅛	+2⅝
AT&T s	58139	37	+⅛

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Argosy	4⅛	+⅝	+24.5
MolBio	9⅝	+1⅝	+18.5
Lafarge	32⅝	+4⅛	+14.3
Toy Biz	10⅝	+1⅛	+13.9
Esco s	14⅝	+1⅝	+13.5

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Common n	7⅛	-1½	-17.1
NetAutC	7½	-1⅛	-8.4
IFT Eds	26	-1½	-7.0
Bmwr	16⅝	-1⅛	-6.5
Rignor	11½	-⅞	-6.1

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Andrx	29071	11⅞	+⅝
PLC Sys	22843	13⅝	+⅝
Nabors	10179	32⅛	-1⅛
PaxinC	9742	13	-⅞

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SpcOrn	2	-⅛	+33.3
AuroEl	2	-⅛	+14.3
Dl Ind	4⅛	-⅝	+13.0
Davco	13⅞	-1⅞	+11.8
CapPcht	3⅛	-⅛	+11.1

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Sunair	3	-⅛	-14.3
Sentry pf	2⅝	-⅛	-12.5
PortSys s	2½	-⅛	-11.1
Kmart	3⅛	-⅛	-8.3
BSNk wt97	6⅝	-⅛	-8.3

Diary

Advanced	333
Declined	237
Unchanged	186
Total issues	756
New Highs	63
New Lows	7
Volume	37,718,125

NASDAQ

Most Active ($1 or more)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Ascend	1257797	53⅞	-⅛
3Com	1119470	55⅝	-2⅝
Intel s	1051102	89⅝	+1⅛
WorldCm	1015777	35⅝	+⅞
Microsft s	979804	147⅛	-1⅜

Gainers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
DiscCS wr	5⅝	+2⅝	+86.5
DrmdSp r	2⅝	+⅝	+46.2
DigData	2⅝	+⅝	+36.5
DrcmCS	10⅛	+2⅝	+37.3
Domany	4⅝	+1⅛	+35.3

Losers ($2 or more)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
SeaChng r	19⅛	-8⅝	-30.3
CapAac	2½	-⅛	-26.9
BondMor	7⅝	-2⅞	-27.4
Dintress s	8⅝	-3	-26.1
Hemasure	2⅛	-⅛	-26.1

Diary

Advanced	2,277
Declined	1,885
Unchanged	1,586
Total issues	5,728
New Highs	313
New Lows	53
Volume	724,953,806

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,875 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 685 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least $5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional items related through the week, as follows:

Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.

Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.

Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...

Ticr: The stock's ticker symbol.

How to use: The ticker symbol can help you get information about a company. Two important uses: Most services that provide stock quotes over the phone require the ticker symbol. Second, stock brokers and analysts can recognize stocks more easily with a ticker symbol.

Generally, ticker symbols resemble the company name although some – BUD for Anheuser Busch Cos. and FON for Sprint Corp. – are more related to what a company does. Tickers on the New York and Amex usually don't exceed three letters. On Nasdaq, they go up to five letters.

The names you see in this paper are abbreviations of the company name supplied by The Associated Press. Companies can help determine what their abbreviation will be. Overall, AP tries to use an abbreviation that will most closely match the full company name.

Stock Footnotes: cc – PE greater than 99. dd – Loss in last 12 mos. d – New 52-wk low during trading day. g – Dividend in Canadian $. Stock price in U.S. $. n – New issue in past 52 weeks. s – Split or stock dividend of 25 percent or more in last 52 weeks. Dividend begins with date of split or stock dividend. u – New 52-wk high during trading day. v – Trading halted on primary market. Unless noted, dividend rates are annual disbursements based on last declaration. pf – Preferred. pp – Holder owes installment(s) of purchase price. rt – Rights. un – Units. wd – When distributed. wi – When issued. wt – Warrants. ww – With warrants. xw – Without warrants.

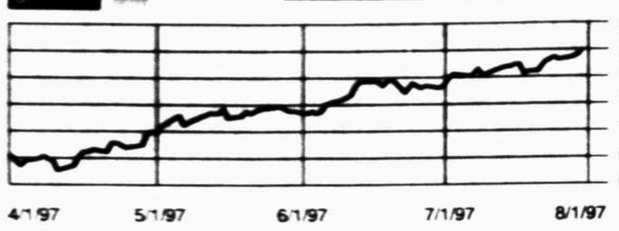
Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

Daily market roundup

July 30, 1997

Dow Jones 8254.89 +80.36

High	8313.19	Highest close (July 30, 1997)	8,254.89
Low	8156.88		



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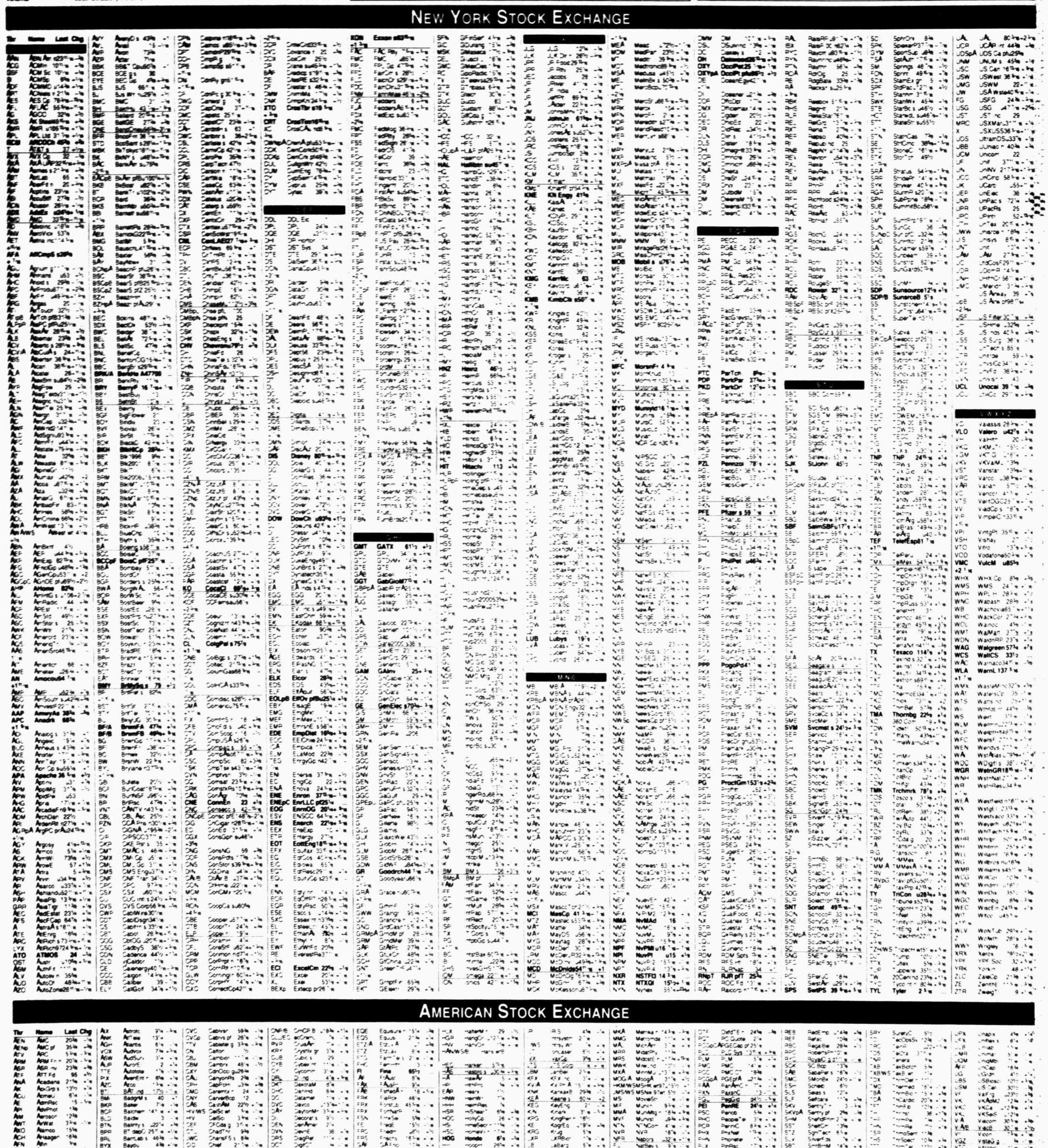
52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
8,178.07	5,421.64	Dow Jones Industrials	8,254.89	+80.36	+.98	+28.02	+49.30
2,945.42	1,964.07	Dow Jones Transportation	2,973.13	+32.92	+1.12	+31.81	+48.07
243.25	203.32	Dow Jones Utilities	234.37	+.80	+.34	+.79	+14.25
486.56	337.79	NYSE Composite	493.57	+5.14	+1.05	+25.81	+44.02
640.82	537.94	Amex Index	645.32	+5.12	+.80	+12.75	+20.14
1,582.83	1,083.20	Nasdaq Composite	1,588.05	+15.73	+1.00	+23.01	+46.96
945.65	625.22	S&P 500	952.29	+10.00	+1.06	+28.56	+48.81
410.26	256.82	Russell 2000	413.44	+3.56	+.87	+14.02	+30.84
8,913.80	6,174.67	Wilshire 5000	9,007.36	+93.78	+1.05	+25.13	+44.19

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE



AMERICAN STOCK EXCHANGE

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Thou	Name	Last	Chg
[redacted]			
ABIF	ABR Inf s	27½	–⅛
ABTC	ABT Bld	20½	–⅛
ACC	ACC Cns n	16¾	+⅛
ACCC	ACC Cp s	34½	+⅛
ACEC	ACE CO n	19⅞	+2⅜
ANET	ACT Net	11 11/16	–2 1/16
ADAM	AdamSft	3⅛	+1/16
ADCT	ADC Tel s	40⅞	+11/16
AFLX	ADFlex	25¾	+⅜
APAC	APACT	17 1/16	–11/16
APSI	APS Hld	7⅛	...
ASA	ASA Hold	27⅞	+½
ASTSF	ASE Tst	u60¾	+2¼
ASHA	ASHA Cp n	5⅞	–½
ASMLF	ASM Lith s	80¾	–⅞
ATLPA	ATL PrA n	8⅞	–⅜
ATLI	ATL Ultsd	40⅝	+⅜
ABACF	Abacan	4	+1/16
ABTE	AbleTel	8 9/16	+7/16
ABXIS	Abraxas	u14⅝	+1⅛
ACOB	AccBynd n	5⅛	–13/16
ACOS	AccesHlt	26⅞	+⅜
ACMM	Accom	u2½	+½
ACTN	ActPerf	u29½	+⅜
ACRT	Actrade	17	+1⅛
ACXM	Acxiom s	19⅞	+1 5/16
ADAC	AdacLb	18 5/16	+5/16
ADPT	Adaptec s	42⅛	–¼
ADLAC	Adelph n	7¾	+⅛
ADBE	AdobeSy	37⅛	–⅜
ADLTRF	AdrianR	1 1/16	...
ADTN	Adtran	31⅛	–1⅜
AEIB	AdvEnid	25¾	–½
AEGBA	AdvEnv	13/32	–1/32
AFCI	AdvFCm n	69⅞	+½
ATIS	AdvTss	14⅛	+⅛
ADVNA	Advanta	35⅛	–⅛
ADVNB	AdvantB	33¾	–⅜
AGPH	Agourn	97 11/16	+9 9/16
AGTX	AgriBio	6⅝	–1 3/32
AIR	Airways n	5¾	...
AKZOY	Akzo	72⅝	–⅞
ALKS	Alkerm	18⅛	+⅜
ALSC	AlnSem	12⅛	+3⅛
AWIN	AldWste	17½	+9 9/16
ABTI	AlphaBta	11⅛	+1½
ALTR	Altera	60⅛	+⅜
AMTX	Amati	11¾	+7/16
AMZN	Amazon n	29⅜	–⅜
AMTD	AmTrde n	15 9/16	+5/16
ADSI	AmDisp	28⅛	+¼
ECGOF	AmerEco	7⅝	+⅛
AGREA	AGreat	33 11/16	–1/16
APNW	AminPt wt	1 7/16	+3/32
APNI	AminPt	2 11/16	+9/32
AMSY	AMS	25 15/16	–1 1/16
ATMS	AmMdTc	3⅞	+7/32
AORI	AOncol	16	–1/16
APCC	APwrCnv	23¾	+⅜
AMSWA	ASoft	8⅛	+⅜
ATEL	AmTele	1⅛	+1/32
ALGI	AUtdGlb	5 15/16	+⅜
AMES	AmesDS	u13⅞	+⅜
AMGN	Amgen	59⅝	+9 9/16
AMXI	Amnex	2½	–1/16
AMMB	Amresco	u29¾	+1/16
AMLN	Amylin	13 1/16	–5/16
SLOT	AnchGm	8 1/16	+3 1/16
ANCR	AncorCm	10 9/16	+⅜
ANDW	Andrew s	27⅞	–1/16
APOL	ApolloG	36¾	+3 1/16
AAPL	AppleC	17⅜	+⅞
APSO	AppISou	16⅜	+¼
APPB	Applebee	30¼	+1⅜
ACTC	ApiCell n	3 1/16	+⅛
AMAT	AplMat	90⅝	+2¼
ARQL	ArQule n	16⅝	–⅛
ARSEF	Arakis	3⅝	–1/16
ARSW	ArborSft	43⅝	+1⅜
ABFS	ArkBest	9⅞	+⅛
AVEI	ArmAssc	u36	+1½
ARTC	ArthroC	8⅝	–1⅛
ASFT	Artsft	2½	+1/32
ASND	Ascend	53⅞	+5⅛
GOAL	AscentEnt	12⅛	...
ASHW	Ashwrth	10⅛	+⅜
ASPT	AspctTel s	20⅞	+9 9/16
ASYT	AsystTch	53¾	+1⅛
ATHM	Athome n	20⅛	+⅜
ATLS	AtlasAir	25½	+½
ATML	Atmel	33⅝	–⅛
ATRC	AtraCo n	18⅛	–⅜
AURA	AuraSy	1 29/32	+3/32
ASPX	Auspex	11⅛	–⅛
ADSK	Autodesk	39⅝	–1⅛
AVNT	Avanti	30⅝	–9⅛
AVID	AvidTch	u37⅛	+3
AVIR	Aviron	25¾	+1
BEAS	BEA Sys n	19⅜	–⅜
BSYS	BiSYS	32	–½
BMCS	BMC Soft s	58½	+1⅞
BTBTY	BT Strp	4	–⅛
BTGI	BTG Inc	13	–1
BAANF	Baan	6⅝	+1
BGALY	BncGalic	31½	+⅛
BNTA	Banta	27⅝	+⅛
BBBY	BedBath	34	+⅜
BREL	BioRince n	17⅞	–⅛
BCHE	BioPhar s	29	+⅜
BICO	Biocrtl	2 9/16	...
BGEN	Biogen s	38⅜	–⅛
BJCT	Bioject	11/16	+1/32
BMET	Biomet	20	–1/16
BSTE	BiosDiag n	8⅜	–⅛
BTGC	BioTcG	13 1/16	–⅜
BLOCA	BlckD	46¼	+¼
BORL	Borlnd	8⅝	+7/16
BOST	BostChk	13 1/16	...
BDLS	Boundless	⅞	...
BOYD	BoydBros	6⅞	–⅛
BRCOA	BrdyW	30	...
CELL	Brightpt s	30	+1 1/16
BBTK	BrdbdTc	9⅜	+7/16
BROD	BrodSft	21 15/16	–⅛
BRKS	BrooksAu	25⅛	–⅜
BFPT	BrooksF	38½	+1
TMBR	BrTom	20⅞	+5⅛
BOBJY	BusnObj	d7	–7/16
BUTL	Butlerintl	13	–⅜
CUBE	C-CUBE	24⅛	+⅛
CAWS	CAI Wrw	1⅛	+3/32
CCCG	CCC Info n	16	+⅛
CFMT	CFM T	25 9/16	–2 9/16
CHSE	CHS El	u37⅛	...
CMPX	CMP Me n	u26	+1⅜
CNDS	CNS	7⅝	–3⅛
CADE	Cadeln	12 7/32	–1/32
CAMP	CalAmp	4⅜	–⅜
CALP	CalPro	2	...
CATP	CambTch	38⅜	–⅜
WINE A	CWineA	u42	+⅛
DOSE	CapsPhm	12	+1 1/16
CPWY	CardPth	8⅝	...
CTSI	CardioTh	13 15/16	+7/16
CSNO	CasinoAm	2 3/32	+3/32
CSDS	CasinoD	3⅜	+5/16
CMAG	CasMagic	1 7/32	–1/32
CACOA	CatoCp	8⅝	+5/16
CAYN	CayenneSt	2⅝	...
CPRO	CellPro	3⅛	–⅛
CLXX	CellexB	1⅝	+⅛
CTSC	CellrTch	5 15/16	+3/32
CTEN	CentHlth n	18¼	...
CNTO	Centocor	38½	+⅝
CFBS	CentFdBku	u40¾	+15/16
CENT	CenGardn	25¾	–⅛
CNTR	CenturaSft	4 9/16	–⅜
CTYA	CntyCm	5 15/16	+⅛
CEPH	Cephln	19⅛	+⅛
CERN	Cerner	31⅜	–⅛
CHRS	ChrmSh	6	–⅛
COFI	ChtOneF	u57⅛	+1⅞
CHTT	Chattm	17⅛	...
CHKPF	ChkPnt n	29½	+⅛
CHKR	Checkers	1⅛	–1/16
CKFR	Chldfree	17 1/16	+⅜
CAKE	Cheeseck	u26½	+⅜
CHGO	ChiPizza n	1⅝	–⅛
CHPS	ChpsTc	16 9/16	–⅜
CHIR	Chiron s	20⅞	+⅜
CTEC	Cholest	6 1/16	–1/16
CVSNR	ChrVsn rt	6½	+½
CCSI	ChromCS	u10⅛	+2⅜
CDCO	Cidco	13⅝	+⅜
CIEN	CienaCp n	54⅛	...
CINE	Cinergi	1 9/32	+1/32
CRUS	Cirrus	13⅝	+⅛
CSCO	Cisco	79½	+1⅛
CTXS	CitrixS	48	+2⅞
CTYS	Cityscape	14 11/16	–⅛
CLFY	Clarify	17⅞	–½
CWEI	ClayEng	11 1/16	–1⅛
CCRO	Clintrials s	8¼	–3
ROTI	CluckCorp	4⅝	–5/32
COBR	CobraEl	u5 31/32	+9/32
CGNX	Cognex	34⅜	+2⅜
COGNF	Cognos g	28 1/16	+2⅜
COHR	Coherent	47⅞	–⅜
CSTR	Coinstar n	10	+1/16
CQMR	Comair	27	+2
CMCSA	Comcast	22⅝	+⅛
CMCSK	Comc sp	22⅝	–⅜
CMCAF	CmcstUK	10⅞	–⅛
CCAI	ComCare	3⅛	–1⅛
CFBX	ComFtBk	39¼	+1
CSRV	CmpuSrv	11 13/16	–⅜
CMPC	Cmpcm	9⅛	...
CCEE	CptConc	7/32	+1/64
CHRZ	CmptHz s	39⅞	+2⅞
CMSX	CompMS	20⅜	+⅛
CMNT	CptNwk	3½	+⅛
CPRD	CmpPr	27⅛	–⅛
CPWR	Compwr s	60 5/16	+1⅜
CMVT	Comvers	49½	–⅜
CEFT	CncEFS	29	+1½
CCUR	ConcCm	1⅜	...
CNSFrtC	n	15	+⅛
COOB	Coors B	31⅜	–½
CORR	CorTher	10⅛	+⅛
COSFF	CoreCp g	6¼	–⅛
CEXP	CorpExp s	14½	–1/16
CAIR	Corsair n	20⅛	...
COST	Costco	u37 13/16	–⅜
COSE	CostEner n	13⅜	–⅜
CVTY	Coventryu	18 3/16	+1 1/16
CBRL	CrkrBrl	28 1/16	+2 9/16
CREAF	CreTcLtd	20⅛	–15/16
CMOS	CredSys	34⅜	+⅜
CACC	CrdAcp	13 5/16	+5/32
CREE	CreeResh	u17⅞	+1⅛
CRYSF	CrySys n	28⅛	–⅛
CRTM	CMathes	23/32	...
CYCH	CybrCsh	17⅝	–2⅝
CYBX	Cyberonic	u13⅛	...
CYMI	Cymer n	78	+1⅞
CYPB	CyprBio	1 5/16	–1/16
CYRX	Cyrix Cp	25⅛	+⅜
CYTO	Cytogn	4⅝	+1/16
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DIIG	Dll Grp	u53¾	–2⅜
DIGI	DSC	28 7/16	+1 3/16
DSIC	DSI Ind	1 3/32	–1/64
DSPC	DSPCm	17 11/16	+5/16
DSPG	DSP Gp	22½	+⅞
DANKY	Danka	u48⅝	+3⅞
DOIM	DtaDimn s	24½	+1⅞
DWRX	DtaWrk	13 1/16	+1 9/16
DSCP	Datascope	21⅛	+1⅛
DSTM	Datastr	28	+2⅝
RACE	DataRce	10⅝	+½
DATM	Datum	34½	+1⅛
DAVX	Davox s	31⅜	+1⅜
DWSN	Dawson	19	...
DPSI	DawsnP	u17⅛	...
DOCI	DocOne	23 1/16	+⅜
DGTC	DalGlobal	9⅜	...
DELL	DellCpt s	82⅛	+1⅜
XRAY	Dentsply	54⅜	+1⅛
DEPO	DpoTch	13⅝	–⅜
DHSM	DiagHlt	u11 7/16	+1 1/16
DLGC	Dialogic	34⅝	+1⅝
DIMD	DiaMdl	8 11/16	–⅛
DIGL	DigLght n	u13⅛	+½
DMIC	DigMic	u41½	+1⅜
DSLGF	Discreet	26½	–⅜
SOLLY	DrSolom n	24	+⅜
DCTM	Documnt	30⅞	+1⅛
DLTR	DlrTree s	u41⅜	+1
DNKY	Donkeny	4⅝	+1⅛
TREE	Dobstree	42⅜	–1½
DBRN	DresB	21	+1⅜
DURA	DuraPh	39⅝	+2 9/16
DRMD	Duramed	3⅞	+⅛
EGRP	ETrade n	u29⅜	+1⅛
ECILF	ECi Tel	31½	...
EISI	EIS Intl	10⅜	+⅝
ESCMF	ESCMed	33⅛	–1⅛
ESST	ESSTech n	14⅜	...
EAGL	EglHrd	21⅝	+1⅜
ERIV	EglsRiv	8⅝	–15/16
EESI	EstnEn	18½	+⅛
ESTI	EclpSurg	8	+⅛
ESSI	EcoSoil n	7½	–1/16
EDFY	EdifyCp	14 15/16	–1 1/16
EGGS	Egghead	5 15/16	+5/16
ENBX	EinstnN	14⅛	–⅛
EVSNF	ElbtVisn	12	–⅛
EGLS	Elctrgls	30⅞	+1⅛
ERTS	ElcArt	34¼	–⅜
EFII	EFII s	54⅝	+1 1/16
ELRNF	ElronEl	15½	–½
EMCR	EmCare	37 9/16	–1 1/16
ESOL	EmplySl	5 5/16	–⅛
ENCD	Encad	34⅝	+⅜
ENVY	Envoy	30	–½
EQCS	EqCompr	2⅛	–⅛
ERGB	ErgoBrt n	u9	+1
ERICY	EricTel	45 15/16	+⅜
ETEC	EtecSys	u53⅜	+1
EVGM	EvgrMda s	45⅝	+2⅛
EXCA	Excalb	5 11/16	+⅛
XLTC	ExclTch	11	–1/16
BIGX	Exclhnd n	7 13/16	–1/16
EXTL	ExecTl	7 15/16	+1/16
XTON	Executone	2⅛	+⅛
XUPS	ExideEl	23 13/16	+5/16
EXPD	Expdint s	u38¾	+4
ESRX	ExpScpt	45⅜	–1⅛
EXSO	Exsorbet	7/32	+5/64
FMPO	FM Prop	4	–1/16
FPAM	FPA Md	27⅜	+1
FTPS	FTP Sft	3⅝	–⅛
FSCX	FastCm	6½	+1
FAST	Fastenl	54 7/16	+2 5/16
FITB	FfthThrd	su63 13/16	...
BSMT	FdBsmt	6⅜	–1/16
FINL	FinLine s	13⅞	–⅜
FATS	Firearm n	7⅜	+15/32
FATN	FtATn s	u42 1/16	+1 1/16
FCOM	FComceC	u52⅜	+1 1/16
FFHC	FtFnCp s	u31⅜	+⅜
FHWN	FtHwn	u37½	+1⅜
FSCO	FstSecCp s	2 7/16	+5/32
FTEN	FstTenn	51 15/16	–⅛
FPFG	Firstplus	43⅝	+1⅞
FIMG	Fischlm	7½	+⅞
FISV	Fiserv	47⅜	+⅜
FLEFE	Flextrn	31⅜	–⅛
FDLNB	FdLioB	7⅜	–⅛
FDLNA	FdLioA	7⅛	–⅛
FORE	ForeSys	14 9/16	+½
FORT	FtHoward	u55½	+⅛
BLUE	FredBrw	2 9/16	+7/32
FRAG	FrenchF	8½	+⅛
FGII	FGoldmn n	u29⅛	+3½
FFEX	FrozenFd	9⅝	–⅛
FUSE	FuszT	10⅛	–½
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GTIS	GT Interac	9⅛	+1/16
GADZ	Gadzooks	18 1/16	+5/16
GALX	GlxyFd	1⅛	+1/16
GAEO	Galileo	8⅞	–⅜
GALTF	GalileoT n	25⅛	–1⅛
GRDG	GardnR	12⅞	+5/16
GART	Gartner	29	+⅛
GSNX	Gasonics	18	+⅛
GNCMA	GnCom	7⅝	+⅛
GMGC	GMagic	2⅛	+⅛
GNCI	GenNutr	27¾	+1⅛
GSII	GenSurg	4½	–½
GCTI	GeneTle n	28⅞	+⅛
GECM	Genicm	8 15/16	+5/16
GENXY	Genset	u22⅞	+2⅜
GGNS	Genus	6⅛	+⅛
GENZ	Genzym	27⅛	...
GOTK	GeoTk	4⅞	+1/32
GWRX	Geoworks	9⅞	+⅞
GIBG	GibsnG	22⅛	+2 3/16
GILTF	GilatSat	35⅝	+1⅜
GILD	Gilead	28½	–⅛
GLAS	Glasgal	4⅛	–⅞
GEMS	Glenayre	20⅝	+⅛
GVIL	GlbVlag	2 1/32	–17/32
GSTRF	Globalstr s	30½	...
GTSX	GolfTSy	d⅝	–1/16
GDYS	GdyFam	35½	–2⅜
GUCO	GrndUn n	d1⅜	–7/32
GBTVK	GranBd	11½	+⅜
GLFD	GulfrdP s	21½	+⅜
GTRC	GutarC n	u21	+⅜
GSMS	GulfSou	24⅜	–⅛
GUMM	GumTch	13⅜	+1/16
HALO	HA-LO	25⅞	+⅜
HBOC	HBO	79	+5/16
HCIA	HCIA	16 7/16	+5/16
HMTT	HMTTch	14	+1/16
HPRI	HPR	15⅛	–1⅛
HSNI	HSN Inc	36	+⅜
HDCO	Hadco	64⅛	–3½
NOSH	HainFoodu	7 13/16	+1
HRBC	Harbngr s	32⅞	+1/16
HLIT	HarmLgt	18⅞	+⅜
HÃUP	HaupgD	4⅛	+7/16
HDWY	Headway	4 15/32	+11/32
HCCC	HltCmp	57	+1/16
HDTC	HlthdynT	16⅝	–1/16
GYMM	HlthTch	2½	...
HPRT	Heartprt	19⅜	–½
HELE	HelenTr	31⅜	–⅜
HMSR	Hemasure	2⅛	–⅜
HERB	Herbalife	22⅝	+1⅝
HLYW	HlywdE	19⅜	–⅜
HOLX	Hologic	24⅛	–½
HPII	HmePrd	u13⅜	+1
HMGT	Homegte n	11	+5/16
HGSI	HumGen	33	–⅛
JBHT	HuntJB	16	+1
HTCH	HutchT s	30	+½
HMÃR	HvdeM n	26 15/16	+1 5/16
UNCR	Lincare	u49⅝	+2⅝
LLTC	LinearT	u65½	+2 9/16
LIPO	Liposm	7⅝	–5/16
LSVI	LtSwtz	u7⅛	–⅛
LOEH	Loehmann	7⅛	+½
RDHS	Logans	27⅛	+⅛
LGWX	Logic n	8½	+½
LOGIY	Logitech n	15⅞	–1/16
STAR	LneStx	24½	+1½
LBFC	LngBchF	nu11⅛	+⅛
LISB	LI Bcp	u40¾	+2 1/16
LCOS	Lycos	18⅝	–⅛
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MCIC	MCI	35 5/16	–7/16
MRVC	MRV Cm	31⅛	+⅛
MTIC	MTI Tch	5 15/16	+⅛
MACR	Macrmd	11 9/16	+1 5/16
MADGF	MadgeNt	8⅛	+⅛
MAIL	MailBox	27⅛	–⅛
MTCI	MgtTech	3/32	+1/64
MANU	Manugst s	41¾	–1 5/16
MAPX	Mapics	9 15/16	+5/16
MDCO	MarDri	25	+1
MATH	Mathsft	3⅜	+⅛
MATX	MatrxPh	5 11/16	+⅛
MTSN	Mattson	14⅞	+⅜
MAXI	MaxcrHt	19 1/16	–⅛
MXIM	Maxim	70 1/16	+4 1/16
MCAF	McAfee	63⅝	+1⅜
MOXY	McMoRn	3⅝	+1/16
MEDI	Medimun	24	–⅛
MEDA	Medaph	8 15/16	–1/16
ILNK	Medcross	6⅛	–1⅜
MCSY	MedCmp	26⅜	+½
MRII	MedResc	15½	–⅜
MDRX	Medcis s	45⅜	–1½
MEGO	MegoFnl	9⅛	+⅛
MBRS	MemWks n	18⅛	+1⅝
MENT	MentGr	11	+1⅛
MRBK	MercBk s	u30⅞	+5/16
MERQ	Mercint	17⅜	+⅛
MSEL	Merisel	2⅝	–3/32
MMSI	MertMd	7⅛	...
MCRE	MetaCreat	11 9/16	–1 5/16
MTRÃ	MetraB	4	...
MCOM	Metrcm	5⅜	+¼
MISI	Metroint n	20⅛	–1⅛
MTNT	MetrNet n	u32⅝	+⅜
MCLL	Metrocall	5⅛	...
MIKE	MichStr	21⅝	–⅞
MLIN	MicroLin	8⅝	+3/32
MWHS	MicroWre	14⅜	+⅛
MICÃ	MicroAge	24⅛	+1⅞
MCHP	Microchp s	37⅜	–⅜
MGXI	Micrgfx	7⅝	–⅛
MUEI	MicronEl	18 5/16	+3/16
MCRN	Micrmcs	2⅞	+1/16
MSFT	Microsft s	141¼	+1 3/16
MTSI	MictchSy	29½	+⅜
MCCI	Midcom	8⅜	...
MLNM	MillPhar	15	–⅜
MLHR	MillHer s	49 1/16	+1 9/16
MTEL	MblTel	13⅝	–⅜
MODÃ	MdaCad	17	–7/16
MODT	Modtec	u15⅛	–1⅜
MOLX	Molex s	40⅜	–⅛
MOLXÃ	MolexÃ s	37⅛	–⅛
MDDS	MrchDnt n	u16⅞	+1
MONE	MoneySt	36⅛	+⅛
MSTR	MornGp	35	...
MOSX	Mosaix	14	–⅜
MOPO	MotwePwr	u21	+⅜
MYGN	Myriad n	25⅛	+1⅛
NABI	NABI	6	–1/16
NATL	NÃ Tech	5	+1/16
NBTY	NBTY	27	...
NFOR	NFO Rs	24½	...
NTÃF	NamTai	26⅛	–2⅝
NCCI	NashChr	4	–½
NEGX	NatEng	3⅝	...
TEÃM	NtTeam	12⅜	+⅞
NAUT	Nautica	26½	–⅛
NELL	Nellcor	28⅜	+⅛
NMGC	NeoMgic n	18⅛	+2⅛
NTBK	NetBank n	11⅜	+⅜
NETC	Netcom	16⅝	+2⅛
NETM	Netmng	39 1/32	+⅞
NSCP	Netscape	38	+5⅛
NTÃP	NetwkÃp	42⅞	+3⅛
NETG	NtwkG	16⅝	–3⅛
IMGX	Netkimg	d1 9/32	–⅛
NXCO	Neurex	12⅛	+⅜
NSIX	Neumed	4	–5/16
NCEN	NwCntF n	18⅜	...
DDDOF	NewDSoft	u18	+1⅛
NXTR	Nextstar	12⅜	+⅛
NXTL	NextelCm	23⅝	+⅜
NRES	NichRs s	23⅜	+1⅛
NIMBS	Nimbus	13	–⅜
NCTI	NoveCT	9/32	+1/64
NOBE	Nordst	u58⅜	+2⅛
NRLD	Norland	10⅞	–⅛
NCII	NorrsCm	9/32	–1/32
TNFI	NrthFce	21⅜	–1⅛
NTRS	NorTrst s	55⅛	+½
CBRYÃ	NorCran s	19 1/16	+⅞
NWÃC	NwstÃrl	41⅛	+3⅛
NWPX	NwtPipe	21⅛	...
NWSW	NwStWr	1⅞	–⅛
NMTX	Novmtx	9⅛	...
NOVL	Novell	7 29/32	–1/16
NVLS	Novlus	103⅞	+1
NTBM	Nu-Tech	d⅞	–⅛
NUKO	Nukoinfo	2½	...
OPTI	OPTI	5 15/16	+5/16
OÃKT	OakTech	10 15/16	–13/16
OCOM	ObjCom n	25⅛	–1½
OCFC	OceanF	35⅝	+¼
OCTL	Octel	30 5/16	+1/32
OLOG	OffsLog	20⅛	+⅛
OKEN	OldKent	63⅛	+1⅜
OLCMF	Olicom	u22⅜	+1¼
OMPT	Omnipoint	15⅞	–⅛
OMQP	Omnicp n	u25⅜	+1½
ONCS	Oncogn	7⅛	+1/16
OPTN	OptnCr	4⅜	+¼
ORCL	Oracle	55⅜	+⅞
ORBI	OrbSci	19⅞	+½
ORBKF	Orbotch	35¼	–⅜
ONSI	OnonNS	13	+⅞
OCÃI	Orthodon s	18 5/16	–1/16
OSSI	OutbkStk	24⅞	+⅜
OSIÃ	OdoorS s	26¼	+⅞
OXHP	OxfordHlt	84⅜	+1⅜
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PCMS	P-Com	37	+⅜
PMCS	PMC Stra	33⅞	+⅜
PMTS	PMT Svc	16 7/16	–1 1/16
PRIÃ	PRI Auto s	u50⅜	+2⅝
PSCX	PSC	7⅝	+⅜
PSIX	PSINet	8⅞	...
PSUN	PacSun s	31⅞	+⅜
PHSYÃ	PacifCÃ	67⅜	+1⅛
PHSYB	PacifCB	71⅝	+5½
PHSYP	PacifCrpf	28⅜	+1½
PAGE	PagingN	9	–⅛
PÃR	PargTch	21 9/16	–⅜
PALX	PalEx n	11⅜	–⅜
PMTI	PalmrMd	2⅞	+⅛
SPOT	PanÃmSat	30 5/16	–7/64
PZZÃ	Papjohn s	34⅞	+½
PRDM	Pardgm	1 5/16	–1/16
PLLL	ParPet	42⅝	–⅜
PMTC	ParmTch	50 9/16	–⅞
PRXL	Parexel s	39	+1
PÃRL	Parlux	2⅜	+⅛
PTEN	PatEng s	u31⅝	+1 5/32
PÃUH	PHarris	16⅝	+7/16
PÃYX	Paychex	u39 11/16	–1/16
PRLS	PrtsSys n	13⅜	+⅛
PGTV	PagaCm n	14	+⅛
PEGÃ	Pegasys	32⅜	–1
SPWY	PenskWt	33⅛	+⅜
PBCT	PeopCT s	u29⅝	+1½
PSFT	Peopsft s	58	+1⅞
PERI	Perphn s	13 13/16	+3/16
PETM	PetsMart	10⅛	–⅛
PPDI	PharmPdt	23⅛	+⅛
PPRT	PhrmPrt n	6⅝	+3/16
PTEC	PhnxTc	13 1/16	+1/16
PHYC	PhyCor	33⅛	–⅛
PHMX	PhyMatrix	13⅝	–⅛
PCÃM	PhysCpÃ	6 11/32	–1/32
PHYN	PhysRell	9⅛	+⅛
PHSS	PhysSuppt	15⅞	–⅞
PCNI	PhyCpt	7 1/16	+3/16
PHYS	PhysioCon	14 11/16	+1 1/16
PCTL	PicTel	9½	+⅛
PCLE	PinnSyst	24⅜	–1
PHII	PlanHlty	25	–1½
PTIS	PlasThrm	7⅞	+⅛
PSQL	PlatSoft	11½	–1 7/16
PLÃT	PlatTc	14 15/16	+⅛
PLÃY	Players	3⅜	+15/16
PLNTC	PlayNet h	7/32	–1/16
PESC	PoolEn	u25 1/16	+1 1/16
PWÃV	Powerv n	u34¼	+1⅛
PRMO	PrmosT	9⅝	+⅜
PLSIÃ	PrmLasr	10⅜	–1/16
PLSIZ	PLas wtB	3⅜	–5/16
PTEK	PremT	26⅜	+⅛
PRMS	Prmisy	21	–⅜
PREZ	PresCasn	11/16	+9/32
PRST	Prestek s	42⅜	+½
TROW	PriceTR	57⅛	+⅜
PRDE	Prdeintl	u26⅜	+½
PNRG	PrmEgy	8⅝	...
ÃLRM	ProtectO	u18	+2⅜
PDIJ	ProtDg	28⅛	+3⅜
PCOL	ProtSy	9⅜	–⅜
PÃMC	PrvÃm	d3½	–½
PROX	Proxim	21	+⅜
PILL	Proxymd	8⅝	–1/16
PÃSW	PureÃtria	17⅜	+⅜
QLGC	Qlogic	32⅛	–1/16
QSNDF	Qsound	2⅝	–1/16
QMDC	Quadrmd n	12	+1 1/16
QFÃB	QuakFab	u20¼	+2
QCOM	Qualcom	46⅝	–⅜
QUÃL	QualSemi	13⅝	+⅜
QNTM	Quantum s	28 5/16	+1 5/16
QDEK	Quartrdk	2⅝	–5/32
QUIK	Quiksilv	u35⅞	+2⅞
QTRN	Quintiles	72⅞	+⅞
QHGI	QuorumH	37	–⅛
QWST	QwestCo n	30½	+¼
RCSB	RCSB Fn	u51	+2
RPOW	RPM	u20	+½
RTIC	RT Ind	4 1/16	–3/64
RWDT	RWD Tc n	21 11/16	+5/16
RÃDÃF	RadicaG	u7⅜	+3 1/32
RDUS	Radius	7⅛	+⅛
RÃIN	RainCfe	23⅜	+1/32
RMBS	Rambus n	u53 11/16	–
RÃTL	RatnSft s	19¼	+⅛
RDRT	ReadRt	25 7/16	+1 1/16
REDB	RedBrick	7 3/32	–7/32
RWTI	Redwd	44⅜	–⅛
REGL	RegCin s	31⅛	+1¼
RGIS	Regis Cp	23⅜	–⅛
RMDY	Remedy	43⅝	–⅜
RNTK	Rentch	11/32	...
RPÃPF	Repap	9⅛	+⅛
RESP	Respirn	u25⅝	+⅝
ROIX	RespOnc	5 1/16	+5/16
RUOKW	Resp wtÃ	1 3/32	+5/32
RETX	Retx	4⅛	+

