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Shelley Long doesn't roam far from her 'Cheers' profile in her new role on 'Kelly Kelly' as a professor at an Ivy League school./**1D**

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Storms kill 10 in southeast U.S.

By Karin Miller
Associated Press

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Tornadoes swept across parts of the South throughout Thursday, ripping off roofs in downtown Nashville and splintering mobile homes in rural areas. At least 10 people were killed in the storms.

No deaths were reported in Nashville, but heavy damages forced police to patrol downtown to prevent looting.

The Tennessee Oilers' football stadium, which is about one-third complete, was among the structures damaged.

"Parts of the stadium were being tossed around like Popsicle sticks. I've never seen anything like it," said Rodney Stanford, who was at a nearby restaurant.

Four people, including a little brother and sister, were killed before dawn by tornadoes in rural parts of Arkansas and Tennessee. Three people were killed when a twister touched down in the evening in west Tennessee near the Alabama border and three people died in powerful storms in southern Kentucky.

More than 100 people have been killed by tornadoes so far this year, all but two in southern states.

"People heard it but couldn't see it," Manila, Ark., firefighter Michael White said of the early-morning twister that was cloaked by darkness and sheets of rain. "It passed probably 400 yards from my house. There was so much lightning and rain I didn't see anything."

A cold front that stretched from the Great Lakes to the Mississippi Valley was responsible for Thursday's severe weather across much of the South and Midwest.

The earlier storm hit Manila, in northeastern Arkansas about 230 miles west of Nashville, about 3 a.m., killing Casey Lomax, 2 1/2, and Brittni Lomax, 5. Their parents were injured.

An hour later, a tornado spawned by the same storm killed Paul and Peggy Kolwyck in Roellen, Tenn., about 50 miles east of Manila. Their bodies were found 200 to 250 feet from their trailer home, which was torn apart.

Thursday afternoon two tornadoes struck Nashville. About 100 people were injured, police

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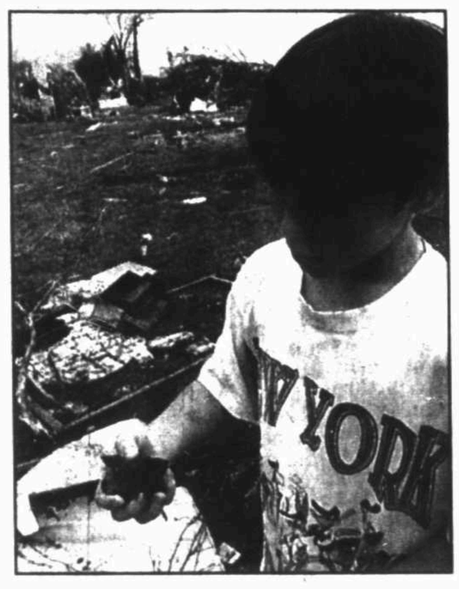

Paul Bate, 11, of Bradford, Ark., holds an injured sparrow he found while looking through debris at his relative's home in Manila, Ark., on Thursday. A tornado hit the northeast Arkansas town of 2,600 early Thursday killing two children. Five others were killed in Tennessee twisters, and three in Kentucky storms on Thursday.

AP Photo

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

AP Photo

Pol Pot dies

Former Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot answers questions during a Jan. 4 interview near Anlong Veng, Cambodia. The notorious Khmer Rouge leader, accused of causing the deaths of as many as 2 million people through forced labor, disease and systematic executions, died late Wednesday of an apparent heart attack, his captors said. His death dashed hopes that Pol Pot might finally be brought to justice for crimes against humanity.

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IMF adopts code

WASHINGTON — The 182-nation International Monetary Fund adopted a "code of good practices" Thursday aimed at providing more complete information on the financial health of individual countries as the first step in averting future Asian-style currency crises.

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KKK's new tactics

SAN FRANCISCO — The most militant wing of the Ku Klux Klan has a new tactic to spread its racist message — wrapping leaflets around free local papers and delivering them door to door, to the dismay of both publishers and customers. There may be little either can do to stop the leaflets, which have been distributed in California, Pennsylvania, Texas and North Carolina.

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Rick López:

Planting tree in Selena's memory releases memories of the Tejano singer.

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The 1998 Hearst Newspapers Energy Awards were presented Thursday night at the Petroleum Club. Frank Yates, from left in the front row, John Yates Jr. and Peyton Yates accepted the Energy Award for Lifetime Achievement on behalf of the family of Martin Yates Jr. The other award-winners were: Mark Tompkins of Phillips Petroleum Co. Southwest Region, from left back row, Bruno Hanson-Midland College Energy Award for Environmental Excellence; Hunter Maison, Burlington Resources, Energy Award for Company Performance; Ron Robinson, president of Texaco Technology, Energy Award for Technology; and Martin Allday, Energy Award for Government Service.

Story by John Paul Pitts | Photo by Brian Adamcik

Hearst Energy Awards honor basin oilmen

While the 1998 Hearst Newspapers Energy Awards are considered national in scope, the Permian Basin figured prominently in all five awards when a New Mexico family, former Midland attorney, a company with basin operations, and a pump tested in the basin were honored at the Petroleum Club Thursday.

More than 300 people attended the awards presentation, which followed an inspirational speech by Gene Stallings, former coach of Texas A&M, University of Alabama, Dallas Cowboys and Phoenix Cardinals. Stallings said two of the most important virtues he tries to instill in football players are a high work ethic and an appreciation for others.

In presenting the awards, Lawrence Walker, publisher of the San Antonio Express-News, said it was fitting that Hearst Newspapers present the Energy Awards, because: "Texas is oil country, and Texas is Hearst county." With newspapers in Beaumont, Houston, San Antonio, Laredo, Midland and Plainview, he said Hearst had an appreciation for the oil industry and those who keep it moving on an upward trend.

For the first time, the Hearst Newspapers Lifetime Achievement Award went to a family, the Martin Yates Jr. family of Roswell and Artesia, N.M., for three generations of con-

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First stretch of hike and bike trail finished

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The first mile-long stretch of Midland's hike and bike trail has been completed, linking Reyes/Mashburn/Nelms Park with DeZavala Elementary School.

The path begins at the park, near Fairgrounds Road and Cuthbert Avenue, continues down Cuthbert, then down Tilden Street to Garden Lane, according to Rick Menchaca, assistant city manager.

Essentially an 8-foot-wide sidewalk, the path then continues along Garden Lane to Lee Street and down Lee Street to Lamesa Road where it joins up with Hidalgo Park beside DeZavala.

Unlike a sidewalk, however, it is legal to bicycle and in-line skate along this path. City code changes were made so that skaters can cross streets along this path.

Before the change, city code prohibited skating in streets and city staff pointed out that in the absence of a change in city law, skaters would have to stop and remove their skates before crossing a street.

City law now allows skaters to cross streets along this path and signs have been erected to help control both hike and bike traffic and automobile traffic at these intersections.

This first leg of the hike and bike trail was funded partly by a Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT) grant of $160,000 and with $47,000 in matching funds from the city, Menchaca said.

TxDOT is dispensing federal money under a national program to fund alternate means for surface transportation, he said. City staff made the pro-

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The first mile-long stretch of Midland's hike and bike trail has been completed, linking Reyes/Mashburn/Nelms Park with DeZavala Elementary School. When completed, the trail will link all five community parks and will be about 20 miles long, according to Rick Menchaca, assistant city manager.

Curt Wilcott
Reporter-Telegram

New Religion section to debut in Saturday Reporter-Telegram

A new weekly Religion section will begin Saturday in the Reporter-Telegram.

Focusing on issues pertaining to religion both locally and nationally, the section will offer a broad range of content including information that had previously been published on Saturday and Sunday.

This Saturday's features will include stories on local Baptist missionaries who recently returned from northern Uganda, the concern facing ministers on how to keep people's commitment year round and a small group of Taiwanese natives in Garland who thought God would appear in Dallas.

Paula Jones to appeal lawsuit dismissal

DALLAS (AP) — Her voice breaking as she pronounced the word "appeal," Paula Jones said Thursday she will ask an appeals court to reinstate her lawsuit and force President Clinton to stand trial for sexual harassment.

"In the end, I have not come this far to see the law let men who have done such things dodge their responsibility," a crying Mrs. Jones said at a news conference with her lawyers.

"I believe what Mr. Clinton did to me was wrong, and the law protects women who are subjected to that kind of abuse of power."

Clinton, on a state visit in Chile, said he felt good about a federal judge's April 1 dismissal of the Jones lawsuit and he declined to comment on the latest turn. "It's a very unusual political environment, but I'm just not going to let the politics get in my way," he said.

Mrs. Jones' widely anticipated appeal set the stage for a lengthy extension of the legal battle over her allegation of a Clinton advance in a Little Rock hotel room in 1991 while he was governor of Arkansas.

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Attorneys not connected with the case say she faces long odds in trying to persuade an appeals court to overturn the dismissal.

Thursday's news conference in Dallas, where

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Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot dies in peace; comrades fight on

By David Longstreath
Associated Press

ANLONG VENG, Cambodia — Laid out in a simple jungle hut, flowers at his head and the reek of formaldehyde in the air, the body of Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot was put on display Thursday by his comrades-turned-captors to prove his death to the world.

Pol Pot, 73, died late Wednesday of an apparent heart attack, his captors said — a peaceful end compared to the deaths from violence and starvation of as many as 2 million Cambodians during the Khmer Rouge's reign.

His death dashed hopes that Pol Pot might finally be brought to justice for crimes against humanity during the 1975-79 Khmer Rouge reign.

Partially covered with a lime-green shroud and dressed in gray slacks and a cotton shirt, Pol Pot's body lay on a wooden bed in a hut less than 300 yards from the border with Thailand. Teen-age guerrillas from the hard-line Khmer Rouge faction that held Pol Pot under loose house arrest since last year watched silently as photographers snapped pictures and reporters took notes.

A bouquet of flowers rested at his head and his nose was plugged with cotton balls.

In the distance, fighting could be heard between Khmer Rouge hard-liners, on one side, and defectors supported by government troops, who are trying to drive the dwindling band of hard-line holdouts to the border with Thailand.

In Phnom Penh, government spokesman Khieu Kanharith said the government still hopes to catch and try other Khmer Rouge leaders, who lost a major bargaining chip for a peace deal with Pol Pot's death.

The hard-liners, led by Ta Mok, a one-legged general known as "The Butcher," ousted Pol Pot in a bloody power play last year after he opposed peace talks with Cambodia's co-premier at the time, Prince Norodom Ranariddh. The talks collapsed when Ranariddh was deposed in a bloody coup.

Inspired by Chinese communism and schooled in leftist politics in France, Pol Pot, who was born Saloth Sar, orchestrated a communist revolution that turned into one of the most violent reigns of the 20th century.

From 1975-1979, the Khmer Rouge turned Cambodia into a vast killing field and slave labor camp. One Cambodian in five died of overwork, disease and systematic executions before the Khmer Rouge were toppled by an invasion from Vietnam.

His jailer, Non Nou, said Pol Pot's heart stopped at 11:15 p.m. (12:15 p.m. EDT) Wednesday.

"At 12 midnight, (Pol Pot's) wife came to us. She learned that her husband was dead when she was tying the (mosquito) net for him," Non Nou said. "He died in a hut built for him after he lost his power."

The government demanded the body be turned over, but Non Nou said it would be cremated in a day or two.

Pol Pot's death is unlikely to have much impact on Cambodia, preoccupied with a forthcoming election between current strongman Hun Sen and rivals loyal to Ranariddh.

Khmer Rouge leaders recently said they were preparing to hand over Pol Pot, but had not decided how or to whom. There were reports Washington wanted to take him into custody.

"I think we could almost have arrested him tomorrow. It was very close," said Youk Chhang, director of the Documentation Center of Cambodia, a Yale University-affiliated project gathering evidence against Khmer Rouge leaders for any future trials.

But Non Nou said that was unlikely: "The international community was too late. They said they wanted Pol Pot, but they never contacted us. They only talked."

He said Pol Pot's death would benefit the Khmer Rouge. "No one will say anything about the Pol Pot regime any more. It's finished. Who else bears the guilt like Pol Pot? This time, the movement is very clean."

The Thai military estimates Ta Mok still has 2,000 men under arms, but the Cambodian government puts the figure at a few hundred.

Youk Chhang questioned the timing of Pol Pot's death, saying countries like Thailand and China must be "relieved" because Pol Pot would not be able to disclose how much they helped his movement.

Asked if it was possible someone had killed Pol Pot, Non Nou said, "If they are afraid the body was tampered with, ask his wife. She was there. No one has done anything like that."

After a five-year civil war, the Khmer Rouge toppled the U.S.-backed Lon Nol government in 1975 and began a Maoist-style purge of Western influences.

Phnom Penh's residents were herded out of the city at gunpoint, vast communes were established, schools and money abolished and the slightest infractions of draconian rules were punished by execution.

After Vietnam's army toppled the Khmer Rouge in 1979, the guerrillas retreated to the jungles to fight successive governments. The group fragmented in 1996 when thousands of rebels made peace. In return, some leaders as bloodstained as Pol Pot received amnesty.

Cambodian tyrant hid brutality behind mask of charisma

By Grant Peck
Associated Press

BANGKOK, Thailand — Cambodian revolutionary Pol Pot had all the hallmarks of a tyrant: paranoia, cunning, ruthlessness.

King Norodom Sihanouk, at various times Pol Pot's ally or adversary, compared him to Stalin — but also said he had a certain charisma that made him "very charming."

His Khmer Rouge regime, however, was one of the most brutal the 20th century has witnessed. As many as 2 million Cambodians died, some in grisly city torture centers, others in the countryside with a blow to the back of the head with a hoe. Many died of starvation, overwork and illness during Khmer Rouge attempts to force a Maoist-style collectivization of agriculture.

The man known to his comrades as Brother Number One died Wednesday, two days short of the 23rd anniversary of the day his army captured Phnom Penh and began a reign of terror.

The last time Pol Pot was seen alive by outsiders — in several interviews last year — he was an enfeebled old man who almost looked kindly.

"Our movement made mistakes," he told American journalist Nate Thayer, the first to interview him in 18 years. "I came to carry out the struggle, not to kill people. Even now, and you can look at me: Am I a savage person? My conscience is clear."

The best estimates are that one in five Cambodians of a population of 7.9 million died when the Khmer Rouge were in power from 1975-79.

Although a fervent communist, Pol Pot also had an acute mindfulness of Cambodian history, witnessed in his many references to the Angkor period that died out six centuries ago.

Part of this was a visceral antipathy toward Vietnam, the neighboring country that encroached on Cambodia's territory as the Angkor empire went into decline.

Pol Pot was born Saloth Sar to a farming family in central Cambodia. He received basic schooling at a Buddhist monastery.

Saloth Sar went to Paris in 1949 to study electronics on a government scholarship. Absorbed with leftist politics, he set up a communist cell with fellow Cambodian students — many of whom would later form the inner core of the Khmer Rouge, French for "Red Cambodians." He failed his exams, lost his scholarship and returned home.

"He was clearly attracted to Stalinist concepts," said Milton Osborne, a former Australia diplomat in Cambodia. "Pol Pot did feel that the society in which he was living in Cambodia in the 1950s and '60s was deeply politically and morally offensive and just had to be changed, even with quite radical means."

Pol Pot set up a secret communist party in the 1950s while maintaining a legal front as a teacher at a private school. Students described him as quiet and unfailingly polite.

In 1963, he became party secretary-general and fled into the jungle after the government, led by then-Prince Norodom Sihanouk, savagely repressed leftist opposition.

When Sihanouk was deposed and the United States and its South Vietnamese allies attacked Cambodia in 1970 to close North Vietnamese supply trails, North Vietnam armed the Khmer Rouge to fight the U.S.-backed government.

Sihanouk, bitter at his ouster, joined hands with his former leftist antagonists, lending them his considerable prestige. But he was one of the few to have no illusions about them.

Once victory was won, Sihanouk said late in the civil war, "they will spit me out like a cherry pit."

On April 17, 1975, the Khmer Rouge entered Phnom Penh and a veil of darkness fell over Cambodia. The country, renamed Democratic Kampuchea, shunned almost all contacts with the outside world.

"No one could have rebuilt Cambodia then without exerting very strong, even violent authority," Michael Vickery, a Cambodian specialist at the University of Malaysia, said in an interview last year after Pol Pot's comrades turned against him and placed him under arrest.

War damage and dislocation had made famine a pressing threat at that time, Vickery said.

But no postwar neediness could fully explain the genocide the Khmer Rouge almost immediately unleashed.

The first to be killed were soldiers and officials of the old regime. In a few months came the elimination of several members of Pol Pot's inner circle.

To boost food production — and control the population — all residents of every city were moved into vast rural communes. These came to mean terror for ordinary Cambodians.

The communes, managed with more revolutionary zeal than skill, were failures. Instead of reviewing the wisdom of his drastic economic policies, Pol Pot blamed the failure on treason and conspiracy. He lashed out, and made the error of picking a fight with Vietnam, which then had one of the toughest armies in the world.

With the help of Khmer Rouge defectors — including Cambodia's current leader, Hun Sen — Hanoi quickly swept the Khmer Rouge out of power in January 1979.

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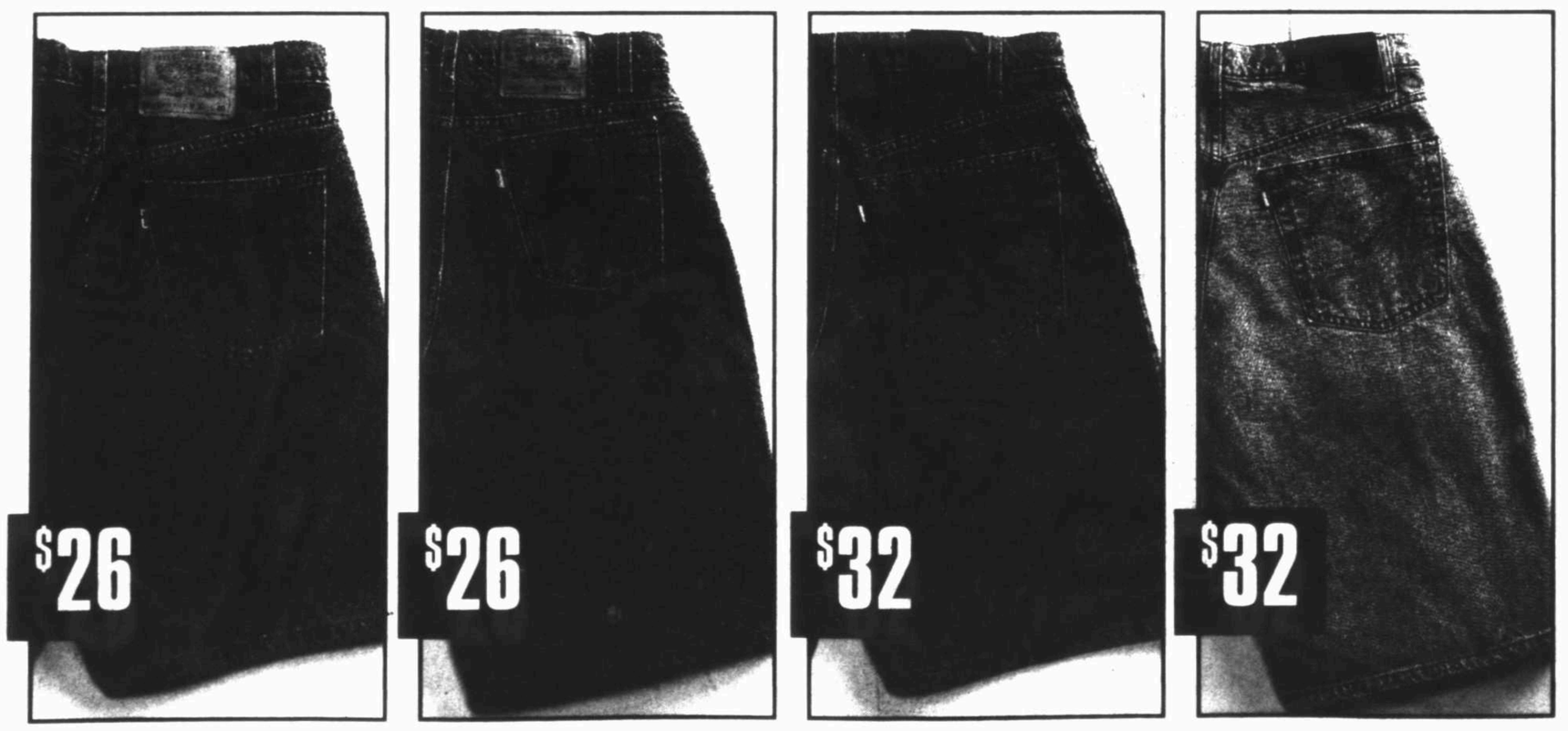
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Germans embrace DNA saliva testing to fight child sex crimes

BERLIN (AP) — Newspapers published the call: Police hunting a young girl's killer needed help from the 18,000 men aged 18-30 in the rural, northwestern region of Germany where the victim lived.

One by one, thousands of men showed up last week and opened their mouths. With cotton swabs, police took saliva samples to record the men's DNA — the genetic fingerprint that could identify who raped, stabbed and strangled 11-year-old Christina Nytsch.

Untried in the United States, voluntary, blanket DNA testing has been used only occasionally in Europe, mostly as a last resort after a long investigation and usually in communities of a few thousand people or fewer.

German police in the city of Cloppenburg, near the Dutch border, took the procedure further. They collected saliva within weeks of the killing. And their attempt to screen men from 12 towns and villages was the largest voluntary DNA test to date — too large, critics, say, to be effective.

But those critics have been relatively few for Germany, where laws and the culture fiercely defend privacy rights. Broadening investigative powers also can inspire anxiety in a country where the fascist and communist past is a living memory.

And yet DNA testing, which drew criticism from a civil rights group in France last year, is widely accepted here, primarily because of Germany's increasing push to fight sexual crimes against children.

By next week, federal lawmakers are expected to approve a national database of DNA from convicted sex criminals. The information can be compared to biological evidence found at crime scenes, such as saliva, semen, blood, or tissue. Police in Germany's 16 states could then cross-reference data, a tactic already used in Austria, Britain, the Netherlands and the United States.

"Several recent cases, especially sexual crimes against children, showed that police in the German states needed to start working together," says Helga Schumacher, spokeswoman for the Federal Commission for Data Protection.

Voluntary DNA screening of innocent people is another matter, however. Police in Cloppenburg say they took the extraordinary measure immediately because they believe the killer remains in the region — and that he has struck before.

Christina disappeared March 16 on her way home from an indoor swimming pool. Her body was discovered five days later in woods near her hometown of Stuecklingen, a red-brick village of 3,500, where strangers stick out and crime is rare.

DNA from a knife at the scene matched DNA from semen taken from a girl who was raped two years ago. Based on the girl's shaky description of her attacker, police decided to screen men ages 18-30.

Voluntary DNA testing has worked in small communities where peer pressure drove everyone to participate — including the killer.

Voluntary DNA tests in Germany in 1996, both searching for killers in small towns near Hanover, failed to find suspects. So did saliva tests last year in a northwestern French village.

Cloppenburg held its screening last Thursday and Friday. The results are expected in several weeks. Negative data will be destroyed.

"It wasn't a question for me," 24-year-old machine repairman Ludger Wulf said after having his cheek swabbed. "I've got nothing to fear."

But of the 18,000 men sought, only 12,000 showed up. Hopeful that some were simply away for Easter, police continued testing this week.

Critics said zealous police made their search too wide. A professor of criminology in Lower Saxony state, Christian Pfeiffer, said the scope failed to inspire pressure to participate.

Yet the people of Stuecklingen, who still place flowers and light candles for the slain girl at a roadside shrine, found comfort in the tests. The Rev. Ulrich Bahlmann, a Catholic priest in the town's only church, said men wholeheartedly took part, mostly to prove their innocence.

"People don't trust each other here anymore, because one could be a murderer," he said.

Yeltsin's premier nominee lobbies parliament in advance of confirmation vote

MOSCOW (AP) — Russia's communist leader met Thursday with Boris Yeltsin's nominee for premier, but came away unimpressed and said his faction would again reject the candidate in a parliamentary vote Friday.

Yeltsin, meanwhile, warned lawmakers he would re-nominate Sergei Kiriyenko for prime minister if he's voted down Friday. Kiriyenko is unlikely to win approval without at least some votes from the communists, the largest faction in parliament's lower house.

"We clearly stated that we cannot vote for a person who has no team, no clear program and insufficient experience," communist leader Gennady Zyuganov said after the meeting with Kiriyenko. "He won't get many votes tomorrow."

Kiriyenko "doesn't yet have the situation under control. He leaves a lot of questions unanswered, especially key questions connected to social policies, the defense industry and privatization," Zyuganov added.

Kiriyenko paid another visit to the State Duma, the lower chamber of parliament, trying to build support. He appeared optimistic after three rounds of negotiations, saying parliament was becoming more responsive to the government.

"All debates in parliament have two sides, like an iceberg," Kiriyenko told reporters. "The part that's above water is political emotions, just foam, but the part that's under water is a serious, constructive and interesting dialogue, which is what is important for the government."

The communists continued to insist that Friday's confirmation vote be an open ballot — which would allow leaders to see how members vote.

But the Duma may reject that and opt for a secret vote, which would allow members to quietly favor Yeltsin's candidate.

Yeltsin has told lawmakers he will propose no candidate other than Kiriyenko. If a Yeltsin nominee is not approved after three votes, the president has the right to disband parliament.

During the first vote last week, Kiriyenko received only 143 of the 226 votes he needs for confirmation by the 450-seat house.

Communists say Kiriyenko, a 35-year old former banker and energy minister, is too young and inexperienced to lead Russia's government.

Tehran mayor denies accusation

TEHRAN, Iran (AP) — The mayor of Tehran has denied allegations of corruption following his release from detention, the official Iranian news agency reported Thursday.

Gholamhossein Karbaschi was freed Wednesday on the order of Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, who intervened to check a growing power struggle between hard-line and moderate factions in the government.

Karbaschi, a key ally of moderate President Mohammad Khatami, was detained April 4 on orders of Iran's chief judge, Ayatollah Mohammad Yazdi, who belongs to the hard-line faction opposed to Khatami's reforms.

Khamenei, a hard-liner, called Thursday on Iranians to support the judiciary.

"If there were no judicial branch (of government), justice would not have any foundations or criteria," Khamenei said in a live radio broadcast on the occasion of the Shiite Muslim holiday of Eid al-Ghadir.

Karbaschi was released a day after 4,000 students demonstrated in central Tehran in support of the mayor. Riot police wielding batons broke up the protest and arrested 30 demonstrators.

Prosecutors accused Karbaschi of misappropriating public funds in a wide-ranging corruption scandal in Tehran.

But his arrest was widely seen as a bid by hard-liners to topple key officials of the president, whose moves to ease social restrictions and end Iran's international isolation are popular. Karbaschi ran Khatami's campaign in the presidential elections last May.

Speaking after leaving the capital's Evin Prison on Thursday, Karbaschi said "no form of embezzlement or misappropriation of public funds have taken place," the Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

The mayor did acknowledge, however, that there may have been problems in the city's finances in general.

"When it comes to the question of responsibility and decision-making ... there exists a possibility of a flaw," he said. "I pray to God that these problems are eventually thoroughly scrutinized with the show of patience and perseverance."

The mayor is still expected to face trial, possibly in the next couple of weeks.

Khamenei ordered the mayor's release after receiving a letter from Khatami warning that Karbaschi's continued detention "can only serve to complicate matters ... and eventually lead to the undermining of all forces."

Iran radio quoted Khatami's letter as saying: "The Tehran Municipality case, which has led to the arrest of the mayor of Tehran, has brought about certain problems for the executive management of the country which entail detrimental social, political and economic effects."

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Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Saturday	Sunday
Cloudy	Cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 55	High 60	High 74
Low 42	Low 39	Low 40

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies, a 40 percent chance of rain and a high near 55. Winds will be from the east at 10 to 20 mph, according to the National Weather Service.

Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies, a 50 percent chance of rain and a low between 40 and 45.

Saturday's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies, with a 40 percent chance of rain and a high near 60.

After an overnight low of 43, Thursday's high was 73, compared to the record high for that date of 96 set in 1937. The record low was 34 set in 1947.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Wednesday	.00 in.
Rainfall Thursday	.00 in.
Total for month	.00 in.
Total for year	1.16 in.

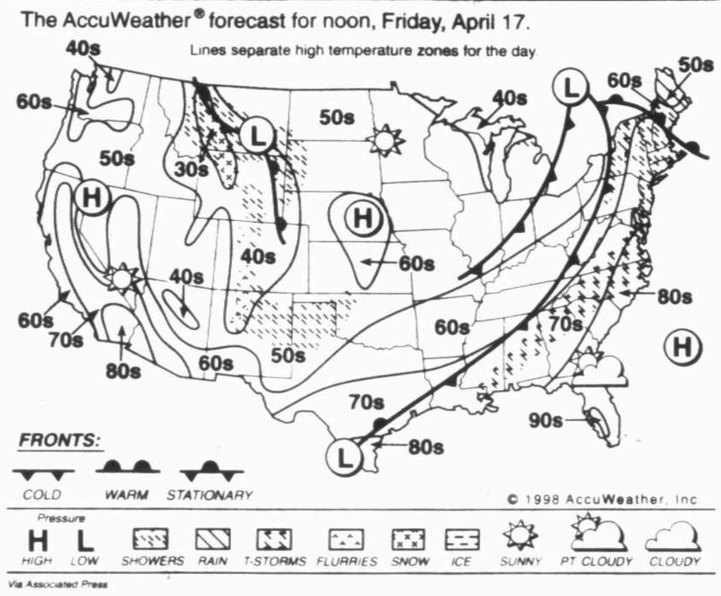
Yesterday's temperatures

High	73
low	43
Normal high	80
Normal low	50

Sunrise: 7:18 a.m. Sunset: 8:19 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, April 17.



Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8 32 p.m. EDT

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	68	44	m	
Albuquerque	52	29	cdy	
Anchorage	50	37	06	rn
Asheville	67	60	08	rn
Atlanta	71	59	02	rn
Atlantic City	68	48	01	rn
Baltimore	81	54	m	
Billings	50	34	01	rn
Birmingham	77	67	m	
Bismarck	55	21	cdy	
Boise	58	29	clr	
Boston	60	49	m	
Buffalo	59	45	67	cdy
Burlington,Vt	69	40	m	
Casper	47	24	01	sn
Charleston,S.C.	83	61	01	cdy
Charleston,W.Va.	71	57	.20	cdy
Charlotte,N.C.	77	64	m	
Cheyenne	38	25	cdy	
Chicago	44	43	.38	clr
Cincinnati	73	56	2.55	cdy
Cleveland	70	50	68	cdy
Columbia,S.C.	81	60	01	rn
Columbus,Ohio	73	56	2.24	cdy
Concord,N.H.	68	44	m	
Dayton	72	55	2.23	cdy
Denver	43	27	cdy	
Des Moines	52	39	09	clr
Detroit	73	47	10	clr
Duluth	46	29	cdy	
Evansville	68	54	2.27	cdy
Fairbanks	52	37	cdy	
Fargo	53	26	cdy	
Flagstaff	39	19	cdy	
Grand Rapids	61	40	.46	clr
Great Falls	52	24	cdy	
Greensboro,N.C.	75	64	.38	rn
Hartford Spgfld	64	47	m	
Helena	51	31	.01	rn
Honolulu	83	72	clr	
Indianapolis	70	55	60	cdy
Jackson,Miss.	78	72	01	rn
Jacksonville	85	60	cdy	
Juneau	49	40	14	rn
Kansas City	48	43	clr	
Las Vegas	65	40	clr	
Little Rock	69	67	2.10	cdy
Los Angeles	68	49	clr	
Louisville	71	57	1.85	cdy
Memphis	81	69	.02	cdy
Miami Beach	82	71	cdy	
Milwaukee	40	37	.79	cdy
Mpls-St Paul	53	34	cdy	
Nashville	76	63	63	cdy
New Orleans	82	73	cdy	
New York City	58	47	m	
Norfolk,Va.	81	60	m	
North Platte	52	20	clr	
Oklahoma City	61	45	cdy	
Omaha	55	39	.05	clr
Orlando	86	63	cdy	

Pick 3 Texas

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

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Cash Five

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

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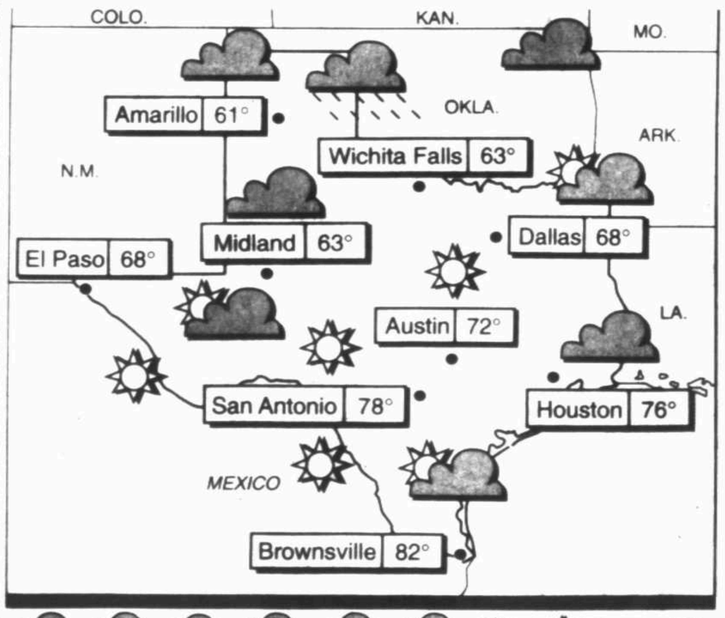
State forecast



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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	66	46	
Alice	85	72	
Amarillo	49	36	
Arlington	72	55	
Austin bergstrom	81	59	
Austin Mueller	81	64	
Beaumont	85	72	0.01
Brownsville	93	70	
Burnet	76	57	
Childress	59	45	
College Station	81	64	
Conroe	85	70	
Corpus Christi	88	71	
Corsicana	73	59	
Cotulla	91	72	
Dalhart	47	33	0.40
Dallas	71	54	0.05
Del Rio	87	65	
Denton	72	51	0.07
Dfw Airport	72	54	0.04
El Paso	84	41	
Fort Stockton	74	47	
Fort Worth	71	52	0.05
Galveston	79	71	
Harlingen	92	66	
Hondo	84	62	
Houston Hobby	89	74	
Houston Intrctnl	87	72	
Huntsville	83	70	
Junction	77	57	
Kingsville	88	72	
Laredo	91	73	
Lubbock	58	35	
Lufkin	85	69	
Marfa	70	36	
McAllen	96	72	
Midland	73	43	
Mineral Wells	70	49	
Navy Corpus	86	73	
New braunfels	85	64	
Palacios	85	73	
Paris	68	52	
Rockport	84	73	
San Angelo	74	51	
San Antonio	82	69	
Terrell	71	55	0.02

STORMS: Governor declares Nashville disaster area

(From 1A)

and emergency management officials said. A man who was hit by a falling tree in Centennial Park was seriously hurt.

Cecil Whaley of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency said most of the injuries were from flying glass and none was believed life-threatening.

The twisters knocked out power to about two-thirds of the downtown, and extra police were called in to guard against looting. All downtown state and city government offices were ordered closed today, as were city schools.

Mayor Phil Bredesen also asked businesses to voluntarily close for the day.

"The downtown area is really unsafe at this point," Bredesen said.

Three people in Tennessee's Wayne County on the Alabama border were killed Thursday evening by twisters. Powerful storms killed at least three people in southern Kentucky; two died in Barren County and one in adjacent Metcalfe County.

Barren County Deputy Coroner Tim Gibson said he didn't know if the deaths were the result of a tornado, but suspected they were.

"From the devastation and destruction I've seen at the scene, I don't see how it could help from being (a tornado)," he said.

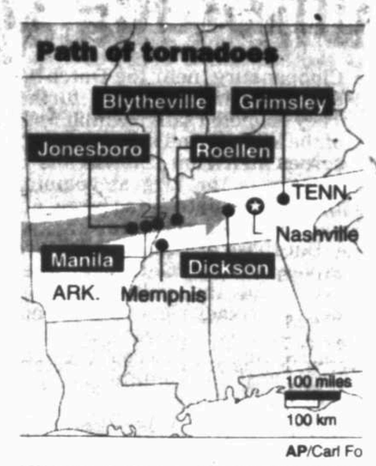
Gov. Don Sundquist declared Nashville a disaster area. Several state buildings were damaged, including the Capitol and the James K. Polk office building.

Sundquist had no estimate on statewide damage, but said officials from the Federal Emergency Management Agency would tour the state Friday and make an assessment.

The Metro-Nashville Fire Department's headquarters was so badly damaged that some of its equipment was trapped under debris, spokeswoman Jean Ridley said.

Outside Nashville, 13 homes were destroyed and 130 homes were damaged, Whaley said.

The twisters were part of a series of storms that hit Arkansas,



AP/Carl Fo

Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, Tennessee and Michigan late Wednesday and Thursday. More than two dozen people were injured in the earlier storms, and 65 railroad cars were knocked off the track near Flora, Ill.

Storm damage at Western Kentucky University prompted officials to cancel all classes for today.

A tornado in eastern Michigan cut a 6-mile-long path through Sanilac county. Damage to more than two dozen homes was reported.

At the Lomax family's trailer home, the twister left little more than rows of cinder blocks that had supported the home; splintered wood and a child's scooter on a pile of rubble. The children were thrown from the trailer and were found near each other.

Manila is a half-hour east of Jonesboro, where four students and a teacher were killed in a schoolyard ambush last month.

"If there was any area of our state that did not need to experience this, it would be northeast Arkansas," Gov. Mike Huckabee said.

In Tennessee, Dyer County Executive James McCord said seven houses and four mobile homes were damaged in his county, but only one other person suffered serious injuries there. A woman and her daughter escaped injury when their brick home collapsed.

JONES: Appeal could extend lawsuit against president for years

(From 1A)

Mrs. Jones' attorneys are based, marked her first public comment on the case since U.S. District Court Judge Susan Webber Wright ruled on April 1 that her lawsuit did not merit a trial.

Mrs. Jones said she was shocked by the ruling, and, after four years of ever-increasing public scrutiny, had to take time to weigh the question of an appeal against the continuing stress on her husband and two preschool sons.

"I have also considered the fact that the court's ruling affects many women other than myself," she said.

As she spoke from a lectern in a hotel ballroom, Mrs. Jones broke into tears and continued her brief statement only after her husband, Stephen, came to her side and placed his hand on her shoulder. She took no questions after delivering the statement, which she had worked out with her lawyers.

In Washington, Clinton attorney Robert S. Bennett distributed a written statement saying, "We are confident that the appellate court will not permit Paula Jones and her supporters to pursue this case.

"It is unfortunate that our legal system can nonetheless continued to be abused by Mrs. Jones' political and financial supporters who wish to harm the president," Bennett added.

With the support of her husband, Stephen Jones, Paula Jones addresses the media at a news conference in Dallas, Thursday. Jones and her attorneys will ask an appeals court to reverse a judge's dismissal of her lawsuit and force President Clinton to stand trial for sexual harassment.

AP Photo

Jones lawyer Donovan Campbell said his team was confident of its case accusing Clinton of harassment. "There is no 'one-free-flash' rule in the law," he said.

Mrs. Jones, 31, filed her civil lawsuit in 1994 charging that Clinton had exposed himself and asked her for oral sex during a May 8, 1991, encounter. Clinton has said he does not recall such a meeting and has denied doing anything improper.

In the four years since she first aired the allegations, Mrs. Jones has rarely spoken in public about the case. Often, her friend and Los Angeles public-relations adviser, Susan Carpenter McMillan, has spoken for her.

As part of her attorneys' agreement to pursue an appeal despite little hope of collecting some $900,000 in legal fees, both women had to agree that all comment to the news media be filtered through the Dallas law firm of Rader, Campbell, Fisher & Pyke.

John Whitehead, also an attorney, was at Mrs. Jones' side with assurances that the Rutherford Institute, the Charlottesville, Va.-based foundation that he heads, would continue to cover her legal expenses through the appeal.

"We're in it for the long haul, no matter what it costs," he said, careful to limit his commitment to legal expenses and not Campbell's attorney fees.

An appeal to the 8th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in St. Louis could extend for years a lawsuit that has already had a considerable impact on Clinton — making him the first president to be questioned under oath as a defendant, and subjecting him and his sex life to Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr's investigation of Monica Lewinsky and an alleged coverup.

In dismissing Mrs. Jones' lawsuit, Wright said there was not sufficient merit to her allegations that Clinton's behavior was "outrageous" under Arkansas law or that he sexually harassed her under federal law. Wright noted that Mrs. Jones continued to work at the Arkansas Industrial Development Commission for an additional 19 months and never filed a formal complaint or told her supervisors after the alleged incident.

TRAIL: Trail will connect city's major parks and stretch for 20 miles

(From 1A)

posal for a wide, safe trail circling the city, designed for non-automotive transportation.

Architects are currently working to design the last of five major parks geographically scattered around the city, and the city's master plan calls for the hike and bike trail to link all of these in the future.

In the master plan, these five community parks are the major park complexes and sports facilities in their parts of the city with other, smaller sites augmenting the park system, Menchaca said.

The five community parks are: Hogan Park in the northeast, Windlands Park in the north near Wadley Avenue and A Street, Reyes/Mashburn/Nelms Park on the southeast side of the city, C.J. Kelly in the northwest and the future Beal Park at the southwest side of Midland.

Groundbreaking for Beal Park, near the intersection of Loop 250 and Business Interstate 20, is expected to begin in June, Menchaca said. The city has acquired 110 acres for this new park and sports complex.

The city has secured contracts with TU Electric to utilize land along their inner-city utility easements for portions of this Hike and Bike Trail. In addition, portions of the trail will be run along drainage channels as well as along streets in a few places, he said.

The second, mile-long phase of hike and bike trail construction is expected to begin in June and will link DeZavala Elementary School with Wadley-Barron Park at A Street and Cuthbert.

The total trail is expected to take seven to 10 years for completion, depending on the availability of funding, Menchaca said.

Once completed, the hike and bike trail will circle all corners of the city with a path more than 20 miles long.

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API: Oil industry safety record improved

By Eun Lee Koh
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — The oil industry's safety record has slightly improved, according to the American Petroleum Institute (API). Fewer injuries were reported in such sectors as exploration, drilling, refining and transportation.

For every 10,000 workers, 195 injuries — ranging from minor cuts to respiratory illnesses — were reported in 1997. A year earlier the figure was 213, said a study of the institute, the oil industry's trade group here.

API received data from 139 oil companies with 231,332 workers, or 92 percent of all the employees in the industry, the API reported.

"These numbers only go to show how committed the companies are in providing a safe workplace for their employees," said Ken Leonard, director of safety and fire protection at API. "The figures are exceedingly good."

The study said the industry's safety record has greatly improved since 1986, cutting the overall number of reported injuries in half over the last 12 years. Since 1986, the rate of injuries plummeted 71 percent in manufacturing, 66 percent in refining, 58 percent in pipeline operations and 51 percent in exploration, according to the report.

Industry workers face hazards ranging from slippery floors to toxic chemicals, and their injuries range from bruises to lung disease leading to death, said Frank Kean, a spokesman for the Occupational Safety and Health Administration, a Labor Department agency.

Kean added that the industry has been "exceptional" in decreasing the hazards for its workers.

Leonard attributed much of the injury decline to companies' efforts to increase education and training programs for their workers.

AWARDS: Yates family honored for industry contributions

(From 1A)

tributions to the oil and gas industry. Honored were the sons of the Hall of Fame oilman: Harvey, S.P., John and Martin III.

"At Yates Petroleum, we are all part of a family," said John Yates Jr., who accepted for his father. "It may be a company, but we run it like a family." Peyton Yates, who accepted for his father, S.P. Yates, and Harvey E. Yates, said the Yates family owed it all to their employees. Frank Yates Jr. accepted the award for the Martin Yates III family. The Yates family was honored for staying in Southeast New Mexico and using their energy, resources and money to build an oil and gas empire.

The Government Service Award went to Martin Allday, former Midland attorney and chairman of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission under President George Bush. He was honored for bringing about sweeping regulations that have led to current deregulation in the natural gas and electric power industries. Reforms started by Allday are expected to save American consumers and producers billions of dollars over a lifetime.

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— Peyton Yates

Allday thanked his lifelong friends in Midland, and Bush for giving him the ability and opportunity to serve as FERC chairman.

Burlington Resources, which operates its Midcontinent Division from Midland, was presented the award for company performance for its aggressive acquisition, exploration and development strategies that have made it one of the nation's top independent oil companies. Hunter Malson, division vice president, accepted the award on behalf of the company.

Texaco received the technology award for the invention and development of the dual action pumping system, which is expected to figure heavily in the downhole segregation of oil and water and become a major factor in determining the economics of mature fields and waterflood projects. The pump moves water uphole, while moving water downhole.

Added to the lineup of the energy awards was the Bruno Hanson-Midland College Award for Environmental Excellence. Bruno Hanson, former president of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, helped organize the group's Division of Environmental Geosciences. He was also a major influence in creating a program in oil and gas environmental technology at Midland College.

The award was presented by Hanson's son, Eric, to Phillips Petroleum Co. Southwest Region for its innovative use of windmills to pump oil from a contaminated a water zone in a New Mexico oil field.

Nearly 2 million Malaysians brace themselves for life without water

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — First went the swimming pool, its water taken to flush toilets.

Then went home cooking, as there was no way to clean the pots and pans.

Yet it wasn't until Cynthia Herath's 8-year-old son started letting his homework go, exhausted from the midnight jaunts to bathe across town, that she knew things were bad.

"Life has become a torture," said the 48-year-old Herath, who rose from bed at 3 a.m. Wednesday, like a sleepwalker with mop in hand, drawn toward the unexpected drip-drip of the kitchen tap. "We never, ever expected to face anything like this in Malaysia."

Already suffering from a watered-down economy and bracing for another season of eye-stinging smog, 600,000 residents in the capital have suffered severe water rationing for weeks.

On Monday, another 1.2 million people in Klang Valley will face sharp water cuts.

The new way of life — the hunt for water, the running after tanker trucks, the jacked-up prices for buckets — has set tempers on edge.

The city's water truck drivers, rumbling through the parched neighborhoods, have been threatened with assault. Scuffles have broken out among those waiting in long lines, often for hours under the afternoon sun. In one neighborhood, angry teens tried to run down a water official.

People in Kuala Lumpur have long accepted the dreadful traffic from torn up roads in Malaysia's rush to become a developed nation by 2020. They're resigned to pulling out surgical masks when hazardous smog from manmade forest fires sets in.

But the drought, in a tropical country were monsoon flooding is a more typical weather concern, caught them by surprise. Though water authorities blame the El Nino weather phenomenon for lack of rain, many residents accuse the government of mismanagement.

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— Kuala Lumpur resident Cynthia Herath

"They should have built more dams. They should have seen to the water first," said Herath. "Building, building, building! There is no meaning to all this endless building."

Herath lives in Brem Park, a middle-class condominium where 3,000 people have gone without water for a month.

Tanker trucks have begun arriving daily, pumping water up to rooftop tanks, so that residents have a blessed few hours of water, often in the middle of the night.

But some have complained the water is oily or yellow and they're afraid to drink it.

But Puncak Niaga Ltd., which operates water treatment plants, assured them the water is checked three times for chlorine and pH levels. Company spokeswoman Nurazila Ibrahim said she was more worried about quantity than quality.

Heavy rains in the last week have done little to fill the 135 water-catchment areas in Selangor state. Water levels at the four dams that serve Kuala Lumpur and surrounding areas have dropped close to the critical range.

"If we do not control the dams, they'll dry up," Nurazila said. "It's dropping very rapidly."

The drop could continue until the monsoons in October.

Samy Vellu, the country's public works minister, said he warned state officials more than six months ago about the potential water shortage. He estimates the dams could run dry in three weeks.

Malaysia's 13 states, which have long rejected federal control of their water stores, finally agreed Tuesday to set up a National Water Council to coordinate piping water from state to state.

Still, the states' chief ministers do not intend to meet for another month, possibly two, the New Straits Times reported Thursday.

That's not soon enough for Tian Ng Mok, co-owner of Tian Tian Laundry in suburban Petaling Jaya.

Tian hasn't had water in a month. She only accepts small bundles of laundry when she's carried enough water from a nearby drainage pipe to fill a washing machine.

Her monthly rent is $810; she's lost some $1,890 in the last month.

"I'm afraid we'll be out of business soon," said Tian, sitting on a bundle of dirty clothes she has no way to wash. "The customers just won't come anymore."

Former hostages issue plea for word on missionaries seized in Colombia in 1993

BOGOTA, Colombia (AP) — Five years after the kidnapping of three American missionaries — men that U.S. and Colombian officials have written off for dead — former hostages Terry Anderson and Terry Waite say they believe the men may still be alive.

On Thursday, joined by the abducted men's wives, the two self-appointed envoys who endured years as hostages in Lebanon issued a humanitarian plea for the release of David Mankins, Mark Rich and Richard Tenenoff.

"We are here to end a situation that has become pointless," Anderson told a news conference. "There is nothing to be gained anymore. There is no possibility of ransoms."

He asked the kidnappers to contact him and Waite. Anderson also said that Colombia's Nobel Prize-winning novelist, Gabriel Garcia Marquez, was working with them.

Anderson spent nearly seven years as a hostage of pro-Iranian guerrillas in Lebanon before his 1991 release.

Waite, a former Anglican church envoy, was held captive for more than four years after being kidnapped in Beirut in 1987 while trying to secure the release of Anderson and other Western hostages.

"Let this independent international commission have proof positive one way or another about these men," said Waite.

Anderson, an Associated Press correspondent when kidnapped and now a journalism professor, said so far he has not had contact with any Colombian rebel group.

He refused to detail Garcia Marquez's involvement in the initiative. The famed writer, tremendously influential in Colombia and the region, was not at his home in Mexico and could not be located for comment.

Guerrillas initially demanded a $5 million ransom for the men, who are members of the New Tribes Mission of Sanford, Fla., a fundamentalist Protestant group that continues to support their wives.

Meanwhile, Colombia's anti-kidnapping czar, Ruben Dario Ramirez, dismissed rumors that the men are still alive.

"These are inventions of New Tribes to feed hope," he told The Associated Press. "This is a disappearance case pure and simple. What they're doing is perpetuating the suffering of these families."

Mankins, Rich and Tenenoff were seized Jan. 31, 1993, by presumed guerrillas in southern Panama. As their wives looked on, the men were tied up and herded away at gunpoint. They were taken across the nearby border into Colombia.

The captors broadcast taped messages from them by radio to prove the men were alive until Jan. 16, 1994.

The captors' identity was never established, but the men were seized in an area long dominated by Colombia's largest rebel group, the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, or FARC.

In a December statement, the group blamed the abduction on a band of rebel deserters and Colombian soldiers posing as FARC.

Berlin marks 50th airlift anniversary

BERLIN (AP) — A yearlong celebration marking the 50th anniversary of the Berlin Airlift kicked off Thursday, commemorating the heroic effort that came after the Soviet Union blockaded western Berlin at the onset of the Cold War.

Berlin Mayor Eberhard Diepgen laid a wreath at a plaque honoring U.S. Gen. Lucius D. Clay, the military governor of the U.S.-occupied zone in West Germany at the time. Clay, known as the "father of the Berlin Airlift," died exactly 20 years ago.

Diepgen praised Clay not only for saving West Berliners from starvation, but also for securing freedom and democracy for the city.

The capital is planning a series of exhibits, conferences, concerts and other events to commemorate the historic airlift. President Clinton is expected in Berlin on May 13-14 to join the ceremonies.

The Americans, British and French launched the airlift on June 26, 1948, two days after the Soviet Union cut off all land and water routes to the western half of the city in an attempt to force out the remaining Allies.

The blockade continued for a little over a year, but the stranglehold was finally released May 12, 1949. The airlift continued until the end of September while roads, rails and canals were inspected.

American and British planes flew about 278,000 flights, delivering 2.3 million tons of food, fuel — mostly coal— and medical supplies to the some 2 million West Berliners. At times, it was estimated a plane was landing in Berlin every minute from 11 staging areas in West Germany.

The planes became known as "candy bombers" because pilots tossed sweets to children below as they flew over the city.

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Clinton urges patience on trade, signs agreement on Chile visit

SANTIAGO, Chile (AP) — Unable to deliver on a free-trade promise, President Clinton signed a series of shorter-term economic fixes on a state visit Thursday and urged Chileans to "be patient with us."

In advance of this weekend's 34-nation hemispheric summit, Clinton and Chile's president, Eduardo Frei, also signed pacts on trade, environment, drugs, education and on dealing with climate-related disasters like El Nino.

Clinton saluted Chile's "astonishing record" in transforming itself from one of Latin America's most militaristic regimes to a democratic dynamo in less than a decade.

"Latin America has grown so strong that I think even a lot of you are surprised," he told a business audience. "Latin America has found its voice, its confidence and its well earned seat at the international table."

Clinton had hoped to be able to deliver to Chile permanent membership in the free-trade agreement that now links the United States with Canada and Mexico — a promise he made four years ago.

But the president has been unable to win from Congress "fast track" trade negotiating authority needed — with U.S.labor and enviornmental groups leading the opposition.

Clinton said that despite "bumps in the road" he would forge on in his effort to win the authority — not only for free trade with Chile but to meet the goal of hemisphere-wide free-trade zone by 2005. At the same time, he suggested any such agreement would have to accomodate some of the environmental and labor concerns.

"Be patient with us.... Just stay with us. We'll get there," he said.

Impatient of waiting, Chile has forged its own free-trade ties with Canada and its Latin American neighbors.

In the meantime, Clinton and Frei announced they would form a U.S.-Chile Commission on Trade and Investment to study ways of broadening trade and resolving disputes. They also promised closer cooperation among their respective banking industries.

"Obviously there will always be a small amount of disputes or friction or conflicts," said Frei. "But the important thing is to find a way to settle these. And that's what we've done."

Arriving here at dawn after a nine-hour red-eye flight from Washington, Clinton plunged into a full day of work and meetings.

As he was welcomed by Frei in the courtyard at La Moneda, the presidential palace, people waved from windows and balconies of adjacent buildings. Clinton waved back.

The 213-year-old presidential palace, once the mint and treasury of Spanish governors, was also the site for a state dinner Thursday night.

Among the agreements signed by Clinton and Frei was one urging stronger efforts by both industrial and developing nations to curb air pollution that aggravates global warming.

Clinton said he knew enviornmental restrictions were controversial in many Latin American countries, but he asserted economic growth could go hand-in-hand with environmental progress.

"We can reduce greenhouse gases worldwide and grow the economy," he asserted. "I hope we can deal with this now when it will be less painful rather than later when it will be more costly."

Clinton and Frei didn't have to look far to see first hand the problems of air pollution in a developing nation's urban area.

Santiago's smog was so thick on Thursday that Clinton had to travel from the airport by motorcade instead of by helicopter.

The two presidents also indicated their two nations were close to reaching an "open skies" agreement to ease restrictions on air traffic.

Later, Clinton visited the working-class neighborhood of San Miguel in South Santiago.

At one point, he walked under hazy sunshine down Gran Avenida, a busy commercial street lined with thousands of people, including school children in blue and white uniforms, many of them chanting "Clinton, Clinton." A few bystanders chanted "Kennedy," apparently in reference to the popular former U.S. president.

In another part of town, police used tear gas and water canons to disperse an anti-Clinton crowd of several thousand students who were blocking traffic and burn-

Breast milk component found that prevents rotavirus symptoms

LONDON (AP) — Scientists have identified the component of breast milk that protects babies from infection by rotavirus, a major cause of potentially deadly diarrhea, according to research published Friday in a British medical journal.

The finding, published in The Lancet, provides more evidence in favor of breast-feeding. It could be a step toward the development of a medicine to be given directly to babies to fight diarrhea, said the study's main author, David Newburg, a biochemist at the Shriver Center for Mental Retardation in Massachusetts.

Rotavirus causes severe diarrhea that puts 55,000 U.S. children in hospitals each year and kills 1 million in other countries.

Scientists have known for many years that antibodies in breast milk, which are derived from the mother's immune system, protect infants from various diseases. They have discovered that other elements in the milk also work to fight diseases in babies.

Though it also has been known that breast-fed babies are less likely than their formula-fed counterparts to suffer from severe diarrhea, it has been a mystery exactly what works against rotavirus.

Newburg said he found that lactadherin, a glycoprotein, or sugar attached to a protein, binds to the rotavirus and that the sugar component coats the virus, preventing it from infecting cells.

The study found that some women have more lactadherin than others, but why the levels vary still remains a mystery, Newburg said.

Lactadherin, located in the membrane of fat globules in breast milk and discovered by scientists only a few years ago, has been shown to prevent disease in animal tests, but had never before been proven to work in humans, Newburg said.

"I think it's important because if you can identify what actually inhibits, you can synthesize it," said Jangu Banatvala, a professor of clinical virology at St. Thomas' Hospital in London who has conducted similar studies.

It also could be good news for those who use baby formula because it is much easier to add lactadherin to formula than to incorporate antibodies, Newburg said.

Newburg studied 200 babies in Mexico City from birth for two years. He examined their feces for the presence of rotavirus, and tested their mothers' breast milk for levels of the disease-fighting substance.

Thirty-one babies in the study caught the rotavirus, but 16 of them had no diarrhea, the study said. The breast milk fed to those babies had much higher levels of lactadherin than the milk of the babies that suffered diarrhea.

Also, those fed with milk containing the highest levels of rotavirus antibodies did not necessarily fare best.

"From this, it looks like the non-antibody material is more important," Newburg said.

That finding echoes research conducted by British scientists in 1980, who also concluded that protection from rotavirus likely does not come from antibodies.

"We knew it was something else," said Banatvala, who conducted the earlier study. "They've now identified what it is."

Rotavirus is the leading cause of severe diarrhea in childhood, attacking the lining of the small intestine. The constant diarrhea can cause dehydration, and children often suffer vomiting as well. About 75 percent of children are infected before age 5, with the youngest infants often the sickest.

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Seizure-causing cartoon back on the air in Japan

TOKYO (AP) — The hit cartoon yanked from airwaves after hundreds watching it became ill was back on television Thursday — in a toned down version with warnings not to get too close to the screen.

TV Tokyo, the network broadcasting "Pokemon," announced last month it would bring back the children's program due to popular demand.

An announcer began Thursday evening's show by apologizing and explaining why things had gone awry. "It was the first time in the world anything like that had happened from watching television," she said.

On Dec. 16, at least 700 viewers — mostly young children — were rushed to hospitals with symptoms ranging from nausea and hyperventilation to convulsions. Some were unconscious.

The announcer said a TV Tokyo investigation had discovered that a particularly intense scene, in which the screen shifted back and forth in ultra-rapid succession between bright red and blue, was behind the sudden spells of sickness.

Researchers have come up with a few theories behind the mysterious illnesses:

They say the flashing lights might have simply overexcited some of the children; other cases might have caused convulsions by disrupting the natural pacemakers that regulate the brain's normal patterns; some also believe that sitting too close to the screen may have exacerbated the effects.

The network has now implemented guidelines ensuring that such intense flashing will no longer be used, spokesman Hiroshi Uramoto said. It has advised its viewers to watch programs in a well-lit room and as far as away from the screen as possible.

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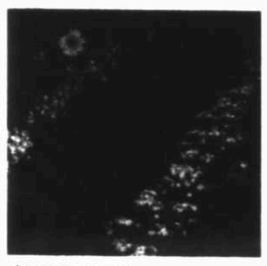

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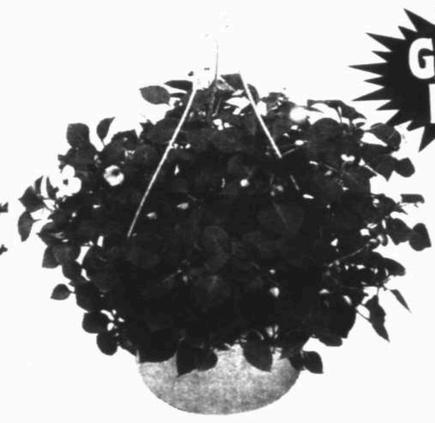

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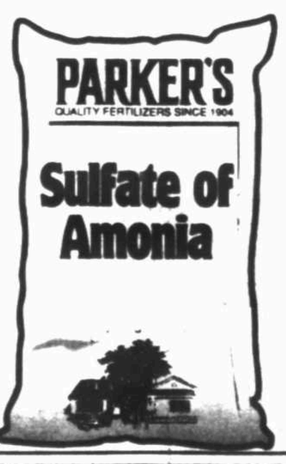

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Iraqi leaders demand end to sanctions

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Raising the threat of a new crisis over U.N. arms inspections, Iraq demanded Thursday that the Security Council lift economic sanctions when it meets this month to review the status of Baghdad's weapons program.

But U.N. officials said there was little chance the council will do so when it meets, possibly the week of April 27.

The officials, speaking on condition of anonymity, said weapons inspectors will tell the council that they cannot confirm Iraq's claims that it has destroyed all long-range missiles and mass destruction weapons.

That is the main condition for the council to lift the sanctions imposed in 1990 after Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's troops invaded Kuwait, triggering the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

In Baghdad, however, the ruling Revolution Command Council declared Thursday that "the time has come for the discussion of the embargo at the end of April" to consider lifting the sanctions "immediately and with no delay."

The official Iraqi News Agency said that following a meeting chaired by Saddam, the ruling council declared that those who oppose ending the embargo "would bear the responsibility of the future crisis and what comes to hurt our people."