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OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Wednesday $20.30
Previous Close $19.85

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Today $18
Previous Close $17.75

NATURAL GAS PRICES
Wednesday: unavailable

Prices jump

Gasoline futures prices jumped to six-month highs Wednesday amid panicky buying tied to steep declines in available gasoline stocks and continued reports of refinery outages during a period of record driving demand.

Crude and heating oil futures also advanced. On other commodity markets, copper futures fell sharply as strong U.S. housing numbers did little to offset rising inventories. Coffee futures fell sharply after initial strong gains on a sharply lower Brazilian production forecast.

Gasoline futures rose sharply after the American Petroleum Institute reported inventories had tumbled 3.172 million barrels in the past week to 194.63 million barrels, even as refineries operated at 96 percent of capacity.

With more than a month to go in the peak summer driving season, the government's prediction of record demand is proving true, with 8.59 million barrels of gasoline consumed daily. That compares with 8.88 million barrels a week earlier, the API reported.

Even more disconcerting to market participants was a continuing string of refinery outages. They are exacerbating extreme supply tightness of reformulated gasoline on the East Coast caused by Tosco Corp.'s shutdown of its large Bayway, N.J., refinery's crude and gas-making units.

"Additives for reformulated gasoline are scarce, and we're still seeing exceptionally good demand throughout the country on the good weather and the strong economy," said analyst Ed Kevelson at Paribas Futures Inc.

Coastal reported its small 12,000 barrel-a-day Corpus Christi, Texas, plant that makes MTBE, an additive essential to making reformulated gasoline, had been shut down following an electrical storm. And Arco said it will shut its 30,000 barrel-a-day Channelview, Texas, facility for up to two weeks in September for maintenance.

Gasoline for August delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange rose 3.43 cents to 69.90 cents a gallon, the highest since Jan. 30.

Dollar steady

NEW YORK — The dollar was little changed against the yen and mark amid U.S.-Japanese trade concerns and as traders debated whether the Bundesbank would try to bolster the beleaguered German currency.

Holding the dollar back against the mark, Bundesbank council member Hans-Juergen Koebnick hinted that the central bank might raise interest rates in an effort to lure global investors to mark-denominated assets.

Meantime, reports that some U.S. automakers are urging the government to slap trade sanctions on Japan knocked the dollar from an 11-week high against the yen.

"Some people are expecting the Bundesbank, as early as next week, to increase rates, so there's been some decent dollar selling," said Domenick Presa, chief currency trader at Dresdner Bank. "And with the dollar hitting 119 yen, there's going to be concern over mumblings about trade out of Japan and the U.S."

In late afternoon trading in New York, the dollar was little changed at 118.30 yen from 118.44 yen yesterday. It was also little changed at 1.8354 marks from 1.8368 marks yesterday.

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Stocks hit new heights, Dow closes above 8,200

By Bruce Meyerson
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wall Street's celebration of the federal budget deal turned euphoric Wednesday, propelling stocks further into record territory as bond-market interest rates sank to their lowest level in nearly 1 1/2 years.

The Dow Jones industrial average rose 80.36 to 8,254.89, plowing past 8,200 just two weeks after its first close above 8,000.

Broader stock measures also rallied to new highs, with the Nasdaq composite index pushing back into record territory for the first time in two weeks.

The Dow, which has set closing highs in six of the past seven sessions, has now risen 28 percent this year, tripling the return that many experts had forecast for all of 1997.

With several major economic reports looming in the aftermath of Tuesday's record-setting advance, investors were prepared for a more sober tone on Wednesday.

The mood changed quickly, however, with an unexpected spark from bonds, which rallied despite a report that sprinkled some doubt on the slow growth, low-inflation outlook that's been fueling investor optimism since April.

The Commerce Department reported Wednesday morning that new home sales jumped an unexpected 6.1 percent to 819,000 in June. Strong homes sales can serve as a major economic catalyst, driving demand for a wide array of building materials and home furnishings.

Analysts said bond traders were able to discount the strong data amid the enthusiasm over the balanced budget deal announced in Washington on Tuesday. The deal would presumably help the bond market by keeping government borrowing, and the supply of Treasury bonds, under control.

"It's spillover joy that it's a done deal," said Robert Froehlich, chief investment strategist for Kemper Funds in Chicago. Wednesday's data "should have detracted from the optimism. Here you have housing churning on, and the bond market shrugged it off completely."

But Froehlich and other analysts cautioned that the markets could suffer a setback if Friday's anxiously awaited reading on July payroll and wage levels, a big influence on inflation, comes in too strong.

"My sense is that the data will be fairly market-friendly, and at these levels they better be market friendly," said Charles White, portfolio manager at Avatar Associates.

The markets slid sharply early this spring as a series of robust economic reports spurred an inflation scare that prompted the Federal Reserve to nudge a key interest rate higher in late March. But an ensuing stream of milder economic readings kept the central bank from taking further action, calming investor worries about weaker profits.

As bond prices rose Wednesday, the yield on the 30-year Treasury — a key determinant of consumer and corporate borrowing costs — fell to 6.32 percent, its lowest finish since February 1996.

Financial services companies, whose lending businesses can flourish when interest rates fall, led the stock market's advance for the second straight day.

3 indicted in first charges in probe of Columbia/HCA

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — Prosecutors charged three Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp. officials with cheating Medicare in an indictment unsealed Wednesday, the first charges in a federal probe that has shaken the nation's largest for-profit hospital chain.

Two regional Columbia officials and one headquarters executive each face charges of conspiracy and making false statements. The fraud indictment marks "phase one" of the government's sweeping investigation of Medicare and Medicaid overbilling, said Charles Wilson, the U.S. Attorney for central Florida.

The first criminal defendants were named within two weeks of a dramatic seven-state raid of 35 Columbia and affiliated sites on July 16.

Robert Whiteside, a senior executive in the department that seeks reimbursement for Medicare-related expenses at Columbia hospitals, made an initial appearance in U.S. District Court in Nashville Wednesday afternoon.

His lawyer, Hal Hardin, said Whiteside would plead innocent. The indictment "was quite a suprise to us. We look forward to clearing it up," Hardin said.

Two top executives at Columbia's Florida operation also were named in the five-count criminal indictment unsealed in Fort Myers, Fla.: Jay A. Jarrell, 42, head of the company's southwest Florida division; and Michael T. Neeb, 35, chief financial officer of Columbia's northern Florida operations.

"I am innocent and I have no comment at this time" Jarrell told reporters as he left the federal courthouse in Fort Myers.

He was released on $100,000 bond.

According to the indictment, handed up three weeks before the raids on July 16, Whiteside, Jarrell and Neeb conspired to overbill Medicare by requesting reimbursement for capital expenses at Fawcett Memorial Hospital in Charlotte County, Fla. They received 100 percent reimbursement even though the expenses were eligible for just 39 percent, prosecutors said. The resulting overpayments totaled about $1.8 million, according to the indictment.

Prosecutors claim certain expenses were classified as capital outlays, which get reimbursed at a higher rate, when they actually fell under administrative and general expenses.

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HCA/Columbia's Robert Whiteside, center, refuses to answer reporters' questions as he and his attorney Hal Hardin, rear, walk along Broadway to the Federal Courthouse in Nashville, Tenn., to answer a federal indictment Wednesday. Three Columbia/HCA executives, including Whiteside, were charged Wednesday with cheating Medicare out of at least $1.8 million in the first indictment to come out of a sweeping federal investigation of the nation's largest for-profit hospital chain.

Home sales point to growth

Washington (NYT) —Sales of new single-family homes in the U.S. rose 6.1 percent in June to a near-record level that suggests housing will help speed growth in the second half of the year.

New home sales rose to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 819,000 in June — a level in line with analysts' expectations. That followed a 1.0 percent rise in May which was considerably less than the initial estimate of a 7.4 percent gain reported a month ago by the Commerce Department.

With mortgage rates now at the lowest point in more than a year, builders anticipate continued gains in the months ahead. "Nothing lasts forever, but the way the economy is running feels good and I don't see it taking any abrupt turns," said Robert Strudler, chief executive officer of Houston-based U.S. Home Corp., one of the nation's largest homebuilders.

Today's report puts the annual sales pace at 805,000 for the first six months of the year. That's higher than the 757,000 houses sold in 1996, and not far below the record 819,000 posted in 1977.

All signs point continued gains for housing and the overall economy, analysts said. "You've got high confidence, low unemployment, solid income growth, and a powerful wealth effect," said Stephen Roach, chief economist at Morgan Stanley in New York.

Tax bill could have unintended consequences

WASHINGTON (AP) — Turmoil in the stock market. A surge in college tuition costs. A boom in condominium sales at the expense of houses. The guessing is starting on possible unintended consequences of the huge and complex tax bill.

No one's arguing couples would have more children just to take advantage of the $500 per child credit, or that anyone could postpone death until after the Jan. 1 effective date of the larger estate tax exemption.

But even small changes in tax law can act as powerful levers, altering the way taxpayers conduct their financial lives, from what they buy and sell to when, how and how much they save.

A classic case of unintended consequences, stretching the point only a bit, is the savings and loan crisis. A change in depreciation rules in the 1981 tax act spurred a boom in commercial real estate. But the favorable treatment was taken away by the 1986 act. The boom busted and hundreds of S&Ls that had invested heavily went belly up.

Here are a few areas to watch prospectively.

THE STOCK MARKET: Reducing the top rate on capital gains from 28 percent to 20 percent should make stocks a more attractive investment in the long run. But in the short term, an already high-priced market could be hit by a wave of selling from investors who've wanted to cash in their gains but were waiting to make sure the lower rate was signed into law.

"We've had a lot of clients with very large gains that have been ... putting off big transactions that all of a sudden will hit the market," said Tom Ochsenschlager, a partner with the Grant-Thornton accounting firm.

"There could be so much selling that it would have a negative impact on the market. On the other hand, the money has to go somewhere, so it might go right back into the market," he said.

INVESTMENT CHOICES: Over the long haul, the capital gains cut could help some stocks more than others. Investors likely will prefer fast-growing companies over corporations offering big dividend checks, which will continue to be taxed at a top rate of 39.6 percent.

"It will be bad for utilities that historically have issued preferred stock and it will favor high-tech companies," said Leslie Samuels, a top tax official in Clinton's first term and now a partner at a New York law firm.

New IRA-Plus accounts, open to couples earning as much as $150,000, could reduce the popularity of such existing tax-favored investments as municipal bonds and variable annuities, he said.

HOUSING: A large exclusion on gains from home sales — $500,000 for couples and $250,000 for individual filers — will free most home owners to buy and sell without worrying about tax consequences.

Under the old rules, home sellers younger than 55 looking to shelter gains had to buy another house of equal or greater value. That put people who wanted to move to a lower-priced home in a bind.

But now empty-nest couples can sell their ranch house and move into a condo without paying taxes. Job transferees can move from high-priced San Francisco to lower-priced Seattle without having to buy a bigger house than they want to avoid taxes.

That will change the dynamics of housing markets, particularly in cities such as Boise, Idaho; Portland, Ore.; Salt Lake City, and Phoenix, which have seen an influx of Californians.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Stock expectations shouldn't be based on recent history

By Eric Tyson

Q: I have a number of friends who say they are making lots of money buying individual stocks and are easily reaping double-digit returns, up to 20 percent per year, and doing better than many of the mutual fund managers. I invested in some of their favorites but then dumped them when the market nose-dived in the spring.

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Do you think I can do as well as my friends?

A: Many investors I speak with these days have unrealistically high expectations for what returns their investment portfolios can generate.

And why not? During the past 10 years, the Standard & Poor's 500 Index of larger-company U.S. stocks has produced an annual average return in excess of 15 percent. Since the fall of 1994, the return has exceeded 30 percent annualized.

Getting double-digit returns has been pretty easy of late. Unfortunately, such effortless success has lulled many investors into a false sense of the market.

Individual investors need to have realistic return expectations to be able to cope with the inevitable downswings in the market and to deal intelligently with important personal-finance issues.

A small handful of the best money pros — Peter Lynch, Warren Buffett and George Soros, to name a few — have earned annual average returns of more than 20 percent over extended time periods. But your expecting to earn such returns is like me expecting to able to play basketball like Michael Jordan during the occasional weekend pickup games I play.

The stock market's long-term annual average return has been about 10 percent. In the past, investors in riskier smaller-company and emerging-market stocks have picked up a couple of extra percentage points.

Most of what's published in the investment world includes hyped, bogus performance claims. Nearly all the market-beating performance claims by investment book and newsletter writers are no different than the worst consumer product advertising claims.

Be especially wary of performance claims made in marketing materials.

In some cases, newsletter writers use "backtesting" to develop trading strategies based on historic data.

One such method getting lots of coverage these days is the "Dogs of the Dow" approach, which claims market-thumping returns by annually investing in the three or four Dow Jones Industrial Average stocks with the highest dividend yields.

While such rear-view-mirror investment strategies can be made to look like they can easily produce market-beating returns, they rarely perform as well, and often fall apart.

Unless a track record is independently audited, don't believe it. Hulbert's Financial Digest is the only independent publication that I am aware of that tracks the actual performance of investment newsletter recommendations. Start by looking at a newsletter's five- and 10-year track records.

Also consider the consequence of taxes in any investment strategy. Taxes are almost always ignored by people laying claim to market-beating returns. Many of the investing systems that supposedly can best the pros involve heavy trading.

Since most people's first and best investment option is to fund a tax-deductible retirement plan such as a 401(k) or Keogh, few people should be investing in individual stocks in the first place. And when you do invest in stocks through a non-retirement account, high levels of trading and the resulting capital-gains taxes weigh heavily on the investment returns you get to keep — which is what really matters.

And what about the value of your time? Tracking and monitoring individual stocks can become a time-consuming addiction. If you want to dabble with 10 percent or 20 percent of your overall portfolio in individual stocks, fine. But do so for the fun and challenge of it not because you expect to beat the pros.

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Gates urges governors make use of computers

Associated Press

LAS VEGAS — With a laptop computer and large projection screens, Microsoft Corp. Chairman Bill Gates led the nation's governors on a quick tour of the Internet Wednesday, urging them to streamline their operations by more fully computerizing.

"Citizens are interested in more information if they can easily reach out and get it," Gates said. "If we do this right they can participate in more forms and on a more regular basis in the democratic process."

Among his suggestions: setting up computer kiosks in public places to allow citizens without computers to get in touch with government and other information sources.

Gates, whose software empire has made him the richest man in the world, spoke at the concluding session of the annual summer meeting of the National Governors' Association.

From his laptop, Gates pointed and clicked onto two state government Internet sites he held up for praise — those of Wisconsin and Florida.

Both sites offer a host of useful information about the states, ranging from Florida restaurants that failed state health inspections to information on how to do business with the state of Wisconsin and how to send e-mail to state legislators.

"This technology can draw people in," Gates said.

Gates said that, for the most part, federal and state governments were laggards in the technology revolution.

In streamlining his own company, Gates said, he found that Microsoft had "over 1,000 printed forms. It was wild." He has since managed to convert all but six to their electronic equivalent, he told the governors.

Saudi suspect pleads innocent, breaks deal

WASHINGTON (AP) — A Saudi dissident, once thought willing to shed light on a bombing that killed 19 U.S. airmen, backed out of a plea bargain with the government Wednesday and instead pleaded innocent to an earlier plot to kill Americans in the desert kingdom.

During a 22-minute hearing before U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan, Hani al-Sayegh, dressed in a white T-shirt and dark slacks, said only "not guilty." Sullivan set trial for Nov. 3.

Prosecutor Eric Dubelier said the government considered "the plea agreement has been breached. One of our remedies is to try the case and, at least as of today, that's what we intend to do."

But al-Sayegh's court-appointed lawyer, Frank Carter, contended the agreement "was invalid to begin with."

After court, Carter complained that al-Sayegh, a 28-year-old father of two children still in Saudi Arabia, was under duress and had inadequate legal advice when the agreement was made. He said the government's only evidence is in statements illegally obtained from his client that he would try to exclude from trial.

A Shi'ite Muslim involved in political protest against the Saudi ruling family, al-Sayegh was deported to the United States from Canada in early June after reaching a deal with U.S. prosecutors while in Canadian custody.

Government officials have said the still-secret deal called for him to tell everything he knew about last summer's truck-bombing at the Khobar Towers housing complex near Dhahran, Saudi Arabia.

The FBI has been trying to corroborate Saudi claims that Iran fomented that attack.

In return, al-Sayegh was to plead guilty to one count charging a separate, 1994-95 conspiracy — never carried out — to kill Americans in Saudi Arabia.

The Saudis have claimed al-Sayegh drove a car that signaled the bomb-laden truck when to pull up beside Khobar Towers. Since arriving in this country, al-Sayegh has claimed through lawyers that he was in Iran in June 1996 when the Khobar complex was bombed.

His former attorney, Michael Wildes, who still represents him in immigration matters, said al-Sayegh "feels he was set up by Saudi intelligence to take the fall" for the Khobar attack.

Outside court, Carter told reporters that his effort to negotiate a better agreement with the government for al-Sayegh broke down Monday.

Al-Sayegh has said through attorneys that he fears execution if he were returned to Saudi Arabia. It was not clear whether the plea agreement protected him from deportation to Saudi Arabia after serving any sentence he would have gotten had he pled guilty.

House offers new Web site

WASHINGTON (AP) — Civic-minded Web surfers can review reams of information about the House — from members' financial disclosure statements to historical information and archives — courtesy of a new resource center that launched a site Wednesday on the Internet.

"This creates a whole new world," said House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., who helped dedicate the Legislative Resource Center.

It combines the functions of several previously separate offices, including the House Library, the Office of the House Historian and the House Document Room, to provide one-stop shopping for information about the House of Representatives.

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Check records reveal donors to Barbour's nonprofit group

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Tobacco companies. Telephone giants. Insurers. A casino. When GOP chairman Haley Barbour asked, special interests opened their checkbooks to the tune of $5.2 million for the nonprofit group he founded.

Many had business pending at the time before the Republican Congress.

Bank and check records obtained by Senate investigators and described to The Associated Press provide the first accounting of the donors to Barbour's National Policy Forum, a nonprofit group now under scrutiny. It once promised anonymity to its donors.

The NPF's checks from 1993 through 1996 read like a Who's Who of Corporate America — $75,000 from Coca-Cola, $200,000 from lumber maker Georgia Pacific, $250,000 from the Stars Desert Inn casino in Las Vegas.

The single largest check — a half million dollars on Feb. 13, 1995 — came from American Financial Corp., an Ohio conglomerate owned by Carl Lindner, a prolific political donor.

With the exception of three foreign-linked transactions already highlighted in Senate hearings, the NPF donors were as American — and as Republican — as they come.

Fourteen of the Republican Party's 20 top donors in the 1996 election also gave money to the NPF, AP's review of campaign records show. Four tobacco companies among the GOP's highest donors — Philip Morris, RJR Nabisco, Brown and Williams and U.S. Tobacco — directed $375,000 extra to Barbour's nonprofit.

Now a lobbyist, Barbour is representing tobacco interests as they seek congressional approval of a broad measure that would settle litigation and bring the companies under federal regulation.

The forum, accused by Democrats of being a conduit for Republican Party donations, was created to sponsor policy discussions and reports. GOP leaders were the marquee attraction at events that frequently coincided with pending actions in Congress.

Several of the donors interviewed by AP said they gave five- and six-figure donations to the NPF to attend policy discussion that allowed them to rub elbows with congressional leaders in control of legislation that affected their businesses.

For instance, Citibank made a $25,000 contribution in April 1996 to underwrite a discussion the following month on financial institution modernization, just as Republican leaders were trying — unsuccessfully — to pass legislation to allow banks to move into new areas of business such as brokerages.

For its check, Citibank got a chance to craft some of the issues that would be discussed and to rub elbows with several key players on banking issues, including House Banking Chairman Jim Leach and Rep. John Boehner, the No. 4 Republican in the House, a company spokesman said.

A campaign finance watchdog said the heavy focus Senate investigators gave to a few foreign-linked transactions involving Barbour's group during last week's hearings obscured a more troubling aspect — donors could give money without any public disclosure and win access to policy-makers.

"The larger problem is the general buying of access and buying of influence by special interests in this country. And the danger is you can lose sight of that by focusing on just a few foreign contributions," said Paul Hendrie of the nonpartisan Center for Responsive Politics.

NPF officials declined comment Wednesday, saying they had promised their donors confidentiality.

AT&T, MCI face FCC investigation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Ameritech accused AT&T and MCI Wednesday of illegally switching some customers' long-distance service without consent, a practice known as "slamming."

The Chicago-based local phone company asked the Federal Communications Commission to investigate.

Ameritech told the FCC that AT&T and MCI were responsible for 33,940 complaints it had received from customers in its five-state territory between July 1996 and this June.

AT&T had not seen Ameritech's complaint and had no immediate comment, spokesman Wayne Jackson said.

MCI said Ameritech's statistics were misleading.

"Up to 70 percent of Ameritech's numbers are likely to not be intentional changes, but things like customers changing their minds after requesting a change of service or spouses making a change of service but not telling the other," said spokeswoman Jamie DePeau.

Ameritech spokesman Rich Maganini said the complaints mostly involve unauthorized switching of long-distance service, but also include some local toll service. Of its five-state region, Ameritech has competition in the local toll market only in Illinois, Wisconsin and parts of Michigan, he said. The other states in the region are Indiana and Ohio.

The complaint comes as local and long-distance companies try to invade each others' businesses — something made possible through a 1996 law deregulating the communications industry.

The FCC has proposed ways to reduce slamming and hopes to adopt final rules this fall.

The FCC currently specifies how companies can switch prospective customers to their service. MCI's primary method is using a third-party to verify that a person wants to change service before a switch is made, DePeau said. AT&T uses that method, as well as written authorization from a would-be customer, Jackson said.

The FCC is considering restricting ways the long-distance companies can obtain authorization.

Roughly 50 million people deliberately switch long-distance companies each year. But 16,000 people last year complained to the FCC that they were switched without their consent, making slamming the No. 1 source of complaints at the agency.

Teenagers charged in drowning

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — A 13-year-old boy was charged with murder after he allegedly clamped his 3-year-old stepbrother between his legs in a swimming pool and drowned the boy while joking: "Do y'all know where he is?"

Justin Kennedy was arrested Wednesday. His 13-year-old common-law stepbrother, Vernon Leroy James Jr., also faces murder charges in the July 6 drowning of Deangelo Jordan James. Police continued to look for the teen-ager.

Police said that before the toddler drowned, the two older boys tossed him into the pool over and over, knowing he couldn't swim.

"It may have started out as roughhousing. I don't know what they were thinking at the end," prosecutor Susan Caswell said.

Both could get life in prison without parole if convicted as adults; the death penalty is not an option because of their ages.

The day of the drowning, the boys climbed a low fence surrounding the closed pool at the rundown Williams Square apartment complex and took turns throwing Deangelo in the pool, police said. The murky water was 6 feet deep.

"The victim reportedly sank each time he was thrown into the pool, and then began flailing about in the water, attempting to stay afloat," Detective Dexter Nelson said in court papers. "During one of the occasions when he was thrown into the pool, he hit his head on the edge of the concrete pool siding."

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AUTO RACING — NASCAR Auto Racing, pole qualifying for Winston Cup Brickyard 400, at Indianapolis, 1:30 p.m., ESPN.

GOLF — PGA Golf, The Sprint International, first round, at Castle Rock, Colo., 3 p.m., ESPN.

BASEBALL — Atlanta Braves at Florida Marlins, 6 p.m., TBS.

Seattle Mariners at Milwaukee Brewers, 7 p.m., FSS.

Los Angeles Dodgers at Chicago Cubs, 7 p.m., WGN.

FOOTBALL — Preseason NFL Football, New England at Green Bay, 7 p.m. ESPN.

Texas Scores

BASEBALL — Baltimore Orioles 3, Texas Rangers 1.

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Sports Today

TEXAS LEAGUE — Wichita Wranglers at Midland Angels, Christensen Stadium, 7 p.m. RADIO: KCRS (AM 550).

Football ticket info

Season ticket information for both Midland Lee and Midland High current option holders has been mailed by MISD and season tickets are now being sold to current option holders.

Ticket sales for current option holders continue daily at the Memorial Stadium ticket office from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. July 28 through Friday, Aug. 1 and from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Saturday, Aug. 2.

MHS season tickets will be available to the general public from Aug. 6 through Aug. 22 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily, Monday through Friday.

Lee season tickets to qualified parents go on sale Aug. 14 through Aug. 22 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Any remaining Lee tickets will go on sale to the general public on Tuesday, Aug. 26, from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m.

There will be no exceptions to the ticket purchase dates set.

MISD Physicals

The Midland I.S.D. Athletic Department is having its 1997-98 sports physicals for males and females for grades 7-12. The cost is $10 and no one is turned away. The following is the schedule for places and times for physicals: (Grade 9-12) Aug. 4, 5-7 p.m., Lee High School Field House; (Grade 9-12) Aug. 5, 5-7 p.m., Midland High School Field House at Memorial Stadium; (Grade 7-12) Aug. 6, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Goddard Jr. High School — gym and locker room; Aug. 7, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., San Jacinto Jr. High School — cafeteria and room No.117. Parent or guardian must completely fill out and sign the physical form. This may be done before the physical or at the time of the physical.

Greenwood tickets

Greenwood ISD announces that Rangers' reserved seats must be renewed for the 1997 football season. Contact Donna Smith at the administration office Aug. 4-15, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Reserve seats will open to the public on Aug. 18 through Aug. 29. Call 683-6461 for more information.

Jacks debut

The Odessa Jackalopes hockey team will play their first regular season game Oct. 16, hosting the Lake Charles, La., Ice Pirates at Ector County Coliseum in Odessa.

The Jacks' schedule includes 69 regular season games, with 35 at home, lasting through March 14.

The Jacks will play two exhibitions prior to the Oct. 16 opener, both against the defending WPHL champion El Paso Buzzards: at El Paso Oct. 9, then at home Oct. 11. The Jacks will also host the Russian National Team Dec. 28; the Russians will play against each WPHL team in games that count in the standings.

Ticket information is available at Christensen Stadium in Midland (call 683-4251 or 570-7489) and at Ector County Coliseum (552-PUCK).

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Texas fans await word on Pudge's fate

By Chris Newton
Associated Press Writer

ARLINGTON — Sometime before midnight Thursday, the Texas Rangers will have either sent Ivan Rodriguez packing or resigned themselves to the possibility of losing the six-time All-Star catcher to free agency.

Either way, the decision will be all business.

To many of the Rangers' fans, however, the issue of whether the player they know simply as "Pudge" stays or goes is largely emotional.

"All you have to do is look at all the 'We love Pudge' signs out here every game to know things will be different if he leaves," said Madge Miller of Flower Mound, Texas.

"We want him to stay ... not because we give him the money he wants, but because he loves playing for us as much as we love cheering for him," he said.

Rodriguez is eligible for free agency after this season and has been unable to reach a contract agreement with the Rangers.

AP Laserphoto
Ivan Rodriguez gets ready before Wednesday's game against Baltimore.

Last week, he rejected a five-year, $38 million offer from the team, and it appears he is determined to test his value on the market. If the Rangers hope to get anything but a draft pick for him, they'll likely have to trade him by Thursday night.

Rodriguez is only 25 but already has five Gold Gloves and three Silver Slugger awards to help support claims that he is the best catcher since Johnny Bench.

His determined, consistent play and his thrilling knack for throwing out runners have made him an absolute fan favorite at The Ballpark.

News that he might have played his last game here — the Rangers don't return until Friday — has many fans longing for the days when players and teams were more loyal to each other.

"How can you really enjoy following a team when every other season there is a whole set of different players," said Steve Boyd of Dallas, who has followed the Rangers for 11 years.

"One day baseball is really going to suffer for this kind of thing. The fans have been loyal to Pudge for years and now his attitude is 'business is business.'"

Posted outside The Ballpark are "Power to the Pudge" signs meant to send a clear message to management that the town wants Rodriguez to stay.

Drive around Arlington and you'll see enough "Sign Pudge" bumper stickers to think the catcher could be elected mayor.

Nine-year-old Cort Farmer, a catcher for his Little League team in Sunnyvale, grew up idolizing Rodriguez and has learned to mimic his every move. His mother says he wants anything bearing Rodriguez's name, number or picture.

The last few days, thick with rumors of Rodriguez's departure, have not been good ones for Cort.

"I don't want him to go," the boy said. "It just doesn't seem fair ... He's my favorite."

The fact that Rodriguez was brought up in the

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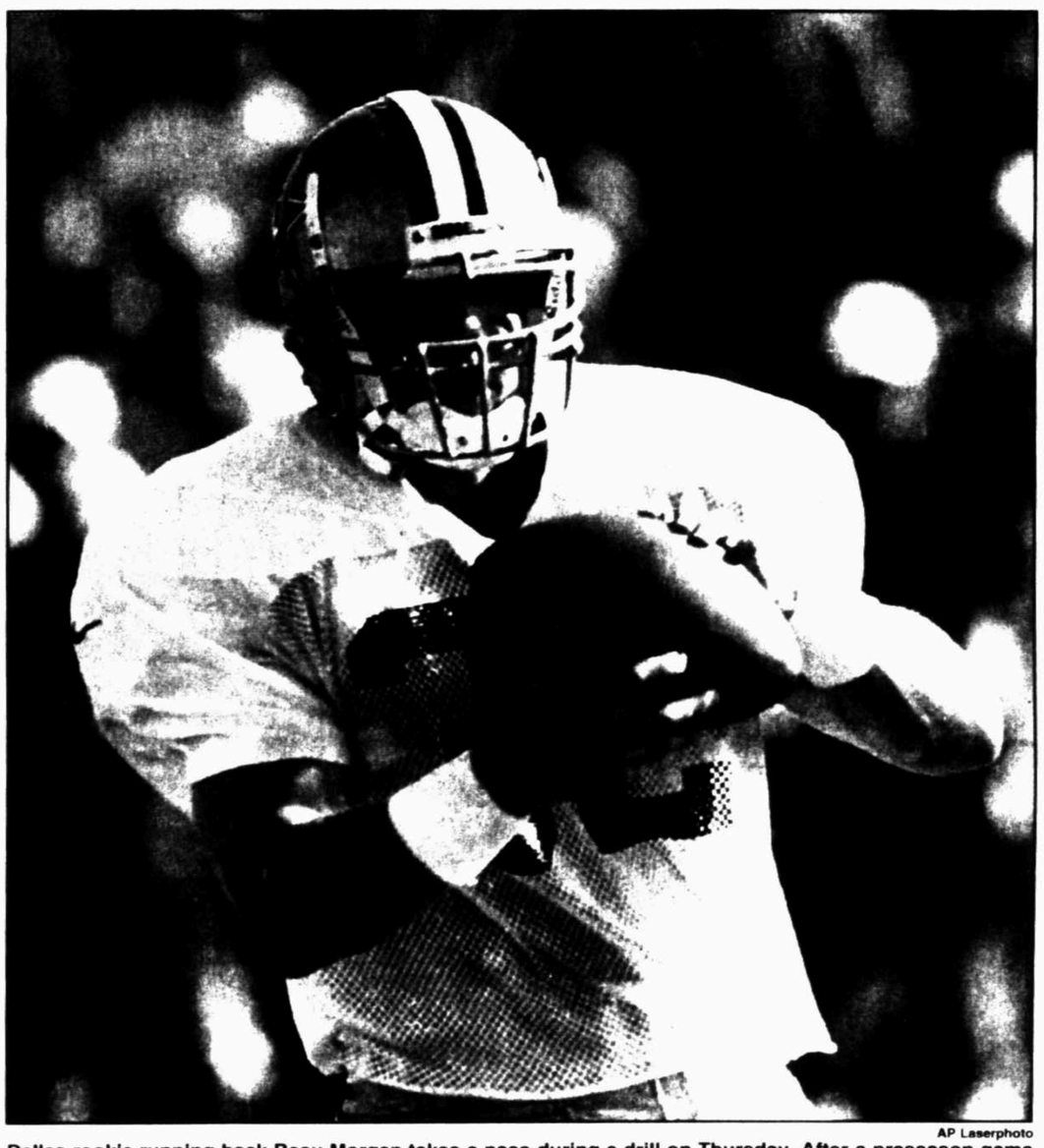

AP Laserphoto
Dallas rookie running back Beau Morgan takes a pass during a drill on Thursday. After a preseason game on Sunday, Morgan will head back to Colorado Springs to begin fulfilling his Air Force commitment.

Cowboys RB grounded by Air Force duty

By CHIP BROWN
Associated Press Writer

AUSTIN — Jason Garrett thought he was seeing double.

The backup quarterback spotted former Air Force quarterback Beau Morgan — a wiry, undrafted rookie free agent with braces — throwing passes during one of the Dallas Cowboys' spring workouts.

The next minute, Morgan was doing drills with the running backs, and after that he was running pass routes with the receivers.

Garrett nearly lost it when, a little later, he saw Morgan lining up as a defensive back, covering receivers.

"I was saying to myself, 'This is unbelievable.' And he wasn't even signed yet. But that's the guy he is," Garrett said. "He tries everything and does everything real hard. He's a guy you love to have around."

The Cowboys would love to have Morgan around. But Morgan's first preseason game against the Oakland Raiders Sunday night at Texas Stadium, just a short distance from where he grew up in Addison, will also be his last.

At least for now.

On Monday, Morgan will pack up his Honda Accord and make the 12-hour drive to Colorado Springs, Colo., to begin fulfilling a two-year postgraduate commitment to the Air Force.

The normal obligation is five years. But Morgan has petitioned for release after two with an increased amount of reserve duty, which he could fulfill during NFL offseasons.

Dallas coaches like Morgan's unrelenting work ethic. He knows the playbook from attending all three of the Cowboys' minicamps, even without a contract, and he can play quarterback, running back, receiver and defensive back.

"To make an impression on the coaches you have to go after it every play," says Morgan, who is always early to practice and then stays late for more work.

Morgan, 5-foot-10 and 192 pounds, makes up for his smallish size with quickness and determination, hitting holes at full speed in drills in which others loaf and then racing back to the huddle after a play is whistled dead.

"Beau works as hard as

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Men's City Golf Tourney has strong field

By Stewart Doreen
Sports Writer

Not since 1990-91 has a Midlander claimed back-to-back titles in the Midland Men's City Golf Tournament. In the previous 37 years of the city tournament only three men have done so.

This weekend, Ronnie Jumper will try to add his name to that list.

Jumper heads an elite field that will try its luck the Hogan Park Golf Course for three days and 54 holes this weekend at the Texas Commerce Bank/Chase Men's City Golf Championship.

It is a challenge that he cautiously looks forward to.

"I always look forward to this tournament. It is the best tournament around," Jumper said. "Last year, I was playing really well and expected to have a good chance. (This year) I'm not swinging as well, but I know what it takes to win."

Jumper won a two-hole playoff over Steve Whiteside to claim his first title. Repeating, however, is something he says is easier said than done. If Jumper can win, he will be the first to repeat since Larry Bryan Jr. did to open the decade. Tim Nesbitt, who won three in a row from 1966-68, and Bob Wortman, the winner of the first two city titles in 1953-54, are the only others to accomplish the feat.

Jumper points to the depth of the field as the biggest reason that repeat titles are so difficult. The number of golfers who can win makes this tournament very presitgious in his mind.

"It is so hard to do, because there are so many golfers who can win," Jumper said. "In the other town, there are one or two guys."

Last year marked the third straight year that a Hogan Park golfer walked away as the champion. In 1994, Tim Phillips was the winner. In 1995, Jeremiah Luttrell put his name on the trophy after a registering a three-round total of 204. Those three will head the Hogan contingency. But by no means is the tournament limited to the home-course talent.

"I could name eight to 10 (players from Hogan) who can shoot the scores to win the tournament, but they at Midland Country Club and Green Tree can all do it," Jumper said.

Last year, one of those Green Tree golfers, Dub Huckabee, made his first appearance in the tournament, and it was almost a victorious one. He led the first two rounds. Other players like 1993 champion Jeff Moses and Trey Womack, who might be having the best summer of any Midland golfer with city-best showings in the State and West Texas Amateurs, lead the contingency who will try to snag the title away from the home course golfers.

One player who will not make it to this year's tournament is Steve Whiteside. The city tournament veteran has one of the all-time best records with three championships (1976, 1988, 1992) and five second place showings, including last two runner-up spots. Whiteside has one title short of Nesbitt's record four city titles, but will not play due to a conflict with a father-son tournament.

Still, the field should be well-repre-

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Young signs $45 M pact with San Fran

By Dennis Georgatos
AP Sports Writer

ROCKLIN, Calif. — Steve Young, a five-time passing champion and two-time NFL MVP, became the highest-paid player in the NFL on Wednesday and took a pay cut for this year to do it.

Such is NFL accounting in the salary cap era.

In another ironic move, Young's six-year, $45 million contract cleared the salary cap room the San Francisco 49ers needed to come to terms with Young's projected successor, top draft pick Jim Druckenmiller.

Team president Carmen Policy said he expected Druckenmiller to be signed and in the 49ers' training camp by Thursday.

Young, who would have been eligible for free agency after this season, was due to receive a 1996 base salary of $4.5 million. Now, as part of the new pact, Young will be paid $3 million this season. He's due to receive $10 million in 1998, $8.275 million in 1999, $6.550 million in 2000, $7.825 million in 2001 and $9.350 million in 2002. There was no signing bonus.