On Feb. 23, Secretary-General Kofi Annan signed an agreement with the Iraqis in which they agreed to open all sites — including Saddam's eight presidential compounds — to the weapons inspectors.

On Wednesday, the inspectors said they found no banned materials in the palaces. They quoted Iraqi Lt. Gen. Amr Rasheed as saying Iraq did not believe it had agreed to unlimited and repeated visits by the inspectors.

Annan told reporters Thursday that the Iraqis had clearly agreed to allow the inspectors "to go in again and go back again" as often as they believed necessary.

Annan said those terms were accepted by Iraq during negotiations with Saddam himself and signed by deputy prime minister, Tariq Aziz.

Origins of cricket's most well-known trophy questioned

LONDON (AP) — According to official cricket history, the Ashes — cricket's most famous trophy — was created after England lost to Australia in 1883.

A Melbourne woman, Florence Murphy, burned the bail — one of the sticks that forms the wicket — from the third game and presented the ashes to English captain Ivo Bligh as a joke.

The idea probably originated from a mock obituary printed in The Sporting Life after Australia beat England on British soil for the first time the previous year.

Bligh and Murphy later married and when he inherited a title they became Lord and Lady Darnley. When he died, his wife sent the Ashes to the Marylebone Cricket Club in London, the world's most prestigious cricket club, where they have been kept ever since.

But Darnley's daughter-in-law now says the trophy really contains the ashes of a veil Miss Murphy burned to get Bligh's attention. Rosemary, Dowager Countess of Darnley told her account to the London Evening Standard.

"My mother-in-law told me that the Ashes were a burned veil she wore while Ivo was playing," the countess was quoted as saying. She believes the confusion arose from a simple mishearing — bail for veil.

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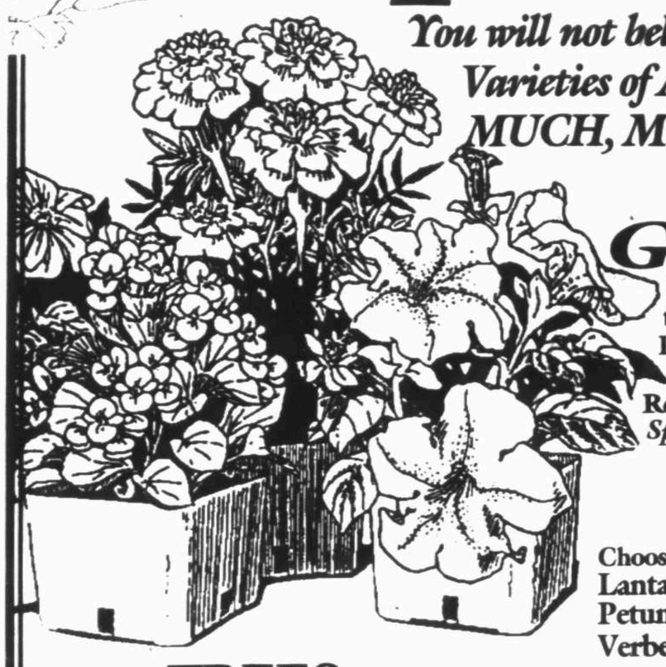

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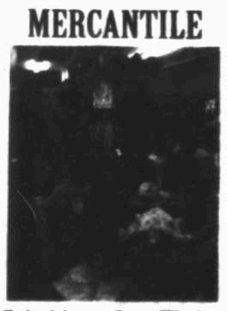

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Starr quits Pepperdine job, declaring 'End not yet in sight'

WASHINGTON (AP) — Declaring "the end is not yet in sight" for his investigation, Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr withdrew Thursday from a Pepperdine University job that critics charged involved improper ties to President Clinton's conservative critics.

Explaining his abrupt withdrawal from the dean's job, Starr appeared outside the federal courthouse and declared that "the issue of public confidence is a very important one, and I owe it to the American people to seek the facts."

Starr agreed last year to become dean of both Pepperdine's law school and public policy school after he was done with his investigation.

But Democrats immediately decried a potential conflict of interest because the university had received $1 million in startup money for the public policy school two years ago from a group controlled by Richard Mellon Scaife, a conservative publisher and one of Clinton's most persistent Whitewater critics.

On Thursday, Starr said he had never met Scaife or ever talked to him about the Pepperdine job.

Starr said the level of activity in his investigation is "extraordinarily high." As he spoke, two separate grand juries heard evidence — one involving possible tax violations by presidential friend Webster Hubbell and the other involving the Monica Lewinsky investigation.

The prosecutor declined to say if or when he might send a report to Congress that could trigger impeachment proceedings.

But he made clear that he did not believe that Clinton's Justice Department should investigate a new controversy involving his probe — whether one of his chief witnesses, David Hale, got money from conservative activists who were being paid by a Scaife-backed magazine.

In a letter to Attorney General Janet Reno, Starr wrote his office "has developed several proposed alternate mechanisms for investigating this matter." Later, an aide to Starr suggested one approach might be for the Justice Department and Starr's office to agree on the appointment of someone to come in and investigate the matter.

The Justice Department asked Starr to investigate the allegations but noted that the controversy involved Scaife, the same publisher who provided the funds for Pepperdine. Justice invited Starr to refer the probe back to the department if he concluded that it was necessary to avoid questions of a conflict.

Starr acknowledged that there might be an "appearance of a conflict" on his part, but said his office was "deeply concerned" that the department itself may have "multiple actual conflicts" because, among other things, Hale provided information damaging to Clinton.

In other developments:

■ A source close to Susan McDougal said that the former Whitewater business partner of the Clintons has been instructed by Starr's office to appear April 23 before a grand jury in Little Rock.

The decision will set up a possible showdown over Mrs. McDougal's refusal to provide testimony to Starr. Mrs. McDougal already has spent 18 months in jail for contempt refusing to answer Starr's questions before a grand jury. She was released last month but now has started serving a two-year sentence in connection with a Whitewater-related fraud conviction.

Prosecutors appear ready to try again to compel her testimony.

■ Rep. John Conyers, senior Democrat on the House Judiciary Committee, said that the Justice Department has treated Starr with "repeated and excessive permissiveness" and that failure to resolve allegations against the independent counsel may tarnish any report he submits to Congress.

Conyers was reacting to Justice's decision to let Starr decide how to investigate the Hale controversy.

On Starr's decision regarding Pepperdine, Conyers called it "too little, too late."

■ Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder expressed confidence that a compromise can be reached with Starr involving the Secret Service officers. Starr has asked a judge to compel uniformed members of the White House security detail to answer questions.

In his letter to Pepperdine, Starr said his prosecutorial work "has expanded considerably, and the end is not yet in sight."

His letter disclosed he had withdrawn March 19 as dean designate of the newly formed School of Public Policy and April 2 as dean designate of the Pepperdine law school.tive work was completed.

Price index tweak will trim measured inflation

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government is making changes in its chief inflation index to better reflect how Americans actually shop — cutting back when something costs too much, switching from name brands, buying at outlets instead of department stores.

The switch, which starts with the price report for January, should shave roughly 0.2 percentage points off the Labor Department's Consumer Price Index, which last year hit an 11-year low of 1.7 percent, the Bureau of Labor Statistics said Thursday.

And that will cost Americans about $1.2 billion a year. The CPI is used to adjust federal tax brackets for inflation. It also serves as the base for annual increases in benefits for 80 million Social Security recipients, veterans, federal retirees and their survivors and food stamp and school lunch beneficiaries.

Next year, 61 percent of the CPI will be adjusted using a statistical technique called a "geometric mean estimator," the Bureau of Labor Statistics said. It is designed to account for what economists call "substitution bias."

That's the commonsense observation that, faced with a price increase for California strawberries, for example, a shopper might purchase Florida strawberries instead, or blueberries, or buy one pint instead of two pints, or buy strawberries once a week instead of twice a week.

Currently, "the index does not reflect the fact that consumers can and do, to some degree, insulate themselves from the impact of higher prices by adjusting their spending to favor relatively lower-priced goods and services," the agency said.

However, large parts of the index will continue to be estimated under the currently used technique because it's difficult for consumers to adjust their purchase of doctors' and hospital fees, for instance, or housing, or cable television service.

"The total residential housing stock changes slowly. Thus, consumers as a group cannot freely alter their purchases of housing services in response to changes in the relative prices of different rental units," the Bureau of Labor Statistics said.

The agency has been researching the geometric mean estimator since 1993. But the technique — and others aimed at turning the Consumer Price Index into a true cost-of-living gauge — came under intense scrutiny in 1996 when Congress and the Clinton administration were struggling to produce a balanced budget plan.

Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and other prominent economists, including Bush Administration economic adviser Michael Boskin, complained that the CPI overstated increases in the cost of living by 1 percentage point or more.

Other economists, including Stephen Roach of the Morgan Stanley Group, said the CPI might underestimate inflation by as much as a half percentage point because it doesn't keep up with the rising cost of housing.

Ultimately, lawmakers and the administration rejected an arbitrary adjustment to the inflation index and opted instead to let the technicians at the Bureau of Labor Statistics proceed at their own pace.

At the start of this year, the bureau changed the base period for the index from 1982-84 to 1993-95. That's a change it makes roughly once a decade to update for the evolution in consumer purchasing patterns. The latest change, for instance, adjusted the index to account for the fact that Americans purchased more home computers but less red meat.

That change was to have shaved 0.1 or 0.2 percentage points from the inflation rate.

World Bank chief cites improvements in developing countries

Hearst Newspapers

WASHINGTON — Riding a wave of economic growth, people living in developing countries are healthier, better fed and more educated than ever before, according a World Bank report released Thursday.

"I don't think anybody would have predicted 30 years ago that the developing countries would make the tremendous strides they have," said James D. Wolfensohn, president of the World Bank. The bank is a branch of the United Nations that provides loans and technical assistance to developing countries.

Despite the progress, Wolfensohn noted that about 1.3 billion people continue to live on $1 a day or less and that with projected population growth, that number could rise to nearly 2 billion by 2015.

Between 1970 and 1996, developing countries as a whole nearly cut in half their infant mortality rate, reducing the number of childbirth deaths to 59 per 1,000 births from 107, according the World Bank report, "World Development Indicators."

Infant mortality in the Middle East and North Africa fell from 134 per 1,000 births to 50 in the same period.

People in developing countries — those that are less industrialized than Japan, the United States and Western Europe — also can expect to live longer, the report said. Men and women born today in a developing country can expect to live more than eight years longer than people born in 1970, with men on average living to be 63 and women on average living to 67.

The average life expectancy in the United States is 74 years for men and 77 years for women.

Wolfensohn said the rapid economic growth of many developing countries, which averaged 3.8 percent between 1956 and 1996, has helped lift millions of people out of poverty. That growth also has allowed governments to pump resources into improving the lives of citizens.

He said as many developing countries came to see education and training as the best way to improve their economies, their governments began to build more schools and to allow women to attend classes.

"They saw that their countries' futures were in factories that made cars and computers, not in the agriculture," Wolfensohn said.

Today, 70 percent of adults in developing countries can read, compared with 46 percent in 1970. In addition, the majority of children in those nations are now enrolled in elementary schools, with more girls than ever attending middle school and high school.

But Wolfensohn noted that the overall rising living standards seen in developing countries masked large regional differences.

While countries such as South Korea and Taiwan have seen spectacular economic growth in the past 25 years, many African countries have experienced only sporadic bursts of growth, often followed by staggering drops in output caused by political turmoil.

Each person in Mozambique produces the equivalent to $80 a year, with people in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (formerly Zaire) producing about $100 annually. The average annual output of an American is $28,020.

Interestingly, another African country, diamond-rich Botswana, had the world's fastest growing economy over the past 31 years, averaging 9.2 percent annual growth over that period. South Korea was second with 7.3 percent annual growth over the same period.

Despite the regional disparities, Wolfensohn predicted that developing countries as a whole would continue to grow until the end of the century.

He said the financial crisis in Asia, which has caused the currencies of South Korea, Thailand and Indonesia to plummet, will be only a temporary setback to that region's economic development.

"They are many lessons to be learned from what is going on right now ... but I think recent news has been good and that with the right policies, the world will work through this," Wolfensohn said.

How to deal with the Asian financial crisis was the main focus of discussions at a meeting of world financial leaders here on Thursday.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin warned that full recovery in that region cannot be achieved unless Japan does more to pull its economy out of the doldrums.

"Despite welcome signs of stability now emerging (in Asia) ... we must guard against complacency," he told a representatives of the 182-nation International Monetary Fund. The IMF is a branch of the United Nations set up to promote international monetary stability.

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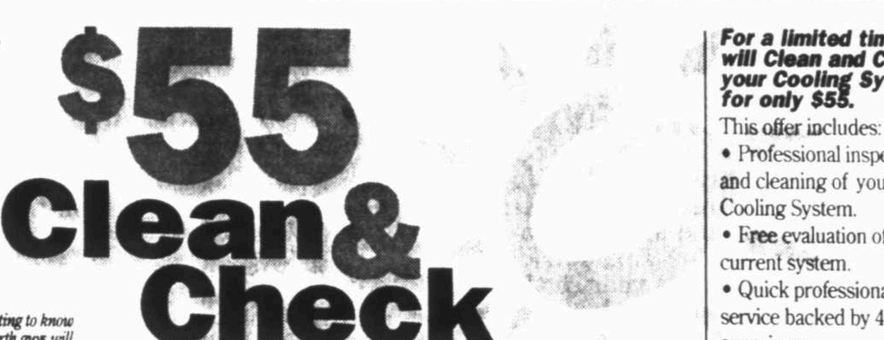

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Reversal of carnival vote will benefit downtown revival

Midland City Council's vote Tuesday reversing its earlier decision and approving a modified plan for the Mex-Tex Menudo Cookoff downtown this year should help with the ongoing effort to revive the downtown region.

While the council decision to allow the carnival to be held along with the cookoff may not please all of those who had argued against it, the modified plan presented by the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce did include the rerouting of pedestrian traffic away from Wall Street businesses, monitoring downtown parking and providing a measure of protection for the Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, an early-day Midland home located near the site of the planned carnival.

It is through the staging of such events that Midland's downtown area can be revitalized and become an attraction not only for the people of this community but the entire Permian Basin region.

Those measures were important because of concerns expressed by opponents to the event being held in the downtown region. Midland Hispanic Chamber officials are to be commended for their willingness to modify their plan in order to gain council approval.

This event holds the potential to attract thousands of people to the downtown region when it occurs May 29-31 and while the possibility certainly exists that something out of the ordinary could occur, the steps taken in the modified plan lessen the chance of that happening.

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ANOTHER VIEW

Marketplace to judge megabank merger

Two huge bank mergers that will create the largest and the fifth-largest banks in the country were announced Monday after last week's largest-ever merger between Citibank and Travelers Insurance. ...

Get used to it. These mergers are part of two major trends. Regulatory barriers to nationwide banking have gradually fallen, so major banks are scrambling to become truly national in scope. And as international commerce continues to grow, American financial institutions will have to grow also, in order to compete with larger Japanese and European banks and to offer a comprehensive range of services to American businesses that want to survive, grow and prosper in international markets.

U.S. businesses went through a period of "merger mania" in the 1980s (and in the 1960s with "diversification through acquisition"). Some of these conglomerates served customers well and thrived, and some found the fit uncomfortable and eventually disassembled themselves.

These latest mergers may or not prove successful for shareholders and customers. The only way to find out for sure is to let the marketplace do its work.

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Santa Ana, Calif.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, April 17, the 107th day of 1998. There are 258 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 17, 1961, about 1,500 CIA-trained Cuban exiles launched the disastrous Bay of Pigs invasion of Cuba in a failed attempt to overthrow the government of Fidel Castro.

On this date:

In 1492, a contract was signed by Christopher Columbus and a representative of Spain's King Ferdinand and Queen Isabella, giving Columbus a commission to seek a westward ocean passage to Asia.

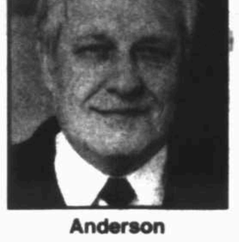
In 1524, Giovanni da Verrazano reached present-day New York harbor.

JACK ANDERSON

Tiny drop in highway bill bucket has $9 million price tag

We don't have enough space to detail all the pork-barrel projects that found their way into the $217 billion transportation bill passed by the House just before its Easter vacation.

So we decided to concentrate on just one project, a tiny drop in the lardbucket of construction proposals that are being delivered to every congressional district in the land just in time for the midterm elections.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This is the story of the Center for National Scenic Byways in Duluth, Minn., which doesn't yet exist, but nevertheless is the proud owner of a $9 million authorization in the highway bill.

We wanted to learn how such an item finds its way into a large, complicated bill — especially one authored by Rep. Bud Shuster, R-Pa., the powerful chairman of the Transportation and Infrastructure Committee.

It seemed strange that Shuster would approve such an item; Shuster is well-known as a lover of all things road-related — except for scenic byways. That's because roads designated as scenic byways are prohibited from having new billboards erected. And if there's one thing Shuster loves almost as much as asphalt, it's billboards.

We know this because the billboard industry has given $250,000 to Shuster's campaigns since 1990, according to the anti-billboard group Scenic America. In return, the chairman has happily done the industry's bidding on Capitol Hill for two decades.

That's not the case with Rep. Jim Oberstar of Minnesota, the top Democrat on the Transportation Committee. By sheer happenstance, Oberstar's district includes the city of Duluth, home of the aforementioned Center for National Scenic Byways.

Oberstar loves the government's scenic byways program, which is run by the Federal Highway Administration and helps designated roads preserve their natural or historic significance. Although the program has worked well so far, Oberstar thought he could make it better.

Before contacting Oberstar, we called Scenic America, a preservationist group that's battled the billboard industry for years. By extension, the group has often locked horns with industry man Shuster. Not this time.

"This bill is A-OK with us," a Scenic America spokesman said. As for the new byways center, the spokesman said he was thrilled to see it included in the bill, but that his group hadn't asked for it.

So we called Oberstar's office, which promptly directed us to the transportation committee. There we found David Heymsfeld, the staff director for the minority Democrats.

But even though Heymsfeld likely knows more about the highway bill than is good for his health, he professed ignorance on the subject of the byways center. "I'm not an expert on that," he confessed, and steered us back to Oberstar's personal office. "They know more about that than I do."

But Heymsfeld did volunteer how supportive Oberstar was of the highway bill, because it ensures that mass transit spending increases proportionally with spending on highways.

Is there anything in the bill that Mr. Oberstar doesn't support?

No, he's supporting everything in there, Heymsfeld said. That's because Shuster, Oberstar, and the top Democrat and Republican on the transportation subcommittee "have an agreement to support the bill unless all four agree on changing it."

In other words: I'll give you everything you want, if you promise to give me everything I want.

Back we went to Oberstar's personal office, where chief of staff Bill Richards answered. "Call Michelle Johnson at Arrowhead Regional Development Commission. She'd be happy to tell you what a good project it is."

Finally, we had found the brains behind the Center for National Scenic Byways. As Johnson cheerfully explained, the new center was the brainchild of her organization, a regional planning outfit that has worked with local groups to get their roads designated as state or national scenic byways.

"We thought, wouldn't it be great if (other scenic byways) had someone who could help them," Johnson allowed. So her group went to Oberstar and to the FHA for support. Oberstar was so enamored with the idea that he wrote it into the bill. Naturally, nobody complained.

That still leaves one very important question: What, exactly, will the new center do with its $9 million? Once again, Johnson knew the answer. The center, she said, would help scenic byways across the nation "talk" to one another.

"We would provide planning services to the national ... scenic byways," she said. "(We'd) help them develop marketing plans and help them develop organizations and write grants."

There you have it. Tucked deep into the federal highway bill is a proposal for the federal government to spend $9 million to help residents along rural, historic roads get even more federal money.

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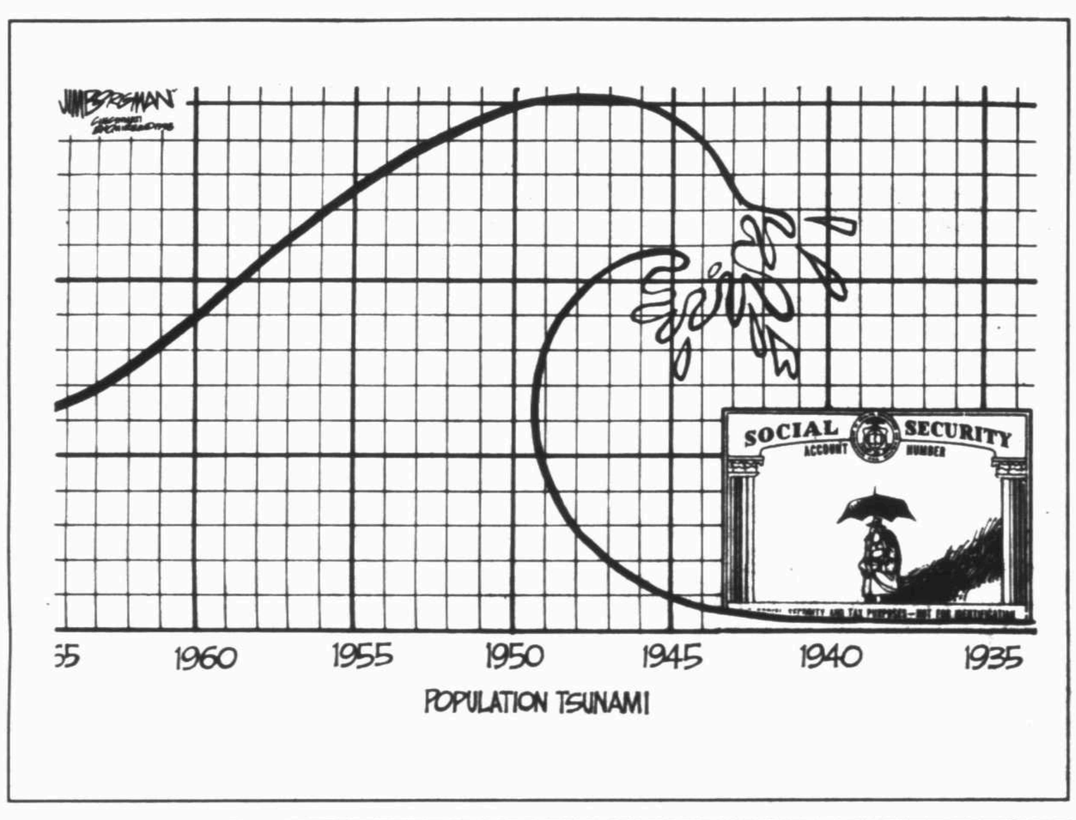

WILLIAM MURCHISON

Settlement sticks it to politically unpopular

Ever hopeful of being helpful, I call attention to almost the only anti-tobacco measure Capitol Hill and the White House have so far overlooked.

Check Judges 15: 4-5, where Samson, ticked at the Philistines, catches 300 foxes and ties firebrands to their tails. "And when he had set the brands on fire, he let them go into the standing corn of the Philistines, and burnt up both the shocks, and also the standing corn, with the vineyards and olives."

There's direct action for you. Don't fool around with taxes and advertising bans. Burn the fields! No tobacco crop, no evil cigarettes!

Instead, the Beltway establishment temporizes. Tobacco is of the devil (assuming First Amendment jurisprudence allows recognition of that personage). But here's a long spoon — let's sup with the old boy, who, whatever his faults, pays a whole bunch of taxes we can use to balance the budget and increase "investment" in schools, infrastructure, health care, and so on. (Health? Isn't that what tobacco supposedly undermines? Let that go: We're talking politics, not theology.)

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Politics is notoriously the art of half loaves and compromises. Do your best, and the devil — the critter is hard to expel from conversations like this one — take the hindmost. This does, at the same time, put us in mind of a more spacious consideration: Not every problem is well-suited to political "solutions." Tobacco, like alcohol, likely is one of these matters.

Specifically, the question is, should you smoke? NO!! the politicians roar back, particularly when TV cameras are turned on. But that "no" is qualified. Even if you shouldn't, you can, provided you're of age and don't mind paying the bucks.

The $516 billion tobacco "settlement," as it emerged from Sen. John McCain's Commerce Committee, is a moral muddle: too punitive to help the tobacco companies, not punitive enough to eradicate tobacco from the mind and mouth of man. If the politicians can't do better than this, they should find somewhere else to play.

Just when did tobacco get to be a political issue? "I know when," said the non-smoking pundit brightly. When hard-core anti-smokers finally despaired of coaxing smokers into agreement with their viewpoint. It was then they decided some arms needed twisting, some rumps needed kicking. That's what you call on politicians for — the power play that disposes of lingering differences.

Trouble is, these particular politicians are democratic politicians. Power and coercion are alien elements in a democracy: save in the rarest cases, where the house's division (as on civil rights) threatens to bring down the roof.

By implication, the anti-smokers make just that argument: Tobacco (never mind what the uninformed formerly thought) is so irredeemably evil, we have to stamp it out. It makes you wonder why they don't just round up 300 foxes. The logic of the grandiose argument against tobacco points directly to such a "solution," never mind how innocently particular Americans may enjoy a cigarette, or how many American jobs (2 million) are linked to tobacco production and sales.

The politicians wield just enough power to be dangerous. Without eradicating a nearly five-century-old habit — smoking — they can make life harder and more expensive for millions of Americans: at the same time picking up some extra change for budget-balancing and voter-cultivation.

The McCain settlement is smoke, shall we say, and mirrors. It enjoys no relationship to any legitimate political purpose. What is its purpose? Sticking it to the politically unpopular, for fun and profit. Which brings us back where we started: to the Philistines.

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CHARLEY REESE

Journalists should know more before they write about guns

A wire service writer recently described the M-1 carbine, a civilian version of which was used in the Arkansas shooting, as "powerful."

Such misstatements of fact give shooters a big laugh and further undermine the credibility of journalism. Nevertheless, the ignorance of firearms that is regularly demonstrated by reporters and editorial writers is understandable, if not excusable.

With the ending of the draft, most younger Americans today have no military experience. That was often the first exposure urban Americans had to firearms. And, of course, children born and growing up in urban areas rarely have the opportunity, as we country kids did, to use firearms. I received my first rifle when I was 8.

Reese

Nevertheless, journalists have an obligation to get the facts straight, and there are plenty of reference works. God knows they would not call the National Rifle Association. It is the oldest American organization promoting marksmanship and sports shooting, but the anti-gunners have apparently intimidated many journalists into thinking, like Pavlov's dog, that the NRA is the "gun lobby."

OK, they can get a catalog from Krause Publications, 700 E. State St., Iola, WI 54990-0001. They publish many fine reference works on firearms and cartridges (as well as other subjects), and because Handgun Control, the premier anti-rights brainwashing organization, is probably unaware of the existence of Krause Publications, the reporters won't have to fret that they'll be frowned at for using their resources.

The M-1 carbine, far from being powerful or potent as it was described, is underpowered; it's barely more than a pistol cartridge. Power, of course, is determined by the bullet, not the gun. Power is measured by muzzle energy. For the M-1 carbine, commercial load, the muzzle energy is 965 foot-pounds. For comparison, the .44 magnum pistol cartridge (Dirty Harry's favorite) generates more than 1,000 foot-pounds of muzzle energy.

My 30-30 deer rifle can generate more than 1,800 foot-pounds of energy. In other words, the lowest-powered sports rifle generally considered acceptable for deer hunting is twice as powerful as the M-1 carbine described by the reporter as "potent" and "powerful."

Many civilians have the false impression that any arm associated with the military is high-powered. In fact, most infantry weapons are medium-powered. Military designers today are more interested in durability, rate of fire and portability of ammunition than in high power.

I don't know how many times I've read reports describing the bullet used in the AK-47 and SKS as "high-powered" or "high-velocity." It is neither. The bullet — the 7.62x39mm — generates only about 1,400 to 1,500 foot-pounds of energy, and its velocity (depending on the load) runs between 2,300 and 2,500 feet per second. That is less energy than my 30-30 generates and less velocity if I use a 100-grain bullet, which can travel at 2,600 feet per second.

Journalists have also been duped by politicians into calling semiautomatic rifles assault weapons. They are not. The factual definition of an assault rifle is quite simple: It is a rifle that has a selector switch so it can be fired either semiautomatically (one shot per pull of the trigger) or automatically. To my knowledge, none of the semiautomatics banned under the false label of assault weapons was an assault weapon.

Besides, any weapon that fires automatically has been regulated since 1934, available only from special dealers to purchasers who obtain a special license and pay a transfer tax to the U.S. Treasury.

People can have any opinion they want on the subject of guns, but journalists have an obligation to get the facts straight. If they are going to write about firearms, they have an obligation to learn something about them.

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In wake of protests, napalm-carrying train turns back to California

WASHINGTON (AP) — A railcar carrying 12,000 gallons of napalm headed back to California Thursday after political protests prompted an Indiana company to back out of a Navy deal to recycle the jellied gasoline.

Despite the hubbub, the military was getting calls from companies that want to take over the job of destroying 3.3 million gallons of the defoliant, stored at a naval weapons station near San Diego since its use was banned in the Vietnam War.

"Many companies around the country are willing, prepared and able to do this," Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon told reporters.

Bacon said it could takes weeks, however, to approve a company for the job that was rejected Monday by Pollution Control Industries of East Chicago, Ind., which held a $2.5 million subcontract in the $24 million napalm recycling program. The plan is to ship the napalm to a recycling plant batch by batch over a two-year period.

The first 12,000-gallon shipment left California Saturday, traveling the rails through parts of Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Kansas. It was held overnight Wednesday in Kansas City, Kan.

The Navy decided Thursday to send the shipment to China Lake Naval Weapons Testing Center, about 120 miles northwest of Los Angeles, for storage until a company is found to "treat it or process it," said Navy spokesman Lt. Cmdr. Jon Smith.

Members of Congress from Indiana and Illinois had protested the original shipment, saying the Navy was trying to force the project on an unwilling public that associates napalm with brutal images of Vietnamese villages and burning victims.

> **'We've gone out of our way to make certain there's absolutely no danger to the public. The stuff is like Sterno, very stable.'**
> — Assistant Navy Secretary Robert Pirie

The Navy, through a series of public hearings in the Chicago region, tried to calm fears, explaining the viscous mixture of polystyrene, gasoline and benzene is far less volatile than gasoline and not explosive by itself.

"We've gone out of our way to make certain that there's absolutely no danger to the public," Assistant Navy Secretary Robert Pirie said, adding, "The stuff is like Sterno, very stable."

Rep. Bill Thomas, R-Calif., whose district includes China Lake, said he supports the Navy plan to return the shipment to California and to recycle the napalm.

The Navy and Batelle Memorial Institute, an Ohio company that holds the main napalm recycling contract, said a long-term solution isn't far away.

"I'm confident we can get it done," said Robin Yocum, a Battelle spokesman who wouldn't disclose the names of any companies seeking the job.

"I've got calls from South Carolina all the way to Utah," said Smith, the Navy spokesman. "There are quite a few companies that have the potential capability, but we're looking for companies that can do the job and that have a proven track record."