"We feel this is the most tangible way we could express our confidence and our thanks for what he can do and what he has done," Policy said. "He will be with us for the remainder of his career. I think this contract guarantees that."

Young's agent, Leigh Steinberg, said the pact made Young the highest-paid player in the league with an average of $7.5 million, surpassing Green Bay quarterback Brett Favre, who last week signed a seven-year, $47.25 million contract for an annual average of $6.75 million.

However, Young, who turns 36 in October and endured a series of injuries last

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San Francisco 49ers quarterback Steve Young, right, and team owner Eddie DeBartolo, Jr, smile as they field questions concerning Young's new contract worth $45 million over six-years. It will make Young the highest-paid player in the NFL.

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Swoopes joins Comets 5 weeks after giving birth

By Michael Graczyk
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HOUSTON — Just five weeks after giving birth to a son, Sheryl Swoopes — a little rusty, a little heavy and still very confident — joined her Houston Comets teammates for a practice.

"I was really anxious to get out there," Swoopes said Wednesday after the two-hour workout. "I wasn't so worried how I was going to do. I was more worried about how the players were going to react to me, how I was going to fit in."

Coach Val Chancellor had Swoopes participate in most of the half-court activities but held her out of the full-court play. Timing and conditioning were the biggest things needing attention, he said.

"It's going to be a slow process, but I saw a lot of glimpses of a lot of greatness — passing, seeing the floor, something you just can't coach," he said. "It's going to take time, but I think it will be over relatively quick."

Swoopes, 26, was a member of the U.S. team that won the gold medal at the 1996 Olympics. The 6-foot forward is Texas Tech's career scoring leader with a 24.9-point average.

She scored a record 47 points in the Red Raiders' 1993 NCAA championship game victory over Ohio State, led the NCAA in scoring that season at 28.1 points and averaged 23 points in the 1993-94 season with Bari, Italy. She was awarded to Houston in the WNBA's initial player assignments in January.

She gave birth June 25 to Jordan Eric Jackson.

"I've definitely gained some weight during my pregnancy," she said Wednesday. "I've got to get back down to where I was during the Olympics.

"The one thing I'm confident in is my shot. That's something I worked on and didn't lose too much of during my pregnancy.

"But it's completely different to be playing pickup ball with the guys and then you come out here and play organized ball. A lot of people don't understand how physical it is."

The Comets (10-6) leave for a three-game road trip but Swoopes will stay behind to work on her conditioning with a personal trainer and to practice.

"I thought it was inspiring," Chancellor said. "I think if you let Michael Jordan go for a whole year, he'd be rusty. From what I expect, Sheryl is one of the premier players in the country. She's got a ways to go but I think she can be 75 percent of what she can be and help us. All she needs is a little time."

During practice, Swoopes hit a number of 3-pointers and connected with some good passes.

"She was looking good," fellow forward Tina Thompson said. "She was getting everyone involved. I enjoyed having her out."

Swoopes said she hoped to get in three or four good practices before deciding she could get into a game.

"I can't give you a particular time," she said. "I have my own goal when I would like to be playing. That actually was last night but that didn't happen. If I can give him seven, eight, nine minutes a game, that'll make me feel really good."

YOUNG: Quarterback secured for six years

(From 1C)

season that caused him to miss all or parts of nine games, probably won't collect all the money in the new deal. It's not guaranteed, and Policy and Steinberg both said the contract likely will be restructured next year to ease its $10 million impact on the cap.

"I would say it's designed for a restructuring, if both parties are willing and reasonable, and Steve has always been a team player," Policy said. "We feel we'll be able to address that."

Steinberg said Young was sensitive to the 49ers' need for cap relief. Not only did the 49ers require room for Druckenmiller's contract but they also needed monetary space for a practice squad. In all, the 49ers realized $1.5 million in cap savings with Young's new contract.

"We had a unique challenge," Steinberg said. "We had to figure out a way to get the 49ers cap relief and I think this basically takes care of all the needs they have. Steve was insistent on doing that. Yet at the same time, we wanted to do something that added precedent and value to his contract and we achieved that, too."

Steinberg said he was "100 percent certain" that Young, even if he doesn't play out the contract, would collect the $10 million from the second year of the pact through the anticipated restructuring. How much beyond next season remains to be seen.

For his part, Young said the best part of the new contract was the assurance that he would remain with San Francisco for the foreseeable future.

"I would either retire or quit playing before I left so I'm grateful that I can continue to play in San Francisco," Young said. "I also get to play with my buddies. It's a lot of fun to play football with your friends — Brent Jones and Harris Barton and Tim McDonald and Gary Plummer and Jerry Rice. These are the guys I've played with for a lot of years. And what I love about this group is we're truly committed to championship football and we thrive on the challenge."

He said it didn't bother him that the new contract, with the pay cut this season, cleared the way for the 49ers to sign Druckenmiller, who is regarded as San Francisco's quarterback of the future. Druckenmiller slated for third-string duties behind Young and Jeff Brohm this season.

"I think it's great," Young said. "We need players. We need young players. We need a mix, competent guys to come in and grow this team. You can't do it all alone. So, I'm somewhat philosophical and pragmatic about it."

And despite the rash of injuries last season — Young suffered through broken ribs, a groin strain and two concussions that raised talk about early retirement — the league's career passing efficiency leader said he was by no means ready to forecast when he would leave the game.

"You're seeing guys play into their prime longer," Young said. "I feel like my mind is totally engrossed in football and I love to play and my body, although I've had some nicks and scrapes, has not been fundamentally butchered for sure. So, I feel very healthy and feel like I have plenty of football to go play."

Of course, Druckenmiller's development could influence that.

GOLF: Tournament starts Friday at Hogan

(From 1C)

sented. Jumper says that one reason is that the top 15 spots are paid. Combine that monetary rewards with the quality of the par-70 layout and it should make for a quality field.

"They have built this tournament up," Jumper said. "They pay 15 places in the championship flight. Most tournaments pay only three. Enough guys play that it is competitive."

Also winning has its rewards.

"People all over town notice who the city champion is I found that out this year," said Jumper a school teacher at Ben Milam Elementary.

Another win will make that doubly so.

City Golf Tournament Fast Facts

The Championship flight will play the par-70 course at 6,615 yards. There are only two holes (Nos. 4 and 13) that water will come to play on. Hogan is ranked by the Dallas Morning News as one of the top 50 public courses in the state of Texas.

1996 Winner: Ronnie Jumper defeated Steve Whiteside in a playoff. Both players finished regulation with 205 (5-under par) scores.

Previous Winners (and three round scores) in the 1990s: 1995: Jeremiah Luttrell (204), 1994: Tim Phillips (208) 1993: Jeff Moses (209) 1992: Steve Whiteside (210) 1991: Larry Bryan Jr. (207); 1990: Larry Bryan Jr. (200)

54-hole Record: 200 by Larry Bryan Jr. in 1990.

THE FIELD:

Ronnie Jumper: Last year was his breakthrough year. Now, he looks to be the first golfer since Larry Bryan Jr. in 1990-91 and the fourth golfer overall to win repeat titles.

Trey Womack: His first round 66 was the best 18 at this year's TGA state Amateur at Midland Country Club. He was the top Midland finisher at the State and West Texas.

Charlie Prince: Hogan Park is his home course, and after a strong spring season with the Midland College golf team and a good summer where he qualified for the State and West Texas Amateurs, he could be ready to make his mark. Now, it is a matter of putting three rounds together.

Others to watch: Former Champions Jeremiah Luttrell, Jeff Moses and Tim Phillips. Others are Dub Huckabee and Bobby Welborn.

MORGAN: Cowboys have to wait two years

(From 1C)

anyone out here," Dallas coach Barry Switzer said. "Hopefully, he'll come back and play for us in a couple years. He's just a good kid who is a tremendous competitor and incredibly smart."

Running backs coach Joe Brodsky insists Morgan isn't just a training camp novelty. He points to the fact that Morgan set an NCAA Division I record for rushing yards by a quarterback last year as the focal point of Air Force's option attack with 225 attempts for 1,498 yards and 18 touchdowns.

Brodsky has some ideas for Morgan when he comes back.

"We can use him as a quarterback in the option game. We can use him at running back and as a slot receiver," Brodsky said. "He's going to be very good in the future. He's everything we thought he was going to be."

Dallas defensive tackle Chad Hennings, also an Air Force graduate, isn't surprised by Morgan's performance thus far.

"It's standard," Hennings said. "Most of the Air Force Academy athletes are overachievers, guys who weren't necessarily good enough to go to some of the bigger programs but good enough to play Division I."

Hennings, who had to serve a four-year postgraduate commitment because he was a pilot, has given Morgan tips on how to prepare for the NFL.

"Chad's gone out of his way to help me and to tell me how important it is to serve my commitment to the Air Force," Morgan said.

Morgan will serve as an assistant football coach for Air Force's jayvee team his first year. It will allow him to stay in shape and stay close to his brother, Blaine, who is expected to start at quarterback for Air Force this season.

Still, Morgan says it will be difficult to make the drive to Colorado with Sunday night's game still fresh in his mind.

"Coming out of high school, I never really thought about the NFL, so the postgraduate commitment wasn't a big deal," Morgan said. "I was just trying to make a college team.

"Sure, I would love to stay and play with the Cowboys, but to second guess myself like that wouldn't be fair. The Academy's given me the chance to run the ball as much as I did.

"I realized I had an obligation after I graduated, so I'm going to be happy to do that as well."

PUDGE: Catcher could be dealt today

(From 1C)

Rangers' farm system and played his whole career with the Rangers also makes him special to fans who have set Texas attendance records the past few seasons.

"He has transcended just being a player that people like because he's good — he's like the centerpiece for the team," said devoted Rangers fan Steve Smith of Duncanville.

But Smith said he believes Pudge is as good as gone — local hero or not — and that the Rangers could feel the fan backlash well after the catcher is gone.

"This attitude that it's just business could really hurt baseball ... it makes you feel like not rooting for these guys anymore," Smith said.

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LOCAL SPORTS

Ranchland Hills wins ladies title

The Ranchland Hills Country Club team won the Permian Basin Ladies Interclub Championship played Wednesday at the Club at Mission Dorado. The Ranchland Hills team won with an average score of 73.8, beating the Mission Dorado team's score of 75.88.

Jo Dickson had Ranchland Hills' low gross score at 74 and Anne Drake had the team's low net at 68.

Elva Graham had the low gross of 85 for Mission Dorado, while Charlene Jarnagan had the low net of 70.

A Greentree Country Club player provided the highlight of the day when Jean Elkins made a hole-in-one on No. 17. She used a 5-wood to ace the 110-yard hole.

Odessa Country Club took third at 77.0, with a low gross of 82 by Luisa Searls and low net of 76 by Gigi Albrecht.

Midland Country Club was fourth at 77.35, with a low gross of 88 by Jere Barnes and a low net of 71 by Susan Ohlenburg.

Greentree Country Club was fifth at 80.73, with a low gross of 77 by Trina Albright and a low net of 71 by Flossie Larsh.

Area youngsters place at rodeo

SWEETWATER — Several area youngsters placed in slack competition Tuesday night and Wednesday morning at the American Junior Rodeo Association National Finals.

On Tuesday night, Kaycie Teague of Rankin captured first place in the 9-12 girls barrel racing with a time of 16.30 seconds. She also took second in pole bending in 20.87 seconds.

Brandi Clements of Odessa won the 16-19 girls breakaway roping event with a time 2.94 seconds.

Trey Culberson won the 9-12 boys ribbon roping with a time of 11.4 seconds.

On Wednesday morning, J.D. Shields of Odessa took second in 16-19 boys ribbon roping with a time of 6.1 seconds.

Inline hockey All-Stars take 2nd

The Midland Inline Hockey League All-Stars claimed second place in all four age divisions at the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Games last weekend in Lubbock. They were second in 12-under, 14-under, novice and adult divisions against teams from McAllen, Wichita Falls, Lubbock, Abilene and Amarillo.

Girls soccer team grabs third place

A soccer team of nine years-and-under girls went to the Texas Amateur Athletic Federation Games last weekend in Lubbock and placed third in the 10-under division.

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TEXAS	ab	r	h	bi	BALTIMORE	ab	r	h	bi
TGdwin cf	3	0	0	1	ByAdsn cf	4	0	2	0
McLmr 2b	4	0	0	0	RBoult 2b	4	1	3	1
Greer dh	2	0	1	0	RPmro 1b	3	0	0	0
JuGnlz rf	4	0	0	0	CBaines dh	3	1	0	0
WClark 1b	4	1	1	0	CRipkn 3b	3	0	0	0
IRdrgz c	0	0	0	0	Berroa rf	3	0	1	2
HMrcd c	2	0	0	0	Trasco rf	1	0	0	0
Newson lf	3	0	1	0	Surhoff lf	3	0	0	0
Simms ph	1	0	0	0	Wbster c	3	0	0	0
FTatis 3b	3	0	0	0	Bordick ss	2	1	0	0
Gil ss	3	0	0	0					
Totals	**29**	**1**	**3**	**1**	**Totals**	**29**	**3**	**6**	**3**

Texas	010	000	000 — 1
Baltimore	000	200	10x — 3

DP—Texas 1, Baltimore 1. LOB—Texas 6, Baltimore 6. 2B—Greer (27), Reboulet 2 (6). SB—Newson (2). CS—ByAnderson (8).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
Burkett L,7-10	6	5	2	2	2	3
Vpsberg	2	1	1	1	1	3
Baltimore						
Kmncki W,7-5	6 2-3	3	1	1	4	6
Orosco	1	0	0	0	0	1
ABenitez	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
RMyers S,30	1	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—by Burkett (CRipken), by Kamieniecki (IRodriguez). T—3:02. A—47,854 (48,262).

WHITE SOX 3, TIGERS 2

DETROIT	ab	r	hbi	CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi
BLHntr cf	5	2	3	0	DaMtnz rf	4	0	0	0
Easley 2b	4	0	1	0	Drham 2b	4	0	2	0
Higgnsn rf	2	0	1	1	FThms dh	4	1	1	1
Nieves rf	1	0	0	0	Belle lf	3	0	0	0
ToClrk 1b	3	0	0	0	Vntura 3b	3	1	1	0
Hmelin dh	2	0	0	0	Cmeron cf	3	1	1	0
OMiller ph	0	0	0	0	Fbrgas c	2	0	1	0
Pride dh	1	0	0	0	MVldz 1b	3	0	1	2
Frymn 3b	2	0	0	1	OGuiln ss	2	0	0	0
Nevin lf	4	0	1	0					
Wlbeck c	4	0	0	0					
DCruz ss	4	0	0	0					
Totals	**32**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**Totals**	**28**	**3**	**7**	**3**

Detroit	100	010	000 — 2
Chicago	020	001	00x — 3

DP—Detroit 2, Chicago 1. LOB—Detroit 9, Chicago 3. 2B—BLHunter (15), Higginson (18), Ventura (3). HR—FThomas (25). SB—BLHunter 2 (53), Durham (25). CS—Easley (8), Fabregas (1). S—OGuillen.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
SSanders L,3-8	6	5	3	3	1	3
Miceli	1	1	0	0	0	2
MMyers	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
TqJones	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Chicago						
Drabek W,7-7	6	5	2	2	4	5
CCastillo	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
TCastillo	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Karchner	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
RHrndz S,27	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—by CCastillo (Easley). T—3:09. A—30,613 (44,321).

RED SOX 8, MARINERS 7, 10 innings

SEATTLE	ab	r	hbi	BOSTON	ab	r	hbi
Cora 2b	5	1	2	1	Grcpnr ss	7	1	2	1
ARdrgz ss	5	2	2	0	JhValtn 3b	3	0	1	1
Grfy Jr cf	4	2	3	1	MVghn 1b	4	0	1	1
EMrtnz dh	5	1	3	4	Bnjmin 1b	0	0	0	0
Buhner rf	4	0	0	0	Jffrson dh	4	0	3	0
Srtento 1b	5	0	1	1	Stanley dh	2	0	0	0
DaWlsn c	3	0	0	0	Crdero lf	6	1	2	0
RDavis 3b	3	0	0	0	O'Lry rf	4	1	2	0
Cruz Jr lf	4	1	1	0	Mack ph	1	0	1	0
					Corsi p	0	0	0	0
					Avery ph	1	0	0	0
					Httberg c	3	0	0	0
					Tvarez cf	1	2	1	0
					Bragg cf	4	3	3	2
					Frye 2b	5	0	2	2
Totals	**38**	**7**	**12**	**7**	**Totals**	**45**	**8**	**18**	**7**

Seattle	000	300	040	0—7
Boston	002	000	023	1—8

Two outs when winning run scored.

E—ARodrnguez (20). DP—Seattle 3, Boston 3. LOB—Seattle 5, Boston 18. 2B—ARodrnguez (30), Jefferson (20), O'Leary (23), Bragg 2 (26), Frye 2 (17). 3B—Cruz Jr (1). HR—EMartinez (17). SB—Grnffey Jr (11). S—RDavis.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Olivares	5	8	2	2	3	2
Holzemer	1-3	0	0	0	1	0
Lira	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Ayala	1 1-3	3	2	2	0	1
BWells	1-3	2	0	0	0	0
Charlton	1 1-3	3	3	2	3	0
Hurtado L,1-2	2-3	2	1	1	2	0
Boston						
Suppan	6	7	3	3	0	2
BHenry	1 1-3	3	3	3	0	0
Wasdin	2-3	1	1	1	0	0
Slocumb	1	0	0	0	1	1
Corsi W,2-1	1	1	0	0	2	0

Olivares pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. Lira pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.

HBP—by Lira (JhValentin). T—3:46. A—33,056 (33,925).

TWINS 11, ROYALS 1

MINNESOTA	ab	r	hbi	KANSAS CITY	ab	r	hbi
Knblch 2b	5	0	1	2	Roberts lf	0	0	0	0
RKelly rf	4	2	1	1	DHwrd lf	3	0	1	0
Molitor dh	4	1	2	1	Offrmn 2b	4	0	0	0
Stnbch c	5	1	2	1	JBell ss	4	0	0	0
Coomr 3b	4	1	2	1	CDavis dh	3	0	1	0
MCdva lf	5	1	1	2	Palmer 3b	4	0	0	0
Clbrnn 1b	5	1	2	0	King 1b	4	1	1	0
DrJkson cf	4	2	1	0	Damon cf	3	0	0	0
Hcking ss	5	2	2	2	MSwy c	4	0	0	1
					YBentz rf	2	0	0	0
Totals	**41**	**11**	**14**	**10**	**Totals**	**31**	**1**	**3**	**1**

Minnesota	802	000	010 — 11
Kansas City	000	000	100 — 1

E—Hocking 2 (3). Offerman (6). Palmer (12). YBenitez (1). DP—Minnesota 1. Kansas City 1. LOB—Minnesota 7. Kansas City 7. 2B—MCordova (11), Hocking 2 (7). DHoward (8). King (22). 3B—Knoblauch (7). SF—Molitor.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Radke W,15-5	7	3	1	1	3	3
Ritchie	2	0	0	0	1	2
Kansas City						
Rusch L,3-7	3	9	10	9	3	2
Whisenant	3	2	0	0	0	2
JWalker	2	3	1	0	0	1
JMontgomery	1	0	0	0	0	1

T—2:42. A—17,002 (40,625).

ANGELS 5, INDIANS 2

ANAHEIM	ab	r	hbi	CLEVELAND	ab	r	hbi
Phillips 2b	5	0	2	0	Grssom cf	5	0	0	0
Erstad 1b	4	1	2	0	Giles lf	3	1	0	0
Hollins 3b	5	1	1	0	Thome 1b	2	0	0	0
Edmnd cf	3	2	2	2	Rmirez rf	3	0	1	0
Salmon rf	4	0	1	1	Justice dh	3	0	1	1
GAndsn lf	2	0	0	1	MaWm 3b	4	0	1	0
Howell dh	3	0	0	0	SAlmr c	4	1	1	1
Alicea dh	1	0	0	0	TFrndz 2b	3	0	1	0
TdGrne c	4	1	1	1	Vizquel ss	2	0	0	0
DbScna ss	4	0	0	0					
Totals	**35**	**5**	**9**	**5**	**Totals**	**29**	**2**	**5**	**2**

Anaheim	200	011	010 — 5
Cleveland	110	000	000 — 2

DP—Anaheim 1. LOB—Anaheim 7, Cleveland 8. 2B—Ramirez (28). HR—Edmonds (17), TdGreene (4), SAlomar (13). SB—Erstad (18), Giles (6), TFernandez (6), Vizquel 2 (26). CS—TFernandez (4). SF—GAnderson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Anaheim						
KHill W,6-8	6 1-3	5	2	2	7	4
Cadaret	1-3	0	0	0	1	0
James S,7	2 1-3	0	0	0	0	2
Cleveland						
Nagy L,10-7	7	8	5	5	2	7
Assenmacher	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Mesa	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	0

Nagy pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.

HBP—by Nagy (Edmonds). WP—Cadaret. T—3:09. A—42,898 (43,863).

YANKEES 7, ATHLETICS 0

OAKLAND	ab	r	hbi	NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi
Blihrn 3b	4	0	0	0	Jeter ss	5	3	3	0
Batista ss	4	0	0	0	Sojo 2b	5	1	4	2
Lennon lf	3	0	0	0	O'Neill rf	4	1	1	1
McGwr 1b	2	0	0	0	TMrtnz 1b	4	1	2	2
Cruseco dh	0	0	0	0	ICruz dh	4	0	1	0
Stairs dh	3	0	0	0	Boggs 3b	3	1	0	0
Giambi ph	1	0	0	0	PKelly 2b	1	0	0	0
Brosius rf	4	0	0	0	Curtis cf	4	0	1	0
Spiezio 2b	3	0	1	0	Girardi c	4	0	1	0
EnYng cf	3	0	0	0	Pose lf	4	0	0	0
Molina c	3	0	2	0					
Totals	**30**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**Totals**	**38**	**7**	**13**	**5**

Oakland	000	000	000 — 0
New York	311	100	01x — 7

E—Batista (6), Lennon (3). LOB—Oakland 6, New York 8. 2B—Jeter (18), Sojo (4). HR—Sojo (2), TMartinez (36). SB—Spiezio (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Karsay L,3-11	3	9	6	5	1	3
Wengert	4	3	0	0	0	3
Groom	1	1	1	1	0	0
New York						
DWells W,11-5	9	3	0	0	3	16

Karsay pitched to 2 batters in the 4th.

WP—Karsay. T—2:45. A—35,480 (57,545).

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Baltimore	66	38	.635	—	8-2	W-5	31-20	35-18	7-2
New York	61	44	.581	5 1/2	6-4	W-3	32-23	29-21	4-5
Toronto	50	54	.481	16	z-5-5	L-5	25-30	25-24	4-5
Boston	51	56	.477	16 1/2	z-7-3	W-4	27-31	24-25	6-3
Detroit	48	56	.461	18	z-4-6	L-1	28-27	20-29	4-5
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Cleveland	54	48	.529	—	z-3-7	L-3	28-26	26-22	5-4
Milwaukee	52	52	.500	3	7-3	W-7	34-18	18-34	4-5
Chicago	52	53	.495	3 1/2	z-4-6	W-1	28-25	24-28	4-5
Minnesota	48	58	.453	8	z-4-6	W-2	24-31	24-27	4-5
Kansas City	43	60	.417	11 1/2	6-4	L-2	22-28	21-32	4-5
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Seattle	60	46	.566	—	6-4	L-2	29-22	31-24	5-5
Anaheim	60	47	.561	1/2	6-4	W-4	32-18	28-29	2-8
Texas	50	56	.472	10	3-7	L-3	27-26	23-30	7-3
Oakland	42	67	.385	19 1/2	2-8	L-5	22-27	20-40	6-4

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Atlanta	69	39	.639	—	z-7-3	W-4	34-19	35-20	4-5
Florida	60	45	.571	7 1/2	4-6	W-2	32-20	28-25	6-3
New York	59	46	.562	8 1/2	z-6-4	L-3	32-17	27-29	2-7
Montreal	54	51	.514	13 1/2	3-7	L-1	31-22	23-29	7-2
Philadelphia	32	72	.308	35	z-5-5	W-2	17-30	15-42	1-8
Central Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Houston	59	49	.546	—	z-9-1	W-2	31-22	28-27	3-6
Pittsburgh	52	55	.486	6 1/2	z-4-6	L-2	24-25	28-30	5-4
St. Louis	51	55	.481	7	4-6	L-2	29-25	22-30	4-5
Cincinnati	45	60	.429	12 1/2	3-7	L-2	26-27	19-33	6-3
Chicago	43	65	.398	16	2-8	L-7	27-24	16-41	6-3
West Division	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
San Francisco	59	48	.551	—	z-5-5	W-1	34-24	25-24	7-3
Los Angeles	58	49	.542	1	z-7-3	W-5	36-23	22-26	6-4
San Diego	52	55	.486	7	z-7-3	L-2	26-32	26-23	4-6
Colorado	51	57	.472	8 1/2	z-7-3	W-1	29-23	22-33	3-7

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Wednesday's Games

N.Y. Yankees 7, Oakland 0
Boston 8, Seattle 7, 10 innings
Chicago White Sox 3, Detroit 2
Baltimore 3, Texas 1
Anaheim 5, Cleveland 2
Minnesota 11, Kansas City 1
Only games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Toronto (Person 4-6) at Detroit (Thompson 8-8), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Moyer 11-3) at Milwaukee (Fiore 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Gordon 5-9) at Kansas City (Appier 6-9), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Navarro 8-9) at Anaheim (Dickson 10-4), 9:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Key 13-6) at Oakland (Haynes 0-1), 9:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Wednesday's Games

Colorado 12, Montreal 6
Florida 6, Cincinnati 0
Atlanta 6, Chicago Cubs 5
Houston 7, St. Louis 4
N.Y. Mets at San Francisco (n)
Only games scheduled

Thursday's Games

Atlanta (Byrd 3-0) at Florida (Saunders 2-3), 6:05 p.m.
Colorado (Bailey 9-7) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 5-6), 6:35 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 7-5) at Montreal (Hermanson 4-5), 6:35 p.m.
St. Louis (Morris 8-6) at Philadelphia (Schilling 11-10), 6:35 p.m.
Los Angeles (Park 9-5) at Chicago Cubs (Mulholland 6-10), 7:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

NL Boxes

ASTROS 7, CARDINALS 4

ST. LOUIS	ab	r	hbi	HOUSTON	ab	r	hbi
DeShld 2b	4	1	2	1	Biggio 2b	4	2	3	3
McGee rf	5	1	1	0	Spiers 3b	4	1	2	0
Lnkfrd cf	4	1	1	0	Bgwell 1b	4	1	0	0
Gant lf	4	0	1	2	Phillips rf	2	0	1	1
Gaetti 3b	4	0	1	1	DeBell rf	2	0	0	0
Mabry 1b	4	0	2	0	LGnzlz lf	3	0	0	1
Dfelice c	3	0	0	0	Gterrez ss	2	0	2	2
DYng ph	1	0	0	0	Bogar ss	0	1	0	0
Fossas p	0	0	0	0	Esebio c	4	0	1	0
Ptkvsk p	0	0	0	0	Asmus c	0	1	0	0
Beltran p	0	0	0	0	Carr cf	4	0	2	0
Clayton ss	4	1	3	0	Kile p	3	0	0	0
ABens p	2	0	0	0	THwrd ph	0	1	0	0
TJMtw p	0	0	0	0	TMrtn p	0	0	0	0
Lvngst ph	1	0	0	0					
Lmpkin c	0	0	0	0					
Shaffer ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**37**	**4**	**11**	**4**	**Totals**	**32**	**7**	**11**	**7**

St. Louis	001	000	030 — 4
Houston	103	000	03x — 7

LOB—St. Louis 8, Houston 9. 2B—Clayton 2 (29). 3B—Biggio (5). Gutierrez (1). SB—Lankford (16). Spiers (7). CS—Gutierrez (1). SF—Phillips. LGonzalez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
ABenes	6	9	4	4	3	4
TJMathews	1	0	0	0	0	1
Fossas L,1-2	0	1	2	2	1	0
Petkovsek	1-3	1	1	1	1	0
Beltran	2-3	0	0	0	1	1
Houston						
Kile W,15-3	8	10	4	4	1	7
TMartin S,1	1	1	0	0	1	1

Fossas pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.