Two companies in Texas and one in Missouri had qualified for the subcontract during the original bidding. Four other companies from Michigan, Illinois, Wisconsin and Missouri submitted original bids as well, although they apparently didn't have all the required permits and proper equipment.

Laidlaw Environmental Services in Utah said it would like the job, although it would require a minor permit change, said spokeswoman Maggie Wilde.

Battelle also received nibbles from as far away as Canada, including from Lawrence Plasma Research outside Toronto, a materials recycling research firm.

"We don't have a plant yet," said Sue Kelly, a research scientists at the company. "But if the money was available we could build it. We're ready."

Fired House historian plans lawsuit, may challenge Gingrich

ATLANTA (AP) — The college professor Speaker Newt Gingrich hired and then fired as House historian is planning a lawsuit that could clear the way for her to challenge Gingrich for re-election.

A lawyer for Christina Jeffrey, a Kennesaw State University history professor, notified the state Board of Regents this week that she intends to file suit in federal court challenging the board rule that prohibits university system employees from seeking or holding public office.

If her lawyer can obtain an injunction against the rule, Ms. Jeffrey said Thursday, she plans to register by the May 1 deadline as a candidate for Gingrich's 6th District seat.

"I want the way cleared for me to be able to do it and I'm serious about wanting to run," she said.

Ms. Jeffrey, a lifelong Republican, said she hasn't decided whether she would register as a Democrat or Republican. Gingrich has no announced opposition from either party in the July 21 primary.

Gingrich had no comment on Ms. Jeffrey's plans.

Gingrich hired Ms. Jeffrey for the $85,000-a-year historian job shortly after he was elected speaker in 1995. He fired her a few days later in the wake of complaints that her 1986 review of a Holocaust course for the Education Department had criticized it for not presenting Nazi and Ku Klux Klan views.

Ms. Jeffrey has maintained that her comments in the review were taken out of context and mischaracterized.

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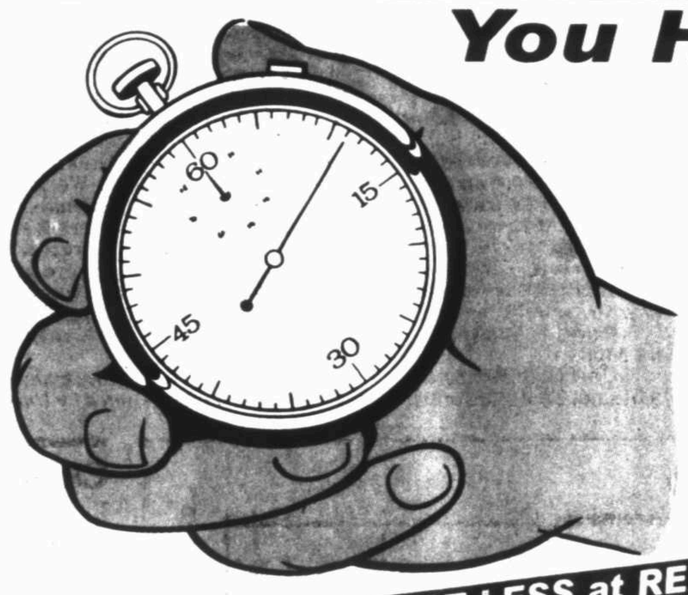

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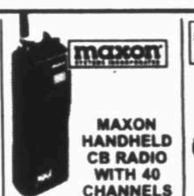
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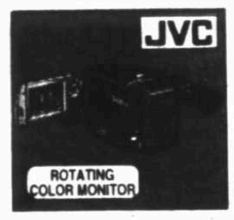
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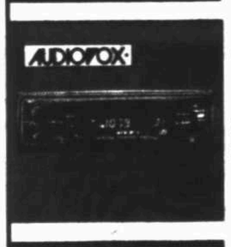
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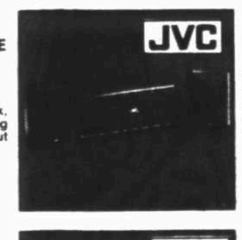
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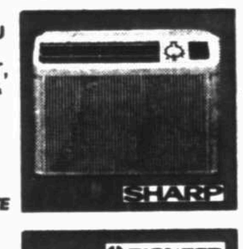
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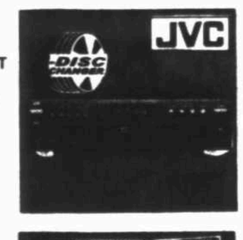
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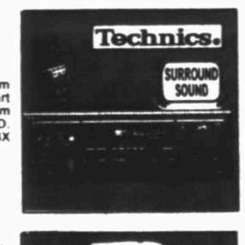
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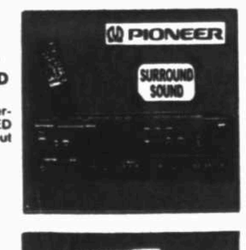
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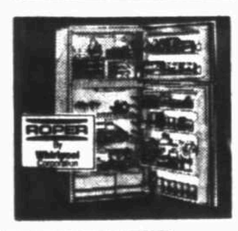
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FAA preparing mandatory changes in fuel systems of 737s

WASHINGTON (AP) — The government said Thursday it will require changes in the fuel and vent systems of older Boeing 737s, the most popular airliner in the world, to prevent possible explosions similar to the one that downed TWA Flight 800.

The proposed airworthiness directive is one notch below an emergency order. Despite its mandatory nature, the Federal Aviation Administration said there was no immediate threat to the flying public.

The FAA offered a 45-day public comment period and said it would then take another month and a half before issuing final requirements. The agency is proposing that the work, which it estimated would cost $36,000 per aircraft, be completed within a year of its final order.

The proposed directive would require installation of electrical surge suppression systems or the shielding and separation of wiring routed to the plane's fuel tanks from nearby wiring.

In addition, the order would require the installation of flame arrestors and pressure relief valves in the plane's fuel vent system, steps aimed at keeping flames outside the 737 from entering the fuel system via wingtip fuel vents.

"It is not an immediate safety-of-flight issue. If it was, we would be taking far more direct and quick action on this," said Tom McSweeny, director of the FAA's aircraft certification service.

Asked whether he expected the thrust of the order to change during the comment period, FAA spokesman Les Dorr said: "We certainly think what is in this proposed directive suggests the actions that we think are best."

Boeing officials pledged cooperation with the FAA and said they already are working on aircraft changes that would accomplish the same safety objectives as those proposed by the government.

"We will respond to the FAA's proposed rule after we've had the opportunity to review our design, conduct tests and analyze data. We will continue to conduct airplane tests to assess the likelihood of high-voltage currents entering the airplane's fuel tanks," said Boeing spokesman Russ Young.

"Our current design provides layers of protection that require a series of failures before a hazardous situation develops," Young added. Boeing also said it is designing a flame suppressor/pressure relief valve that it expects will be available to airlines by mid-1999.

The proposed order stems from the investigation into the explosion of TWA Flight 800 and mirrors an airworthiness directive the FAA proposed for older Boeing 747s in November. It also is based on the ongoing investigation of the explosion of a Philippine Airlines 737-300 on May 11, 1990. Investigators still have not determined the cause of that accident, which killed eight people as the plane taxied.

While investigators also are not certain what caused the TWA Boeing 747 to explode off New York in July 1996, killing all 230 aboard, they believe the fireball started in the plane's center fuel tank. They also have grown concerned that sparks could get into those tanks via damaged wires or electrical jolts that jump from power lines to nearby low-wattage fuel gauge wires.

The new directive would apply to Boeing 737-100, -200, -300, -400 and -500 series aircraft, which have the same kind of fuel system as older 747s. There are 1,140 such aircraft registered in the United States and 2,800 worldwide. The directive would not apply to newer 737s, the latest of which is the 737-900 series.

While containing similar fuel systems, the 747 and the 737 are significantly different aircraft. The 747 is a four-engine jumbo jet designed for long-haul service. It typically carries 420 passengers. The 737 is a twin-engine aircraft designed for short and medium routes. Newer models can carry up to 189 passengers.

Airlines, which will likely have to pay for the changes, had mixed reaction to the news.

"Certainly safety is our number one concern and we will comply fully with any FAA directive," said Karla Taylor Villalon, a spokeswoman for Continental Airlines. About 40 percent of Continental's 346-jet fleet would fit under the proposed directive.

Southwest Airlines, who's entire 266-plane fleet is 737s, said it was confused by the order. It would affect some $40 million planes that are just 2 years old.

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Judge orders marijuana club to close again

N.Y. Times News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — A Superior Court judge has ordered the San Francisco Cannabis Cultivators' Club to close, saying founder Dennis Peron admitted selling marijuana to people who were not patients.

The ruling, issued Wednesday, did not address the question of whether the club could legally operate as a primary caregiver for its members under Proposition 215, the medical marijuana ballot initiative that Peron sponsored and that California voters approved in 1996.

Judge David Garcia cited Peron's admission that he had sold marijuana through the club to people who were acting as primary caregivers for bedridden or hospital-bound patients. Those sales are not authorized under any interpretation of Proposition 215 and justify an order permanently closing the club, Garcia said.

Peron said he had no intention of shutting his operation and added that he had halted all sales to non-patients as soon as he learned of the judge's decision.

"There are too many technicalities (within the laws), and I never knew (selling to primary caregivers instead of patients) was against the law," he said. "We'll be here until they bring the troops in."

Peron said he planned to appeal the ruling, which he blamed on Attorney General Dan Lungren's ambition to be governor.

"This is a one-man vendetta," he said. "I know it is not over. This scenario is going to continue until we have a new attorney general."

Lungren, a Republican, said the judge's decision to shut the San Francisco club reaffirmed his belief that marijuana clubs were illegal.

"Today's decision is based on the club's own admission that they were selling to other cannabis buyers' clubs, which is clearly against the law," he said. "The only individual who can provide marijuana under state law to another person is a primary caregiver — a person who tends to all of an individual's needs, not just supplying the marijuana."

Garcia ordered the operators of the Cannabis Cultivators' Club to cease "selling, serving, storing, keeping, manufacturing, cultivating or giving away marijuana," and prohibits them from selling from any location to primary caregivers.

Communication lapse led to satellite failure, space panel reports

N.Y. Times News Service

CAPE CANAVERAL, Fla. — The difficulties shuttle astronauts experienced in November while deploying a satellite were caused by a combination of flight crew and ground control lapses, an agency official said Wednesday.

"The root cause was (the crew) omitted a command," said Tommy Holloway, NASA's shuttle program manager. "We had a system that had little margin for error."

Holloway was reporting on the findings of a seven-member panel, including space agency and aerospace industry personnel, that investigated the cause of the satellite failure.

The incident unfolded Nov. 21 as rookie astronaut Kalpana Chawla used the shuttle Columbia's robot arm to lift a solar telescope called Spartan from the cargo bay. The 3,000-pound satellite was to study the sun for two days before the shuttle crew retrieved it.

Upon release, Spartan failed to make a pre-programmed maneuver, a signal that Chawla had not issued the command to activate an internal clock. When mission control directed her to quickly retrieve the satellite, the robot arm nudged it, sending the spacecraft into a slow but uncontrolled spin.

Spacewalking astronauts had to capture the spacecraft by hand three days later in order salvage it for another mission in late October.

The nudge occurred because the snaring mechanism needed to firmly lock onto the satellite was closed before it reached the spacecraft, Holloway said.

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Jog-a-Thon

D-FY-IT is planning a Jog-a-Thon Saturday to help raise $23,250 for Abell-Hanger challenge grant. The grant is to be used to renovate the building that is to be the organization's headquarters. Persons interested in participating in the Jog-a-Thon can obtain pledge forms at Big 5 Sporting Goods on Loop 250. For more information call D-FY-IT at 689-1594.

Aggie Muster

Midland A&M Club Aggie Muster, dinner and ceremony, is set for 7 p.m. Tuesday at Yucca Theatre. Guest speaker is to be Barry Thompson, chancellor of the Texas A&M University System. For more information call Douglas Heck at 683-8050.

Spanish club

The Spanish Book Club is to meet 7 p.m. today at Barnes & Noble. The book is "El paseo de la Reforma" by Elena Poniatowska. For more information call 552-2308.

Patsy Cline

ODESSA — "Always ... Patsy Cline" returns to Permian Playhouse for performances nightly through Sunday. For ticket information call 1-915-362-2329 or 550-5456.

New stamp

SAN ANTONIO — The U.S. Postal Service and Sepomex, the Mexican postal service, have jointly issued a new Cinco de Mayo commemorative stamp. The 32-cent stamp was available for purchase only in San Antonio on Thursday after a ceremony along the San Antonio Riverwalk. The stamp can be bought nationwide beginning Friday.

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Politics and taxes

AUSTIN — April 15 is more than the day federal income taxes are due. In election years, it's the day many candidates release their IRS returns — and chide opponents who don't. So the good, gray 1040s came rolling out of campaign offices this week, and the great 1998 tax debate was underway.

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Finger pointing

DALLAS — Six times over six years, a West Dallas home was visited by Child Protective Services caseworkers who found bare cupboards and two young brothers living without beds or a stove. Yet all that wasn't enough for CPS to remove the two boys from the custody of their 25-year-old mother. Then, last week, all the apparent neglect bubbled over into an unthinkable crime. Police say the two boys and an 11-year-old friend took a neighborhood toddler down to a creek, where they beat and sexually assaulted her. This week, the finger-pointing has started.

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TODAY'S AGENDA

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

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

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.

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

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

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

Public safety dispatcher catches up with space-age technology

By Rick López
Staff Writer

Not all heroes wear a patriotic costume and have superhuman powers.

Some of them have the appearance of Midlander Jackie Cottongame, one of the city's public safety dispatchers who every day guides dozens of people out of devastating events.

Cottongame and 26 colleagues work at the City of Midland Communications Center, which since 1991 has handled emergency calls made to the Fire Department, Police Department and Sheriff's Office.

This week, the Midland center is one of numerous offices across the nation that are observing National Telecommunications Week, which honors the men and women who have helped save thousands of lives by directing law enforcement and rescue teams to disaster sites.

Tina Sanders-Jauz, public information officer for the city, said that the communications center annually answers more than 50,000 calls to 911. The figure does not include an estimated 75,000 calls made to non-emergency phone lines, she added.

Cottongame joined the Midland crew in 1991 after working for the Big Spring Police Department for seven years. He joined the profession to help people who are in a personal crisis.

At first, the modern technology of Midland's new communications center was a bit overwhelming for him — not to mention the increased volume of calls that came with the larger territory.

"I was not used to the type of equipment they had in here. I was used to working with older stuff, and this was like space-age technology," Cottongame said. "It took a lot of training, but I got used to it."

Cottongame said that as the Tall City's population grows, so does the number of calls made to the communications center. The busiest times, he admits, are Friday and Saturday nights.

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Jackie Cottongame has been a dispatcher at the City of Midland Communications Center since 1991.

Texas heroes

Lawmen gather to honor slain trooper

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

RANKIN — About dusk on a Sunday in November 1976, a kindhearted Texas Department of Public Safety trooper, Sammy Charles Long, 39, of McCamey, was slain by an armed fugitive about five miles east of Rankin on U.S. Highway 67.

Two days later, on Nov. 23, Long was eulogized amid an assembly of mournful lawmen, friends, and family members.

"Sammy Long is a special kind of guy," the minister said at his funeral. "Sammy loved kids ... Sammy gave his life, literally, to improve (life on Earth). A very thankless task is his" ... until people have cause to reflect.

Long's life was greatly appreciated then just as it was Thursday afternoon when lawmen and retired lawmen, including DPS troopers and Texas Rangers, attended the dedication of a 4-foot-tall granite marker to the fallen lawman near the roadside where his blood was shed and where he breathed his last breath.

Because of the kindness that he expe-

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Ed Todd/Reporter-Telegram

Left: Martha Long of McCamey places flowers on a memorial to her husband, Texas Department of Public Safety Trooper Sammy Long, on a highway east of Rankin. Long was killed in the line of duty in November 1976. In the background are DPS Sgt. Skipper Hunt, who was Long's partner in 1976, and Rick Metcalf, who is erecting markers to the 73 DPS troopers and Texas Rangers who have died in the line of duty since the 1930s. Above: Lawmen from across Texas on Thursday attended a ceremony dedicating the granite marker that memorializes Long.

Midland-Odessa unemployment statistics hold steady in March

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Unemployment in the Odessa-Midland metropolitan statistical area (MSA) held steady in March, according to statistics released Thursday by the Texas Workforce Commission.

The unemployment rate for Odessa-Midland was 4.2 percent, unchanged from February and down from 5.4 percent in March 1997, the commission reported.

Odessa-Midland continues to see growth in its civilian labor force, which grew by 1,000 people to 125,300 from 124,300 in February; the labor force stood at 121,400 a year ago.

The number of employed residents also grew, to 120,000 from 119,100 in February and is up from 114,900 last March. Total unemployment inched up to 5,300 from 5,200 in February but is below the 6,500 seen a year ago.

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Oprah sued again over 1996 show on mad cow disease

DUMAS (AP) — Oprah Winfrey, who won a federal libel case against Texas cattlemen earlier this year, was sued again Thursday by 130 cattle owners who say the talk show queen cost them money.

The latest lawsuit was filed in Dumas, 45 miles north of Amarillo, on the second anniversary of the Winfrey show on mad cow disease that cattlemen claim cost them millions of dollars.

The first case was filed by feedlots, but plaintiffs this time are 130 cattle owners, many of them customers of Cactus Feeding Club Inc., when the show aired.

Cactus Feeding has a feedlot in Dumas and is owned by Paul Engler, one of the plaintiffs who unsuccessfully sued Oprah earlier this year in Amarillo federal court.

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RICK LÓPEZ

Selena's story a legacy of dreams for those who follow her

ODESSA — Upon arriving at Juan Alvarez Ramirez Park in south Odessa Thursday, I noticed the crowd of people lined up to help local disc jockeys plant a live oak in honor of slain Tejano star, Selena Quintanilla Perez.

Each participant took a turn scooping crimson dirt from a bucket and scattering it over the somewhat scrawny tree donated by Tejano 96.1 KMRK.

López

Not only were the earth's rich elements released with each handful, but so were the memories each fan held of the legendary artist.

A brief examination of the crowd made it obvious that the singer touched many lives. Everyone from teenage boys and girls to elderly couples took time to remember Selena's untimely death on March 31, 1995.

The group, however, decided to honor her on April 16 — the day she would have been 27.

Her rise to fame is a story I still consider inspirational. Sure, many Latinos have managed to see their names in lights and have even become popular figures in Hollywood, but Selena's story hits a bit closer to home.

Not only did she grow up in Corpus Christi, which is less than two hours from my hometown of Laredo, but she spent most of her career in South Texas, where she performed at hundreds of celebrations like BorderFest, Fiesta and Expomex.

In my opinion, Selena was the first person from that area to make it big and become a role model for many of us who grew up there.

When I first saw Selena, she was probably 15 and performing at the Jalapeno Festival. Back then, she was still singing songs like "Baila Esta Cumbia," and making appearances on the "Johnny Canales Show." Her group was also known as "Selena y Los Dinos."

A couple of years later, she was on national television shows like "Cristina" and her youthful grin was immortalized on magazine covers.

Tejano fans across the state felt close to the singer because she never missed an opportunity to take pictures with them or give autographs. As a result, it was like she was the Latino community's little sister. Everyone from San Antonio to McAllen talked about her like she was a part of their family.

I think people felt that way because she managed to share a little piece of her success with everyone who went to her concerts. Her story wove dreams for other musicians who followed her footsteps in the music industry. From what I've noticed, no one else has been able to make the crossover from the Tejano world to the Top 40 charts, but that has not stopped many of them from trying.

I admired Selena for speaking Tex-Mex with reporters and keeping close ties to her family despite her busy schedule and quick rise to fame.

"I think of Selena as a role model because she reached success while keeping her family values," said disc jockey, Grace Tijerina, also known as "Amazing Grace" to KMRK listeners. Many who paid close attention to Selena's personal life know that her father persuaded her and her siblings to seek a chance at stardom.

Like myself, Grace has followed Selena's career for years, but she was introduced to the star's talents in her 10-year career in radio broadcast.

"Some people wonder if her death will be forgotten in a few years. I think she's like Buddy Holly or Ritchie Valens. Her music will be remembered forever," Grace said. "Her music will always bring a bit of nostalgia."

We talked about the many times when our families would have cookouts and bring out the Selena CDs. By the end of the evening, everyone was singing mariachi music. I'm sure this common experience goes beyond the two of us.

Her death is also a tragedy that I hope can teach people a lesson. Guns are not a solution to any problem, and in this case and others, using one in a crime has never brought anyone an inch closer to whatever plan they had in mind.

Within years, the live oak will sprout new branches and become a staple in south Odessa. Hopefully, so will the number of Latinos who manage to reach their ultimate goal.

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

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DEATH NOTICES

Jeanne Edgar

BIG SPRING — Jeanne W. Edgar, 69, of Big Spring, died Monday, April 13, at a San Antonio hospital.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. today, April 17, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Jeremiah McCarthy officiating. Burial is to follow at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born April 5, 1929, in Sweetwater.

She married John Edgar on Dec. 31, 1967, in Big Spring.

She was employed at First National Bank and Pinkie's Liquor Store in Big Spring and was a nurse for 30 years. She retired and returned to Big Spring in 1993. She was a Catholic.

Survivors include her husband, John Edgar of Big Spring; two daughters, Stephanie Cannon of Phoenix, Ariz., and Toni Jabor-Mrotz of Pottsboro; one son, Jimmy Skelton of Phoenix, Ariz.; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Jack York

BIG SPRING — Jack E. York, 81, of Fort Worth, father of Midlanders Betty Beebe and Joyce Holmes, died Tuesday, April 14, in Midland.

Graveside services are to be 11 a.m. today, April 17, at Trinity Memorial Park in Big Spring under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

She was born May 23, 1916, in Trinidad, Colo.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Jimedith (Sanders) York, on July 26, 1996; and a grandson.

He had worked for the Civilian Conservation Corps, Company 856, in Sherman in 1935. He was a truck driver for Merchants Fast Motor Lines for 45 years. He was a Baptist and a member of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in Irving.

Other survivors include two sons, Jack York Jr. of Garland and Larry York of Dallas; one sister, Maxine Grimsley of Fort Worth; eight grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren.

The family suggests memorials to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, 79702.

Billy Carter

BIG SPRING — Billy Ray Carter, 69, of Big Spring, died Wednesday, April 15, at his residence.

Services are to be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 18, at Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel in Big Spring with the Rev. Carroll Kohl officiating. Graveside services are to be 10 a.m. Monday, April 20, at Deyo Mission Cemetery in Cache, Okla., with the Rev. Jerry Black officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home.

He was born on April 23, 1928, in Merkel.

He married Ramona Kosepeah on June 18, 1973, in Durant, Okla.

He was an electrician for Cosden-Petrofina and Fina Oil and Chemical Co. for 30 years and retired in 1984. He was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church. He was a member of the Cosden 25 Club, American Bowling Congress and Eagles Lodge.

Survivors include his wife, Ramona (Kosepeah) Carter of Big Spring; one son, David R. Carter of Lubbock; two stepdaughters, Noma Barker of Cache, Okla., and Amber Jones of Big Spring; one stepson, Barthell Jones of San Marcos; one brother, Howard Carter of Clyde; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be sent to Family Hospice, 3210 E. 11th Place, Big Spring, 79720 or St. Paul Lutheran Church, 810 Scurry, Big Spring.

Paula Self

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colo. — Former Midlander Paula M. Self, 34, died April 12, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

Services were April 14, in Colorado Springs, Colo.

She was born June 28, 1963, in Houston.

She was preceded in death by her father, Clarence Engelke.

Survivors include a daughter, Jamie Self; her mother, Margie Engelke; a brother, Paul Engelke; a sister, Holly Walker; two nieces and a nephew, all of Midland.

Memorials may be directed to Grace Lutheran Church or a charity of one's choice.

Kristy Mahmalji

UVALDE — Former Midlander Kristy Kay Mahmalji died Sunday, April 12, at a San Antonio hospital.

Services were Tuesday at St. Philip's Episcopal Church in Uvalde. Burial followed in Uvalde Cemetery under the direction of Rushing-Estes Funeral Home in Uvalde.

She was born July 7, 1979.

She resided in Midland for several years and attended, Alamo Junior High, Lee Freshmen and Lee High School. She graduated from Uvalde High School and was attending Blinn College in Brenham.

Survivors include her father, Willie Mahmalji and stepmother, Tina Mahmalji, both of Uvalde; her mother, Estella Johnson and stepfather, Curtis Johnson, both of LaPryor; a brother, Kevin; and a sister, Jennifer, both of Uvalde.

A memorial fund has been established at the First State Bank of Uvalde, att: Lexie Petty.

Lorene Smallwood

Lorene Smallwood, 81, died Thursday, April 16, in Midland.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES

Thelma Laughlin

Thelma Ruth Laughlin, a beautiful woman of great strength, devoted mother, grandmother and great-grandmother, passed away April 16, 1998. She was born July 23, 1929, in Rule, Texas, to Corine Lott Edwards and Lewis S. Edwards. She was one of three children. She was preceded in death by Van Davis Laughlin, her beloved husband, for 47 years. Together they loved and supported a family of four children, eight grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. They were married October 24, 1947, and settled in Midland during 1950. Midland was her home and her final resting place. She will be remembered as a life-long nurse, always caring for and guiding her family and friends. She will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Laughlin was a member of St. Paul United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Laughlin is survived by her sons, Russell Laughlin of Dallas and Mike Laughlin of Midland; her daughters, Patty Conrad of Midland and Beverly Dell Garrett of Lubbock; her brother, Joe Edwards of Fort Worth; eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Family visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Friday at Ellis Funeral Home. Funeral services have been scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday at St. Paul United Methodist Church. Interment will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to Meals on Wheels, 3301 Sinclair, Midland, Texas 79707.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

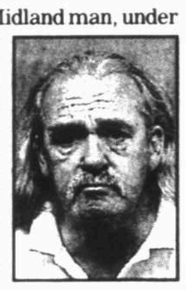
Free death notices include date and place of death, service and burial information, funeral home handling arrangements, date and place of birth, brief biography, survivors and memorials. A longer, more detailed obituary is available for a charge. It may include tributes, expanded biography, organizational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

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

POLICE REPORTS

Sexual assault

A 57-year-old Midland man, under indictment for an indecency with a child charge, was arrested Thursday morning and charged with the sexual assault of a 21-year-old woman.



Smith

Midland Police Department officers arrested Claude Wesley Smith after a call was made to police from a westside Midland residence at about 4 a.m. Thursday. The assault occurred at the residence, and the victim called the police immediately afterward. The victim and Smith are known to each other.

Smith was scheduled to go to trial Monday before 238th District Judge John Hyde on the charge of indecency with a child through sexual contact. He was indicted on that charge in June 1995. He was first tried on that charge in October 1996, but that trial ended with a hung jury on Oct. 10, 1996.

The victim in the indecency incident is related to Smith.

Smith remains in custody at the Midland County Detention Center on a $25,500 bond.

Midland Police Department
Wednesday

Forgery: Counterfeit currency was recovered from Sam's Warehouse, 1500 N. Tradewinds St. A report was made to police at 10:45 a.m.

Burglary of a habitation: At 11 a.m., Charlotte Roderick reported a residential break-in from 4303 Cedar Springs Drive.

Criminal mischief: Lawn fixtures were damaged at 4300 Lanham Drive It was reported at 10:30 p.m.

Thursday

Assault: An assault occurred at 1100 Eisenhower Drive. Chris Olgin reported it at 1:47 a.m.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Wednesday

Burglary of a habitation: A saddle was taken from a barn at 4318 S. County Road 1180. Jackie Bomar made a report at 4:31 p.m.

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

DISPATCHER: Calls reporting UFO sightings can be amusing

(From 1B)

"On those days, you just try to keep up with the calls. There are times when I am finished with a call, and when I hang up, there are still four calls waiting," Cottongame said.

Some people might be under the mistaken impression that dispatchers can't leave their work stations during their shifts.

"We're allowed to take short breaks and bring food to the console," he said. "Usually, we're so busy that when we have a chance to eat our lunch, it's usually cold."

Sometimes, the calls can be amusing, like the residents who call reporting UFO sightings; other calls are from late-night loners who seem to be calling because they're lonely and bored.

"We've had people call in and tell us they see lights in the sky," he elaborated. "You also have a lot of people with mental problems who call here. What they're calling us for has nothing to do with police, but they just want someone to talk to."

At other times, the job can be devastating and nerve-wracking. Cottongame is one of several dispatchers who said they will never forget the night of Feb. 25 — when they received a call in connection with the south Midland fire that killed Marcia Poole and her two children, Kristin Rae Martin and Michael Brady Stevens.

"Everyone in here felt the stress," he said. "We all had to work together to get everyone out there. It was definitely a team effort."

Regardless of the tragedies that Cottongame said he has witnessed over the phone lines, he still maintains a passion for the line of work he is involved with.

"I like helping people. I think I've built a lot of friendships after doing this kind of work for a while," he said. "I've been doing this for 14 years, and I wouldn't know what else I'd do."

OPRAH: Vegetarian activist also named in new lawsuit

(From 1B)

"This is the customers of Cactus Feeders that fed cattle with Cactus Feeders during the damage period," said plaintiffs attorney Kevin Isern.

The case is similar to the original, alleging that Ms. Winfrey knowingly disseminated false and disparaging remarks. Plaintiffs seek about $1 million in damages.

"I am stunned that they're continuing to pursue this after they've lost," Ms. Winfrey's attorney, Charles Babcock, told the Amarillo Globe-News.

Howard Lyman, the vegetarian activist who was Oprah's guest for the April 16, 1996, show, is also named in the lawsuit, as is Ms. Winfrey's production company, Harpo.

David Margulies, a spokesman for Harpo, declined comment Thursday night, saying he had not yet heard about the suit.

The earlier lawsuit also started in state court but was bumped to federal court because alleged damages exceeded $75,000 and the plaintiffs and defendants were spread across the country. Those combined conditions made the case federal.

Lyman's attorney, Barry Peterson, said Thursday night that, since both conditions still exist, he believes the latest lawsuit will also be ruled a federal case and thrown out.

"They (the plaintiffs) must believe they can nullify one of those requirements that would put it into federal court," Peterson said.

"Since they're claiming $1 million in damages they must think they can show there is not a diversity among the plaintiffs and defendants. I have yet to see the suit so I can't comment on that yet."

During the show, Lyman said that including processed cattle in cattle feed — a practice banned last summer — could spread mad cow disease to people in the United States.

Ms. Winfrey at one point said the information had "just stopped me cold from eating another burger!"

Mad cow disease is suspected of killing 23 people in Britain. The brain-destroying disease has never been found in cattle in the United States.

When cattle prices fell to 10-year lows in the days after the show aired, the plaintiffs — three cattle-feeding operations and four ranches — termed it the "Oprah crash."

But the jury in the Amarillo trial rejected the cattlemen's $11 million lawsuit, saying the plaintiffs failed to prove she knowingly gave misleading information.

Ms. Winfrey's side argued that the dip was caused instead by high feed costs, oversupply and low prices. And she testified that she is the host of a talk show — "not the evening news" — and that her viewers know the difference.

Plaintiffs in the federal case appealed last month to the U.S. 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans, alleging the judge made incorrect rulings and other errors.

State judge throws out ban on rap music

AUSTIN (AP) — A judge threw out a ban on state agency investments in companies with artists whose songs promote violence or denigrate women, saying Thursday the Legislature didn't get to debate its merits because it was slipped into the state budget.

Under the Texas Constitution's one-subject rule governing legislation, the ban should have been considered as a separate bill instead of tacked to the budget as one of hundreds of so-called "riders," State District Judge F. Scott McCown said in his decision.

The constitutional rule — which McCown calls the "fair-fight rule" — says no bill can contain more than one subject except for a general appropriation bill, which is the state budget.

But McCown said the budget exception is limited. Budget provisions may only detail how money is to be spent, and the rider went beyond that, he said. McCown enjoined state officials from enforcing the ban, which was the first of its kind in the nation.

The decision was praised by a lawyer for the Recording Industry Association of America and pension fund beneficiaries, including law enforcement officers, teachers and former government employees, who had challenged the ban.

"We think Judge McCown has made an important statement about the democratic process in our state," said the lawyer, Peter D. Kennedy.

He said pension funds "should not become pawns in political attacks on constitutionally protected speech."

Senate Finance Committee Chairman Bill Ratliff, author of the ban, said it was meant to stop the spending of state funds to support irresponsible behavior. Besides lyrics regarding violence or denigration of women, the ban targets those promoting illegal drug use, criminal street gang activity and acts including pedophilia.

This is the second rider from last year's legislative session struck down by McCown. The other required minors to get parental consent before obtaining state-paid birth control and other prescriptions.

McCown directed the parties to bring the case to the attention of the Texas Supreme Court, which is considering an appeal in the birth-control case.

"The merits of the riders are not before the court, and indeed are none of the court's business. Because the fair-fight rule was ignored, however, the merits of the riders were also never before the Legislature, and the merits are very much the Legislature's business," he wrote.

Attorney General Dan Morales indicated he's leaning toward an appeal.

REPORT: State's unemployment rate was 4.6 percent for March

(From 1B)

The state's mining sector has begun showing the impact of low oil prices, the commission reported, with employment in the sector dropping by 1,300 in March, the largest over-the-month decline since July 1995. Commission analysts attribute the decline to decreased production by marginal wells that are unprofitable to operate at current price levels.

Odessa-Midland ranked 14th among the state's MSAs, tied with Killeen-Temple. The lowest rate was in Bryan-College Station, 1.6 percent, followed by Austin-San Marcos with 2.5 percent, San Angelo with 3 percent and Dallas and Fort Worth-Arlington, 3.1 percent each. The highest rate was in McAllen-Edinburg-Mission, 17.2 percent. McAllen, however posted the largest decline among the MSAs, dropping 2.1 percent from 19.3 percent in February.

The state's actual unemployment rate was 4.6 percent, down from 4.8 percent in February and 5.5 percent a year ago. Seasonally adjusted, however, the rate inched up 4.7 percent from 4.6 percent in February but is below the 5.6 percent a year earlier. The seasonally adjusted 4.7 percent rate was the second lowest rate in more than 18 years, the commission noted.

"Job growth in Texas remains very strong in the goods-producing and service-producing sectors," Labor Commissioner T. P. O'Mahoney said. "Texas employers added 30,000 jobs to their payrolls in March."

TODAY'S FUNERALS

Jarrod Chew
11:00 a.m. Mt. Calvary Baptist

Clara Covarrubias
1:00 p.m. Our Lady of Guadalupe

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And, you quickly reply, "surely you jest!" No one really enjoys the idea of paying out a portion of his earnings to a source that offers little in return. Others offer the historic cry of "taxation without representation" and perhaps it is true.

Yet, in view of some recent world happenings, I am glad to pay my taxes! In March, some 40 Christians in Laos were quietly involved in prayer, Bible study, and worship when government soldiers burst into the homes and arrested them on charges of insurrection and treason. No basis was given or was true. It was simply a cold demonstration of hate and persecution by godless leaders. Since that day, 27 of them have been released, but 13 are being sentenced for the crime. They are destined to spend several years in prison for their part in public worship to our God!

Now you know why I value the privilege to pay taxes to a country that still knows God, and honors our rights of free speech and worship. God help us that we never take it for granted, and never lose it! If it ever comes, we must recall Peter and others who were threatened in Acts 5:29, and said, "we must obey God rather than men!"

Study each Sunday with Mack Lyon ***"In Search of the Lord's Way"*** 7:30 a.m. KPEJ Ch 24, Cable Ch 5

AP Photo

Members of the dance group Mexico Espana perform at the Arneson River Theater on the San Antonio Riverwalk Thursday to commemorate the issuance of the Cinco de Mayo stamp by the U.S. Postal Service and a Mexican version of the stamp issued by the Mexican Postal Service Joint ceremonies were held in San Antonio and in Mexico City to highlight the occasion.

U.S. Postal Service, Mexico issue Cinco de Mayo stamp

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — The U.S. Postal Service and Sepomex, the Mexican postal service, have jointly issued a new Cinco de Mayo commemorative stamp.

The 32-cent stamp was available for purchase only in San Antonio on Thursday after a ceremony along the San Antonio Riverwalk. The stamp can be bought nationwide beginning Friday.

A dancing couple wearing traditional Mexican costumes is featured on the stamp. Yellow and pink are the predominate colors. The stamp was designed by first-time stamp artist Robert Rodriguez of Pasadena, Calif.

A similar version of the stamp was being introduced in Mexico during a ceremony in Mexico City.

Part of the U.S. Postal Service's holiday celebration series, the stamp commemorates May 5, 1862, the day Mexican soldiers routed French soldiers who had landed in Veracruz five months earlier.

CPS handling of boys' case causes questions

By Pam Easton
Associated Press

DALLAS — Six times over six years, a West Dallas home was visited by Child Protective Services caseworkers who found bare cupboards and two young brothers living without beds or a stove.

Neighbors say the 7- and 8-year-old boys sometimes got so thirsty they drank urine from soda bottles. Much of the food they got came at school and at an after-school church program that provides free hot dogs.

Yet all that wasn't enough for CPS to remove the two boys from the custody of their 25-year-old mother.

Then, last week, all the apparent neglect bubbled over into an unthinkable crime. Police say the two boys and an 11-year-old friend took a neighborhood toddler down to a creek, where they beat and sexually assaulted her.

The 3-year-old was later found wandering, naked, bruised and bloodied, near the creek.

This week, the finger-pointing has started.

Police say social workers should have intervened earlier. A judge assigned to hear the assault case against the 11-year-old — the others are too young to be tried — also says the agency failed the two younger boys.

State District Judge Hal Gaither told the Fort Worth Star-Telegram he's prepared to appoint an attorney to the two youngsters with instructions that CPS be sued on their behalf.

"I told them that either they were going to review it or we were going to have a lawsuit and have them explain why they had made the decision they did," he told the newspaper.

But CPS says it did all it could under the law for the family. Caseworkers tried to give the mother parenting skills and provided bedding and food. The home was visited seven times in March.

CPS regional spokeswoman Marleigh Meisner said the family was within 30 days of placement in public housing and a caseworker was confident in the progress the family was making.

She added that CPS is not a police agency.

"I believe we did make the right decision in this case by trying to work with this mother who was cooperating with us and by keeping these children with their mother they were very attached to," Ms. Meisner said.

"If we find that we have erred in this case, we plan to fully disclose what the problem was and what we can do next time."

Dallas Police Lt. Bill Walsh, head of the department's child abuse and explotation units, said CPS should have intervened earlier because of the lack of food and other necessities.

But he agreed with Meisner that social workers are not police officers.

"It's not Child Protective Services job to respond to kids making nuisances of themselves," he said. "There's no law against being a lousy kid."

"I think in this situation you might have kids who are in a dual situation where they might have been the perpetrators against a three-year-old girl, but they were also the victims of parental neglect. ... Obviously, these children didn't have an Ozzie and Harriet upbringing."

State Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, fingered a different culprit: the Legislature.

He said it was the state who failed the agency and, in turn, the young boys and their victim by failing to adequately fund such agencies as CPS that can prevent young people from becoming violent adults.

"We've talked about how important CPS is in the Legislature for years and they have never received (funding) they need," Whitmire said. "Unfortunately, we spend most of the money after the fact, and that is why we have one of the largest prison systems in the U.S."

Cindy Alexander, director of the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center, said social service agencies are severely limited by burgeoning caseloads and shrinking funds.

"We all have to assume some responsibility in this," she said. "It's real easy to sit back and say this was a bad mom, but who was out there helping this mom besides the state?

"Families need support and the service agencies need support. We need to give more than lip service to the old adage that it's takes a village."

Teachers' average pay up 2.2 percent

AUSTIN (AP) — American teachers saw their pay increase by 2.2 percent from the 1995-96 school year to the 1996-97 term, according to a national teachers' group. Texas teachers continued to lag behind, the American Federation of Teachers reported.

John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers, on Thursday called the report bad news.

According to the national survey, the average teacher pay was $38,436 in the last completed school year. It was $37,594 in the 1995-96 school year.

In Texas, the 1996-97 average pay was $32,426, up 3.3 percent from $31,400 paid in 1995-96.

Texas ranked 38th among the 50 states for teacher pay in 1996-97, the group said. That was up from 39th in 1995-96.

MEMORIAL: Metcalf's encounter came in 1991

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rienced from another slain DPS trooper, Rick Metcalf of Houston is on a mission to honor the 73 DPS troopers and Texas Rangers who have died in the line of duty since the 1930s.

"May God bless their souls," Metcalf said. "Texas heroes, every one."

"We are certainly pleased that he (Metcalf) is honoring those fallen officers," who pledged the DPS motto of "courtesy, service and protection," DPS spokesman Mike Cox said from his office in Austin. "While were are not officially involved in it, we certainly appreciate his hard work."

Long's work was imbued with courtesy.

"He was easy-going, he really was," DPS Sgt. Skipper Hunt, 46, of Fort Stockton recalled of his former partner. "He could be firm when he had to. He really didn't like to come across like that. But, if he had to, he sure could."

Hunt had served with Long for eight months when the 18-year DPS veteran was repeatedly shot and killed in an unprovoked attack after Long had stopped a motorist in a speeding pickup.

As fate would have it, Hunt was off that day. Otherwise, he would have been saddled up with his partner.

"Your mind does wonder what would have happened if I had been there," Hunt said. "Who knows?"

At dusk on Long's last day, the motorist — who later turned out to be a fugitive in a robbery — fired a bullet into Long's right forearm, and then into his chest and heart, Hunt said.

Disabled and dying, Long "turned around and tried to run to the back of the (patrol) car, and he (the fugitive) was shooting him in the back as he was running."

After Long's collapse, the gunman "picked up Sammy's gun," a .357-caliber magnum revolver, "stood over him, and shot him six more times in the back."

A San Angelo deer hunter, who had pulled over with his son, witnessed the shooting, took his scope-equipped deer rifle, and fired at the gunman. Lethal bullets tore into the gunman, who by then had fired 11 rounds into Long.

"You can't second guess what happened that night," Hunt reflected. "We have to deal with the way things happen."

Long was "very safety-conscious even though this happened to him," Hunt said. "Things could not have been worse for him that night. He was very concerned about his safety. He tried to teach that (safety) to me."

"If I had the opportunity to personally thank the brave hunter who came by here," Metcalf said, "I would have to tell him I find him to be in the highest character and has the greatest depth of resolve and the ability to act in the worst of times, because that was a tough thing to do."

Metcalf's memorable encounter with a DPS trooper came in 1991 near Austin after the officer, Carlos Ray Warren, had stopped him for speeding.

Ed Todd/Reporter-Telegram

The granite marker memorializing Sammy Long, a DPS trooper who was killed in the line of duty.

"He treated me like an old friend," said Metcalf, who noted that the trooper somehow had learned of Metcalf's recent heart attack. "He shook my hand and sent me on my way" after issuing a warning.

Not long afterward, the officer was dead.

"He came upon a ruckus at a roadside park" where, unbeknownst to the trooper, a kidnapping was in progress, Metcalf said. "The trooper was shot again and again. Before he closed his eyes and died, he got up on one elbow and marked that car with bullet holes." Later that day, the trooper's shots into the kidnapper-killer's car alerted lawmen and saved the life of at least one more officer.

Metcalf spoke of the law enforcement officers who are men and women "of valor. ... They walk into the face of a blasting gun. And in their hearts (they) are saying, 'You've got to go through me first, and (there's) no way you can get past me.' They know if they don't stop the bad guy, he will hurt someone else. They care about the people of Texas."

Just outside Pecos today, Metcalf is to head up the dedication of a granite marker in honor of DPS Trooper Joseph N. Avary, who was killed in a motorcycle accident in 1935.

Hunt said that his former partner "made a difference in me, the eight months that I knew him. He made a difference in that community, also."

Long's widow, Martha Long of McCamey, said, "I'm honored that Rick (Metcalf) has the dedication and determination" to memorialize fallen DPS troopers and Texas Rangers.

Long was "a very caring and loving husband and father," reflected Mrs. Long, who attended the ceremony along with her son, Tracy Long, now 36, of Abilene, his wife, Tina, and their children, Adison, 7, Kyle Drake, 9, and Laci, 15. "He was dedicated to his job. He loved his job. He worked with the young people in Upton County."

A teen-ager when his father died, Long said that some of the violators whom his father had jailed "came up to me and told me that he had given them the opportunity to straighten up. They said that they had always respected him because he was more than fair."

Peggy Sue Garner, who was the Upton County judge when Long was slain, remembered him as "a great trooper. He took care of us all here in the county. And he really cared about the kids. He tried every way in the world to help them."

"He was just one of the best," said Charles Blue, former Crane County judge.

Howard County Judge Ben Lockhart, a retired DPS trooper out of Crane, noted that he had logged "lots of miles with Sammy (Long).

"Sammy was a very good man," said Lockhart, who lives in Big Spring. "He was a good trooper. He was always consistent, always in a good mood. He could give somebody a ticket and make them like it."

Retired Texas Ranger Charlie Hodges of Midland said that "Sammy was a good man, dedicated and everything." Hodges had investigated Long's slaying. "We'd meet time and time on the road, you know, and drink coffee and visit."

Crane County Deputy Sheriff Jerry Heflin, a former Upton County deputy sheriff who also investigated Long's death, remembered the DPS trooper as "a good man. He was a good officer. Everybody liked him."

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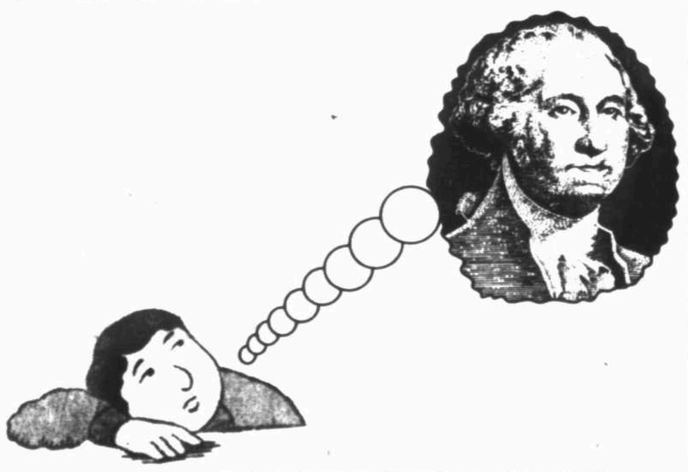

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IMF adopts 'Code of Good Practices' to avert future crises

WASHINGTON (AP) — The 182-nation International Monetary Fund adopted a "code of good practices" Thursday aimed at providing more complete information on the financial health of individual countries as the first step in averting future Asian-style currency crises.

The action by the IMF's policy-setting interim committee followed day-long discussions in which the United States and major allies said aggressive reforms were needed to answer criticism that the agency is too-secretive and too unwilling to blow the whistle on countries pursuing risky financial practices.

In a 15-page closing communique, the IMF said that the code was just one of several initiatives it would pursue in coming months to better monitor the economic activities of its member countries.

The communique expressed guarded optimism the currency crisis that engulfed several Asian countries last year is on the way to being resolved. But it said Japan still needs to do more to boost its flagging economy, and the nations at the center of the storm — South Korea, Thailand and Indonesia — must move aggressively to implement economic reforms.

The new code, the communique said, would "serve as a guide for members" on increasing the quality and timeliness of reports on key economic indicators, such as the amount of foreign debt a country holds, its trade deficit and the size of its currency reserves.

However, the IMF did not make adherence to the code mandatory, leaving up to individual countries to decide whether to follow the data guidelines. The expectation is that private markets, by rewarding countries with the fullest disclosure, will force all nations seeking to raise foreign capital to subscribe to the standards.

Officials at the IMF's spring meeting also discussed going much further to give the institution more power to expose risky financial practies.

Those iniatives, which were to be the subject of further discussions, include expanding the amount of data made public beyond the code guidelines, bolstering banking regulations in individual countries and taking steps to make wealthy banks and investors bear more of the burden in future financial failure

Such changes are being pushed by the Clinton administration, which is hoping IMF reforms will quiet criticism in Congress that the agency failed to detect in advance last year's financial crisis.

South Korea, Thailand and Indonesia were forced to seek more than $100 billion in bailouts assembled by the IMF after their currencies and stock markets were flattened by a sudden loss of investor confidence.

As IMF officials were meeting with reporters, Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin and Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan played host to their colleagues from 21 nations at a special meeting to explore how much further nations are willing to go to shore up the global financial system.

In opening remarks, Rubin said the Asian crisis underscored the need for more coherent regulation to ensure that all participants are playing by the same rules.

"We believe that the time has come for a more systematic approach to promoting strong financial systems," Rubin told the group.

The broad outline of the U.S. reform package, proposed by Rubin, was endorsed Thursday by a number of other countries, including Germany, Japan and Britain.

Japanese Vice Finance Minister Eisuke Sakakibara said his country believes it is critical that the "IMF should disclose as much information as possible" about its negotiations with troubled economies over bailout packages.

However, several officials who endorsed the U.S. proposals in general indicated that differences over some specifics still must be resolved.

Discussions were expected to continue among the world's seven biggest economies — the United States, Japan, Germany, Britain, France, Italy and Canada — leading up to next month's annual Group of Seven summit in Birmingham, England.

At that time, President Clinton and the other leaders will likely endorse various measures where consensus has been reached.

British Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown called for less secrecy by the IMF, echoing a key criticism of many in Congress.

"Just as it is essential that we give proper support to the IMF, it is essential that it performs its responsibilities in an open and transparent way that enhances public confidence," Brown said.

Britain and Canada are pushing separate proposals aimed at bolstering individual countries' banking systems by requiring that their regulatory framework be reviewed and rated by an international group, possibly under the auspices of the IMF and its sister lending agency, the World Bank.

The discussions about reforming the global financial system's architecture were being undertaken as part of the spring meetings of the IMF and World Bank. In advance of those discussions, finance officials from the G-7 countries met Tuesday to review current global prospects.

At that session, the United States and the other nations stepped up pressure on Japan, as the world's second largest economy, to do more to stimulate its own economy so it can be an engine of growth for its troubled Asian neighbors.

Militant KKK group hijacks local newspapers to deliver racist message

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — The most militant wing of the Ku Klux Klan has a new tactic to spread its racist message — wrapping leaflets around free local papers and delivering them door to door, to the dismay of both publishers and customers.

There may be little either can do to stop the leaflets, which have been distributed in California, Pennsylvania, Texas and North Carolina.

The latest incident came this week in Santa Rosa, 50 miles north of San Francisco, where residents woke up to find the Classified Gazette on their doorsteps, sheathed in an epithet-laced KKK leaflet vowing to "deport every African back to Africa where they belong."

"We're just using our constitutional right to get our message out," Jeff Berry, national imperial wizard of the American Knights of the Ku Klux Klan, the group named in the leaflet, said from his Butler, Ind., headquarters. "They can tell us to stop, but until they show us a law, we're not."

The Classified Gazette, which distributes 35,000 free papers in Sonoma County, said it has received 50 phone complaints. The KKK apparently took stacks of the paper from store racks, wrapped the leaflets around it and threw it into yards.

"One woman called and said her 8-year-old granddaughters picked this up and brought it in. She was very angry," office manager Kathy Noble said. "Another man said, 'I'm Caucasian, but my son-in-law is black and my daughter-in-law is Asian, and they're livid, and I'm livid for them.'"

Santa Rosa police Cmdr. Scott Swanson said because of the nature of the material, the incident may be a hate crime. "We are looking to see if the message in the fliers violates criminal law," he said.

San Francisco FBI spokesman George Grotz said that there's no clear violation of the law, and unless one can be shown, the leaflets are covered by the First Amendment.

The American Knights of the KKK used the same tactic last November in Odessa, Texas, stuffing a recruitment flier into the local Dollar Saver. And the Tri-County News in Mercer County, Pa., was hit last month.

"It stinks," said Rich Wilhelm, general manager of the News.

Klanwatch, the anti-KKK arm of the Southern Poverty Law Center in Montgomery, Ala., said the unauthorized piggybacking has also surfaced in North Carolina.

"This is a tactic that has been adopted in a big way in the last six months or so," said Mark Potok of Klanwatch. "They've also been pamphleteering in high schools."

He described the American Knights as the fastest-growing Klan organization in the country and "the most aggressive, virulent group out there."

Berry claims members in 38 states but refuses to give membership numbers. Potok said Klanwatch doesn't have firm figures.

The American Knights spurn the softer line spouted by some modern groups, Potok said, and openly call for violence against blacks, Jews and gays. The leaflet distributed in Santa Rosa follows that line, promising to "solve the (epithet) problem by FORCE!"

At the Classified Gazette, ad saleswoman Josephine Shaffer said she was revolted by the KKK literature. "How people get this way really blows my mind," she said. "I thought people were better than that."

Grammy winner, country music pioneer Rose Maddox dies at 71

ASHLAND, Ore. (AP) — Rose Maddox, a flamboyant country music pioneer who earned a Grammy nomination late in life for her autobiographical "$35 and a Dream," has died at 71.

Maddox, who died of kidney failure Wednesday, hit it big after World War II when she toured with her four brothers as The Maddox Brothers and Rose. They were billed as "The Most Colorful Hillbilly Band in America."

Maddox had a reputation as a lusty firebrand, with uptempo songs such as "Hangover Blues" and "Pay Me Alimony." Her musical styles ranged from hillbilly to rockabilly to gospel.

Known for her colorful Western costumes, Maddox once shocked a Grand Ole Opry audience by appearing on stage with a bare midriff, a stark contrast to her sometimes staid female contemporaries.

"Kitty Wells would stand up there and not even move," said biographer Jonny Whitesides. "Rose would get on stage and high-kick and shimmy-shake. That drove people crazy."

At its height, her group played the Las Vegas Strip and the Grand Ole Opry and toured with Elvis Presley, Hank Williams and Marty Robbins. Among its biggest hits were the Woody Guthrie song "Philadelphia Lawyer," "Tramp on the Street" and "Whoa, Sailor."

The band broke up in 1956 amid a changing music scene and Maddox's brothers settled down, but Maddox kept singing. Among her solo hits in the late 1950s and early '60s were "Sing a Little Song of Heartache," "Gambler's Love," "Kissing My Pillow" and "Bluebird, Let Me Tag Along."

She also recorded Buck Owens and the king of bluegrass, Bill Monroe.

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Fonda in hot water with Georgia governor over poverty remarks

N.Y. Times News Service

Jane Fonda publicly apologized Thursday for saying parts of Georgia were so impoverished that children were starving.

"I was wrong. I shouldn't have said what I said," Fonda said in a written statement. "My comments were inaccurate and ill-advised."

Fonda's apology followed criticism from Gov. Zell Miller and others.

The actress had drawn an unflattering picture of her adopted state on Wednesday, during a roundtable discussion of the U.N. Population Fund in New York. The session dealt in part with teen pregnancy; Fonda is founder of a group that tries to keep Georgia girls from becoming pregnant.

"It's what makes working in Georgia very interesting, because we are, in some ways, like some developing countries," Fonda told others at the roundtable, according to Reuters News Service. "There is a lot of rural poverty.

"In the northern part of Georgia, children are starving to death. People live in tar-paper shacks with no indoor plumbing, and so forth."

Thursday, Gov. Miller slammed Fonda's comments as "ill-advised and misguided."

"In short, the impression you give about Georgia is simply wrong," Miller, a native of Young Harris in rural north Georgia, wrote in a two-page letter to Fonda.

A U.N. spokesman said the roundtable discussion was part of a four-day meeting to discuss teen pregnancy and adolescent reproductive health. Fonda was part of a "free-flowing" discussion among delegates from Europe, Africa and Asia.

"It was wide-ranging, with extemporaneous remarks from people, questions and answers and the like," spokesman Hugh O'Haire said. "Everyone was impressed afterward with (Fonda). These are people — experts — who could be very cynical. They were impressed by how much she had a grasp on how to work with teens."

Georgians were less impressed. Some spent Thursday burning up talk-radio lines to complain.

"I'm from Summerville, Ga., and I am extremely offended," a caller said on Dave Stone's morning show on WGST (AM 640). "The churches up there wouldn't allow anyone to starve." Over on WSB (AM 750) radio, morning talk host Neal Boortz issued a challenge to Fonda.

"Produce statistical evidence that one single child starved to death in this state last year," he said. "You went up to the U.N. and flapped your gums. Now produce the evidence."

As Fonda's apology indicated, there was no such evidence.

"We can't minimize or trivialize the issues here, but the problems we have in Georgia don't even compare with other parts of the world," said Doug Bachtel, an author of the Georgia County Guide, an annual statistical analysis of the state's quality of life.

In fact, northern Georgia is becoming economically stronger, with retirees flooding the area for the "scenic beauty and quality of life," Bachtel said.

Coroners in Fannin, Towns and Habersham counties, all in north Georgia, confirmed that neither children nor adults had died for lack of food in recent memory.

"Tar-paper shacks and starving kids just doesn't ring true in this area," said Dr. Robert Stahlkuppe, Towns County coroner for the last decade. "There are a number of trailers and such. But that's a far cry from a paper shack."

Bachtel said the region's median income is not drastically lower than the rest of the state's. The number of homes without plumbing in the area is so low that his County Guide has stopped tracking them.

That said, it is probably true that some Georgians do go hungry. Just this week, the Journal of the American Medical Association published a survey that showed 10 percent of patients who were treated at a county hospital had been short on food.

The link to Georgia, though, was not direct. The hospital is in Minnesota.

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Security team finds Pentagon computers unsecured

WASHINGTON (AP) — Hiding behind anonymous keyboard clicks, a group of hackers struggled for two weeks to breach U.S. military and civilian computer networks. They succeeded beyond their wildest dreams, the Pentagon said Thursday.

The culprits: a special U.S. national security team that was secretly testing the vulnerability of the nation's computer system using software found on the Internet.

Code-named "Eligible Receiver," the cyberwar game proved what the Defense Department said it has long known — that its computers are susceptible targets, which became clear earlier this year when real hackers made a "systematic attack."

"It found that we have a lot of work to do to provide better security," Pentagon spokesman Ken Bacon said of the cyberwar game last June, which went after unclassified computer systems. "We're not alone in this regard."

The Pentagon plans to spend nearly $1 billion a year for the next several years to improve its classified and unclassified computer security, Bacon said, noting the department has 2.1 million computers. Deputy Defense Secretary John Hamre is shepherding a stepped-up anti-hacker program that includes a counterintelligence effort to stop intruders before they get through the electronic door, the Pentagon said.

In the cyberwar game, more than 50 National Security Agency hackers gained access to computer systems across the country, according to the Pentagon, including the U.S. Pacific Command in Hawaii, which oversees 100,000 troops in Asia.

The hackers gained access to a U.S. electric power grid system they could have sabotaged to plunge the nation into darkness as well — something Pentagon officials say would likely be a tactic of any real cyberwar aimed at shutting down the nation's public works.

Some hackers posed as operatives for North Korea and only one unit was tracked by the FBI, which works with the Pentagon to catch computer criminals.

"'Eligible Receiver,' I think, has succeeded beyond its planners' wildest dreams in elevating the awareness of threats to our computer systems," Bacon said.

Classified computers weren't part of the cyberwar game.

In the most recent case of real Pentagon hacking, a teen-ager in Israel, nicknamed, "The Analyzer" on the Internet, is being investigated by the Israeli police for his assault on Defense Department and other computer systems earlier this year.

In February, Hamre said the Pentagon's unclassified computers were hit by the "most organized and systematic attack" to date, targeting mostly personnel records.

He said intrusions had "all the appearances of a game" and had "the quality of voyeurism or vandalism" committed by a small number of individuals.

"There are hackers that enjoy breaking into people's computers, just to see what they can see," he said, adding the Pentagon holds some "mystique."

Bacon joked that perhaps the military should look at home for answers.

"We're trying to do a much better job of staying in touch with our teen-age children and others to learn the latest hacker techniques so we can be one step ahead of them rather than several steps behind," he said.

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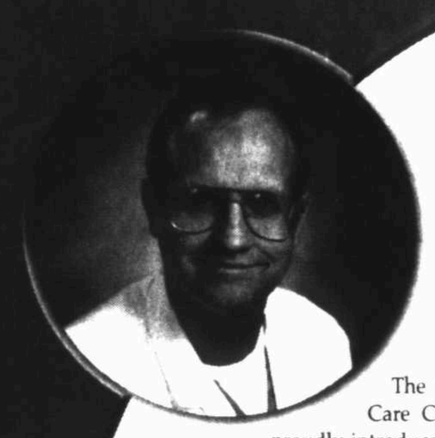
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Judge throws out lawsuit by lying would-be doctor

HARTFORD, Conn. (AP) — A judge threw out a lawsuit Thursday by a Princeton graduate and would-be doctor who sued his alma mater for alerting medical schools that he had lied about his academic achievements and background.

"Simply put, it's not outrageous to tell truthful statements about someone's fitness to practice medicine to those who have a need to know," U.S. District Judge Dominic Squatrito said.

The graduate, Rommel Nobay, had admitted he told numerous lies and half-truths in applying to Princeton and later to medical school. He claimed that he was part black and a National Merit Scholar and that a family of lepers had donated half their beggings to support his dream.

When Princeton exposed his lies and wrecked his chances of getting into medical school, he turned around and sued the university for defamation and invasion of privacy, seeking unspecified damages.

The judge threw out the case on the fourth day of the trial after testimony was over but before the case had gone to the jury.

Nobay said he was extremely disappointed. He said he had not decided whether to appeal. Princeton lawyers had no comment.

Nobay graduated from Princeton in 1989. He was accepted to Vanderbilt University's medical school in 1991, and to Georgetown, Tufts and Dartmouth in 1994. But the applications were rejected or withdrawn after the schools were notified of discrepancies by his Princeton adviser, Jane Y. Sharaf.