T—3:04. A—28,204 (54,370).

BRAVES 6, CUBS 5

CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi	ATLANTA	ab	r	hbi
Glnville lf	5	0	2	1	Lofton cf	2	2	1	0
McRae cf	3	1	1	0	Bautista rf	2	1	1	0
Sosa rf	5	0	0	0	Blauser ss	4	0	1	0
MaGrc 1b	4	1	2	1	ChJnes 3b	5	1	3	3
Dnston ss	5	0	1	0	McGriff 1b	4	1	1	1
Huston c	4	1	1	0	Tucker lf	3	1	1	0
Rojas p	1	0	0	0	AJones rf	4	0	0	0
One 3b	3	0	1	0	JLopez c	3	0	0	1
Snchez 2b	2	0	0	0	Lemke 2b	3	0	2	1
Hansen 2b	1	0	1	1	Smoltz p	2	0	0	0
JHrndz 2b	0	1	0	0	Grffnno ph	1	0	0	0
Foster p	2	0	1	0	Belecki p	0	0	0	0
RTatis p	0	0	0	0	CFox p	0	0	0	0
TAdms p	0	0	0	0	Cather p	0	0	0	0
DClark ph	1	0	0	0	Lckhrt ph	1	0	0	0
Bttnfld p	0	0	0	0	Embre p	0	0	0	0
Pttrson p	0	0	0	0					
Servais c	1	1	1	1					
Totals	**37**	**5**	**11**	**4**	**Totals**	**34**	**6**	**10**	**6**

Chicago	000	002	120 — 5
Atlanta	100	210	002 — 6

One out when winning run scored.

LOB—Chicago 10, Atlanta 9. 2B—One (16), Foster (1), Servais (13), Blauser (27), ChJones 2 (29), Tucker (21). 3B—Bautista (2). SB—McRae (13), Lofton (20), ChJones (17). CS—Glanville (9). SF—JLopez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Foster	4	4	4	4	4	4
RTatis	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
TAdams	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Bottenfield	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	2
Patterson	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Rojas L,0-4	1 1-3	4	2	2	1	1
Atlanta						
Smoltz	6	6	2	2	4	10
Belecki	2-3	2	1	1	0	1
CFox	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Cather	1	3	2	2	1	1
Embree W,3-1	1	0	0	0	0	1

Foster pitched to 2 batters in the 5th.

WP—Foster, Smoltz 2. T—3:33. A—43,090 (50,528).

ROCKIES 12, EXPOS 6

MONTREAL	ab	r	hbi	COLORADO	ab	r	hbi
Vidro 3b	5	0	2	0	EcYng 2b	3	1	0	0
Lnsing 2b	5	0	0	0	Burks cf	3	1	1	2
RWhite cf	5	3	4	1	Hutton p	0	0	0	0
Segui 1b	4	2	2	2	Dipoto p	0	0	0	0
VGrero rf	4	0	3	0	Vn Wal ph	0	0	0	0
McGire rf	0	0	0	0	Bates ph	0	1	0	0
Strkwc ph	1	0	0	0	MMunz p	0	0	0	0
HRdrgz lf	5	1	2	3	LWalkr rf	4	1	2	2
Grdzln ss	5	0	3	0	Glrrga 1b	4	2	3	5
Widger c	5	0	0	0	Bchette lf	4	2	4	0
Juden p	2	0	0	0	Pllram lf	1	1	1	0
MValds p	0	0	0	0	Castilla 3b	4	0	4	1
Orsulak ph	1	0	1	0	Mhwrn c	5	0	0	0
Telford p	0	0	0	0	NPerez ss	5	1	1	0
Stringlo ph	1	0	0	0	FCstillo p	2	0	0	0
DVeres p	0	0	0	0	McCkn cf	1	2	1	0
DeHart p	0	0	0	0					
Fltisek p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**43**	**6**	**17**	**6**	**Totals**	**36**	**12**	**17**	**10**

Montreal	202	000	200 — 6
Colorado	321	001	14x — 12

E—Segui (3). VGuerrero (9). DP—Montreal 2. LOB—Montreal 11, Colorado 8. 2B—Orsulak (9), LWalker (31), Bichette 2 (22), Castilla (14), NPerez (7), McCracken (8). HR—RWhite (16), Segui (10), HRodriguez (21), Burks (18), Galarraga 2 (28). SB—EcYoung (30). CS—Grudzielanek (5), Galarraga (7). S—EcYoung 2. SF—LWalker.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Montreal						
Juden L,11-5	4	10	6	5	2	1
MValdes	1	0	0	0	0	1
Telford	1	1	1	1	1	1
DVeres	1	3	3	2	0	0
DeHart	1-3	2	2	2	1	0
Fultsek	2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Colorado						
FCastillo W,8-9	6	11	4	4	1	4
Hutton	1-3	4	2	2	0	1
Dipoto	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	2
MMunoz	1	1	0	0	0	0

Juden pitched to 3 batters in the 5th. DVeres pitched to 2 batters in the 8th.

HBP—by Juden (Castilla). T—3:17. A—48,405 (50,200).

MARLINS 6, REDS 0

CINCINNATI	ab	r	hbi	FLORIDA	ab	r	hbi
CGdwn cf	3	0	0	0	DWhite cf	5	0	1	1
Reese ss	4	0	0	0	Rntteria ss	4	2	2	0
WGrne 3b	3	0	0	0	Shffield rf	3	1	1	0
RSndrs rf	4	0	1	0	AArias 3b	1	0	0	0
Tbnsee c	4	0	1	0	Bonilla 3b	4	1	1	0
Nnnally lf	3	0	1	0	Cnglosi lf	1	0	0	0
RMnigr p	0	0	0	0	Alou lf	3	1	2	4
EduPrz ph	1	0	0	0	Conine 1b	4	0	2	0
HMorris 1b	3	0	0	0	CJhnsn c	4	0	2	0
BBone 2b	3	0	1	0	Abbott 2b	4	1	1	0
Schrek p	1	0	0	0	LHrndz p	2	0	1	0
Owens ph	1	0	0	0	Daultn ph	1	0	1	0
Belinda p	0	0	0	0	Cook p	0	0	0	0
MKelly lf	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**31**	**0**	**4**	**0**	**Totals**	**36**	**6**	**14**	**5**

Cincinnati	000	000	000 — 0
Florida	301	000	11x — 6

E—Reese (8), WGreene (10), LHernandez (1). DP—Cincinnati 1. LOB—Cincinnati 6, Florida 10. 2B—Taubensee (16), BBoone (18), Rentteria (16), Alou (23), LHernandez (2). HR—Alou (14). SB—Bonilla (6). S—LHernandez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cincinnati						
Schourek L,5-7	4	6	4	4	2	2
Belinda	2	3	0	0	0	4
Remlinger	2	5	2	1	1	4
Florida						
LHrndz W,5-0	8	3	0	0	2	8
Cook	1	1	0	0	0	1

PB—Taubensee. T—2:40. A—21,373 (41,855).

Late Boxes

GIANTS 5, METS 2

NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi	SAN FRAN	ab	r	hbi
LJhnsn cf	4	1	1	0	Javier cf	4	1	1	0
Gilkey lf	3	1	1	0	Aurilia ss	3	0	1	0
Olerud 1b	4	0	1	0	Vizcno ss	0	0	0	0
Hndley c	3	0	0	1	Bonds lf	4	1	3	1
Alfonzo 3b	4	0	2	1	Kent 2b	3	1	0	0
Huskey rf	4	0	0	0	GHill rf	3	1	1	0
Baerga 2b	3	0

Wells fans 16, Martinez hits No. 36 in Yankees win

Associated Press

NEW YORK — David Wells struck out a career-high 16 in a three-hitter and Tino Martinez hit his major league-leading 36th home run Wednesday, leading the New York Yankees to a 7-0 win over the Oakland Athletics.

■ AL Roundup

Luis Sojo also homered and went 4-for-5 as the Yankees won their third straight.

Wells (11-5) recorded his second shutout in three starts. He had struck out 11 in a game two times previously.

Wells' performance matched David Cone's 16-strikeout against Detroit on June 23, and was the second most ever in a game by a Yankee pitcher. Ron Guidry struck out 18 California Angels on June 17, 1978.

Martinez's two-run homer in the first inning off Steve Karsay (3-11) gave the Yankees a 3-0 lead. Martinez's 36 homers are the most by a Yankee since Reggie Jackson hit 41 in 1980, and the most by a New York first baseman since Lou Gehrig hit 37 in 1937.

Red Sox 8, Mariners 7, 10 innings

BOSTON (AP) — Nomar Garciaparra's bases-loaded single in the 10th inning capped another Boston rally as the Red Sox came back from a five-run deficit Wednesday to beat the Seattle Mariners.

Boston scored two runs in the eighth inning and — for the fourth time in six games — the Red Sox scored three in the bottom of the ninth. Then they scored the game-winner in the 10th, an inning in which they were forced to use pitcher Steve Avery as a pinch-hitter, followed by light-hitting Jesus Tavarez.

Tavarez singled — his fifth hit of the year — then batters No. 8 and 9 Darren Bragg and Jeff Frye each walked on four pitches to load the bases for the third inning in a row. Garciaparra lined a 1-1 pitch off the Green Monster to end the game.

Edwin Hurtado (1-2) was the loser. Jim Corsi (2-1) pitched a scoreless 10th as Boston won its fourth consecutive game.

Orioles 3, Rangers 1

BALTIMORE — Scott Kamieniecki won his first start in more than a month and Geronimo Berroa drove in two runs as the Baltimore Orioles capped a three-game sweep of the Texas Rangers.

Jeff Reboulet, subbing for injured second baseman Roberto Alomar, went 3-for-4 with two doubles and an RBI. Alomar was placed on the 15-day disabled list before the game with a pulled groin.

Baltimore has won five straight and eight of nine, including a three-game sweep of Texas last week. The Orioles won the season series from the Rangers 10-1 after going 3-10 against them last year.

Kamieniecki (7-5) allowed one run, three hits and four walks in 6 2-3 innings. The right-hander was 0-2 in five starts since June 22.

Jesse Orosco retired all three batters he faced, Armando Benitez got one out and Randy Myers worked the ninth, completing the three-hitter for his 30th save.

John Burkett (7-10), vying for his 100th career win, fell to 0-3 with a 6.62 ERA against Baltimore this season. Texas is 7-14 since the All-Star break.

White Sox 3, Tigers 2

CHICAGO — Frank Thomas broke a sixth-inning tie with his 25th home run of the year, leading the Chicago White Sox over the Detroit Tigers and snapping a four-game losing streak.

Thomas was starting his second game as the designated hitter following Tuesday's trade of Harold Baines to Baltimore. Thomas, the AL's leading hitter with a .361 average, is 1-for-7 in the two games.

Doug Drabek (7-7) won for the first time in seven starts since June 17. Roberto Hernandez got the last four outs for his 27th save in 31 chances.

Scott Sanders (3-8) took the loss, the Tigers' fourth in their last five games.

Twins 11, Royals 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Brad Radke, handed an eight-run lead before throwing a pitch, won his 11th straight start by pitching the Minnesota Twins past the Kansas City Royals.

Radke (15-5) did not give up a hit until Chili Davis blooped a single with two outs in the sixth inning. Radke allowed three hits in seven innings.

Radke extended his team record for wins in consecutive starts. John Smoltz also won 11 straight starts last year for Atlanta.

Angels 5, Indians 2

CLEVELAND — Ken Hill won his first start for Anaheim, and the Angels completed a four-game sweep at Jacobs Field with a victory over the Cleveland Indians.

Jim Edmonds and Todd Greene homered for Anaheim, which moved within one-half game of AL West-leading Seattle.

Anaheim's Tony Phillips was apparently hit in the helmet by a small object thrown from the stands after striking out in the fifth inning. Phillips, held by teammates in front of the dugout, had flipped his bat near catcher Sandy Alomar after fanning.

Tempers flared again in the eighth when Edmonds was hit in the right shoulder by a pitch by Charles Nagy (10-7). The two exchanged words and players from both benches and bullpens ran to the infield, but no fighting occurred.

Hill (6-8), acquired Tuesday from the Texas Rangers for catcher Jim Leyritz, overcame a shaky start for his first win since July 4. He allowed seven walks and five hits in 6 1-3 innings, but only two runs against his former team.

AP Laserphoto

Oakland Athletics Mark McGwire, (25), is forced out at second by Yankees' shortstop Derek Jeter who goes airborne to avoid the runner on Matt Stairs' single in the second inning of the Yankees 7-0 shutout of the Athletics on Wednesday.

Biggio's bases loaded triple lifts Astros past Cards

Associated Press

HOUSTON (AP) — Craig Biggio hit a bases-loaded triple in the eighth inning and Darryl Kile won his eighth straight decision as the Houston Astros beat the St. Louis Cardinals 7-4 Wednesday night.

■ NL Roundup

After the Cardinals scored three times in the eighth to tie it at 4, Houston came back with three runs.

Tim Bogar drew a leadoff walk from Tony Fossas (1-2) and Tony Eusebio singled. Reliever Mark Petkovsek walked pinch-hitter Thomas Howard, and Biggio followed with a liner into the right-field corner.

The NL Central-leading Astros are seven games ahead of St. Louis. Houston finished 9-3 against the Cardinals after going only 2-11 against them last year.

Kile (15-3) has won 14 of his last 15 decisions, including a 6-0 mark in July.

Kile allowed 10 hits and struck out seven in eight innings. Tom Martin pitched the ninth for his first career save.

The Astros took a 4-1 lead into the eighth, but a two-run single by Ron Gant and a RBI single by Gary Gaetti tied it.

Delino DeShields beat out an infield hit, Willie McGee singled and Ray Lankford walked to load the bases with one out. Gant and Gaetti then came through with singles.

The Astros took a 4-1 lead in the third, loading the bases against Alan Benes with no outs. After J.R. Phillips struck out, Luis Gonzalez had a sacrifice fly and Ricky Gutierrez hit a two-run triple.

Royce Clayton doubled in the third, went to third on Benes' grounder and scored on DeShields' infield hit.

Braves 6, Cubs 5

ATLANTA — Atlanta rallied for two runs in the ninth inning, handing the Chicago Cubs their seventh consecutive loss on Fred McGriff's RBI single.

Chipper Jones had three hits and drove in three runs, tying the game on a double off Mel Rojas (0-4) after Danny Bautista led off the ninth with a triple.

McGriff followed with a sharp single to right and Jones easily beat the throw by Sammy Sosa. Rojas has now blown six saves in 19 chances.

Doug Glanville's RBI single in the eighth capped a two-run inning that gave the Cubs a 5-4 lead after they fell behind 4-0.

Alan Embree (3-1) was the winner.

Marlins 6, Reds 0

MIAMI — Unbeaten rookie Livan Hernandez allowed three hits in eight innings for his fifth win, leading Florida past Cincinnati.

Hernandez, 22, became the first Florida pitcher to start a season 5-0. Dennis Cook pitched the ninth and gave up a hit.

Moises Alou had a three-run homer and a run-scoring double, giving him three homers and seven RBIs in two nights.

Loser Pete Schourek (5-7) allowed six hits and four runs in four innings.

Rockies 12, Expos 6

DENVER — Andres Galarraga hit two homers and drove in five runs, giving him a major league-leading 101 RBIs, as the Colorado Rockies beat the Montreal Expos 12-6.

Galarraga went 3-for-4 with a walk. He hit a two-run homer in the first inning and three-run shot, his 28th, in the eighth.

Vinny Castilla and Dante Bichette each went 4-for-4 for the Rockies. Ellis Burks added a two-run homer in his first game since June 17, 11 days before he was placed on the disabled list because of a strained groin.

Frank Castillo (8-9) won for the second time since being traded from the Chicago Cubs to the Rockies on July 15. He allowed four runs and 11 hits in six innings.

Committee will continue work on reshaping leagues

By Rick Gano
AP Sports Writer

CHICAGO — Baseball realignment came no closer to reality Wednesday during a four-hour meeting by a committee studying plans to readjust the leagues as early as next season.

Acting commissioner Bud Selig promised, however, that the issue will stay in the forefront.

"I will keep pushing this very aggressively," he said.

"There are a lot of different ideas. Every club has a different thought process, but yet the feeling about realignment is very positive," he said after the 12-member realignment committee met. "Each plan has a lot of variations to it and it gets complicated. Clearly nothing has been decided."

Selig said the next step would be another meeting of the committee, perhaps by conference call early next week, and then to take any plan to the executive council.

Any realignment plan would have to be approved by a vote of the full ownership before a schedule could be completed and presented to the players' union.

"We are still on track to try to do something to implement for 1998, although that window closes a little bit every day," said committee chairman John Harrington, chief executive officer of the Boston Red Sox.

"We have to be done by October, absolutely," Selig said.

"We've discussed the benefits, the pluses and minuses of various realignment plans and we've discussed a lot of overall philosophy, some results of some data on different plans and scheduling."

There's also the touchy question of the designated hitter.

Under one reported form of realignment, dubbed a "16-14," the DH would be used by all 30 teams.

"We can't resolve it in this room," Selig said. "The DH is a issue we will have to work with."

Under the two-league "16-14" format, said to be favored by Selig, one league would have a Central Division with the Texas Rangers, Houston Astros, Chicago Cubs, Chicago White Sox, St. Louis Cardinals, Kansas City Royals, Milwaukee Brewers and Minnesota Twins and a Western Division with the Los Angeles Dodgers, Anaheim Angels, Oakland Athletics, San Francisco Giants, expansion Arizona Diamondbacks, Colorado Rockies, San Diego Padres and Seattle Mariners.

The other league would have an East division comprised of the Baltimore Orioles, Boston Red Sox, Montreal Expos, Philadelphia Phillies, Toronto Blue Jays, New York Mets and New York Yankees.

The second division would include the Florida Marlins, expansion Tampa Bay Devil Rays, Atlanta Braves, Cincinnati Reds, Cleveland Indians, Pittsburgh Pirates and Detroit Tigers.

Four teams — two division winners and two wild cards — from each league would advance to the playoffs.

Selig said once a realignment plan is developed, it's best to push ahead quickly.

"Whatever realignment you have I think the feeling is you ought to do it in one fell swoop, rather than do it in stages. It doesn't work well in stages," Selig said.

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Albert's name found in black book

■ Slain dominatrix's address book had broadcaster's name.

NEW YORK (AP) — The name Marv Albert was found in a black book kept by a dominatrix who was shot to death in her apartment, and police sources told WNBC-TV on Wednesday that the entry apparently refers to the sportscaster.

NBC's leading basketball play-by-play man is charged in Virginia with biting a woman and forcing her to perform oral sex. Albert denies the charges.

A spokesman for the sportscaster would not comment on the report.

Spokesman Howard Rubenstein said Albert's attorney, Roy Black, has instructed his client and his representatives not to comment on anything related to the case.

"Therefore we have nothing to say concerning these recent reports," Rubenstein said. Black did not immediately return a phone call to his office in Virginia.

The body of Nadia Frey was found Saturday in her apartment on Manhattan's Upper West Side. She had been shot four times. Police say there was no sign of a break-in.

Detectives searched Frey's address book for leads, amid published reports that it contained the names of politicians and judges.

Albert, 53, has worked for NBC since 1977 and also covers football and boxing. He lives in New York and was divorced five years ago.

His trial is scheduled for Sept. 22.

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Brickyard is Earnhardt's golden moment

By Dick Brinster
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Dale Earnhardt isn't a bit confused about the highlight of his illustrious career.

With 70 victories — fifth-best on the NASCAR list — and seven Winston Cup championships on his resume, Earnhardt could be forgiven should he not be able to identify a high point. Yet he doesn't hesitate a bit.

"Since I haven't won the biggest race in our series, the Daytona 500, this is the biggest victory of my career," Earnhardt said Wednesday, referring to the 1995 Brickyard. "I'd like to win two or three more of them."

Right now, however, Earnhardt would like to win any event on the schedule. He is mired in a 45-race losing streak — the worst drought of his career.

Because he is sixth in the series standings, Earnhardt is nothing more than an extreme longshot to win an unprecedented eighth Winston Cup title.

At Indianapolis Motor Speedway, Fords and Earnhardt's fellow Chevy driver Jeff Gordon loom as the favorites. Earnhardt also was not a serious contender in 1996.

"Last year, we came here injured and couldn't give 100 percent," he said, alluding to a horrifying crash earlier that month at Talladega. "With broken bones we never had a chance."

WHO'S BEST: The list of winners in three years of the Brickyard 400 reads like a who's who of Winston Cup racing — Jeff Gordon, Dale Earnhardt and Dale Jarrett.

But who has been the most consistent? Why, none other than the driver suffering through the most inconsistent seasons of all NASCAR stars — Rusty Wallace.

Wallace has finished fourth, second and seventh at Indy. That's an average finish of 4.3. Earnhardt has an average finish of seventh to 14.7 for both Jarrett and Gordon.

"I guess that in the first three times here, we've done everything but win," Wallace said Wednesday, on the eve of qualifying for the race. "Hopefully, the fourth time will be the charm for us."

MAN OF STEELE: Tim Steele is just that on the ARCA circuit, where he has won 31 percent of his career starts. This year, the driver from Coopersville, Mich., has five victories, seven top fives and nine top 10s in as many races.

This week, he will attempt to step up to the Winston Cup circuit, hoping to qualify during the next two days for the Brickyard 400.

"Our success over there is great, and I'm really proud of what we've accomplished," said Steele, the defending ARCA champion. "But the competition over here is the toughest anywhere."

Steele harbors no foolish expectations.

"If we make the field, you can come around our rig and you'd think that we'd won the pole ... if we can have a decent run and be around at the finish, we'll be doing cartwheels."

PIT STOPS: Washington Erving Motorsports, the team headed by basketball icon Julius Erving and former NFL great Joe Washington, has hired Jimmy Martin as general manager. A 28-year employee of Petty Enterprises, Martin will prepare the team for its 1998 Winston Cup debut. ... Darrell Waltrip has the Brickyard 400 all figured out. "Last year, I won the golf tournament and lost the race," he said Wednesday, then turned his attention to his 1997 assault on the Brickyard Crossing course on the grounds of the race track. "This year I lost the golf tournament, and I'm going to win the race." ... Although he concedes the necessity of testing, Ricky Craven doesn't put much stock in its results. "Just because we ran pretty good in the test, we're not thinking we're one of the contenders," he said in reviewing two days at Indy last month. "There weren't enough cars there to get a baseline."

AP Laserphoto
1996 Winston Cup champion Terry LaBonte, left, of Corpus Christi talks with Jeff Gordon of Pittsboro, Ind., in the garage area of the Indianapolis Motor Speedway in Indianapolis, Ind., on Wednesday in preparation for the Brickyard 400 on Sunday.

Els helps lead 20s revolution in golf

By JOHN MOSSMAN
AP Sports Writer

CASTLE ROCK, Colo. — Having been given some serious grief by his 89-year-old grandfather, his parents and his fiancee, Ernie Els began acting his age. And at 27, that meant winning golf tournaments, as all golfers in their 20s seem to do these days.

Els endured a stinging harangue from his family after missing the cut in the Kemper Open in early June, then went out and won the U.S. Open and the Buick Classic in consecutive weeks.

After finishing 10th in the British Open, he pocketed $200,000 in unofficial money for winning the international leg of the Andersen Consulting World Championship of Golf on Tuesday. He figures to be a contender this week in the Sprint International, which begins Thursday.

"When I missed the cut at the Kemper, I had a talk with my family," Els said Wednesday. "I didn't seem to have any motivation. What were my goals? I didn't look like I had any. My grandfather, in particular, got on me.

"The next week, after I finished strong in the third round of the Open, I realized I was back in the tournament. I've been playing very well since then."