"Princeton, one could argue, did a public service. That's the defense," Nobay's lawyer, Norm Pattis, argued. But "that doesn't make what Princeton did right."

Dean Nancy Malkiel had testified that Princeton was obligated to alert the medical schools about his lies.

"All of us want the best doctors we can have in society. It's up to us to see to it that the people entering the medical profession are competent, confident and trustworthy," she said.

Nobay, 30, a computer science teacher from New Haven, admitted that he was not, in fact, a Merit Scholar and that a family of lepers had not helped send him to school. He also acknowledged that he doesn't know whether he has any black blood.

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State leaders' tobacco tiff costs $824,000

By Juan B. Elizondo Jr.
Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — Democratic challenger Garry Mauro is blaming GOP Gov. George W. Bush for $824,000 the state paid in federal taxes because its $15.3 billion settlement with the tobacco industry has not been completed.

Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes said the governor is not to blame for the delay.

The tax bill, paid Wednesday, accrued in February and March because tobacco companies have paid an initial settlement payment even though the deal is not final.

Legal challenges, including one Bush filed, have delayed the agreement from being finalized.

Until the settlement is completed, money tobacco companies pay must sit in an account to which taxes apply. Once completed, the money would move to a state account that isn't subject to federal taxes.

Ms. Hughes said at least half the $824,000 would have accrued even without Bush's challenge because the money was paid in early February and the settlement could not have been sealed until March.

She also noted that others, including a group of hospital districts, have filed challenges also delaying the settlement.

Bush is challenging $2.3 billion the deal contains for five private attorneys who handled the case for the state.

Before suing the tobacco industry in 1996, Attorney General Dan Morales signed a deal with the private attorneys. They agreed to provide money needed for the case in exchange for 15 percent of anything the state won. That amounted to $2.3 billion.

Mauro said Bush knew about the contract but waited until recently to challenge it.

"Governor Bush had an opportunity to change anything he thought was wrong with the contract during the 1997 legislative session, but he chose to stay mute," Mauro said.

"Now, his sudden political awakening has cost Texas real money that could deal with real problems that affect our families," Mauro said.

Ms. Hughes countered: "Garry Mauro may think its reasonable for Texas taxpayers to pay five private law firms $2.3 billion for a case that lasted less than two years but never went to court. But Governor Bush does not.

"(The $2.3 billion) is money that could go to meet the needs of Texas children and Texas families," she said.

Ms. Hughes said Bush wants Morales to agree to separate the attorneys fees from the rest of the settlement. That would allow the settlement to become final and stop federal taxes from accruing.

Morales spokesman Ron Dusek said the state will owe $1.2 million in taxes if the settlement isn't completed by the end of June.

Morales said the settlement must be left alone. He said tobacco industry attorneys have said they will walk away from the deal if the attorneys fees are separated.

"The only way ... the industry can renege on this agreement is if it is changed," Morales said. "If it stays as it is — it is solid, it's a lock, it's secure. That is the reason we oppose severance."

Morales has said tobacco companies are liable for the attorneys fees. He also has said the state's $15.3 billion would not increase if the attorneys fees were reduced.

But Ms. Hughes said as the settlement is written, "The state is on the hook for $2.3 billion."

Both sides say they are trying to resolve the issue.

Jim Mattox, the Democratic nominee for attorney general, said what's needed is mediation.

Boy's wish to become organ donor fulfilled

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A few months ago, when Gary Brigman was only 12 years old, he told his grandmother that when he died he wanted to donate his heart and other organs to save lives.

"He never thought he was going to be such a young donor," his grandmother, Maria Brigman, recalled Wednesday, hours after the sixth-grader died of injuries suffered in a traffic accident.

The 13-year-old, who attended Lowell Middle School, was walking from school to his home in the San Juan Homes housing project Tuesday afternoon when he was struck by a car as he ran across a road.

Gary lived for almost 16 hours after the accident before he died at Wilford Hall Medical Center. His decision to be an organ donor already had been made, said Ms. Brigman, Gary's guardian.

Ms. Brigman said she and her grandson often talked about life and death and their strong belief in God. Both decided they would be organ donors if death came suddenly or unexpectedly.

Garbriel Rymers, a family friend who attends church with the Brigmans, said the family was told by hospital officials that Gary's heart was given to a 20-year-old and his left kidney to a 13-year-old. Part of his intestine might go to a child.

IRS returns important in election year

By Michael Holmes
Associated Press

AUSTIN (AP) — April 15 is more than the day federal income taxes are due. In election years, it's the day many candidates release their IRS returns — and chide opponents who don't.

So the good, gray 1040s came rolling out of campaign offices this week, and the great 1998 tax debate was underway.

■ News analysis

A past master of the art says publicly releasing politicians' tax returns — however personally distasteful — is a campaign necessity.

"Human nature being what it is, nobody like to reveal that information. But the only mistake a candidate can make is to draw a line in the dirt and say, 'That's none of your business'," says Chuck McDonald, an Austin consultant who worked for Democratic Gov. Ann Richards.

Tax returns played a big part in Richards' 1990 victory over millionaire oilman Clayton Williams.

Despite Richards' demands, Williams for months refused to release his IRS returns. Then, four days before the election, he let it slip that he'd paid no taxes one year during the oil price bust. Richards surged ahead in the polls.

"That is a best-case scenario, actually getting a sizeable bump out of your demand for an opponent's tax returns," McDonald said. "I guess everybody went to school on that election."

This year, most candidates are opening the books.

Republican Gov. George W. Bush reported estimated taxable income of $258,375 for last year with federal taxes of $77,084. Democratic candidate Garry Mauro reported an adjusted gross income of $85,683 and federal taxes of $17,975.

Democratic comptroller candidate Paul Hobby reported income of $5.5 million, with most coming from the sale of a software company he owned, and taxes of $1.2 million. Republican candidate Carole Keeton Rylander, a state Railroad Commissioner, had an adjusted gross income of $76,429 and paid $14,876 in taxes.

But not all of these disclosures were simple, buttoned-down accountings.

Take, for example, the men who would be lieutenant governor.

Democrat John Sharp and Republican Rick Perry each released financial data on tax deadline day. Each then accused the other of not being forthcoming enough.

Perry provided estimated 1997 figures with taxes of $61,953 on an adjusted gross income of $218,564, including $126,939 in salaries and wages for him and his wife, $50,965 in capital gains, and other income totaling $40,660. He also estimated his net worth at $674,733.

Sharp's 1997 tax return showed adjusted gross income of $85,724, including $72,602 in comptroller wages, $15,736 in income from a real estate-consulting business and a $2,614 net loss from goat farming. His total taxes were $11,998. He didn't offer a net worth estimate.

"Texans deserve to know whether my opponent and I have been working full-time for them — or for ourselves. My detailed tax returns for the years I've served as comptroller show that my only interest has been in saving taxpayers money, not in amassing a personal fortune," Sharp said.

Responding, Perry's camp cited newspaper reports that put Sharp's net worth at about $80,000 and demanded a full accounting. "John Sharp owes the people of Texas a full explanation because he's either not telling the truth or is an incredibly poor financial manager," Perry's campaign said.

McDonald says such controversies, while typical, usually are short-lived.

"The story quickly goes away as long as you release your returns. Just give them out in April, take whatever hits there are and move on with your life," he said. "The tax tactic these days is used mostly to annoy your opponent."

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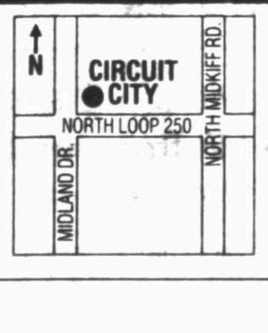

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Survey shows U.S. men taking more active role in family life

N.Y. Times News Service

Working men have begun to shoulder a far greater share of responsibility for child care and household chores, according to a new survey.

The study, by the Families and Work Institute, a nonprofit research group based in New York, suggests that since 1977, when the Department of Labor conducted a similar study, there has been a gradual convergence in the way working men and women in the work force use their time.

"You look through all these numbers and you begin to hear a theme song about men and women," said Ellen Galinsky, president of the institute. "There are real changes in what men and women are doing. For example, men put in 30 percent as much time on workday chores as women in 1977, but now it's up to 75 percent. We see that gap closing in lots of different areas."

One surprising result of the survey, the largest and most comprehensive of its kind in recent years, is that despite the rise in dual-income families, children under 18 are getting somewhat more attention from their working parents than they did 20 years ago, mostly because of the change in fathers' behavior.

Ever since the 1970s, when large numbers of women entered the workforce, working mothers have complained that they bore far too much of the load for the second shift, the hours of child care and household chores it takes to keep a family going.

What particularly irritated many working mothers was that while they were frantically cooking, cleaning and arranging playdates, working fathers were spending more time on themselves than on caring for their children, a perception borne out by the data from the 1977 survey. But the new survey shows that has changed: working fathers now spend more time doing things with their children than they spend on themselves.

The survey authors caution that the time estimates are self-reported, and may be biased by workers' view of what the socially desirable response would be; the extent to which that bias may have changed, or been magnified, since 1977 is unknown. The authors also point out that time spent caring for children may overlap with time doing chores, like when a parent is talking to a child while doing the dishes.

BUT, THEY SAY, the data do seem to indicate a real shift in how much attention children of working parents are getting — although no effort was made to consider what parents actually do with their children in that time.

Still, 70 percent of working mothers and fathers say they do not have enough time to spend with their children. Despite the increased time men are putting in, 56 percent of employed mothers said they wished the fathers would spend more time with their children, and 43 percent wished the men would do more household chores.

The Families and Work Institute survey found that working fathers spend an average of 2.3 workday hours caring for, and doing things with, their children, a half-hour more than the average reported in the Department of Labor survey 20 years ago. Working mothers spend almost an hour more than the men with their children on workdays, but that time commitment has not changed significantly since 1977. On their days off, both working men and women are spending about an hour more with their children than they did 20 years ago, with women devoting about 8 hours, and men 6.

Men are also spending more time, and women less, on household work that they did 20 years — and both sexes spend less time on personal activities than they used to. Over the last 20 years, women's workday time on chores has decreased by about half an hour a day, to 2.8 hours, while men's time has increased by nearly an hour to 2.1 hours in 1997.

Men spend about an hour and a half on personal activities on an average workday, half an hour less than 20 years ago. And women have about an hour and a quarter of personal time a day, down a little less than a half hour since 1977.

Elder care was a widespread responsibility. A quarter of those surveyed had provided care to an elderly relative during the preceding year. More than one-third of them had reduced their work hours or taken time off to provide that care, and men were just as likely as employed women to have done so. Workers with elder care responsibility spend an average of nearly 11 hours a week providing assistance, with men and women putting in equal time.

"Eldercare is the demographic avalanche that's coming," Ms. Galinsky said.

EMPLOYEES GENERALLY are working 3.5 hours a week longer than they did 20 years ago — and 13 percent have more than one job.

On average, men work 49 hours a week while women, who are more likely to have part-time jobs, average 42. Men with children under 18 work slightly longer hours than other men, while women with children under 18 work fewer hours than other women.

Among men and women alike, 63 percent say they would like to work fewer hours, an increase of 17 percentage points since the Families and Work Institute asked the question in a 1992 survey.

The survey, conducted for the institute by Louis Harris and Associates, is the largest and most comprehensive recent study of its kind, based on 3,551 telephone interviews with a nationally representative sample of employed adults. The margin of sampling error is plus or minus 2 percentage points. The 1977 survey, based on 1,515 face-to-face interviews, had a margin of sampling error of plus or minus 3 percentage points.

Employees have less sense of job security than in the past. Compared to the 1977 survey, more workers said their jobs required them to work very hard and very fast, and that they never had enough time to get everything done. Today's workers are also much more likely than their 1977 counterparts to bring work home.

The rise in dual-income couples since 1977 has been dramatic: two-thirds of the married male employees with children under 18 now have employed spouses, compared with slightly under half in 1977. When one member of a dual-income family has to take time off to care for a sick child, 83 percent of mothers say they are likely to be the one to take time off; only 22 percent of the fathers make that claim.

IRA fugitives appeal ruling for extradition

N.Y. Times News Service

SAN FRANCISCO — Despite the new accord to restore peace in Northern Ireland, three Irish nationalist fugitives are battling extradition 15 years after they escaped from a British prison and made their way to the United States.

Terence Kirby, 41, Kevin Artt, 38, and Pol Brennan, 44, were among 38 Irish Republican Army members and Republican sympathizers who broke out of the Maze Prison outside Belfast in 1983.

Losers at the district court level in their extradition fight, they are awaiting a ruling from the U.S. 9th Circuit Court of Appeals.

The defendants contend that sending them to Britain means certain persecution and possible injury or death at the hands of hostile prison authorities and inmates. Britain regards all three as violent terrorists, fairly convicted, who belong behind bars.

Kirby and Artt were convicted mainly on the basis of confessions that, their attorneys argued, were coerced by physical brutality, browbeating and trickery and should never have been admitted into evidence by the judges who tried their cases.

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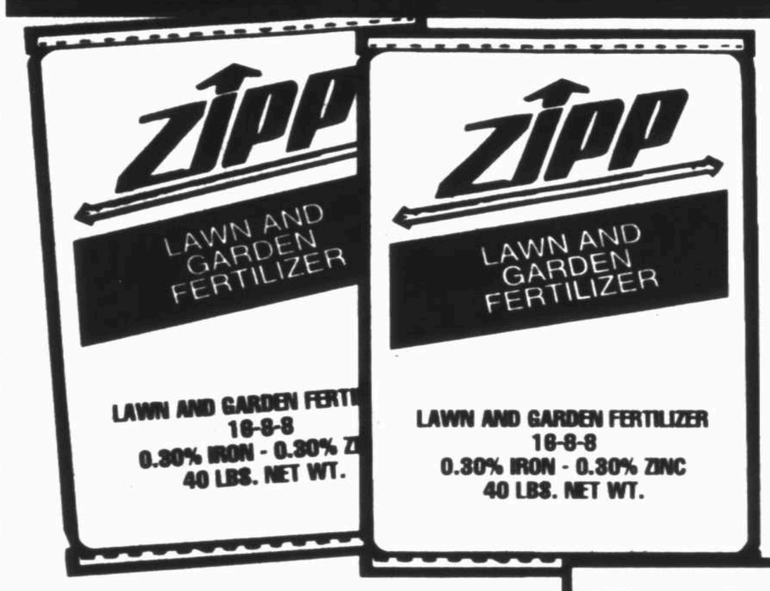

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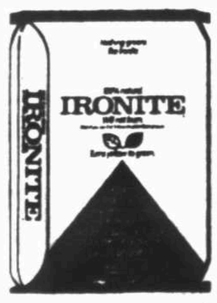

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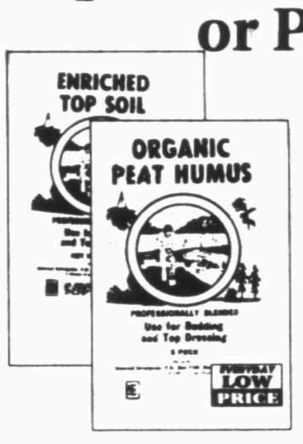

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FAMILY MATTERS

Readers respond to woman's plea for more marital intimacy

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR READERS: The following letters are representative of the letters we received commenting on "SEXLESS IN MIDLAND:"

DEAR FAMILY: Why do people have to have sex as the one thing always on their minds? My husband never read your column as far as I ever knew, but low and behold, there was the one on a woman who wanted more sex (placed) in by cereal bowl on Saturday morning. That led to another of his many gripe and whine sessions. I'm so sick of people acting like just because they don't get as much sex as they want, complaining to everyone else. Sex is private and should be kept that way. ENOUGH ALREADY

May

DEAR FAMILY: I would love to give the woman who wanted more sex my husband's telephone number. I'm sick and tired of his grabbing and groping me all the time and telling me there's something wrong with me because I don't like it. I'm also tired of his trying to have sex with me when I don't want to have sex.

I only have sex with him to shut him up. If I don't, then he's angry and won't talk to me for days. What a great sex life we have! Maybe SEXLESS's husband is like me, he's just sick and tired of the way she treats him so he doesn't want to have sex with her. TAKE HIM, HE'S ALL YOURS

DEAR FAMILY: My husband and I got a big kick out of the letter from SEXLESS IN MIDLAND. We used to be just like that until we went to a sex therapist and worked our sexual problems out. In therapy, we started off by looking at our family history and how we learned about sex. Then he gave us information (articles and several videos) to teach us more about sex. We were both adults and thought we knew all about sex, but we were wrong!

Just like you told SEXLESS, for us it was a combination of psychological and relational problems. Once we learned to talk about those problems, then our sex life got great.

So we *both* want to tell SEXLESS to go to a sex therapist and work on this *together*. A good sex life really adds to your marriage. SATISFIED TOGETHER

DEAR FAMILY: I think that you've been taken by some overactive teenagers. No woman in her right mind ever wanted more sex like that SEXLESS IN MIDLAND woman. You better wise up and be more careful about the letters you answer. OLDER AND WISER

DEAR READERS: Thank you for your responses to the column. We received more letters, but I think you get the idea.

Sexual interaction between a married couple is yet another form of communication within marriage. As such, it often suffers from the same problems as the other marital communications. There is one important difference: The marriage contract is binding on the sexual interaction in that, in virtually every other area of the relationship, either partner is allowed to find an acceptable substitute elsewhere — for example, friendship, food, shared feelings, religion and so on. In the sexual relationship, the marital contract requires exclusivity. Therefore, it is even more important that a couple learns to communicate satisfactorily in the sexual domain.

Sex within marriage offers the possibility for significant spiritual growth. Perhaps at no other level does each partner have to directly face his or her anxieties in order to say: "This is *me* and this is what *I* want." This process involves taking a significant risk of being rejected, ridiculed or worse. To be able to say: "I am not you, but I am *willing* to work closely and directly with you on this" is frightening for many people. It involves both differentiation of self and integration of the "two."

However, the process offers a significant opportunity to enhance and support each other's spirit when one's God-given sexuality is approached prayerfully.

God created sex and it is but another way that man and woman can be more spiritually connected. Sex is more than just plumbing and desire.

THE FOLLOWING TIPS ON "NURTURING YOUR CHILD" ARE OFFERED BY THE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

- Nurturing is the one most desirable quality of parenting.
- It is caring and nourishing.
- Nurturing is helping children grow healthy and strong.
- When family members are nurturing to themselves and to each other, discussion, disagreements, opinions, feelings and ideas can all be expressed without the worry of loss of respect, love or support by parents or children.

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

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

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DEAR ABBY

Grieving widower advises telling loved ones about feelings while you can

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: A few years ago I lost my beautiful wife of 43 years. Her name was Bonnie Mae. I loved Bonnie more than I could ever express on paper, but because I was uncomfortable putting it into words, I seldom told her so.

Van Buren

There were several things Bonnie and I wanted to do and places we wanted to visit — but somehow we always put them off until "next year," "next month" or some unspecified "later."

Unfortunately, life expectancy is not life assurance. After sitting at my wife's hospital bedside for 105 days, holding her hand and begging God not to take her from me, I suddenly found myself alone and experiencing searing regrets. I allowed the spoken endearments, the things to do and the shared adventures to be postponed until all I can do now is wail in anguish that those opportunities have been sealed off forever.

Readers, if you have someone you love dearly, please don't make the same mistakes I made. Tell her/him of your love often, and the things that you want to do and can afford to do — do them now. Don't let that loved one slip away, your dreams unrealized because of procrastination, or you'll regret it bitterly the rest of your life, as I am doing now. — GRIEVING FOR BONNIE MAE IN FLORIDA

DEAR GRIEVING: Please accept my condolences on the loss of your beloved wife. I have a feeling that Bonnie Mae knew how much you loved her, and she wouldn't want you to live with so much regret and sadness.

Your letter reminds me of a poem I have printed from time to time, and which is in my "Keepers" booklet, a collection of favorite poems, essays and letters. Its message bears repeating. Read on:

THE TIME IS NOW
(Author Unknown)

If you are ever going to love me,
Love me now, while I can know
The sweet and tender feelings
Which from true affection flow.
Love me now
While I am living.
Do not wait until I'm gone
And then have it chiseled in marble,
Sweet words on ice-cold stone.
If you have tender thoughts of me,
Please tell me now.
If you wait until I am sleeping,
Never to awaken,
There will be death between us,
And I won't hear you then.
So, if you love me, even a little bit,
Let me know it while I am living
So I can treasure it.

DEAR ABBY: My brother and his longtime girlfriend are being married. They have one child — a 3-year-old boy. I have two wedding etiquette questions.

Should photos of the "pre-existing" child be included in the wedding invitations?

Also, when registering for bridal gifts at the local stores, should they include things the child can use as well? The little boy will be involved in his parents' wedding. — WEDDING ROOKIE IN ARIZONA

DEAR WEDDING ROOKIE: It would be poor taste to include photos of the child (or the couple) in the wedding invitations.

Also, this is a wedding, not a child's birthday party, so the happy couple should not register for children's gifts.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Midlander to attend convention

Staff Reports

AUSTIN — Alexandria Rose of Midland has been elected a delegate to the 1998 Biennial Convention of American Association of Retired People (AARP), which is scheduled for June 1-4 in Minneapolis, Texas, with nearly 2 million AARP members, has 14 delegates.

Ms. Rose, who serves as District 10 coordinator for AARP, will participate in convention's business sessions and election of new members of the all-volunteer AARP board of directors.

Special session will be led by national celebrities such as Dr. Bob Arnot of NBC News; Dr. Nancy Snyderman of ABC News; Mary Matalin of "The Mary Matalin Show;" Louis Rukeyser of "Wall Street Week;" columnists Carl Rowan and Jane Bryant Quinn; environmentalist Robert F. Kennedy Jr.; former Senator Paul Simon; former U.S. Defense Secretary Caspar Weinberger; psychosexual therapist Dr. Ruth Westheimer; satirist Mark Russell and political consultant James Carville.

The convention will salute AARP's top volunteers with the presentation of five regional Community Spirit Awards.

AARP, a national organization for people aged 50 and older, serves members' needs through advocacy, research, programs and community services provided through a network of local chapters and volunteers.

Hospital's patients pampered in luxury

By Phil Galewitz
N.Y. Times News Service

PALM BEACH, Fla. — Take the elevator to the fifth floor at Good Samaritan Medical Center, turn right into the Newbern Suites and you enter a different world of health care.

The nurses station is made of mahogany. The hallways have parquet floors and the library holds all the latest best-sellers and a silver tea set.

In the 11 patient rooms, ornate flowered drapes outline windows that offer views of the Intracoastal Waterway, Palm Beach and the Atlantic Ocean. If patients get cold they can put on a complimentary terrycloth robe. If they want entertainment, they can slip a video into their VCR. If they need some help getting dressed or getting out of bed, they can simply ring for their patient companion.

And when they're hungry, they can order gourmet meals — smoked Scottish salmon with caper, red onions and egg, double medallion tenderloin of beef, Hagen Daz ice cream. Or, if that's not good enough, they can ask the concierge to order in from their favorite restaurant.

Call it health care Palm Beach style.

Good Samaritan opened the Newbern Suites in January 1997 to help boost its fund-raising by catering to the rich and famous, or anyone willing to shell out big money for extra pampering.

Individuals who join the hospital's Diplomate Program by making a $100,000 gift once or annually donating at least $10,000 get to stay in these swanky rooms for the price of a regular semi-private room — $400. Others must pay $750 to $900 a night, compared to the regular private room rates of $650.

"It had the same kind of feeling as the Ritz Carlton," said Don Cooke, 80, of Port St. Lucie. A member of the Diplomate Program, he stayed in the Newbern Suites in December when he had knee-replacement surgery.

Cooke, whose family owns the Washington Redskins, said the suites were a big factor behind deciding where to have his operation. His wife, Dot, slept on a pullout sofa in the room with him. On his last night at the hospital, he ordered out for some lobster and corn. "They made the most wonderful spread for us," he said.

HOSPITAL OFFICIALS stress that medical services at the Newbern Suites are no different than anywhere else at the 341-bed facility. They note that with two registered nurses serving the 11 private rooms, the nurse-patient ratio is the same as on other regular patient floors. "The difference is not the quality of care, but the ambiance of the space," said Dennis Stefanacci, senior vice president for philanthropy.

Faced with dwindling fees from Medicare, Medicaid and managed care, Good Samaritan officials said luxury suites are needed to entice donations to help the hospital offer services to the uninsured, pay for nurses in public school and help other needy patients.

"This program helps enhance our relationship with our donors," Stefanacci said.

About 250 people have joined the Diplomate Program since its start 18 months ago, helping Intracoastal Health Systems, owner of Good Samaritan and St. Mary's medical centers, raise more than $1.5 million. Most donors give because they want to support the hospital, not because they're looking for access to the suites, Stefanacci said. He noted that just 10 percent of the people who stay in the suites are hospital donors.

Hospitals around the country are increasingly building fancy VIP wards to meet the needs of exclusive clientele, differentiate themselves from competitors and stimulate donations, said Bill McGinly, president of the Association for Healthcare Philanthropy in Falls Church, Va.

In the past decade, more than a dozen major hospitals have opened special private suites for upper-class patients, including Johns Hopkins medical center in Baltimore, Cedars Sinai in Los Angeles and Mount Sinai Medical Center in New York. Several hospitals in Miami, including Baptist Hospital, have opened VIP suites to help cater to the international visitors.

Good Samaritan is the first hospital in Palm Beach County to offer luxury accommodations. It spent $300,000 to upgrade the suites area, which formerly was used for maternity patients.

OPERATING DELUXE suites can create the perception that the rich are getting preferential treatment, but such programs are necessary in the competition for donors, McGinly said.

Good Samaritan has done little to advertise the suites, where afternoon tea is served daily and which also offer fine linen and a refrigerator stocked to a patient's specifications.

Still, patient response to the Newbern Suites has surpassed Good Samaritan's expectations. About 150 patients were treated in the suites in the first three months of 1998. The suites ran about half full during the past year, slightly below the overall hospital average.

The suites can handle all patients except those needing maternity, cancer or intensive care. The Newbern Suites are named for Walter Newbern, a surgeon who worked at Good Samaritan for more than 40 years before his death in 1988.

Despite the hospital's contention that the suites don't give patients better health care, those who have stayed there say the environment aided their recovery.

"When the surroundings are pleasant, obviously it is very helpful," said Alexander Beal, 89, of Palm Beach.

Also a Diplomate, he stayed in the suites in early December while recovering from pneumonia.

"Whatever I wanted they got for me," he said. "If I wanted stone crabs, they got me stone crabs. If I wanted steak, they got me steak."

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THE BIRTHPLACE AT WESTWOOD
4214 Andrews Highway

PRIME TIME

PRIME TIME CALENDAR

CASA DE AMIGOS

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

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

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

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

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

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

MIDLAND YMCAs

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

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

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

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

■ By appointment, Specialized Strength Training for Seniors.

Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:

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

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

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

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

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

■ Friday: 9-10 a.m. aqua aerobics.

Water therapy by appointment.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

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

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

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

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

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

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

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 681-7636. Activities for April 20-24 include:

■ Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 9:30 a.m. art class; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. ceramics for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. line dancing for fun; 11 a.m. blood pressure clinic; 11:30 a.m. lunch and Medicare changes program; 12:30 p.m. art class; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes, cards, billiards and ladies billiards; 1:30 p.m. ATAC exercise class.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics class and Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

■ Thursday: 9 a.m. prescription help, billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:30 a.m. country/western dancing and country line dancing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards; 1:30 p.m. ATAC exercise class.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 10 a.m. bingo; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, cards and dominoes.

Tickets for the May Volunteer Appreciation Banquet, planned for 6 p.m. May 1 at the center, are on sale at the center. Prescription assistance is available 9-11 a.m. Thursday. Participants need to bring proof of income and empty prescription bottles.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 5212 Sinclair. For more information call 699-5825. Weekday schedule includes:

■ 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, dominoes, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., discussion, current events, Dear Abbey, devotion prayers; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.

■ Men's bowling, second Friday of each month; women's shopping trips, first Friday of each month.

Birthday parties and visits by the Kitchenettes are monthly.

Licensed professional staff includes nurses, activities director and certified nurses aides present daily. Transportation is insured.

COM AQUATICS SENIORS AND THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE

City of Midland Aquatics has programs of water exercise for seniors. The schedule is:

■ Monday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; 8 a.m.-noon, aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic deep aerobics; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.

■ Tuesday: 7-9:30 a.m. water walking; 9:30-10 a.m. stretch and strengthen; 10 a.m.-noon aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic aerobics; 12:30-1:30 p.m. arthritis plus; 7-8 p.m. healthy happy hour.

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■ Saturday: 11 a.m.-noon water walking.

CITY OF MIDLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

Recreation and leisure activities at Hillcrest Manor, Langtry Village and Parker Place are managed by City of Midland Housing Authority and coordinated through Community and Senior Services. The schedule is:

■ Tuesday: 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place; 1:45 p.m. exercise at Hillcrest Manor; 3:30 p.m. senior update at Hillcrest Manor.

■ Wednesday: 2 p.m. bingo at Hillcrest Manor.

■ Thursday: 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place; 1:45 p.m. exercise at Hillcrest Manor; 3 p.m. bingo at Langtry Village.

RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is recruiting persons 55 years and older to volunteer with non-profit agencies. RSVP will match volunteers' skills and interests to community agencies' needs. The program is sponsored by Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair. For more information, call 689-6693. A sample of current opportunities include:

■ Area Agency on Aging needs 20 omsbudsmen to work in area nursing facilities. Omsbudsmen are advocates for quality care who provide residents information on their rights, and investigate and resolve complaints. Schedule is flexible, two hours per week; 14-hour training provided.

■ March of Dimes needs volunteers to make telephone calls to area businesses and individuals requesting donations and sponsorships for Walk America. Special function; two to three days only; flexible schedule.

■ Midland SPCA needs clerks to help out at thrift store, assisting customers with merchandise, folding and sorting clothing or checking out items. Shift are 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. All profits go to help the animals.

Retirement years filled with activity

By Lana Cunningham

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Betty Lewis, 70-something, doesn't let retirement slow her down. After working for a local attorney for 33 years, she retired — but went back to work on a part-time basis, in order to have time to enjoy her many and varied interests, which include playing tennis, learning to play musical instruments, attending elderhostels, riding the bicycle, gardening and traveling.

The brown leather case lay open, revealing the viola — its strings silent but not its owner.

"I spent three and a half hours this morning giving my lawn a a haircut," Betty Lewis said with a laugh.

Her life is a symphony of activity. She still works at an office, but now the septuagenarian also spends her spare time playing several musical instruments, swinging a tennis racket, gardening, bicycling or traveling. "I don't see any reason to just sit and watch TV," she said.

When Ms. Lewis came to Midland in 1951, the city was booming with growth. She had visited the city when her father worked as a plumber at the Air Base during World War II. Although her parents had settled in Odessa, the daughter preferred life in the Tall City. Eventually, Ms. Lewis found a job she loved — as legal secretary for attorney Tom Sealy. She worked for him 33 years until his death.

"After he died, I retired. But now I work for two of his clients. It's flexible hours — I can take off and go play tennis," she laughed.

As a child, she picked up a tennis racket and never let go. "I like to play tennis twice a week. I just got back from College Station where I played on a senior team from Abilene. We won! And we're going to win State in September. Then when we win, we'll go to Nationals, which probably will be held in Palm Springs," she said with optimism. "Of course, I said that last year too."

She plays in the 70-and-over category. "I feel like any time I can walk on the court, that I've won."

Bicycling, another childhood hobby, has been an on-and-off activity in recent years. "About 15 years ago I bought a bike and tooled around. Then I saw an ad about a bicycle tour in Vermont in the fall. I had always wanted to go to Vermont and see the fall foliage and stay in a country inn. I went on that trip and did all three. It was fun."

Once Ms. Lewis "retired," she found time to add gardening to her score. "I've always piddled around" and another couple became her inspiration for gardening. She is a member of the Native Plant Society and then joined the Master Gardeners in 1992. "I just decided to take off work and do it. I learn something new every year."

But that doesn't mean she always has time to follow its teachings. Admittedly, her lawn had needed that haircut in January. Although she likes a lush garden, she's opting for the native plants. Ms. Lewis can list various plants in her yard that tolerate heat and lack of water and adapt well to West Texas, such as a Prairie zinnia. "It makes a great ground cover and is very drought tolerant."

The open viola case sang of another song in Ms. Lewis' repertoire of activity. In one room of her house is a piano and an organ and a music stand. Since the Midland College Jazz Band was organized, she has been a member. "I play several instruments, none well," she laughed. In the Jazz Band, she plays trumpet. In her spare time, she is taking viola lessons.

"My cat won't let me practice. My teacher said that's the first time she'd heard that excuse. But the cat crawls up on my neck and shoulders and won't let me play."

Many years ago, she even played the organ one evening a week at Furr's Cafeteria in Odessa. "I did it on a dare. The first couple of times it was fun. After the third week, it ceased being fun." She hung in there a year before quitting.

The Jazz Band is different, giving Ms. Lewis contact with other music lovers. "This is a way for people to pick up their instrument again" after putting it down to work and raise a family. "Music is a hobby for me, a relaxant. You don't have to be good to enjoy it."

That same theory applies to the courses she takes with Elderhostel. "I've been to about 18 classes, most of them musically related. We rehearse for a week and then play for a dinner dance." These classes have taken her to Carmel Valley, Calif.; Fort Townsend, Wash.; Newport Beach, R.I.; and Colorado State University near Fort Collins. Ms. Lewis keeps meeting some of the same people at these elderhostels and now has a chorus of friends around the country.

Music always has been a high note in her life and it started with her mother. "She was a musician and played for the old silent picture shows in Chilicothe," she explained. "I have all her music. My mother was a very good pianist — it would take me years to play that music. No, I have no talent but I got my interest from her."

Ms. Lewis' days are composed of exactly what she wants to do — in addition to some office work. "You might as well keep contributing as long as you can," she said.

Meanwhile, her symphony keeps playing on.

COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS

Active, informed lifestyle benefits retirees

By Alexandria L. Rose

Now that the warmer weather — and spring winds — are upon us, what does our community have to offer to help chase away the winter blues?

Just take a peek outside as you drive by the many city parks and you will see increased activity everywhere.

Perhaps, for seniors, this is one natural cure for the 6 million who reportedly suffer from depression. Go on a picnic, take a walk, just sit for a while under an old shade tree, but get out!

For those of you who enjoy ball games, you certainly have your choice.

There is ball for the very young, for high school students, and of course, there are those Angels who continue to make Midland proud. A hot dog, a soft drink and a bag of popcorn while watching the game and cheering for the home team is a sure-fire way to forget whatever might be bothering you.

For many, therapy comes in the form of working in the yard or garden. There seems to be no greater pleasure than working with Mother Earth and ending up with a colorful, beautiful plot of land, especially if that area is near the spot where you sit and relax in the evening.

The aroma of outdoor cooking seems to penetrate the air as we wave winter goodbye and welcome spring — or shall we say summer in this part of the country. Outdoor cooking and friends and neighbors just seem to go together.

The lines at the ice cream stores just multiply overnight. Nothing like those colorful flavors you can buy except for the homemade variety that you make in your own backyard.

Whatever you do as you enter this new season, be sure that you keep informed about the issues that are important to you and your future, such as Social Security and Medicare.

Let's make sure that Midland seniors are up to date on what the government is proposing.

We are not off the hook no matter what the season — we must keep informed. The American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) offers much factual information from Washington. Become a member!

Alexandria L. "Alex" Rose is district coordinator for the American Association of Retired Persons.

Medigap insurance for seniors fading

By Alex Pham
N.Y. Times News Service

Ten years ago, Ida Santangelo paid $47.89 a month for Medex Gold, an insurance policy that helps pay for prescription drugs, doctors visits, and hospital stays that are not covered by her Medicare.

Today, Santangelo, 76, pays $228.30 a month. Her monthly premium could increase to $278.20 — that would be an increase of more than 480 percent over the years.

As much as her premiums have soared, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Massachusetts, which sells Medex, insists its costs have gone up even faster. The result has been $325 million in losses on Medex alone since 1987, according to the state's largest insurer.

The good news for Blue Cross is that those losses likely will end soon. The bad new for seniors is that so will Medex, at least as elderly consumers now know it. And regulators, consumer advocates, and Blue Cross are only just beginning to acknowledge the obvious - this type of coverage, known as medigap insurance, is likely to disappear over the next few years as an option for all but the most wealthy seniors who can afford the sky-high premiums.

Though the deterioration of the medigap market has gone on for years, two recent events indicate that the end is near. The first is a proposal by Blue Cross to spin off debt-ridden Medex from the company's more profitable managed care business, raising consumers' fears that Blue Cross is abandoning the medigap market. Meanwhile, seniors received news that Bankers Life of Chicago would no longer sell new medigap policies in Massachusetts as of Jan. 31. The departure left Blue Cross as the state's only general provider of medigap insurance.

THE MEDEX CRISIS parallels a similar scenario being played out on a national stage in what insurers call the "death spiral." As premiums rise, healthy seniors drop their medigap coverage, leaving behind sicker seniors with costlier medical bills. That jacks up premiums even higher, perpetuating the cycle.

This prospect terrifies Santangelo. A widow, she has been with Blue Cross most of her life and, like many seniors, is loathe to give up the sense of security that its Medex coverage conveys. "Down the line, it looks pretty bleak," Santangelo said. After a long pause, she adds: "But I just don't know what I'm going to do."

In its heyday, Medex's grip on the senior health insurance market was indisputable. In 1987, nearly 300,000 people — about one in three seniors in Massachusetts — bought Medex to help pay bills not covered by Medicare, including prescription drugs, hospital and doctor deductibles, and a 20 percent copayment. Today, the number of seniors who buy Medex has dropped by half, to 158,000.

Medex Gold, a plan that pays for unlimited prescription drugs, has undergone a more dramatic drop — from 245,367 seniors in 1988 to 65,408 at the end of 1997. The figure will surely drop more if Blue Cross's latest rate increase request for March is approved.

SENIORS WHO CONTINUE to buy medigap plans tend to have higher medical bills. One of those is Mary S. Enos, 87, who takes nine prescription drugs to treat a thyroid disorder, high blood pressure, and glaucoma. She pays $166.33 a month for Medex. Enos estimates her drugs cost "more than $200 a month," but she is not sure because she has to make only a nominal copayment; Medex picks up the rest.

"That's why I buy Medex," Enos said. "Without it, I can't afford to pay for the drugs and medical bills."

Neither can Blue Cross, without continuing to raise rates. The cycle cannot go on much longer, experts say. "As healthier people continue to drop out and sicker people stay in, premiums continue to go up, and you create a death spiral," said Michael Miller, policy director of Health Care for All, a consumer advocacy group. "If this continues, I would put Medex on the endangered species list."

Five years ago, a half-dozen insurers sold medigap policies in Massachusetts. Today, only Blue Cross continues to sell policies to any senior who applies. Three other insurers sell only to members of particular organizations, including the American Association of Retired Persons and certain military groups.

To be sure, seniors have options if they cannot buy medigap. They can, for example, join one of several health maintenance organization plans that have sprung up in recent years geared to seniors. Many HMOs offer unlimited prescription drug benefits for much lower premiums, between $65 and $170 a month.

But HMOs are not suitable for all seniors, said Nancy Turnbull, professor at the Harvard School of Public Health. "There are seniors for whom HMOs are not an option," she said. Seniors who travel during winter months, for example, will not be covered for out-of-state, routine care under an HMO. Seniors may also have to give up several doctors with whom they have close ties when they join an HMO with a restricted list of doctors. This is particularly difficult for seniors with chronic illnesses who rely on multiple specialists, she said.

To preserve their freedom, an increasing number of seniors retain their Medicare and go without supplemental medigap insurance. Twenty percent of seniors with Medicare do not have medigap coverage, Turnbull said. As medigap premiums continue to rise, that number will go up, she said.

A recent report by the Gerontology Institute at the University of Massachusetts Boston concludes, "Without additional public policy intervention, comprehensive medigap policies will not be affordable for all but the wealthiest elders."

Asked whether Medex will become a luxury item for the wealthy, Peter Meade, an executive vice president of Blue Cross, replied, "We may already be there." In Lynn, where the average annual per capita income is $13,000, just 101 residents buy Medex, according to Meade. In Marblehead, where the average income is $30,600, among the highest in the state, 1,362 residents buy Medex.

What can be done to save Medex? Past proposals to bail out the medigap market have gone nowhere. Discussions about subsidies for low-income seniors to buy medigap coverage have foundered over disagreements about who should get the subsidy and how the government should pay for it. Turnbull said. Besides, she added, subsidies would only slow down the death spiral.

TWO YEARS AGO, Blue Cross floated a proposal to phase out plans offering unlimited drug benefits, replacing them with plans that cap drug benefits at specific levels. That proposal died, partly because unlimited drug benefits are so popular with seniors.

In 1994, Massachusetts tried to change the medigap market, forcing all insurers, not just Blue Cross, to insure all qualified applicants, regardless of age or health. The idea was to encourage insurers to create a viable market around medigap. Instead, insurers dropped out like flies. The last one to bail out, Bankers Life, cited "extraordinary losses" as its reason for exiting Massachusetts as of Jan. 31.

Miller and Turnbull believe that some things can still be done to prolong the life of the medigap market. One would be to require all plans that offer Medex to offer drug coverage. That would combine sicker seniors who buy drug coverage with healthier seniors who tend to buy medigap plans with no drug benefit. Another possibility is to revive the subsidy, which would make coverage accessible to more seniors.

Either proposal would require legislative action. But if nothing is done, most experts agree the medigap market will continue to spiral out of reach for the vast majority of seniors.

Doctors, clergy agree that faith and healing go hand in hand

By Jim Jones
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

FORT WORTH — Tiny, blue-eyed Kirsten Ely cupped her hands in silent prayer as she began the ordeal of a bone marrow transplant.

"She said she prays to her Jesus and feels better," said her mother, Amy Ely, who believes that prayer and faith are helping as her 6-year-old daughter battles leukemia.

Kirsten was not expected to live when diagnosed with cancer three years ago, but her leukemia is in remission as she receives treatment at Cook Children's Medical Center in Fort Worth, Texas.

"We think Kirsten has survived by the hand of God," said her mother, who told of countless prayers for her daughter by people at her home church in Arlington, Texas, and across the nation.

The mix of faith and healing is not new to Ann Redmond, chaplain at Cook Children's. She said her hospital solicits prayers for patients because she and many others are convinced it is a major help in the healing process.

What is new is that many American physicians who once scoffed at mixing faith and medicine are beginning to champion the idea that belief in a higher power and prayer can give comfort from suffering, speed healing and make one healthier.

At a recent conference on Spirituality and Healing in Medicine, sponsored in Houston by Harvard Medical School, more than 600 physicians, nurses, psychiatrists, psychologists and hospital chaplains heard that the wall between religion and medicine is breaking down.

"The times they are a-changing," said Dr. David B. Larson, president of the National Institute for Healthcare Research in Rockville, Md., quoting a well-known pop tune.

Larson said 40 out of 120 medical schools in the United States now have courses on spirituality and medicine. None in Texas do, he said.

"Spirituality is all over the place," Larson said, alluding to recent scientific studies saying that spiritual beliefs — or just attending a church, synagogue or mosque on a regular basis — contribute to better health.

Larson, 50, an Episcopalian, said he plans to change his ways and start going to church more regularly.

"The studies clearly show that finding God is good for you," he said.

Dr. Paul Bowman, medical director of hematology/oncology at Cook Children's, who has a warm friendship with Kirsten Ely, said faith and spirituality can be a major factor in alleviating patients' stress and suffering.

"We make sure that option is included in our original assessment of patients," he said. "Some don't want to have anything to do with it, but many find it a great help."

Bowman said more physicians are open to including faith options in treatment partly because of the studies linking faith and healing, and also because a better-educated public insists on exploring all options in their medical care.

"We encourage people to draw strength from their faith, but we discourage them from depending solely on religion to heal them," Bowman said. "In some cases we have had families wanting to rely just on faith. But in my experience I have seen few miracles that did not also include medical treatment."

Dr. Dale Matthews told those at the Houston conference that religion can have positive and negative effects on healing. But the negative aspects he reported only come when people refuse medical treatment for religious reasons.

Among the most dramatic results reported at the meeting:

— Open-heart surgery patients are 12 times more likely to survive if they have religious faith and social support. A Dartmouth Medical School study tracked 232 older patients for six months.

— Mortality rates are 25 percent lower for men and 35 percent lower for women who attend religious services once a week or more. The results came from a 28-year study by the University of California at Berkeley. The study noted that churchgoers are more likely to have more social contacts, exercise more, quit smoking, drink less alcohol and remain married.

— People who attend church or synagogue once a week are more likely to live longer, possibly because they are only half as likely to have high levels of interleukin-6 in their blood, which weakens the immune system. The study was from Duke University Medical Center.

AMY ELY DOESN'T have to be convinced that prayer, even from a distance, can help.

As her daughter shyly smiled behind a white "prayer bear" given to her when she arrived for treatment at Cook Children's, Amy Ely described how Grace Community Church in Arlington, where the Elys formerly were members, began regular prayers for Kirsten and the effort spread to other churches.

"It's incredible," said Ely, whose family has since moved to Kerrville in southwest central Texas. "You don't need newspapers or television to let people know a child is in trouble."

The wave of interest in healing and spirituality seems to be affecting a range of religious groups.

Many American churches have always emphasized healing, particularly Pentecostal, Christian Science and Assembly of God congregations and charismatic churches that emphasize spiritual gifts.

But more liberal mainline Protestant churches have begun holding regular services with healing rituals as well.

Meadowbrook United Methodist Church in Fort Worth held its first service of intentional healing last week. A "healing team" laid hands on people who came forward and anointed their foreheads with oil, making the sign of the cross.

"When we see so much suffering in the world, we look for ways to alleviate it," said Roby McEuen, a member of the Meadowbrook healing team.

During the service, one man asked for prayers for the headaches and neck pain that had plagued him for more than a year.

The practice of anointing people with oil comes from James 5: 13-15, which states: "Is anyone among you suffering? ... Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord."

Karen McKinney, 45, a member of the Meadowbrook healing team, said she asked to join a healing ritual when she learned she might require surgery for a shoulder problem diagnosed as a torn rotator cuff.

"I don't want to claim any miraculous faith healing, but when I went back to the doctor after the prayers he found the rotator cuff wasn't torn," she said.

Two United Methodist ministers, the Rev. Annette Sowell, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Crowley, and the Rev. Jimmy Finley, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Cleburne, have been certified by the denomination as area trainers for healing teams.

Sowell, who trained the Meadowbrook team, holds healing services at 6 p.m. on the third Sunday of every month at her church at 509 W. Peach St. in Crowley. Finley conducts healing services at 7 p.m. each Sunday.

A Fort Worth participant in the Houston conference, Doug Dickens, associate professor at Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, praised physicians who have taken a stand on the importance of spirituality.

"Dr. Herbert Benson really went out on a limb in the beginning and risked his career by championing this," Dickens said. Benson directed the Houston conference.

Dickens, who teaches pastoral counseling and helps train hospital chaplains, said physicians such as Benson had the courage to admit that the medical community had been missing something.

Benson, a Harvard Medical School professor who has led six similar well-attended conferences since 1995, said physicians have been convinced by a growing body of scientific evidence indicating that faith matters in recovering from illness.

He is best-known for his "relaxation response" studies linking repetitive prayers, chants and other religious words to lowering of heart rate, brain wave responses, rate of breathing and other physical responses.

But Benson said he now believes the "faith factor" goes beyond just providing relaxation from stress.

"We have discovered that what is going on inside us, deep in our hearts, matters in our physiology," he told the group.

At the conference, other speakers included a Buddhist scholar, a Roman Catholic priest, a Jewish rabbi and an Assembly of God minister.

At one point the physicians chanted "Ommmm..." with the Buddhist and later enthusiastically sang a Jewish worship and healing hymn led by Rabbi Simkha Y. Weintraub, rabbinic director of the New York Jewish Healing Center.

"Pay attention to the spontaneous outcry of the soul," the rabbi declared.

Pollster George Gallup outlined statistics showing the strong place of religion in America and predicted that spirituality will receive more attention in the second millennium.

"The focus of the 20th century has been on outer space, but the focus of the 21st century may well be on inner space," Gallup said.

Larry Dossey, a former Dallas physician of internal medicine and author of "Healing Words: The Power of Prayer & the Practice of Medicine," got in on the ground floor of the medicine and spirituality movement.

"When I was practicing in Dallas, I was an agnostic and very skeptical of all this," he said.

Ten years ago, he said, he never considered praying for patients. But he was won over by research data. Later, Dossey included a prayer ritual at his office before he saw patients.

"It's just exploding," he said of the spirituality and medicine movement. "This is not going away as some skeptics predicted. We can't put this genie back in the bottle."

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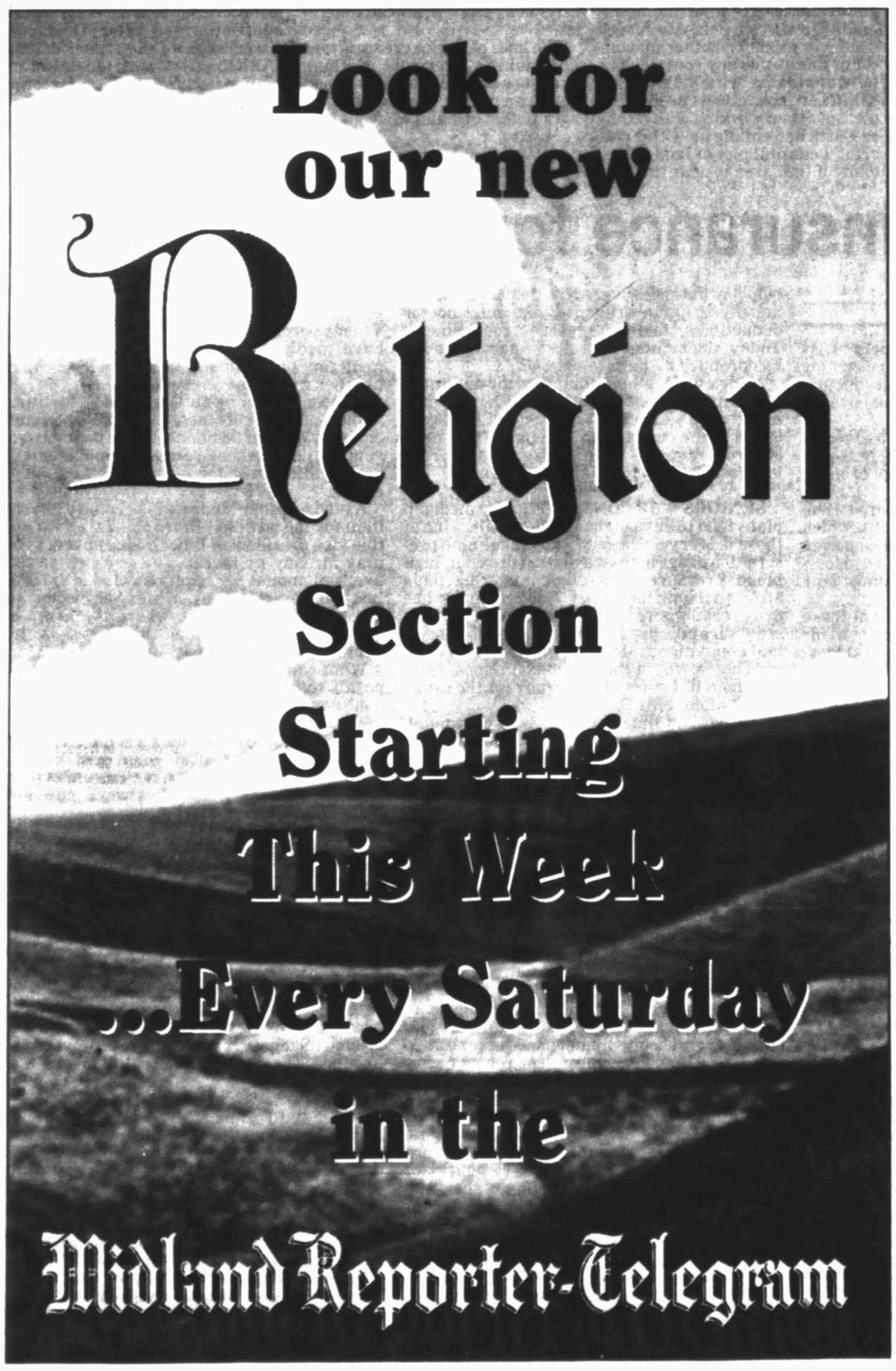

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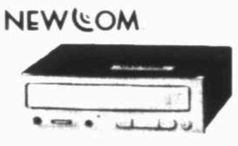

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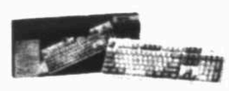

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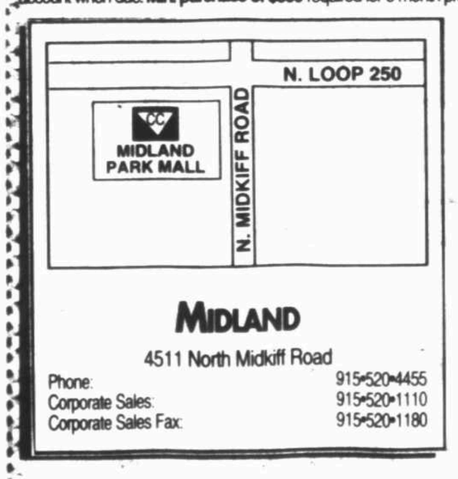

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What may be real Titanic necklace to be shown in Houston

By Clifford Pugh
Houston Chronicle

HOUSTON — As the Titanic began to sink 86 years ago Wednesday, Henry Morley clung to his young lover, Kate Phillips, until crew members separated them and thrust her into the last lifeboat leaving the doomed ship.

Morley, a 39-year-old British shop owner, remained on board and went down with the ship, along with about 1,500 others who were drowned in the world's most famous disaster.

With her dreams of starting a new life in the United States broken, Phillips, a 19-year-old shop assistant, returned to England with her memories and a small sapphire-and-diamond necklace that Morley had given her a few days before his death.

None of the Titanic-themed books currently on best-seller lists, including "A Night to Remember," "The Night Lives On" and "James Cameron's Titanic," mentions the incident. Cameron, who directed the movie, has said that the movie's shipboard romance never happened.

BUT ELLEN "Betsy" Walker insists that the movie saga bears some resemblance to her parents' story.

Now 85 and living in England, she claims Phillips as her mother and Morley as her father. She was born almost nine months to the day after the ship went down, and she believes that her parents conceived her during the fateful voyage.

She has yet to see the blockbuster movie; she's waiting for the video to come out.

Organizers of the International Gem & Jewelry Show, which will feature the necklace this weekend at the Astroarena in Houston, believe Walker's story is grounded in fact. About 100 other items from the Titanic will also be shown.

In an effort to confirm it, Roxane Duke, vice president of the Rockville, Md.-based company that puts on the traveling gem show, scoured newspaper articles and logs showing that Phillips and Morley were on the ship under assumed names.

Duke also relied on the reputation of Philip Croucher, a British dealer in Titanic memorabilia, who bought the necklace from Walker seven years ago for about $840.

"I have no reason to doubt what she says is true," Croucher said from his home in Southampton, England. "Betsy Walker has nothing to gain. Why should she lie?"

The necklace is only one of several with which people have sought to capitalize on the popularity of the Academy Award-winning movie.

Leading the list is the heart-shaped necklace, which became a focal point of the movie.

But it's a fake.

CAMERON WANTED a necklace that would bring to mind the deep-blue, heart-shaped 45.5-carat Hope Diamond, which had a cursed history before landing at the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

So production designer Peter Lamont commissioned Asprey jewelers of London to create a one-of-a-kind necklace, dubbed "The Heart of the Ocean." It was made largely of cubic zirconium.

When the movie became a runaway hit, Asprey decided to handcraft a real necklace and donate it to charity. But the jewelers couldn't find a rare blue diamond large enough for the necklace, so they settled on a golf-ball-sized, 165-carat sapphire from Sri Lanka.

The necklace was auctioned for $2.2 million at a gala honoring the late Princess Diana last month in Los Angeles. The anonymous buyer lent the necklace to Celine Dion, who wore it while singing the movie's theme song at the Academy Awards ceremony two nights later.

"The Heart of the Ocean" also generated an authorized mass-market reproduction sold by J. Peterman, a mail-order company that sends out distinctive catalogs using mostly drawings instead of photographs.

The movie also spawned an unapproved knockoff called "Jewel of the Sea" from an Ohio-based mail-order company called Lindenwold Fine Jewelers. The company, which has marketed its $19 necklace in Titanic-themed newspaper ads featuring a DiCaprio look-alike, says it has received "thousands" of orders.

But it was unable to fill them after 20th Century Fox filed suit against the parent company, Suarez Corp. Industries, alleging trademark and copyright infringements.

Fox claims that only official licensees such as J. Peterman can offer reproductions of the necklace. A judge issued an injunction prohibiting Lindenwold from selling its version.

The manufacturer denies that the trinket is a knockoff. "The one in the movie is larger and not wearable. This one is very wearable," Lindenwold vice president Rodney Napier told Entertainment Weekly magazine.

The suit is scheduled to go to trial in a New York federal court.

DUKE, THE GEM-SHOW organizer, said the necklace once owned by Walker was not inspired by the movie.

"The necklace in the movie was some big glamorous thing. This is a small necklace. But back then, it was something special," she explained.

Now dubbed "Love of the Sea," the necklace is simple, highlighted with a small rectangular sapphire surrounded by tiny cut diamonds.

Duke plans a limited number of reproductions for sale at $1,200-$1,500.

According to some accounts, Morley gave the necklace to Phillips when they were aboard the Titanic. Traveling under assumed names as Mr. and Mrs. Marshall, the two were second-class passengers with a big secret.

Morley had left his wife and 12-year-old daughter to run off to America with Phillips, an assistant at one of the candy shops he owned.

A listing of passengers in the book "A Night to Remember" indicates that a Mr. Marshall drowned and a Kate Marshall survived.

After being rescued, Phillips returned to England, as she had no friends or family in the United States. On Jan. 13, 1913, nearly nine months after the disaster, she gave birth out of wedlock to a daughter, Ellen.

Walker said she was 18 before she heard her mother mention her father. She recalled that she had mouthed off to her mother the way teen-agers sometimes do, and it triggered a response that stunned her.

"She said, 'Don't look at me like that. That's how your father looked at me when they drug me off the Titanic and put me in the lifeboat.' That's the only time she mentioned my father," Walker said.

The subject of her father never came up again, even when her mother gave her the necklace. Walker was in her 20s at the time.

"She said, 'You might as well have this. I haven't got any more use for it.' And that was that."

Her mother died in 1957, at age 64, after being institutionalized, Walker said.

Walker regrets that she never spoke at length with her mother about her father.

"If you could have your life over again, well, that's one thing I would alter," she said. "I think she would have been better if she had talked about things. She could have got it out of her system. If you're in a disaster today, you get counseling. These people on the Titanic never got any counseling."

Walker married a London bus driver and had a long career as a civil-service worker at the Passport Office. After retirement, she returned to Worcestershire, where she had spent part of her childhood.

In 1991, she sold the possessions her mother had taken from the Titanic — the necklace and a sealskin purse containing two trunk keys — to Croucher because she needed the money.

Even though she might have made a lot more if she had held on to the items, she doesn't mind that they're gone, she said.

"I'm not really one for jewelry, you know?"

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TEXAS LEAGUE — Midland Angels at Wichita Wranglers, 7 p.m. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).
PREP TRACK — District 4-5A Meet, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa.
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PREP SOFTBALL — Midland Lee at San Angelo Central, 4:30 p.m.

4-5A Tennis

The District 4-5A Tennis Tournament has been moved from the Odessa College tennis center to the courts at Odessa High School. The tournament was reportedly moved because of better court conditions at OHS. First round matches begin at 8 a.m. today with the boys singles competition.
The tournament continues on Saturday with semifinal and championship matches. The top two winners from each division qualify for regional competition in Lubbock later this month.
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'Horn in good hands

AUSTIN — Texas running back Ricky Williams has insured his future after deciding to turn down millions in the NFL and return for his senior season with the Longhorns.
The nation's leading rusher last year has secured $2.8 million in insurance against the possibility of serious injury.
In 1990, the NCAA, seeking to give college football players a reason to stay in school for their senior seasons, began offering Exceptional Student-Athlete Disability Insurance policies against injuries that could end their pro prospects.
The program covers athletes projected to be taken in the first three rounds of the NFL or NHL drafts and the first rounds of the NBA and Major League Baseball amateur drafts.
These projections are made after the underwriter consults with pro scouts. With the emergence of the Women's NBA and the American Basketball League, the NCAA is working to make policies available to women basketball players.
The policy was not the idea of Williams, but rather his mother and the Longhorns' men's athletics compliance coordinator, Leroy Sutherland.

Nashville tornado

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A tornado Thursday snapped three of four cranes at the Tennessee Oilers' new stadium, which is due to open in 1999, and a manager said a two-week delay in construction is expected.
The cranes fell into the middle of the 65,000-seat stadium, being built across from downtown. Operations manager Larry Staverman said the extent of the damage was unknown Thursday night.
"It's going to take us a while to get the cranes out of there," he said. "It's incredible that nobody was hurt. It's fantastic. The good Lord was looking after us."

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Colts see no immediate savior in top pick

By Hank Lowenkron
AP Sports Writer

INDIANAPOLIS — Whether it's Peyton Manning or Ryan Leaf, the Indianapolis Colts are clear on this: Neither quarterback will produce an immediate turnaround for the NFL's worst club.

"History has proven that rookies struggle in the NFL, and I anticipate that will be the case with Manning or Leaf," said Colts president Bill Polian, who is in charge of rebuilding a team that finished 3-13 last season.