Els, who ranks sixth on the PGA Tour's money list with $999,770, is part of a 20s revolution. Tiger Woods, 21, won the Masters, and Justin Leonard, 25, won the British Open. Many of the game's best players, including Phil Mickelson, Jim Furyk, Paul Stankowski and Stuart Appleby, also are in their 20s.

"Guys in their 20s are really doing well now," Els said. "Obviously, Tiger is only 21 and is No. 1 in the world. Justin has always been a solid player, and he won the British Open in fine style. The future of this game should be in fine shape.

"The youngsters are coming through, but I don't really know why. We're all just playing. Maybe the experience we picked up the last couple of years is starting to come our way. Maybe it's our cycle coming through now. Who knows?"

Els is particularly eager to add another victory this week in a tournament he loves.

"This is one of my favorite places in the world to play," he said. "I've been second and fourth in this tournament. I have no problems playing in this altitude (6,200 feet) because I grew up playing in this stuff (in Johannesburg, South Africa).

"It's a special tournament for me because (it) gave me a break in 1991. I didn't have my card. I was on the Hogan Tour and not playing very well. This is one of the first tournaments I played in in America."

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A fan holds out a golf ball for 1997 U.S. Open champion Ernie Els, of Fancourt, South Africa, as he signs a cap after a pro-am round at The International in Castle Pines, Colo., on Wednesday.

Els also likes the International because of its unique format. Its modified Stableford scoring system awards a golfer with 8 points for double eagle, 5 for eagle, 2 for birdie, zero for par, minus-1 for bogey and minus-3 for double bogey or worse.

"You have to play safe now and then, but this format gives you a chance to be aggressive," he said.

Scores are cumulative and there are cuts after the second and third rounds, to exactly 72 and 24 players, respectively, with playoffs to be held if needed.

The 7,559-yard Castle Pines Golf Club layout is playing longer than in recent years because of several days of drenching rains.

"Today I hit a really good drive on No. 5 and a 6-iron approach (during the pro-am)," Els said. "We're usually hitting wedges into that green."

Woods, the tour's leading money-winner who has won four times this season, and Steve Elkington, No. 2 on the money list, are not playing here. But 13 of the top 19 players in money earnings are entered, including Els and Leonard.

Clarence Rose defeated Brad Faxon in a playoff last year, making an eagle on the 17th hole for the second time that day. Both players return, along with 1993 International winner Mickelson, 1990 champion Davis Love III and 1989 titlist Greg Norman.

The tournament carries a purse of $1.4 million, with $306,000 going to the winner.

Jarrett tops opening practice at Brickyard

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — The way things went Wednesday in the opening practice for the Brickyard 400, it appears Fords are the cars to beat — again.

Led by defending race champion Dale Jarrett, Ford drivers had four of the top five practice laps at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway.

That showing gave Chevy drivers more ammunition in their continuing complaint to NASCAR that Ford has an aerodynamic advantage.

Jarrett, coming off a victory two weeks ago at Pocono, led the way with a lap of 178.980 mph, followed by teammate Ernie Irvan at 177.943. Wally Dallenbach Jr. was third in a Chevy Monte Carlo at 177.144, with Thunderbird drivers Ted Musgrave and Lake Speed close behind at 176.908 and 176.706.

Chevrolets driven by Steve Grissom and rookie Robby Gordon were next at 176.478 and 176.460.

All seven were faster than the track qualifying record of 176.419 set last year by Jeff Gordon. Records can be set only in qualifying or the race.

"If you ask me if there's an advantage, I'll tell you yes," said Gordon, whose Chevy was only 33rd at 173.728."

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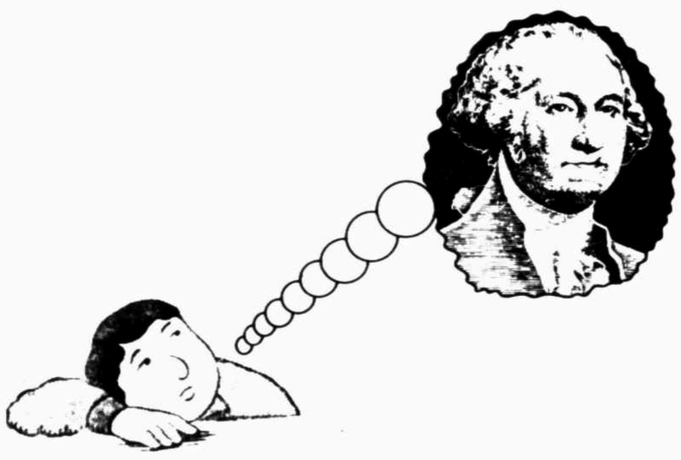

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Michael Chang breezes through du Marier

MONTREAL (AP) — Michael Chang breezed, Goran Ivanisevic struggled and Thomas Muster shook off some rust as the top seeds advanced Wednesday at the du Maurier Open tennis championships.

Chang, the top seed, led 6-1, 1-0 when his opponent, Sandon Stolle of Australia, retired with a shoulder injury.

The hard-hitting Ivanisevic, seeded second, wasted five match points in the middle set of a 6-3, 6-7 (8-10), 6-4 win over plucky New Zealander Brett Steven.

The third-seeded Muster showed his new-found affinity for hardcourts with a tough three-set win over American qualifier Jeff Salzenstein.

"Obviously, you try to finish as fast as you can," said Chang, who is ranked No. 2 in the world behind fellow American Pete Sampras, who skipped the du Maurier. "You know there are going to be some tough matches."

Stolle, son of former French and U.S. Open champion Fred Stolle, injured his shoulder Tuesday night while defeating crowd favorite and top-ranked Canadian Sebastien Lareau.

It is the first time since 1985 that the top eight seeds, who have byes to the second round, have all reached the round of 16 at the Canadian event.

Chang next will play American Alex O'Brien, who beat Marcus Ondruska of South Africa. Ivanisevic plays American Jeff Woodruff and the Austrian Muster plays France's Fabrice Santoro.

Steven fought off a love-40 deficit to even the second set 6-6 and saved two more match points in the tiebreaker. He led 3-1 in the final set before Ivanisevic fought back for his ATP Tour-leading 43rd match win this year.

Muster earned the nickname King of Clay by scoring 40 of his 44 career tournament victories on the sport's slowest surface. He had a 111-5 record on clay in 1995 and 1996, including a victory at the 1995 French Open that propelled him into the world's No. 1 ranking for six weeks last year.

Now, he's adjusting to a much quicker surface in order to make a run at the U.S. Open on hardcourts in September. He's 22-3 on hardcourts this year, but only 9-9 on clay.

"I've changed my game in many ways," said Muster, a 4-6, 7-6, 6-3 winner over Salzenstein.

"If you win everything there is to win three or four times on clay, it's difficult to get motivated. Once you reach a certain age, you want to do other things and try to improve."

With the clay- and grass-court seasons now out of the way, Muster was playing his first hardcourt match since March 30, when he won the Lipton Championships in Key Biscayne, Fla.

Seventh-seeded Mark Philippousis of Australia downed American qualifier Steve Campbell 6-2, 6-4, while No. 5 Thomas Enqvist won a lively 6-7, 6-4, 6-4 battle over 19-year-old German Tommy Haas.

Patrick Rafter, seeded 11th, was the only seed to tumble on Wednesday, losing in three sets to fellow Australian Michael Tebbutt.

South Africa's Wayne Ferreira, the 13th seed who won the du Maurier last year in Toronto, beat Italian qualifier Cristiano Caratti 6-1, 6-2 and next plays fourth-seeded Yevgeny Kafelnikov of Russia.

Seles survives day of upsets

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — While Monica Seles struggled through her second-round match at the $450,000 Toshiba Classic on Wednesday, three other seeded players weren't as lucky.

Seles, the No. 2 seed, had a tougher than expected match as she held off Japan's Ai Sugiyama 6-4, 6-4.

But No. 4 Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain, No. 5 Anke Huber of Germany and No. 8 Irina Spirlea of Romania, all were upset in the second round.

Sanchez Vicario's play was flat and uninspiring as she was swept aside 6-2, 6-1 by France's Sandrine Testud.

Sanchez Vicario suffered from numerous problems. She was successful on only 34 percent of her first serves. In addition, the Spaniard failed to convert on any of her 12 service-break chances.

Testud has beaten Sanchez Vicario twice in a row, including a 6-0, 7-5 win at the Lipton Championships in March. Sanchez Vicario had won their previous three career meetings.

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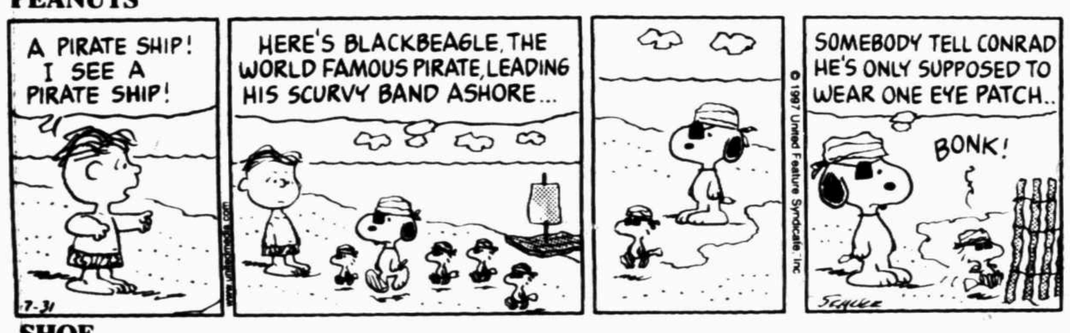

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ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★ You feel drained and morose, but this will pass. Rest, then prepare yourself to revamp, improve and even reinvent yourself over the next few months. Changes are slow to come, but they will do you good. Tonight: Take it easy.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ Feelings of inadequacy creep up; if you can make yourself aware of that, you'll be a step ahead. Get together with a friend for lunch and reminisce about good times. The more congenial the company, the better for your psyche. Tonight: Let yourself be inspired.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Money comes in, or it soon will. That is a great relief, and frees you to solve problems elsewhere. A friend you haven't heard from in some time pops back into your life; try to schedule time for a gabfest. Tonight: Take the kids shopping.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ This day could be perfect, if you would let it. Don't wait for the other shoe to drop. Your work is good enough to stand on its own, so don't hesitate to sing your praises when you deserve it. Others will agree! Tonight: Tell jokes.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Somebody in your midst is enamored of you, and today you find out. If single, test the waters and get to know this person better. If involved, call your significant other during lunch. People enjoy being reminded that you love them! Tonight: Stop at the florist.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ You might be the recipient of a reward for a favor you did. A friend is loyal to you and eager to help; don't be too proud to accept. Even the kids are willing to clean their rooms! Take a moment from your busy day to smell the roses. Tonight: Get dinner delivered.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Something triggers an uncomfortable reminder of your past. Remember, that was then and this is now. Automatic reactions are less effective than thinking everything through. Tonight: Treat yourself.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Spread good cheer; there are many who need all the help they can get. Lucky for them, you're just the one to brighten up the day. A funny story, pat on the back or grin might be all it takes to boost morale. Tonight: Take a satisfying snooze.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Good news surrounds money and an investment. Take time to evaluate what you have accomplished so far this year. Work on plans to improve your performance and create more success in your life. You have what it takes to pull a rabbit out of a hat. Tonight: Recharge your batteries.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Passion heats up in a relationship; things could become serious. Discuss commitment in an upbeat way. Don't create problems where there are none. Single or attached, gently communicate your feelings. Love shouldn't have to be a chore. Tonight: Light candles.
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Pay careful attention to what you say, and be especially aware of what you put in writing. A contract might be more binding than you think; get a second opinion before signing. A promotion or added responsibility at work is imminent. You can handle it! Tonight: Celebrate.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
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Bob Hamman of Dallas is today, and has been for a dozen years, the world's top-ranked bridge player. He was one of only a handful of declarers to land four hearts on this deal from a major pairs tournament.

Four hearts was reached at almost every table. Hamman passed over East's club preempt to show a minimum opening bid, and North's raise to game ended the auction.

Declarer won the club opening lead in hand and cashed the ace and king of hearts to learn the bad news that two trump losers were unavoidable. At this point, most declarers resigned themselves to the spade finesse, confident that, because of East's preempt, it was likely to succeed. When it did not, South was left with one last arrow in the quiver — a double finesse in diamonds. No luck. Down one.

Hamman had other ideas. He crossed to dummy with the king of diamonds and ruffed a club in hand. Now he led a diamond and inserted the eight when West followed low. This simple maneuver endplayed East. Down to nothing but black cards, the defender either had to yield a ruff-sluff, allowing declarer to ruff on the table while discarding a spade from hand, or else return a spade away from the king. East chose the latter defense.

When the nine of spades held, declarer continued by leading a diamond to the ace and then cashing a good diamond for a spade discard. West ruffed and reverted to a spade, but declarer could rise with the ace and discard the closed hand's remaining spade on the last diamond. Declarer lost only two trumps and a diamond.

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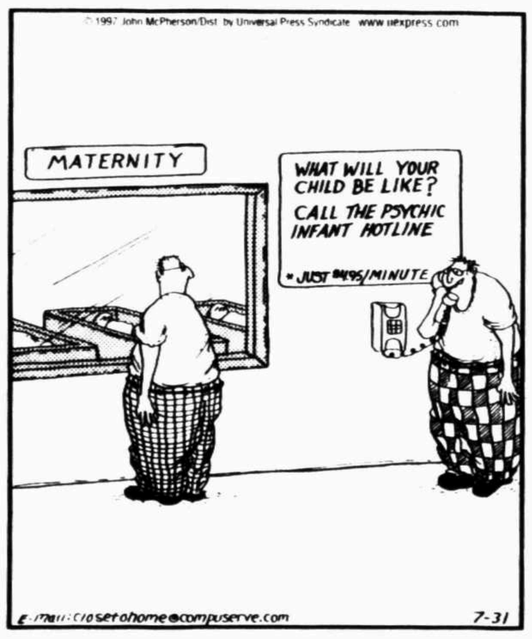

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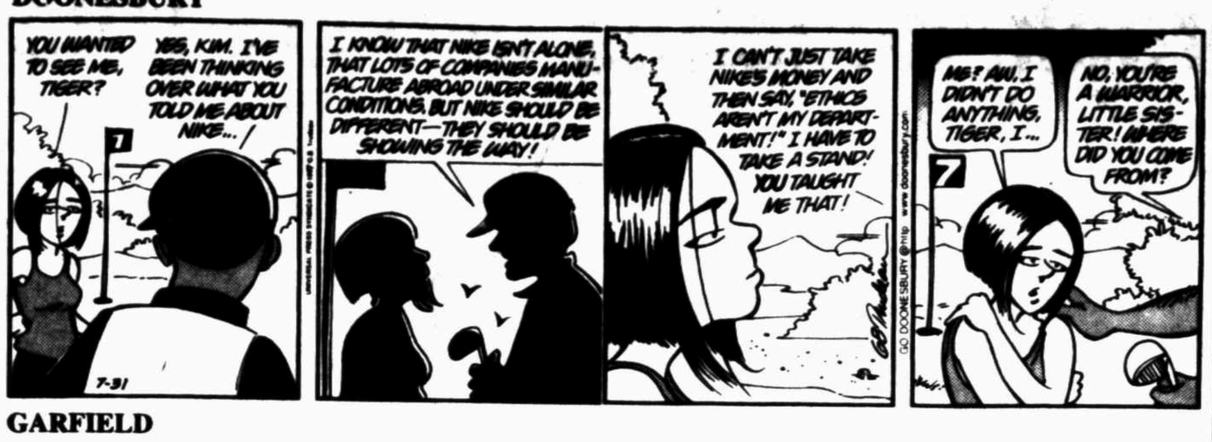

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PEOPLE

Musicians to gather on island of Montserrat to help volcano victims

LONDON — Musicians who have made music on the Caribbean island of Montserrat are gathering to help volcano victims.

Eric Clapton, Paul McCartney, Elton John, Mark Knopfler, Sting and other artists have signed up for a Sept. 15 concert at London's Royal Albert Hall.

Sir George Martin, who produced The Beatles, is promoting the concert. He ran a studio on the island that for a decade was a mecca for some of the recording industry's biggest names. It was destroyed by Hurricane Hugo in 1989.

"Montserrat and its people mean a great deal to me — their warmth and kindness ... was overwhelming," Martin said. "For two years I have seen them suffer and live in appalling conditions with enormous courage and fortitude."

Nearly half of the island's 11,000 residents have fled since the Soufriere Hills began erupting in July 1995. Ten people were killed in the latest eruption on June 25 and nine others remain missing and presumed dead.

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LOS ANGELES — Cartoonist **Cathy Guisewite** is getting married, but her alter ego "Cathy" will stay single and continue playing the dating game.

Cartoonist Cathy Guisewite is getting married.

The 46-year-old "Cathy" creator will marry Hollywood screenwriter **Christopher Wilkinson**, also 46, in November, USA Today reported. It's her first marriage, the second for the "Nixon" screenwriter.

"I finally found him at age 46. If my role is to give women hope, here is yet another way," said Guisewite, who has a 5-year-old adopted daughter. They live in Los Angeles.

But "Cathy," the neurotic single woman who worries about her shoes, her mother, her boyfriend and dating, won't be tying the knot.

"There is no voice for that state of being grown-up ... and being surrounded by every human being who is part of a couple or family. I won't abandon her," Guisewite said.

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CLEARWATER, Fla. — **Lisa Marie Presley**, the daughter of the King of Rock 'n' Roll, has moved into a home near a Scientology retreat.

The 29-year-old former spouse of **Michael Jackson** has been a longtime member of the church, founded by former science fiction writer **L. Ron Hubbard.**

The home, purchased in November for $1.2-million, sits on a bluff overlooking Clearwater harbor. A 200-yard-long wall winds around the property.

"We see her once in a while," said **Carrie Overton**, 25, who lives in a small home within sight of the estate's entrance. "I wouldn't call her stuck up or anything. She basically keeps to herself."

Presley is part of a growing community of Scientologists in Clearwater, estimated by church officials to number up to 6,000.

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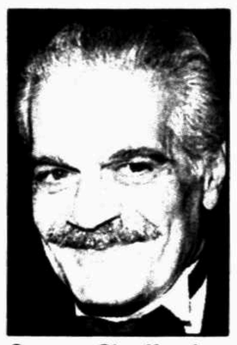
CAIRO, Egypt — After more than 30 years as one of the world's most famous bachelors, **Omar Sharif** has reportedly married for a second time.



Omar Sharif has reportedly married for a second time.

The Egyptian-born star of the 1965 film "Doctor Zhivago" once said that he only loved his first wife, Egyptian actress Faten Hamama. Their 10-year marriage broke up in 1965.

Sharif, 65, wed **Nadiya Aja**, the 50-year-old daughter of a Saudi tycoon, at a Red Sea resort in April, said friends, who spoke on condition they not be identified. The couple has yet to make the marriage public.

It would be the second marriage for Aja.

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STOCKHOLM, Sweden — Model **Anna Nicole Smith's** new lover is facing a 10-year prison sentence in Italy for heroin smuggling, Swedish newspapers reported Wednesday.

Smith made headlines Sunday when she said she was involved with a Swedish man she identified as Ben Khan. He is actually **Ben Biucksson**, an Iran-born Swedish citizen who was sentenced in absentia in 1990, newspapers reported.

The tabloids Expressen and Aftonbladet quoted unidentified police sources as saying they believed his extradition was unlikely.

The blond, buxom model has been a darling of the Swedish tabloid press since modeling underwear for Swedish clothing chains.

In 1994, the former Playboy centerfold married a Texas oil millionaire 67 years her senior, J. Howard Marshall died a year after the 1994 marriage.

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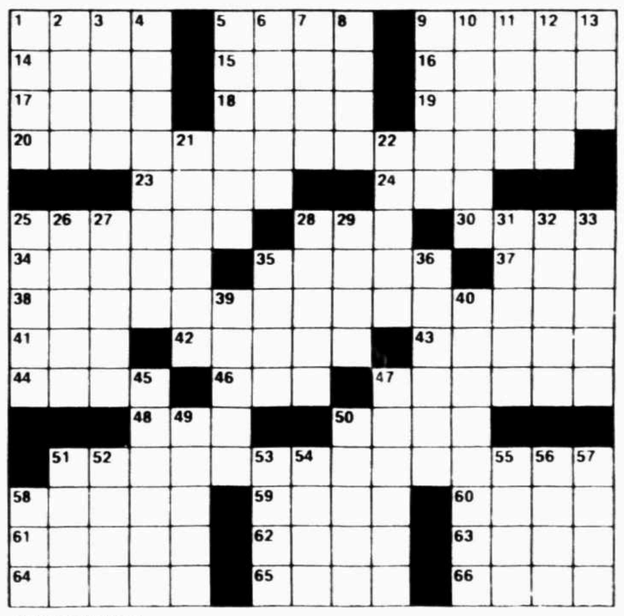

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Despite some heartbreak, coaches like OT rule

By Galen Weinicki
Corpus Christi Caller-Times

■ Prep Football

CORPUS CHRISTI — If anyone has a reason to treat the new overtime tie-breaking system used by the University Interscholastic League with disdain, it would be Moody High School football coach Jim Elam.

In a Class 5A Division II bi-district game last November, the Trojans dropped a 27-21 decision to Laredo Alexander in overtime. There was little consolation for Moody in being the first Corpus Christi-area team to decide a playoff game under that format.

Under the statistical tie-breaking system used by the UIL prior to 1996, Moody would have won the game at the end of regulation on the basis of a 4-3 advantage in penetrations inside its opponent's 20-yard line. On that night, a 4-3 edge in penetrations and 75 cents may not have purchased a cup of coffee in a fashionable Laredo eatery.

In overtime, Alexander stopped Moody with a pass interception at the goal line, then the Bulldogs scored the winning touchdown on their fifth offensive play.

"We would have advanced on penetrations," Elam said, "but I still think it's better to settle it on the field. I'd rather play it off than go to statistics. We should have won in overtime."

Calallen's Phil Danaher, who saw his team eliminated in the 4A Division II state semifinals on a La Marque field goal in overtime, echoed Elam. The 24-21 decision was a gut-wrenching fourth consecutive semifinal loss by Calallen to the Cougars.

"I think it's a good thing to end a game with a winner determined on the field," Danaher said. "It's the fairest way. I just wish we could have done better. I don't know if we would have won under the old system. I was too concerned with the overtime to dwell on that."

Immediately after the December game, though, Danaher noted that Calallen would have advanced under the old tie-breaker. After regulation, the teams were tied on penetrations, but the Wildcats led on first downs.

A third Coastal Bend coach experienced overtime in the playoffs, but from a much different perspective. Victoria coach Mark Reeve finished a long night at Buccaneer Stadium seeing his team win in a fourth overtime period. Using a pass interception in its favor, Victoria beat Brownsville Rivera, 44-38, in a area showdown that was deadlocked, 17-17, at the end of regulation.

"A lot of people have said deciding a game on the field is less painful," Reeve said. "But it's always tough to lose, no matter how it's done. But I think the rule is good because it puts a lot of excitement in a game. Against Rivera, the overtime was much more exciting than the regulation."

The UIL tie-breaker, which gives each team an offensive possession from its opponent's 25, is the same as the one used by NCAA schools on all levels.

The rule has been amended two ways for 1997, its second season. In an attempt to reduce the probability of extra-long games such as Victoria-Rivera, teams will be forced to attempt two-point conversions after a second overtime period.

"Our game was the longest (high school game) in the history of the NCAA rule," Reeve said. "They changed the rule partly because of our game. It's a record that may never be broken.

"Going for two adds more difficulty — especially for a team like us that thinks in terms of scoring and then kicking the extra point."

The other change this year will see the rule used for non-district games as well as district and playoff contests. However, sub-varsity and middle school games will not be subject to overtime.

Elam disagrees with the non-district application.

"I think we only need it in district and in the playoffs," Elam said. "If a non-district game ends in a tie, let's go home and get ready for next week."

The major motivation to contain the length of overtime games is to counteract fatigue, which the rules committee felt led directly to a greater chance of injuries.

However, Danaher and Reeve pointed to a more practical fatigue factor. The team with depth and fresher bodies has a definite advantage after the regulation 48 minutes.

"If a team plays the game the way it should be played, fatigue should be a factor in overtime," Danaher said. "You have to suck it up and go. It (fatigue) cost us against La Marque. We had more kids going two ways (playing offense and defense), and they were tired."

"There's no question that fatigue is a factor," Reeve said. "That's one of the reasons there was so much opposition to the rule at first. People said it would lead to an increase in injuries. A team that plays two separate platoons — 11 different players on each side of the ball — will have the biggest advantage."

Danaher said the mental aspects of fatigue were potentially more harmful than the physical ramifications to a team's chances to win in overtime.

"At that point of the game, more mistakes tend to be mental than physical," Danaher said. "Offsides, lining up wrong and running the wrong (pass) patterns are the result of mental fatigue."

Reeve said he didn't feel the current refinement of the overtime rule was complete. "I don't think this will be the last. There'll probably be something to limit the number of overtimes — some single-elimination device at the end."

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Key FSU players face legal charges as season nears

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Florida State coach Bobby Bowden, hoping for a sixth straight Atlantic Coast Conference football title, must first sift through a legal cloud that threatens the availability of several key players.

The latest incident took place Tuesday when defensive back Mario Edwards was arrested for failing to appear in court on a petty theft charge. He was listed as the top backup to right corner Troy Saunders in the school's preseason depth chart.

Saunders has his own legal problems. He faces an Aug. 26 court date on a trespassing charge. He was also arrested in 1995 for petty theft.

A third defensive back, Sean Key, awaits the disposition of his plea of no contest to an assault charge.

In a separate case, Edwards has also been ordered to stay away from a former girlfriend for at least one year. He was accused of slapping and choking the woman in an incident July 19.

The status of starting senior defensive tackle Julian Pittman has been up in the air all summer. He faces a hearing Aug. 21 on charges of burglary and the fraudulent use of a credit card.

Florida State's coaching staff was holding its annual "hideaway" preparing for the upcoming season and many of the coaches were unaware of some of the player problems. Bowden was descibed as "quite upset" by the transgressions.

"We've just found out about most of this," Florida State spokesman Rob Wilson said Wednesday.

Four other FSU players have been arrested during the off-season, the Tallahassee Democrat reported Wednesday. Senior free safety Robert Hammond and lineman Larry Smith were arrested on marijuana charges, tight end Pooh Bear Williams a bad-check charge, and sophomore linebacker Theon Rackley was charged with disorderly conduct.

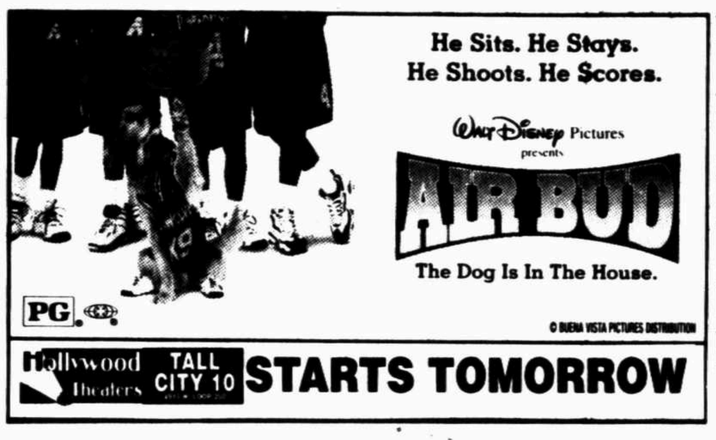
Lions to compensate disabled child athletes, revise seating

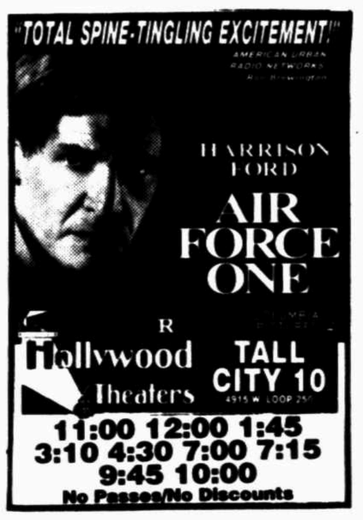
WASHINGTON (AP) — The Detroit Lions agreed Wednesday with the Justice Department to alter their policy on wheelchair seating and compensate a team of disabled child athletes with $75,000 in goods for the way they were treated in 1994.

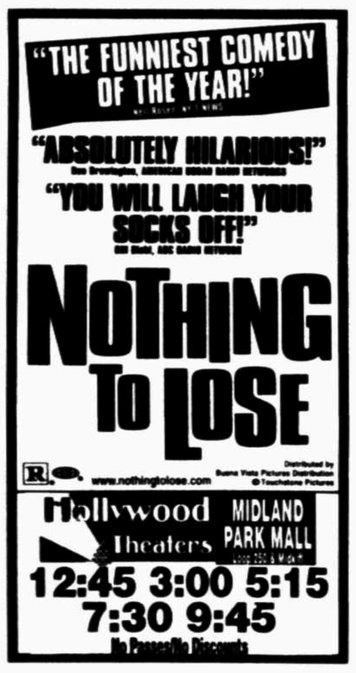
The agreement, reached under the Americans with Disabilities Act, resolves a complaint filed by the parents of children on the Tri-City Seals Disabled Sports Team in the Detroit area. The team has 50 athletes, mostly children, with a variety of disabilities.

"Young fans with disabilities should have the same chance as other youngsters to go to a game and sit with their friends," said Isabelle Katz Pinzler, acting assistant attorney general in charge of the civil rights division. "We're pleased that after learning about the problem, the Detroit Lions went the full nine yards to resolve it."

Parents of the children alleged the NFL team violated the disabilities act in September 1994 by trying to charge full price to team members in wheelchairs instead of allowing them to use special $1 tickets they had won in a team-sponsored lottery.







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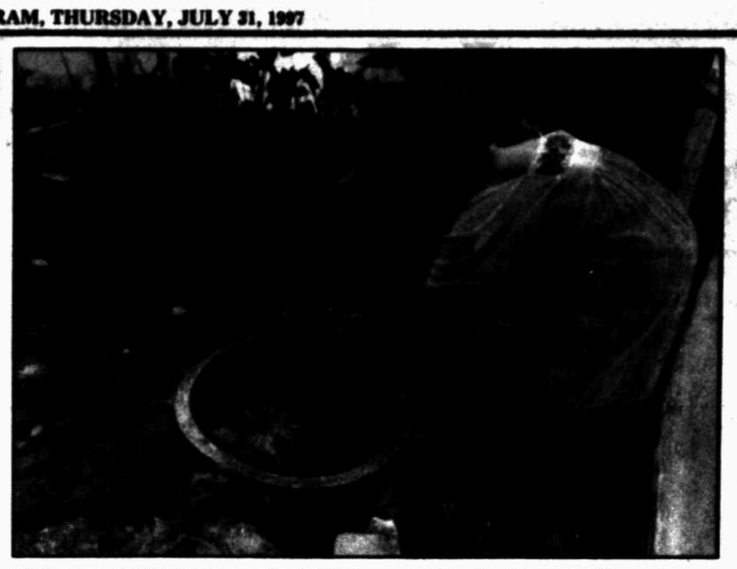

Water cascades from a waterfall into a pond lush with waterlily pads and aquatic plants at Slaton water gardens, left. A nearby bench is made from stone slabs. Brenda Slaton, above, tends to aquatic plants in a shallow tub in the greenhouse. The greenhouse serves as nursery for new plants and as a shelter for tropical plants in winter.

Photos by Curt Wilcott

TROPICAL: Water gardens tranquil

(From 10C)

It's very relaxing. We like to come out here in the evening and just sit."

Mrs. Slaton said when they tried to sell a previous house, it was difficult to get prospective buyers to look at the house once they saw the backyard oasis.

The couple said that customers coming to their Midland County business to browse the aquatic plants tend to stay awhile, riveted by the hypnotic sound of gurgling water. "We have what we call a magnetic bench. Once you sit on it, you can't get up," Slaton joked.

Slaton honed his skills building pools with his father in East Texas. He and his brother recently built waterfalls and a 7-foot pond for a homeowner who had a house on the side of a hill in Big Spring.

"One person dug a tree out and said: 'Now, I've got a hole in my backyard. What do I do?' " Marty Slaton said.

Sometimes that's all it takes to get a water garden started — a hole in the ground (often lined with a molded fiberglass form) or a whiskey barrel lined with heavy-duty plastic, stapled just below the rim.

"You need to have the water in the container or pond for three or four days, or even a week for before you put plants and fish in to give some of the chlorine a chance to dissipate," Mrs. Slaton said. Waiting a week or so will also allow algae to form, a natural source of food for fish, she noted. "Then there are some basic things that you need to create the whole balanced environment — oxygenating plants, about 60 (percent) to 70 percent floating aquatic plants, and fish to eat the algae." She said fish also keep the mosquito population down since they eat mosquito larvae.

Mrs. Slaton said Midlanders with water gardens may be experiencing problems with algae because "it's so hot right now and the sun is so bright." She said sunlight encourages algae growth. That is the reason to keep a good percentage of floating plants — to block out sunlight. Fish also eat algae, keeping it from overtaking a pond.

Oxygenating plants absorb wastes from fish and plants and release oxygen into the water. Water in newly-filled pools will cloud up as natural nutrients and microbes begin to develop. The water will clear up in about two months.

"Sometimes, people will pick out a pond and ask if they can have blue water like a swimming pool," Mrs. Slaton said. "But that's not a pond. That's a pool. Fish can't live in pool." For people in a hurry to get a pond to achieve an ecologically balanced state, enzymes can be added to hasten the process.

THE POND FISH survive the winter by going into hibernation, Mrs. Slaton said. "They hover in the bottom of the pond and you might not see them again until it warms up in spring," she said. To keep a pond from completely freezing over and asphyxiating the fish, Mrs. Slaton suggests keeping a child's ball or piece of Styrofoam floating on the top and lift it off during the daytime. The water in the pond won't freeze around the ball, she explained, leaving a hole for air.

Many preformed ponds on the market come equipped with recirculating pumps, fountains or bubblers. "Recirculating water is better than standing water. It's better for oxygenating the water and keeping it clearer," Mrs. Slaton said. "Even water in tanks for farm animals is often recirculated."

The water garden owners said they receive many requests for information about maintaining ponds.

Banking on the interest that pond life generates, Mrs. Slaton said she has plans in the works to bring Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts and school children to the water gardens for field trips. She already takes visitors on small tours, describing native plant locales and functions of biology. Even an aquatic elephant ear plant has a story. Its taro root is used to make poi in Hawaii. Then there are the "hands-on" experiences. Touch the leaf fronds of a Sensitive Plant in the greenhouse and the leaves immediately curl up. Dangle a hand in one of the ponds and fish quickly swim up to it. "People expect to get bit, which doesn't happen," Mrs. Slaton said.

She also invites visitors to put a hand on the tinahas, planters carved from a porous stone that is cool to the touch. "The stones have been hollowed out with a chisel," she said, noting they were pushed down from mountainous areas of Texas and Mexico, and were previously used to hold water for cattle. No matter how scorching the summer day, the stones don't get hot, even those in direct sunlight. The planters also are more durable than terra cotta, which tends to crack and chip over time.

To use as small planters for aquatic plants, Mrs. Slaton said it's best to keep water in the tinaha planters (refilling as it evaporates) until algae forms a natural seal over the porous rock.

A tinaha, or hand-chisled planter made from porous stone, serves as a mini-water garden for a small space. A pump recirculates water through a fountain on top of stone. The water falls into a rock bed.

Mrs. Slaton, the expert on plants, is in charge of the plant nursery and greenhouse. "My grandmother got me interested in plants; I've loved them all my life," she said, noting she plans to have a community waterlily trade in April, so people can trade for different color waterlilies. Currently, she has pink, purple, white and yellow in bloom.

AS SUMMER WANES, Mrs. Slaton said most of the plants and fish are winter hardy, though some tropicals and bog plants are put into the greenhouse for the winter. But there is still plenty of time for the tropicals to bloom and to establish an element of water in a backyard or garden.

Surprisingly, Slaton said he considers transforming West Texas land into a water garden much easier than doing the same task in other parts of the country. "You don't have to deal with uprooting huge tree roots here," he said. "We've got God's clean slate out here. West Texas is a plain slate. If you can imagine it — ponds, falls, — we can build it."

SEEDS FOR THOUGHT

Seasonal problems plague gardeners

By Deborah A. Benge Frost

Many problems are challenging gardeners this time of year. Landscapes, trees, flower beds and vegetable gardens can be sources of pleasure — or of frustration. If your pleasure is easing over into the frustration category, look at some of these timely questions and answers:

Benge Frost

Q: I've been plagued with pine tip moth this year and sprayed my pine trees about a month ago. Do I need to spray again?

A: Toward mid- and late-summer, the multiple generations of pine tip moth begin to overlap, so at any one time you can have eggs, larvae, pupae and adults. Infestations at this time may not be as devastating as the first generation, but they can still do a fair amount of damage. If you spray, use a recommended insecticide to protect young trees. Keep in mind that pine tip moth rarely kills a tree, but repeated attacks stunt growth and distorts the shape.

Q: I have young Afghanistan pine tree seedlings that were planted this spring. I have seven trees, but it looks like four are dying. I fertilized the trees with tree spikes and water every day, but they look like they are going to die. What's happening and what can I do?

A: It's probably the watering frequency that's damaging your trees. Daily watering can keep the soil so wet that it damages the root system. When the roots are damaged they don't take up water and nutrients effectively, and in the worse-case scenario they rot. Try watering these young trees once a week in the summer, or twice at the most. Determine when to water by sticking your finger into the soil — if the soil is wet, don't water; if it is moist, wait a day and check again. Moist but not wet soil is what you want to provide. Clear the grass and weeds from out around them and apply a 3- to 4-inch layer of mulch. Don't pile the mulch up on the trunk. Wait until February or March to fertilize.

Q: I've got yellow jackets feeding in my garden, especially on my tomatoes. Can I spray an insecticide or how can I control these wasps?

A: You've probably been seeing a paper wasp, which people commonly call a yellow jacket (although it's not a true yellow jacket). They are often found in the garden and are attracted to anything sweet, including nectar, honeydew and the juices of ripe fruits. If the skin of tomatoes and other fruits and vegetables is punctured, these wasps are attracted to the juice and will feed on the fruit, but they themselves don't actually puncture the skin.

Control isn't easy. Try harvesting tomatoes in the pink stage rather than in red. They will turn a full red on your kitchen cabinet and will still have all the flavor and quality, but are less likely to be damaged by insects and birds. Also, work your garden early or late when the wasps are not as active. For control try some of the wasp traps that are filled with sugar water that attract the wasps, but they can't get out of.

Q: My tomatoes and cucumbers wilt easily and I've had couple of tomato plants turn yellow and die. Do you know what the problem is?

A: Cucumbers will commonly wilt in the heat and recover in the evening, but excessive wilting and poor performance could indicate a problem other than heat. Tomatoes can wilt, but they generally do so when the soil is truly dry or when their vascular tissue has been attacked by a soil-borne fungus. Many things can happen to a plant, but in the vegetable garden the symptoms you've described sound suspiciously like the symptoms of root knot nematodes.

Carefully dig up one or two of your sickest (but not dead) plants, wash the soil from the roots and examine them for knots or galls. Galls indicate nematodes, a microscopic round worm that is very difficult to suppress or control. Planting nematode resistant varieties, rotating crops, adding organic matter every chance you get, leaving the area fallow or trying soil solarization all may help suppress populations. In the fall when the garden is finished, you can plant the area with a nematode trap crop of 'Elbon' cereal ryegrass. Grow this cool-season cover crop through the winter, and then shred and turn under a month prior to planting. This procedure will improve your soil and reduce the nematode population.

For more detailed information on coping with root knot nematodes — or any other gardening problem you may have — contact your local county Extension office.

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Learn how to prepare plants for horticulture exhibit by attending the presentation by Permian Basin Master Gardener and Texas Garden Club Life Flower Show Judge Marge Hurt, planned for 1:30 p.m. Aug. 6 at Ector County Extension Service, 1010 E. 8th St. in Odessa. In addition to Ms. Hurt's program, Roger Corzine, Permian Basin master gardener and chairman of the Permian Basin Fair Horticulture Show, will speak on how to enter the show, which is scheduled for 8:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Sept. 10. For more information call 335-3071.

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DEAR ABBY

Children kept away from family of party animals

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: My sister calls me a "party pooper" because I seldom attend our family's social gatherings, of which there are many. If a fly dies, they throw a party.

Van Buren

My family thinks of themselves as "fun people," but the truth is, they'll use any excuse to drink. This is their choice, but it's not mine.

I don't enjoy Mom and Dad's slurred attempts at conversation during these get-togethers. Nor do I like watching Aunt Millie trip over herself on the dance floor, Uncle Jim telling off-color jokes or his wife laughing like a hyena.

It was bad enough when I had to observe this behavior when I was growing up, but I have drawn the line at having my children witness this disgraceful conduct.

Am I wrong in trying to protect my children from these scenes? — EMBARRASSED IN OKLAHOMA

DEAR EMBARRASSED: No. Not only are you protecting your children, you are also sparing your relatives from embarrassing themselves in front of the children, with whom they may wish to have a relationship in the future.

Should any of them sober up someday, they may thank you.

DEAR ABBY: The letter written by "Been There in Florida," the mother who was concerned that her son might inherit his father's abusiveness, was right on the money.

I am a mother who stayed in an abusive marriage "for the sake of the children."

Finally, after 23 years, I left that marriage when I realized that my life was at stake. I left when the children went off to college, and I started over with no financial help from my husband. I was still too emotionally involved to see the damage it had done to the children.

I now realize staying in the abusive marriage did not benefit my children. My son has spent time in prison for his aggressive behavior toward his girlfriend and now must attend anger management counseling for three years. My son and former husband are master manipulators. Both father and son can be charming, and then on a moment's notice and without any provocation turn into angry, aggressive, abusive monsters.

My daughter is afraid she will marry someone like her father. She has no faith in her ability to judge people; she doesn't stand up for herself and tends to minimize abusive behavior. She will do anything to keep the peace. Her low self-esteem is due to the abuse she received from her father and brother while she was growing up.

Living in an abusive marriage is also very lonely. My definition of loneliness is being in the company of someone, yet feeling entirely alone because no intimacy exists.

I have now built a new life, and although it is filled with peace, tranquility, honesty and happiness, I'm sad to say it is without my son and the financial advantages I once had.

We make our own quality of life when we leave an abusive situation. Perhaps it's not as comfortable financially, but it's far more gratifying, and definitely more peaceful. — L.P. IN WRIGHTWOOD, CALIF.

DEAR L.P.: Congratulations on having built a new life. Children benefit from living in an emotionally nourishing environment. It's easy to say that children need a two-parent household in order to become healthy adults; however, evidence has shown that children raised in an environment of abuse often repeat these behaviors in adulthood.

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

Patio ponds attract herons, inquisitive boys

By Tom Christopher
N.Y. Times News Service

Ordinarily, pests are not the best part of a gardening experience. But then, the water garden next to my kitchen stoop is in no way ordinary.

I created it to take not more than 20 minutes a day to maintain. In fact, it requires far less. Yet, it combines the drama of an aquarium with a continual display of blossoms more flamboyant than any others in the garden. And then there are the pests.

This is not my first water garden. Soon after I finished a horticultural apprenticeship at the New York Botanical Garden, I found work on a grand, if threadbare, old estate. My favorite spot was the large concrete basin that I cleaned and patched, and populated with hardy waterlilies and a squadron of 6-inch black and golden carp. This garden was remarkably trouble-free. Until the blue heron found it. The bird swooped in at dawn to stalk the carp. In time, he ate them all and left. I missed the spectacle more than the fish.

WAS IT MEMORIES of heron watching that inspired my second water garden? Fifteen years had passed, and I was a spare-time gardener with a book deadline and a 5-year-old son whose mother would be away for the summer. I needed an escape. So I bought four cut-down whisky barrels and clustered them outside the kitchen door. The spot offers the full sun that waterlilies require.

Preparing a tub for planting is simple. To waterproof it, you line it with heavy plastic sheeting, which you staple to the inside of the tub's rim. Then, dump in 5 inches of garden loam. Cover this with an inch-thick mulch of clean sand to keep the water sediment-free.

The garden cost less than $40 a tub. My goal was to make it as self-sustaining as possible, by treating the tub as an ecosystem and making sure that every ecological niche was filled. You cover the water's surface with a canopy of floating foliage like lily pads — they intercept the sunlight and prevent algal bloom in the water below.

The pygmy waterlilies, dwarf cultivated varieties, adapt best to tub confinement. The aquatic ecosystem also needs an understory, a thicket of submerged water weeds (or oxygenating plants), which restore to the water the dissolved oxygen essential to the health of the fish — and you need fish to keep your tubs from turning into a nursery for mosquito larvae. The oxygenators I chose were the ruddy-leaved red hygrophilia (Hygrophilia polysperma) and feathery cabomba (Cabomba caroliniana).

The nurseries also sell goldfish. One pair to a tub is ample. On a whim, I ordered four bullfrog tadpoles and a pair of orange-spotted salamanders. When the plants arrive, fill the tubs with water and let them warm in the sun for a day or two. Then plant the waterlily rhizomes and lotus roots (one plant to a tub) by easing them down through the sand and into the soil. Plant the oxygenators by tying several sprigs together in a loose bundle with cotton twine. Lash each bundle's bottom to a small stone as an anchor, and drop them into the water.

Tub gardens settle in quickly. Dragonflies found mine the day after planting. In hot weather, you must top up the water weekly, and, once a month, slip fertilizer tablets (from the suppliers) into the soil around the waterlily and lotus roots.

Once established, my water garden averaged a few minutes of care daily. Until my son, Matthew, saw the salamanders.

HE HUNTED THEM through the water weeds ceaselessly. Finally, during a rainy spell, they disappeared — I suspect they escaped to the nature sanctuary next door. Matthew also watched as the tadpoles' legs grew and their tails shrank. But his real fascination was with his self-imposed task of stirring the tubs into whorls of muck with a big stick.

When, in response to his father's pleas and threats, Matthew finally quit, other little boys took over. Small male children I had never seen before began stopping by with stirring sticks.

When winter came, I moved some tropical plants into indoor tubs and the fish to an indoor aquarium.

Robbed of their prey, the little boys (all but one) vanished. Do they, like herons, migrate south for the winter? On quiet mornings next winter, I'll miss them both again.

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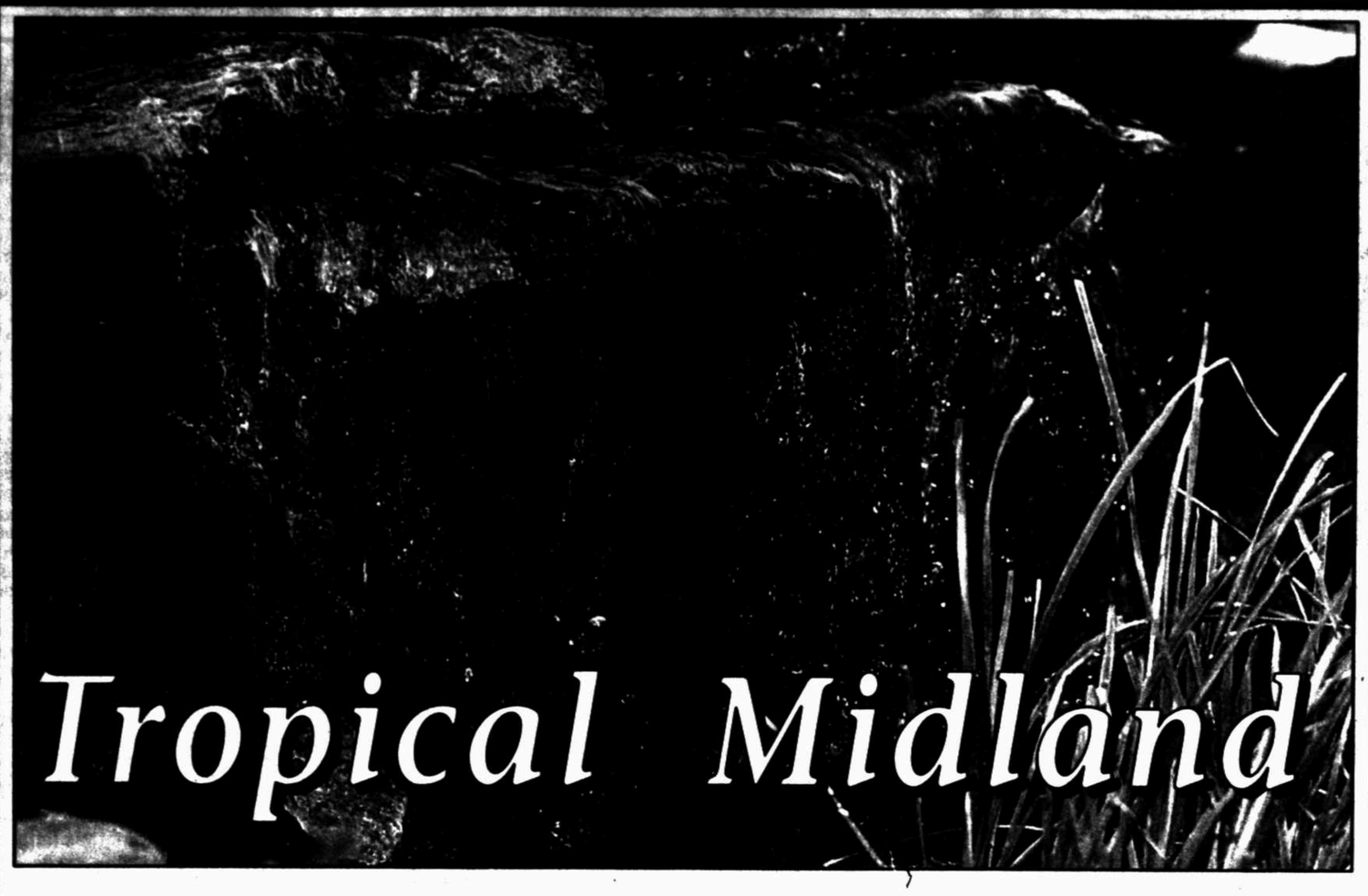

Water rushes over rocks, left, in one of the falls built by Midlander Kevin Slaton, and his brother, Marty Slaton. Another of their falls, above, empties into a pond.

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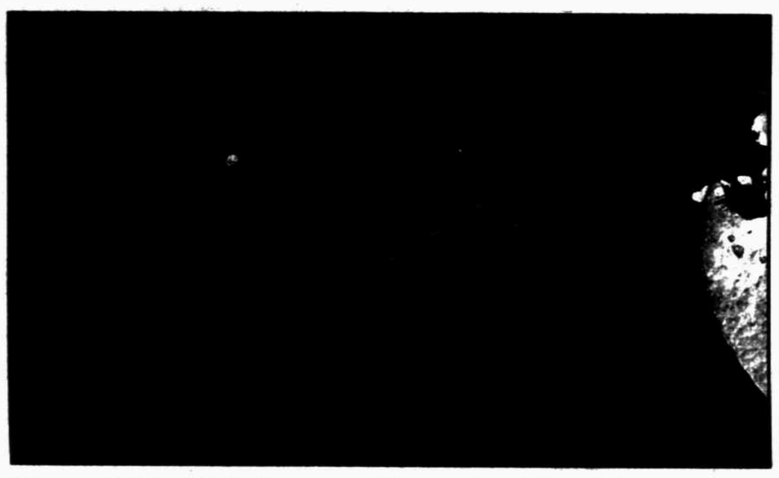

Large goldfish and koi, above, inhabit the ponds at Slaton Water Gardens in Midland County. Aquatic plants, lush ferns, tropical plants and waterlilies, right, thrive in a greenhouse at Slaton Water Gardens. The aquatic flora are planted in pots with fertilizer and weighed down with heavy soil. "The worst dirt you can find is usually the best," said Brenda Slaton.

Aquatic plants stand in tinahas, hand-carved porous stone planters once used for cattle troughs in Texas and New Mexico. "I keep filling them with water until an algae forms, which acts as a natural sealant to the porous stone," Brenda Slaton said, noting the planters have greater durability than terra cotta planters. A waterlily, right, floats on the top of a pond. "I buy my waterlilies from North Carolina and Oklahoma, since I know those states have long, hard winters," Mrs. Slaton said. She plans to have an annual community waterlily and pond plant exchange next April. Her ponds currently have pink, purple, yellow and white waterlilies in bloom. A close-up view of a lily pad is offered in the photo inset.

Hearing water spilling over stones into ponds, and seeing lush ferns fighting for space with waterlilies, tropical plants, and small schools of bright orange Japanese koi is an unexpected experience in Midland. But just south of Midland, Kevin and Brenda Slaton have transformed an arid section of grassland into a West Texas oasis. The owners and operators of Slaton Water Gardens — along with Slaton's brother, Odessan Marty Slaton — have constructed various ponds with falls and recirculating water.

"We've created this little hideaway," Mrs. Slaton said, touching slabs of stone formed into a seat abutting a waterfall, surrounded by greenery. "You hear the water, see the ponds, then you look up (beyond the brick wall fence) and you see cotton fields," she said, laughing.

West Texas persists outside the brick wall, but inside the wall is a miniature vision of the tropics. Lotus and lilies are in bloom. Goldfish and koi (carp) swim up to your hand and gently brush it. And everywhere is the sound of rushing water.

"That's actually how some people pick out the falls that they want. They say; 'I want that sound'," Slaton said. "It's nature's tranquility.

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Kevin Slaton feeds the fish in his one of the ponds he constructed. The fish are a source of amazement to children since they will swim up to their hands but do not bite.

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95585	C. Victoria	White	$23,500.00	$20,510.00	-$513.00	$19,997.00
95337	Contour	Black	$16,695.00	$14,330.00	-$333.00	$13,997.00
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GENERAL- Taking applications for counter and assembly person. Basic computer skills helpful. Apply in person, Dart Cleaners, 4324 Andrews Highway. No phone calls please.

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310 General Help Wanted

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PORTER/ Landscaper needed. Call for information at 520-0998. Apply in person Fairmont Condominiums, 4700 Boulder.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

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CNA's needed for all shifts. Apply in person, 3203 Sage, Courtyard Care Center.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

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BPB Wireline Services,
P.O. Box 60507
Midland, TX 79711-0507

314 Clerical Help Wanted

CLERICAL OPENINGS
Basic computer skills, 10 Key, phones. Express Personnel Services, 111 South "B" Street
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CLERICAL OPENINGS, at least 6 months experience. Call OLSTEN today, 683-5677

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CLERICAL- Busy service center needs office assistant. Telephone, light bookkeeping, computer. Public contact hours 9 am- 6 pm. Starting $7 per hour plus benefits. Call 687-0799 to set up an interview. Bookkeeping test will be given.

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INDEPENDENT Oil & Gas Operator has opening for Receptionist. Experience with active multi- line phone, filing, data entry and light accounting required. Professional appearance a must. Send resume and salary history to: Reception, PO Box 10158, Midland, TX., 79702

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RECEPTIONIST/ Secretary/ Accounts Payable Clerk needed for Independent Oil Operator/ Rancher. Typing 60+ wpm. Experience with WordPerfect and Lotus a plus. Strictly non-smoking environment. Please forward resume with references to Box E-04036, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

SECRETARY/ Receptionist. Independent Oil and Gas Operator has immediate opening for a Secretary /Receptionist. Ideal candidate must be a highly motivated team player with excellent typing skills preferably in WordPerfect, proficient in Excel, exhibit proper phone etiquette as well as good analytical and organizational skills. Experience in filing, data entry, and light accounting required. Individual must be dependable, professional and responsible. Please send resume to Controller, P.O. Box 10426, Midland, Texas 79702

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316 Sales Help Wanted

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316 Sales Help Wanted

KONO RADIO, San Antonio's Top Rated Oldies station, has two openings for ad sales reps. Business, marketing or teaching experience required. Four years of direct -selling preferred. (Not Clerking) Base plus commission with $90K potential. Call Janet Thomas at 888-522-7437. EOE

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SALES. A protected territory is available in West Texas. We're looking for an independent jobber to work with new car dealership and independent shops solving their fuel and lubrication problems. If you are a motivated self-starter with a good work background and credit history please send your resume to: Willis & Associates, P.O. Box 145, Abilene, TX 79604

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319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

*OILFIELD
GRANT GEOPHYSICAL SERVICES, INC.

Has immediate openings for experienced 3D Observers. We are looking for Observers with experience on I/O Systems I and II. If you feel your qualifications fit our needs, please send resume, call or come by for an application.

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(915)685-3090 (Phone)
(915)685-3098 (Fax)

DRIVERS- Independent oil well cementing company is looking for pump and bulk truck drivers/ operators. Must be able to pass physical and drug tests. CDL license preferred. Company offers uniforms, health insurance, 401K. Salary DOE. 570-0029

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

GANG PUSHER- Hands needed. Call for more information, 561-8040 or 557-6372

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320 Skilled Trades

***IRAAN- SHEFFIELD ISD VACANCIES**
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Need shop helper for general fabrication of gas compressor units would include installation of rigid conduit, threaded pipe, and instrument tubing. Good benefits and working conditions. Reply to Fabrication - Box 4185, Midland, Texas 79704

***SHOP WELDER**
Local compressor packager has opening for a welder who can do structural and pipe fabrication as well as completion work on compressor skids. Good benefits and working conditions. Reply to Shop Welder - Box 4185, Midland, Texas 79704

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Attention: Personnel Department

320 Skilled Trades

DOOR & WINDOW Installer for Midland area. Must have own truck and tools, 5 years experience. 1-800-294-5096.

FRAMERS- wood and metal. Full time position. General construction knowledge. Must have own tools and transportation. 559-4879.

LARGE PROPERTY management company is looking for a full time maintenance technician for an apartment complex in Big Spring. We are looking for an individual skilled, in plumbing, heating/ air conditioning (HVAC PREFERRED) AND drywall work. Our company offers excellent benefits. Please apply in person at Bent Tree Apartments at 1 Courtney place, Big Spring, M-F, 9-11:30 am and 1:30-5 pm.

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R & R MECHANIC, experienced in gear work. Pay depends on experience. Apply in person Drive Train Specialist, 3717 W. Industrial. 697-2203.

TECHNICIAN TRAINEE needed. Electrical and Technical experience a must. Knowledge of gasoline service equipment helpful. Willing to train right person. Salary DOE. Send resume to: P.O. Box 4262, Midland, TX 79704.

335 Adult Care Needed

CNA, or person able to assist disabled and willing to clean house. Needed 3 hours /day, pay $6 /hour. Must have good references. Call Mary 699-4747.

336 Adult Care Providers

DAY OR NIGHT. CNA will sit or care for elderly or disabled. Excellent references. 520-8764, 683-1023.

340 Child Care Needed

BABYSITTER/ Housekeeper needed in my home. Christian, non- smoking environment. References required. Call 550-4582.

LIVE IN NANNY for cooking and cleaning- Monday thru Friday. $150 weekly. Spanish speaking okay. 550-0232.

341 Child Care Providers

CHILD CARE IN my Christian home. Evening hours 3 to 11 and 11 -7 am. Saturday, Sunday and holidays also. Reasonable rates. Meals provided. Limited Space. References upon request. Sandra Sweet, 520-0440.

WILL CARE for child in my home. Lamar Disctrict. References. $45/ week. 697-1749.

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341 Child Care Providers

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IMMEDIATE OPENINGS for Toddler Program, clean, safe environment. Love and learning, breakfast, lunch, snacks. 694-9871.

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Attention Readers

Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract.

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RESTAURANT in Roswell, NM for sale or lease. Most equipment included. Prime location in North Roswell, corner lot, 6,000 sq. ft. building, ample parking. Landscaping and building in great shape. Prospects call (505)625-1111.

320 Skilled Trades

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Requirements
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400 Auctions

PUBLIC FURNITURE AUCTION. Bank • Home • Antique • Office. Furnishings. Saturday, August 2, 1997, 10:00 a.m. Sharp! 201 W. Washington St., Midland, TX. A fine selection of Bank and Office Furniture is Complimented with the Complete Existing inventory of Cunningham Interiors, Ft. Stockton, Texas to Include: Antique Furniture, Curio's, New Furniture, Wall Mirrors and Sofa Sets. *Absolutely No Minimums. * No Reserves.* Auction to Include: Cunningham Interiors: Antique Oak Bed, French Oak Antique, Marble Top Dresser with Mirror, Double Dresser with Mirror, Door Chest, Night Stand, Oak & Brass Headboards, (2) Curio Cabinets (whitewash), Mahogany Lawyer Bookcase, 3 pc. Entertainment Center, Oak T.V. Stand, Outdoor Carpet 100 yards, Pad, Carpet, Linoleum, Astro Turf, California Oak Dresser with Wing Mirror, Antique Theater Seats, Linoleum Glue, English Walnut Gentleman Chest circa 1920, (3) Wall Mirrors, (5) Canvas Oil Paintings (9) Framed Victorian Prints, Antique Shredder Barley Twist, Oak Child's Bookcase, (10) table Lamps, Hide -a- Bed Unit with mirrors, Old Poplar Wood Hotel Dresser, Twin Bookcase Headboards, Ice Maker Kit, (4) Brass Bed Bases, (3) sets Bed Rails, (2) Sets Bed Frames, Stereo Synthesizer Hitachi, Broyhill Wall Unit, Computer station with computer, Sewing Machine Cabinet & Machine, (36) Sample rings, (1) 10k Gold /Diamond Wedding Set, Belgian Oak Table, Double Recliner Sofa with built in Table, 4x6 Burber Area Rug, (1) Century Queen Anne Style Cocktail Table, Duncan Phyfe Style End Table, Pair Shaker Style End Tables, Solid Mahogany Harvest Table, (5) Oak European Dining Chairs, Victorian Wicker Bottom Childs Chair, Walnut Desk Chair, Texaco Collector Cars & Planes MISC: Display Carpet Rack, Work Shop Supplies, Carpet Rack & Samples, Misc. Carpet, Side by Side Refrigerator, Olympic Size Balance Beam, Headache Rack, 10 speed Bike, Wagon, Dresser Mirror, Leg Machine, Weight Bench & Weights, Wicker Set, Assorted Chairs, Exercise Bike, (2) Evaporative Comm. Coolers, (2) Doors, (6) Sinks, Ceramic Tile/ Outdoor, Old Radio, Trunk, (2) 4 Drawer File Cabinets, Deck & Credenza, Metal Desk, Office Chair, Cannon Copier PC 24, Executive Solid Wood Desks, Executive Solid Wood Credenza's, Executive High Backed Chairs, Office Side Chairs, Sec. Steno Chairs, Drafting Stools, Computer Station, Office Book Cases, Conference table, Sec. Desks, Adjustable Computer Chairs, IBM Selectric Typewriters, Computer Monitors. Just Added: Partial Estate, Water Well company equipment, 1983 Chev. Conversion Van, 1989

400 Auctions

Pontiac Grand Am, 1985 Olds Delta 88, U.S. Customs Seized 1984 Ford Thunderbird, Waterwell Company Trucks, (2) Heavy Duty Flatbed Goose necked Trailers, 1969 GMC 2 Ton Truck, 1985 International Crew Cab 2 Ton. Too Many Items to List. Don't Miss this Great Auction! All sales to be settled on date of sale. 10% Buyer Premium. Preview Friday August 1, 1997, 10:00 a.m.-6 p.m. Auction Conducted By: Auction Action Midland II, 709 S. Marienfeld, Midland, Texas 79701. 915-682-1004. Fred F. Munoz- Auctioneer TX Lic. #6250. Armando Tamez, Jr.- Auctioneer TX Lic. #12018.

410 Misc. Sales

FREE COVER and chemicals with all above ground pools starting at $39 a month- delivery and installation available. 563-3108.

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IBM 6015 Memory Writer- New! Thomasville canopy for rice bed. White built in oven. Almond drop in range. 570-7266.

40 VHS MOVIES for sale. Single bed- make offer. Call 682-5631, leave message.

2 WHEEL shop made metal covered utility/ camping trailer with windows. $500. Call 685-3131.

COWBOY BOOTS- 4 pair, 2 like new, 13D. $150 all. Call after 5 pm 520-0913.

EVENFLO "Travel Tandem" Infant Carseat/ carrier, like new, neutral colors. $20. Call 687-3219.

WESLO FLEX 3XT weight machine, including manual $50. 683-5183.

18,000 BTU Air Conditioner $385. Gravity Rider $80. Platform Rocker $25. Loveseat $10. '78 Buick- cold air $795. Van seat $30. 694-8666.

601 SOUTH Terrell. Victorian lamposts, 8' & 10' windmills, patio furniture, bar stools. Open 7 days per week. Lay away available.

★BIBLE TALK. "Why Can't We All See the Bible Alike?" 520-0381. Free recorded message.

RIDING MOWER- New John Deere LX176, 38" deck. Moved, must sell, $3,420. 699-4274.

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BEAUTIFUL OAK table & 6 chairs. Southwest design, custom made, like new. $1,700. Joey 694-4831.

EUROPEAN Stop Smoking Spray as seen on CNN News. 520-0533.

RESTHAVEN CEMETERY, 3 section C Adjoining lots. $750 each or $2,000 total. 683-2321.

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NOW ACCEPTING Early Fall consignments at Daisy's. Call 689-9972.

410 Misc. Sales

VITAMASTER 1700 Treadmill. Asking $350. Cash only. Call 520-9016.

RESTHAVEN MEMORIAL Park, one space, Lot 106. Memories Garden. $850. 697-5719.

2 IN 1 CARSEAT/ Stroller $30. Play yard $30, highchair $30. Queen wicker headboard $20. 694-4680.

GE ELECTRIC DRYER- like new. Decorative Pine Bark 1/2 Price originally $6. 520-4631 or 697-2766.

TROY- BUILT tiller, 3 hp. Craftsman 4 hp air compressor, chipper/ shredder, nail gun. 683-8952.

TWO PLACES in Original Resthaven Mausoleum. $3,500 for both. Call (505)258-4588.

4 CUSTOM Wheels for GM pickup with nearly new 31 X 10.50 R15LTBF Goodrich Radial all-terrain tires $350. Chrome headache rack $50. Call 694-1711.

MATCHING CRIB & Dresser, $195. Call 689-7304.

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RESTAURANT BOOTHS. 22 units without tables. Excellent condition. Call Arlene, 689-6693 for appointment.

413 Jewelry & Furs

ESTATE RING- 7 ct Emerald, 20 surrounding Diamonds (2/3 ct total), 14K yellow gold. Appraised $15,000, will sell $7,500. Serious inquiries only. 699-4133.

1 CARAT CZ ring. Appraised at $250. Will sell for $150., obo. 683-6502, message.

415 Misc. Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

NOW ACCEPTING Early Fall consignments at Daisy's. Call 689-9972.

MATCHING Whirlpool washer and dryer, almond. $150/ set. Like new. Bundy cornet. $250. Call 682-0170.

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420 Good Things To Eat

FRESH BLACKEYED Peas, Tomatoes and Melons for sale. 686-1058.

PERMIAN BASIN Farmers Market: tomatoes abundant, 1015 Y onions, squash, black eyed peas, okra, etc. Tuesday at 1505 E. Front & Saturday at 5021 Princeion.

FRESH HOMEGROWN Vegetables: green beans, black eyed peas, squash, tomatoes, cucumbers, etc. 682-5592. 3706 S. County Rd. 1192.

430 Household Goods

WING BACK Loveseat. Perfect condition! $85 firm. Call 694-0766.

SMOKED GLASS Topped table, taupe upholstered chairs on casters, good condition $100. 682-4495.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards- Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances 2811 W. Wall 699-1224.

WASHER 1 YEAR old, Dryer 4 years. $250. 694-7865, leave message.

ROYAL BLUE 50's style couch and chair, $75. Call 697-4475, please leave message.

MOVING SALE! Like new sofa sleeper $195, loveseat $75, drop leaf maple table $60, Coffee table $85, coffee table $75, top of line GE washer $175, console color TV $75. 689-9900.

UPTOWN CONSIGNMENTS Want to help you sell your quality furniture/ accessories. 404 Andrews Highway. 570-0099.

BACK TO School Special! Bunkbed set. Ladder, 3 drawer dresser, table & 2 chairs. Excellent condition. $500 firm. 694-8947.

MATCHING Washer- dryer. White. Very Good condition. $200 pair. Call 694-8347.

KING SIZE waterbed, heater, lighted bookcase headboard, good condition, $100. 520-4968.

MOVING OVER SEA! Refrigerator $250, washer & dryer- 9 months old, $400/ set. New bedroom furniture, king size bed, $2,600. Two recliners, $100/ pair. 520-5077.

ANTIQUE dining table with 6 chairs ($950), antique double desk ($195), library desk ($195). 694-5102.

BUNKBED: Red, very sturdy, makes into couch. $300. 697-6813.

ANTIQUE 7 foot sofa, good condition $125. Call 699-5772.

ANTIQUE couch, neutral, 9 feet long, wood trim. Good condition. $135. Small olive green velour chair. Perfect condition. $30. 520-4732.

UPRIGHT FREEZER, large, white in color, good condition. $100- cash only. Call 682-8756.

ETHAN ALLEN Queen Anne cherry dining table, 8 chairs, china buffet, server. $7,500. Excellent condition. 687-0469.

SOFA SLEEPER mint condition, red/ green/ black/ brown stripe. $450. 686-8420 after 5 p.m.

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall. 699-1224.

GARAGE SALES

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79701

HUGE GARAGE Sale! 800 E California. Thursday- Saturday, 8 am- 1 pm. Everything priced reasonably!

LEE HIGH SCHOOL, Back to School, community sale, benefitting American Cancer society. Saturday only, 6 am -? furniture, appliances, bikes, clothes, much more.

GARAGE SALE! Friday- Saturday, 7 am. 2011 W College. Furniture, appliances, children & womens clothes.

BACKYARD SALE! Thursday and Friday, 1307 W. Washington. Lots of kids clothes.

1712 PRINCETON: Just in time for school- Books! Ladies size 12-14 jeans/ shirts, big men's athletic clothes, king-sized waterbed mattress, camera, exercise equipment, vacuum and more. Saturday, 8 am- 12 pm. No earlies.

MORNING SALE! Freezer, office furniture, computers, etc! Thursday & Friday July 31th and August 1st, 9 am- 1 pm only, Hillcrest School, 2101 W. Wall.

79703

CORNER GOLF Course and Midkiff, Friday and Saturday. Baby items, etc.

❤4600 LEISURE: Couch, diningroom table/ 4 chairs, shadow boxes, keyboard, baby clothes, lotsa miscellaneous. Thursday/Friday.

★MOVING SALE! Friday- Sunday, 8 am. Inside & Outside Sale! Tools, gas range, living room suite, washer, dining room suite, queen bed, other furniture pieces, trolling motor, caps, Nebulizers, dozens & dozens of miscellaneous items!! 209 N. Dewberry.

★FRIDAY- SATURDAY, 8 am to 6 pm. 310 McDonald. Storm & garage doors, ceiling fans, telescope, toys, craft items, furniture, clothes, microwave, computer, electronic gadgets and miscellaneous from 3 families!!

GARAGE SALE! No early sales! Friday, 8- ?? Baby clothes, kids clothes, full size bed, bicycle, miscellaneous!! 117 N. Dewberry.

4530 LEDDY. Plus size clothes, dishes, furniture and miscellaneous. Friday and Saturday 8 am- 7pm.

79705

THURSDAY & FRIDAY 9 am 2 pm. 1931 Morgan Way. Furniture, TV's, microwaves and some clothes.

THREE FAMILY GARAGE SALE
2904 N. County Rd. 1140 (east on Hwy. 80, 3 miles east from Fairgrounds Road and 1 mile north, follow orange flags). Big and Tall mens clothing size 2x and 3x, lots of knick knacks, new handmade items, ducks, pigeons, geese, gun cabinet, stove, yard tools, antique cast iron pots and many more goodies. Friday and Saturday, August 1st and 2nd, 8 am- 5 pm.

●HUGE PATIO Sale! Boys & girls clothes, baby to adult, lots of nice men's slacks- size 40, Sega Genesis + games, truck tool box, dishes, lawnmower, edger, file cabinet, ski exercise machine, sports equipment & many more things! 2300 Stanolind, Thursday, Friday & Saturday, 8 am.

SHOW-OFFS
SUMMER CLEARANCE
50% Off
Sunday 7/27 - 8/9
Register for drawn for $25 Gift Certificate to be drawn on Fri., 8 /8.
3320 N. Midkiff

FRIDAY 7:30-4. 3101 Tealwood (Turn east on Midkiff and Haynes to Whitney then north 4 blocks) Barstools, childrens rolltop desk, end tables, curtains, mens, womens-junior 5-7, kids size 2T-7, nice clothes, shoes, toys, Little Tykes sandbox, Lego blocks, llittle girls bike.

79706

4211 W. COUNTY RD. 180. 8 miles south of I-20 on S. Midkiff. Thursday, Friday & Saturday. Golf cubs, stair stepper, 2 washers, 2 dryers, love seat, baby items and miscellaneous. Nice clothes and shoes: infants, childrens, mens and womens. Selling from 10¢ to $1.00.

79707

3802 SUNCREST. Dinette set, end tables, lamps, stereo, golf clubs, comforters, reel power mower, adult teen clothes, collectibles. Thursday Saturday, 8am.

3218 PRESTON in alley. Ladies clothes, (small), dishes, books, Indian crafts, miscellaneous stuff. Friday/Saturday, 8 am.

★4908 BRAZOS. Thursday Saturday. Sold lake house- Boat & accessories, water softener, lawn equipment, tools, shower doors, linens, kitchen items, craft supplies, hand painted childrens furniture, Apple computer with tons of software, junior career clothes & shoes, satellite dish, microwave, commercial ice cream box, miscellaneous!!

3506 HYDE PARK, Friday & Saturday 8- 1. Two Family Sale! Lawnmowers, edger, weedeater, bedding, golf clubs, clothing, housewares and more!

GARAGE SALE: 3705 Dentcrest. Friday, 8- 2. Baby bed, bassinet, craft items, boys & girls school clothes, large size clothing, toys, miscellaneous!!

THURSDAY ONLY 8 am, 3512 W. Shandon. Three Family Back To School Sale! Baby and girls clothes, exercise bike and lots more!

3506 NORTHFIELD. Wrought iron lawn furniture, ladies clothes size 10, mens pants 36, suits 42L, small appliances. Friday 8 am- 4 pm. Saturday 8 am noon.

❤FRIDAY-SATURDAY, Semi estate and moving sale. 5606 Ridgemont Grassland, miscellaneous galore: furniture, dishes, cookware, stainless, bedding, stereo, extra nice women's clothing 10-14, 1961 Singer Slant-o-matic, knick knacks, decorator and free items 8-?

2602 NORTHRUP. Power wheels jeep, swag lamp, dishes, clothes, toys, lots more. 8 am.

AREA SALES

ESTATE SALE-West Highway 80 across from ABCO on the North service road. For directions pager # 495-9068. Antique furniture, radios, BB Guns, wagon wheels, enamelware, lamps, jewelry, Gone With The Wind, Theatre Collection, Baseball card collection, tools, fishing equipment, 1967 Malibu, 1991 Beretta, and much more. Thursday - Sunday 9-5.

ESTATE SALE! 108 Conet, (off Golder and 17th) Odessa. Beautiful antiques, furniture, glassware, china, crystal, mahogany dining room suite, curio cabinet, marble topped tables, sofas, chairs, maple table and chairs, paintings, prints, frames, hats, patio furniture. Friday- Saturday 9- 5, Sunday 1- 5.

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.

Elsa, Tami, Pam, Brandi, & Jennika are ready to help you!

GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20

- ★7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)
- ★2 Days
- ★■✓●♥ Stand Out Emblem
- ★Garage Sale Kit (includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints. $5 Value!)
- ★Package of Flavored Drink Mix (for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)
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MIDLAND GUN & KNIFE SHOW. August 9th and 10th, Midland Center. For tables, call Don or Kim at (830)257-5844.

RIFLE and pistol reloading press and components. Bullets, powder and primers. 570-7929.

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FLUTE for sale. Great for band. Has case. Great condition. $50. Call 522-7851.

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Big Spring-Ezell-Key Feed & Grain	267-8112	12:00-1:00PM
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490 Computers/ Access.

COMPAQ PRESERIO PC. Keyboard plus monitor, 1 1/2 years old, $1,600. Owner going overseas. 688-4589 office.

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INTERNET ACCESS. Call 687-9014 for details.
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IBM correcting typewriters, $245. New 5 drawer vertical letter files, $249. New 5 drawer lateral files, $495. Dot matrix computer printers, $125. Paper folder $300. Time clock $125. 386 Computers, $195. Map storage cabinets, $95. New POS & scanning cash register systems. New & used office machines & furniture.
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590 Legal Notices

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For Emergency Vehicle Flasher Project

Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General Conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N Loraine, Midland, Texas.

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NOTICE TO CREDITORS

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The residence of the Independent Executor is 3906 Northfield Court, Midland, Midland County, Texas. Please present claims to:

Mr. LeRoy Troop
3906 Northfield Court
Midland, Texas 79707

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NORTHGATE Addition. 3 bedroom, 2 bath, $800 monthly, $800 deposit. 1-800-573-5459 ask for Carter

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AVAILABLE August 1. 2 Bedroom, 2 bath town home located in Polo Park. For more information call Lynn Walker- 520-2249. Pager #561-1444.

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Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
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