"No rookie is ready to step in the NFL and play with any degree of confidence. It doesn't matter what they've accomplished as a college player, or how much they're paid."

Polian, who will make the decision that will begin the NFL draft Saturday, insisted Thursday he hasn't determined the answer.

Also on Thursday, he denied reports that he had started negotiations with Manning's agent.

"It was never true," Polian said of the report broadcast Wednesday by Indianapolis radio station WIBC. "It was a falsehood from the onset."

Polian said he had no plans to have the No. 1 pick signed before the draft.

"I talked with Tom Condon, who represents Peyton, earlier in the week about potential arrangements, and I'll talk with Mr. Steinberg's people, probably tomorrow," he said, referring to Leaf's agent, Leigh Steinberg.

Polian has been considering who to select since he was hired in December as club president and charged with rebuilding a team that went 3-13 last season.

"We still have questions to be answered," he said. "This is a very important decision, one that will affect the future of this franchise for a good long time. We're going to leave no stone untouched."

Polian decided months ago to go for a quarterback with the No. 1 pick, trading veterans Jim Harbaugh to Baltimore and Paul Justin to Cincinnati. He's been screening Manning and Leaf for months.

"Two players are coming out of college with a lot of hype, and they're going to make a lot of money," Polian said. "They'll struggle as rookies, just like every rookie who plays the position."

Polian, who built Buffalo and Carolina into contenders, calls any draft a gamble.

"Only about 50 percent of those selected in the first

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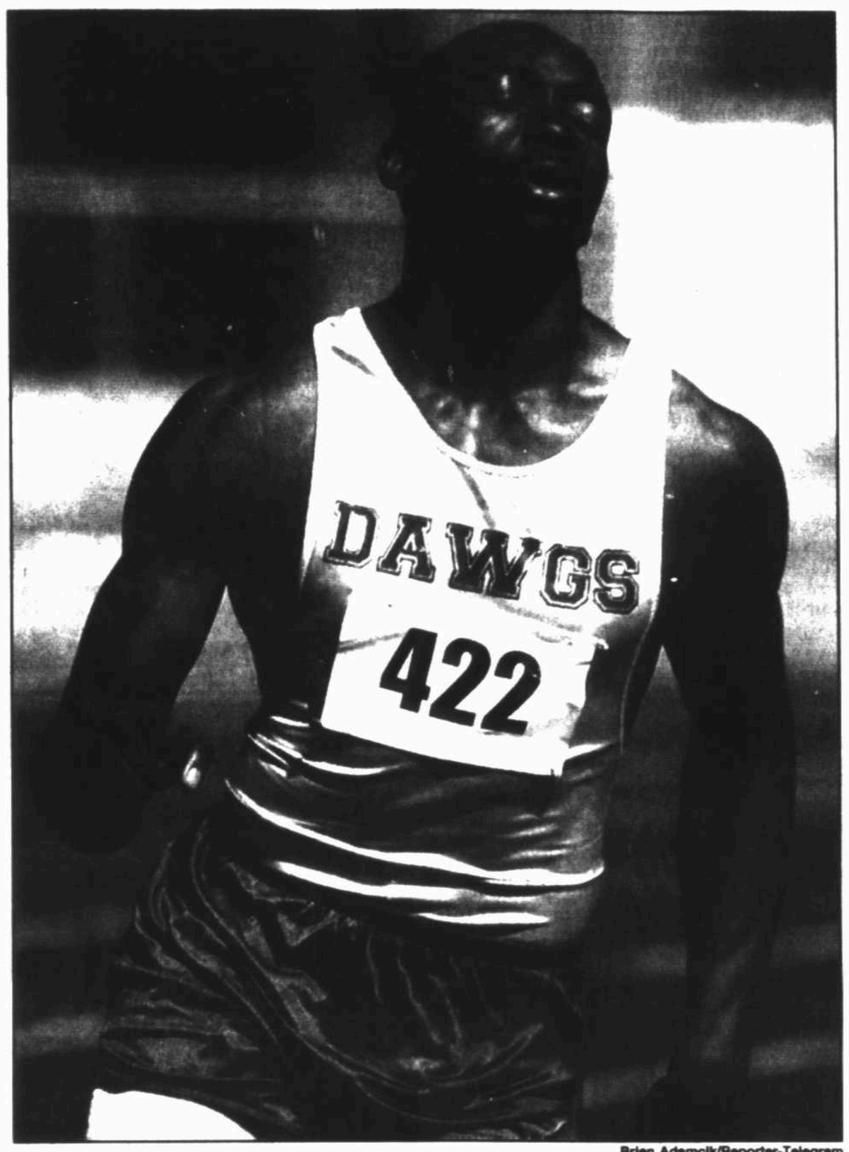

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Midland High's Raji Hickey, shown running in a 400-meter prelim last week at the Tall City Relays, has a shot at winning the 200- and the 400-meter dashes at the District 4-5A Track and Field Championships, which start today at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

District Meet
Track season boils down to two days

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

ODESSA — For all intents and purposes, every track season for all seven 4-5A schools comes down to one word — DISTRICT.

"District" means the district track meet where all the teams — boys and girls — get together for individual and team bragging rights and for the right to advance to regional competition.

In the case of the 4-5A championships, it will be a two-day affair, but what an important two days it will be. Because it is district.

"District always is (a different meet)," Lee girls coach Randy Smith said. "There is something about the word, district. It is a whole new ball game. There will be kids who do things that no one can believe, both good and bad. There is something about the word. It does something to the kids."

Odessa's Ratliff Stadium is the mecca for this year's 4-5A teams for today's field events and running preliminaries and Saturday's running finals. Today's field events get underway at 2 p.m. while the running prelims begin 5:30 p.m.

For the Midland schools, recent 4-5A meets have been a place to show off individual talent. Last year, all four teams — the Lee boys and girls and Midland High boys and girls — combined for 15 entries to make it through 4-5A weekend and go on to regionals. Four won event titles.

This year, the teams are bringing the firepower to maybe eclipse both marks, but where this meet will differ is that a team is set to make a run at a team title, which if accomplished, would be a rarity for Midland High and Midland Lee. The two schools have combined for five titles. The Midland Lee girls captured the last title in 1986. Now in 1998, it is the Lady Rebels who are going after another crown.

Coach Smith, who is in his third year as coach of the Lady Rebels, sees the team title issue as a delicate one. On one hand, he is downplaying the whole thing...

"We are not going to make a big deal of it," Smith said. "We will go out and run like we have been running and see what happens.

"We will go out there, run and take care of business and whatever happens, happens."

... On the other hand, he realizes he has the talent to make a run at defending champion Abilene Cooper and San Angelo Central. Lee has the fastest times in the 400 and 800-meter relays and are leaders, or contenders, for multiple individual titles. Smith says the team is not out to prove itself. In fact, he says qualifying girls for regionals is the top priority. However, his confidence in his team, when it comes to the team title, does trickle out.

"Our deal is to get as many kids to regionals as we can," Smith said. "If we can take a relay over an individual (qualifier), we will do it, even if it costs

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SIGNINGS

Chaps lure guard from Houston

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland College basketball coach Pat Rafferty landed his first recruit for the 1998-99 basketball season Thursday, signing Alvin Brooks III from Katy Taylor, near Houston.

Brooks is the son of former University of Houston basketball coach Alvin Brooks Jr. Brooks, a 6-1 point guard, was a first team selection to the District 19-5A All-District basketball team, averaging 14 points, four assists and four steals per game.

"Obviously, this is an important signee for our basketball team since we really needed a point guard," Rafferty said. "We lost (Alu) Williams, (Jevon) Banks and (Edward) Kirk, so we needed this type of talent.

Rafferty likes what he gets from Brooks, being the son of a coach.

"Brooks is a very solid, steady player, just what you would expect from a coach's son," Rafferty said. "I think he will bring an understanding and instinct to our team that some others players may not possess. He really fits in with what I want in a point guard."

Rafferty also feels that the signing of Brooks speaks well of the basketball program at Midland College.

"Alvin (Brooks Jr.) could have sent his son anywhere in the country and I'm flattered that he wanted his son in our program at Midland College," Rafferty said.

Meanwhile, South Plains College basketball coach Shawn Scanlan announced from Levelland Thursday that he has signed Lamesa's 6-6 forward Chris Roberts.

Roberts, who averaged 15 points, eight rebounds and three assists per game, helped guide the Golden Tornadoes to the District 2-4A championship, a 32-4 overall record and a trip to the Class 4A state tournament, where they lost to Houston Waltrip, 73-70, in the semifinals.

Roberts was a third team all-state choice and second team all-region. He was also Defensive Player of the Year in District 2-4A.

"Roberts is a versatile player," Scanlan said. "He's big enough to go inside and skilled enough to shoot well from the perimeter. We think he can develop into a fine college player and he's coming from a successful high school program."

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Lee senior Amber Goodwin signs a national letter of intent Thursday to swim for Florida State next year. Looking on are, left to right, her mother Jeanette, sister Apryl, father Larry, and Midland coach Ted Carson.

Midland College softball program recruits Shelton

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland High senior Crystal Shelton became the fifth local player to sign with Midland College's new softball team, which will begin its first season of play next fall.

Shelton, a center fielder for the playoff bound Lady Bulldogs, signed a letter on intent Thursday at Midland High. She joins Jeni Neatherlin, an MC freshman; Andrea Rodriguez, a Midland Lee infielder; Francesca Salcido, an MHS catcher; and Maressa Underwood, a Lee outfielder; as locals who have previously signed with Tommy Ramos, MC softball coach.

"Crystal brings a lot to our program," Ramos said. "First, she's a switch hitter with good speed in the outfield. She's hitting .471 and does a great job at the plate because she can bunt, drag and slap the ball. Besides, she was born on my son's birthday, so she has to be good."

Shelton, who has played three years for the Lady Bulldogs, is excited to be part of a new program."

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Midland High's Crystal Shelton signs on Thursday to play softball with Midland College next year. At left is MC coach Tommy Ramos; behind her are her parents, Greg and Mary Shelton.

"I'm anxious to be part of a new program at Midland College," Shelton said. "My sister (Jennifer) is playing (softball) at Collin County and I could have gone there, but staying close to home is my best choice. Collin County is a long way from home."

Shelton will be entering a new world of softball since

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Goodwin signs with Seminoles

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

Amber Goodwin made public Thursday afternoon what she had probably known in her heart for the last three weeks.

Goodwin, a four-time state medalist for Midland Lee, signed a letter of intent to swim for Florida State, ending speculation over where she would compete after high school.

Florida State was, chronologically at least, the final school in the running for Goodwin. It was the last of the four schools Goodwin visited on the recruiting trail.

But after returning to Midland from her trip to Tallahassee, Fla., three weeks ago, Goodwin had a feeling that FSU was the place for her to be.

"I figured the second day there (during the visit) that was where I wanted to go," Goodwin said.

Goodwin, who won the gold medal in the 100-yard backstroke at the state meet as a junior and won silver in the event as a sophomore and senior, had declared she wanted to go to school outside of Texas,

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Spiers' clutch hit helps Astros halt losing streak at 3

Associated Press

CINCINNATI — There are times when it's better to be lucky than good. The Houston Astros had one of those times Thursday night.

Bill Spiers doubled with the bases loaded to start a five-run third inning and the Astros held on for a 7-4 victory over the bumbling Cincinnati Reds, who had two errors and several other misplays.

The Astros stopped their three-game losing streak by sending 10 batters to the plate in the third. The top five hitters in the lineup scored, and Moises Alou and Carl Everett hit consecutive triples to complete the rally off David Weathers (1-1).

Spiers' double and the two triples all eluded right fielder Dmitri Young. He slid and missed Spiers' double into the corner, slipped and fell while chasing Alou's two-run triple and froze on Everett's triple over his head.

"We got some lucky hits and bounces to score some runs," manager Larry Dierker said. "We hit the ball hard later and hit into double plays. It's where you hit it."

"That's the way baseball goes," Spiers said. "You've got to take advantage of your breaks."

Alou also had a pair of singles and threw out Bret Boone at the plate as he tried to score from second on a single to left in the fifth inning.

Mike Hampton (3-0) gave up 10 hits in 6 2-3 innings as he won his third consecutive start. The left-hander has rebounded from a ragged first outing — six runs in six innings against San Francisco — by giving up only six runs in his last three games.

He, too, felt lucky to win.

"I was pretty bad," Hampton said. "There's a lot of luck involved in baseball and it showed tonight. I didn't have a lot of good stuff. I didn't have a good sinker. I was able to keep the ball down, for the most part."

Doug Henry struck out Eduardo Perez with the bases loaded in the seventh, then gave up a two-run homer to Boone in the eighth that cut it to 7-4. Billy Wagner got three outs for his third save in four chances.

Hampton also singled, walked, stole a base and started the go-ahead rally in the third. After Hampton singled and was forced at second by Craig Biggio, the Astros loaded the bases and Spiers doubled into the right-field corner for two runs and a 3-2 lead.

Triples by Alou and Everett made it 6-2 and ended Weather's worst performance in Cincinnati. Weathers, signed as a free agent in December, was 3-0 in eight previous games at the Reds.

Weathers was rocked for six runs and eight hits in 2 1-3 innings, the shortest of his three starts this season. Dave Clark had two of the hits, improving to 12-for-17 (.706) career against Weathers.

"I was able to get out of the first two innings when I got away with some pitches, but it caught up with me in the third inning," Weathers said. "My slider was in the strike zone too long and I paid the price. I tried to do too much sometimes, and I can't do that. I've just got to relax and throw the ball."

Reds catcher Brook Fordyce made his first appearance in a week and had a rough time as Houston rallied in the third. The Astros stole three bases in the inning and Fordyce made the second of his two throwing errors.

Fordyce also threw into the Reds' bullpen while trying to complete a home-to-first double play in the second inning, letting a run score.

"It was just one of those nights," manager Jack McKeon said. "We didn't do anything right, we didn't help ourselves, and they beat us."

Braves 3, Pirates 1

ATLANTA — John Smoltz returned to the Atlanta rotation with five scoreless innings and the Braves finished off a sweep of the Pittsburgh Pirates with a victory.

Smoltz, who underwent elbow surgery in December, made three rehabilitation starts in the minors before rejoining the Braves. He showed no lingering effects of the injury during a 75-pitch stint, allowing two hits and striking out seven.

Pittsburgh's 25-inning scoreless streak finally came an ended with Kevin Young's RBI double off Dennis Martinez in the seventh. Mark Wohlers got three outs for his fourth save.

Francisco Cordova (2-1) allowed two earned runs and seven hits in 4 2-3 innings.

■ NL Roundup

AP Photo

Cincinnati catcher Brook Fordyce throws to first after forcing out Houston's Bill Spiers at home in the second inning Thursday in Cincinnati. Fordyce's throw was wild, allowing a run to score during the Astros' 7-4 win.

Cardinals 5, Diamondbacks 4
Diamondbacks 8, Cardinals 2

ST. LOUIS — Andy Benes (2-1) ignored the boos in his return to Busch Stadium, pitching a seven-hitter for his first complete game since Aug. 1, 1996, and doubling as Arizona split its first doubleheader.

The expansion Diamondbacks ended a seven-game losing streak, winning for only the third time in 16 games this season and topping its previous high for runs by one.

Benes, who won 28 games with St. Louis from 1996-97, signed an $18 million, three-year contract with Arizona after a $30 million, five-year deal with the Cardinals was nullified because it came after the deadline for teams to re-sign their former players who became free agents.

Donovan Osborne (0-1), making his first start after starting the season on the disabled list with pulled groin, gave up five runs and six hits in five-plus innings.

St. Louis got all its RBIs in the opener from reserves Brian Hunter and David Howard. Todd Stottlemyre (2-1) allowed two runs and six hits in seven innings. Joel Adamson (0-2) was the loser.

Marlins 12, Phillies 4

MIAMI — Craig Counsell capped six-run first inning with a grand slam and Charles Johnson also drove in four runs as Florida won its third straight following a 1-11 start.

Livan Hernandez (2-1) allowed four runs and nine hits in seven innings, striking out eight and walking three.

Bobby Bonilla was ejected along with Marlins manager Jim Leyland in the first inning after the third baseman argued a called third strike.

Phillies starter Tyler Green (1-1) struggled through a 48-pitch first inning, in which he gave up six runs and two hits and walked five.

Brewers 5, Expos 3

MONTREAL — Marquis Grissom singled home Jeff Cirillo in the 14th and Fernando Vina tied his career high with five hits.

With the score 3-all, Jeff Cirillo singled leading off the 14th and advanced when Shayne Bennett (0-1) hit John Jaha with a pitch. Grissom singled to easily score Cirillo and Jesse Levis hit an RBI groundout.

Cubs 8, Mets 4

NEW YORK — Henry Rodriguez hit a three-run homer and Jeff Blauser hit a solo shot as Chicago broke a four-game losing streak, and stopped New York's four-game winning string.

Brant Brown tripled, doubled and had a two-run single for the Cubs. Sandy Martinez tripled and doubled, Mickey Morandini hit a two-run single and Rodriguez added a double.

Dodgers 4, Rockies 3

DENVER — Todd Hollandsworth's third hit of the game drove home the go-ahead run off Jerry DiPoto (0-1) in the 10th after Jose Vizcaino, who reached second when center fielder Ellis Burks dropped a shallow fly ball for an error.

Mike Lansing doubled leading off the bottom half and advanced on a grounder. But Jim Bruske retired Dante Bichette on a game-ending popup, getting his first save since Oct. 1, 1996.

Vinny Castilla's third homer in as many games, his sixth of the season, tied the score in the ninth against Scott Radinsky (1-0).

Ninth-inning run boosts Wranglers over Angels

Staff Report

WICHITA — The Wichita Wranglers scored a run in the bottom of the ninth inning at Lawrence Dumars Field to defeat the Midland Angels in Texas League action Thursday, 5-4.

The winning run came on what appeared to be an inning-ending double play ball, but the relay to first pulled Angel first baseman Danny Buxbaum off the bag as Kit Pellow scored from third base.

Midland's Keith Luuloa tied the game at 4-4 in the top of the eighth with a run scoring single off of Wichita reliever Eric Miller, but Steve Prihoda came on to get the win.

Chuck Abbott ended the Midland eighth by hitting into a double play with slugger Troy Glaus on deck and that proved to be very costly in the end. Earlier in the game, Abbott had a two run triple in the fifth inning.

Glaus hit his league leading 10th home run of the year in the fourth inning and added to his league leading RBI total with 24 for the young season.

Matt Beaumont, despite pitching well, took the loss in relief for the Angels. Midland starter Ramon Ortiz struck out 12 Wranglers and took over the league lead in strikeouts with 28 for the season.

The loss dropped Midland out of first place in the Texas League West. Midland has lost three out of four games in this series to Wichita, a team the Angels beat four out of five times in Midland to start the season.

The Angels and Wranglers end this series tonight and Midland heads home for a brief five-game homestand with the San Antonio Missions, starting at 7 p.m. Saturday at Christensen Stadium.

4-5A Tennis Tournament

Here are the first-round pairings for the District 4-5A Tennis Tournament to be played at Odessa High School Friday. Numbers in parentheses before names indicate the players' seeds.

Boys Singles — all first round matches are scheduled to start at 8 a.m. Second round is scheduled for 9:30 a.m.

(1) Todd Petty (San Angelo Central), bye; Karl Johnson (Abilene High) vs. Adam Carson (Odessa); (3) Theron Cole (Abilene Cooper) vs. Jason Yelley (Permian); Clayton Vandergriff (Midland) vs. Trent Broach (Lee); Keary Baillio (PHS) vs. Brian Lake (SAC); Wes Longacre (AHS) vs. (4) Wes Hunt (Lee); Travis Vandergriff (MHS) vs. Pankaj Patel (OHS); (2) Chuck Haddox (AC), Bye.

Girls Singles — All first round matches unless otherwise indicated by * start at 9:30 a.m. Matches indicated with * start at 8 a.m. Second round matches are scheduled for 12:30 p.m.

(1) Courtney Choate (SAC), bye; *D'Nett Sharp (OHS) vs. Melissa Mann (PHS); (4) Rebecca Watkins (AC) vs. Marissa Lannom (Lee); Tracey Roark (AHS) vs. Meryl McClung (MHS); Anna McMinn (PHS) vs. Balire Bassett (AHS); Sarah Voss (SAC) vs. (3) Kadi Kirkland (AC); *Heidi Gerber (OHS) vs. Kathryn Burke (Lee); (2) Toffee Wilson (MHS), bye.

Boys Doubles — All first round matches unless otherwise indicated by * start at 9:30 a.m. Matches indicated with * start at 10:30 a.m. Second round matches are scheduled for 1 p.m.

(2) Heiler/Morgan (PHS), bye; Breithaup/Viney (Lee) vs. Hembree/McKinley (OHS); (3) Caceras/Dansby (AC) vs. Hicks/Luxton (SAC); *Geib/Hinshaw (MHS) vs. Cox/Frizzell (AHS); *Ford/Wallace (PHS) vs. Foster/Quintela (OHS); Rogers/Norvid (SAC) vs. (4) Lay/Plowman (AC); Lewis/Fuentes (Lee) vs. Harris/Jones (MHS); (1) Aston/Chapman (AHS), bye.

Girls Doubles — All first round matches are scheduled to begin at 10:30 a.m. Second round matches are scheduled for 1:30 p.m.

(1) Johnson/Wildner (AC), bye; Hand/Oekerman (Lee) vs. Moody/O'Hearn (OHS); (3) Themesen/Stevens (AHS) vs. Valdez/Valdez (MHS); Marton/Harrison (SAC) vs. Melton/Moore (PHS); Vo/Hofer (Lee) vs. Paup/Butler (AHS); Buenning/Handley (OHS) vs. (4) Black/Voss (SAC); Giles/Hanlon (MHS) vs. Scott/Hart (AC); (2) Dawson/Cocoran (PHS), bye

Hamilton's short track success makes him Goody's contender

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

MARTINSVILLE, Va. — Nobody has a better record at Martinsville Speedway during the past 2 1/2 seasons than Bobby Hamilton.

Although nobody would call him a short track ace, the record dictates that Hamilton be considered among the favorites in Sunday's Goody's 500 on the flat .526-mile oval.

Hamilton, in his first season with Morgan-McClure Racing, has finished outside the top five in only one of the last five races at Martinsville.

He was second in this race a year ago, trailing winner Jeff Gordon across the finish line by less than four-tenths of a second. In the fall, he finished third behind winner Jeff Burton and runner-up Dale Earnhardt.

Hamilton also finished third and fourth in the two previous fall events at Martinsville.

His record on NASCAR's short tracks is not exactly overwhelming. Neither of his two career victories have come on short ovals and, overall, Hamilton has notched just 16 top-10 finishes in 51 starts on tracks shorter than one mile.

Still, when practice and qualifying got underway today at Martinsville, Hamilton's No. 4 Chevrolet Monte Carlo could be a factor.

"I don't know that I like short tracks as much as I just like flat tracks," the 40-year-old Hamilton said. "Martinsville is definitely a flat track. The first time you stand at trackside, you think, 'It's banked a lot more than it looks like on television,' or even from the grandstands. But, once you get up to speed, it flattens out a lot really fast."

The paper-clip shaped track puts a premium on taking care of your car and keeping your cool.

"Probably the two key words you'll hear associated with Martinsville more than any are brakes and temper," Hamilton said. "The key is not using up either one of them too early in the race.

"You stand on the brakes a lot in the first 100 laps and the last 100 laps are going to be spent sitting in the transporter. You start getting mad at whatever is happening on the racetrack those first 100 laps and you're going to spend the last 100 either sitting in the transporter with a torn up race car or in the penalty box."

Another very important ingredient at Martinsville is qualifying among the top 21. That's the number of pit stalls on the front straightaway.

Nobody has won at Martinsville while pitting on the backstretch since Lee Petty in 1959.

"That's what makes pole qualifying so important," Hamilton said. "I think it's possible to win from the backstretch, but it's going to be one of the hardest things you've ever done in your life."

Slugging White Sox rock Mussina, Orioles

Associated Press

BALTIMORE — Rookie Jeff Abbott homered twice and Mike Sirotka pitched his first complete game in the majors as the Chicago White Sox won their first series of the season by beating Baltimore 8-2 Thursday.

Albert Belle and Ray Durham also homered for the White Sox, who connected three times against Mike Mussina (2-2). Abbott and Belle hit successive 400-foot shots in the fifth inning to give Chicago a 5-0 lead. It was Belle's first homer in 45 at-bats this season.

Sirotka (2-1) gave up seven hits, walked one and struck out three in his 31st major-league appearance. Abbott entered with two home runs in his previous 23 games in majors.

■ AL Roundup

Mariners 3, Twins 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Alex Rodriguez led off the 10th inning with a solo homer off Rick Aguilera (0-2) as Seattle won its second straight following a seven-game losing streak.

After blowing their first four save chances this season, Mariners relievers turned in their second straight strong performance.

Mike Timlin (1-1) pitched 2 1-3 scoreless innings in relief of starter Jamie Moyer. With runners at first and third and one out in the 10th, Bobby Ayala struck out Marty Cordova and got Ron Coomer on a grounder to third, getting his second save in as many nights.

Coyotes' Diduck scores two goals to beat Stars

PHOENIX (AP) — Gerald Diduck scored a pair of third-period goals, including the game-winner with 6:30 remaining, as the Phoenix Coyotes beat the Dallas Stars 3-2 Thursday night to secure sixth place in the Western Conference.

Nikolai Khabibulin made 23 saves and Oleg Tverdovsky also scored for the Coyotes (35-34-12), who won their fourth straight. Phoenix, which had won only one game it trailed after two periods in its first 79 games, has used two-goal third-period rallies to win consecutive games.

The Coyotes will open the playoffs against the Detroit Red Wings, whom they rallied to beat Tuesday night.

Greg Adams and Pat Verbeek scored for the Stars (48-22-11), who saw their five-game winning streak snapped and lost a chance to secure home ice throughout the playoffs.

The Stars are tied with New Jersey in the race for the Presidents' Cup for the league's best record with 107 points with one game remaining. The Devils tied Chicago 1-1 earlier.

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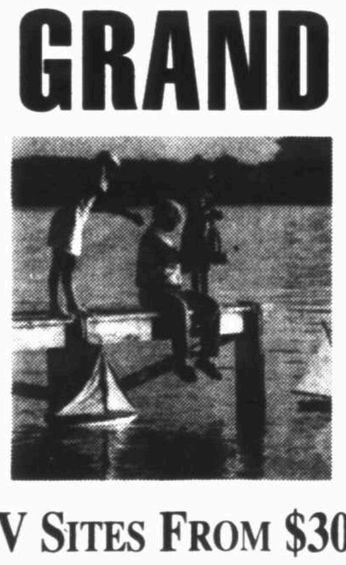

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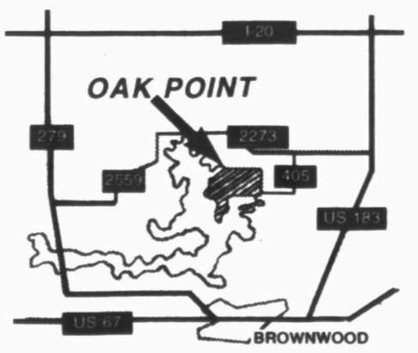

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HOUSTON	ab	r	h	bi	CINCINNATI	ab	r	h	bi
Biggio 2b	5	1	0	0	Stynes lf	5	1	1	0
DClark rf	3	1	2	0	RSndrs cf	5	0	1	0
Hidalgo rf	1	0	0	0	Larkin ss	3	0	1	1
Bgwell 1b	3	1	1	0	EduPrz 1b	4	0	0	0
Spiers 3b	5	1	2	2	Sllivan p	0	0	0	0
Alou lf	4	2	3	2	Ninnally rf	1	0	0	0
Everett cf	2	0	2	1	DYng rf	4	1	2	0
DHenry p	0	0	0	0	WGrne 3b	2	1	0	0
Howell ph	0	0	0	0	BBone 2b	4	1	3	3
BWgnr p	0	0	0	0	Frdyce c	4	0	1	0
Asmus c	5	0	0	0	Wthers p	1	0	0	0
Bogar ss	3	1	1	1	Hutton p	0	0	0	0
Hmptn p	2	0	1	0	ABone ph	1	0	1	0
DeBell rf	1	0	0	0	Kroon p	0	0	0	0
					Wtkins rf	2	0	1	0
					Belinda p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**7**	**12**	**6**	**Totals**	**36**	**4**	**11**	**4**
Houston					015 000 010				— 7
Cincinnati					110 000 020				— 4

E—Fordyce 2 (2). DP—Htn 1, Cincy 3. LOB—Htn 9, Cincy 9. 2B—Bagwell (2), Spiers (4), Larkin (2), DYoung (7), BBoone (8). 3B—Alou (1), Everett (1). HR—Bogar (1), BBoone (3). SB—Biggio (5), Bagwell 2 (6), Ausmus (1), Bogar (1), Hampton (1). CS-Everett (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Hampton W,3-0	6	2	3	1	0	5
DHenry	2	1	1	1	0	3
BWagner S,3	1	0	0	0	1	3
Cincinnati						
Weathers L,1-1	2	3	1	1	0	3
Hutton	2	2	3	2	0	0
Kroon	2	1	0	0	1	2
Sullivan	1	1	1	1	0	2
Belinda	1	0	0	0	3	1

HBP—by Kroon (DClark). T—3:02. A—14,596 (52,953).

BREWERS 5, EXPOS 3, (14)

MILWAUKEE	ab	r	h	bi	MONTREAL	ab	r	h	bi
Vina 2b	5	0	5	1	Grdzln ss	6	0	1	0
Cirillo 3b	5	2	1	0	Sntnglo cf	5	0	2	1
Jaha 1b	5	2	1	2	RWhite lf	6	0	0	1
Burnitz rf	7	0	1	0	Fllmer 1b	5	0	1	0
Grssom cf	7	0	3	1	Kline p	0	0	0	0
Owens lf	3	0	0	0	MHbrd c	2	0	0	0
Levis c	4	0	2	1	Vidro 2b	4	0	0	0
JsVntin ss	6	0	1	0	Mrdcai 2b	3	0	0	0
Mtheny c	3	0	2	0	Stovall rf	6	1	2	0
DrJksn lf	3	1	0	0	Andrws 3b	6	1	1	0
Eldred p	1	0	0	0	Widger c	3	0	1	0
Loretta ph	1	0	0	0	Lvngst ph	1	0	0	0
CFox p	0	0	0	0	DeHart p	0	0	0	0
Rmelin ph	1	0	0	0	Urbina p	0	0	0	0
Wckmn p	0	0	0	0	Bennett p	1	0	0	0
Nwfield ph	1	0	1	0	CPerez p	2	1	1	0
AReyes p	0	0	0	0	DeMay ph	1	0	0	0
Hughes ph	1	0	0	0	Telford p	0	0	0	0
DJones p	0	0	0	0	McGire 1b	1	0	0	0
Totals	**53**	**5**	**17**	**5**	**Totals**	**52**	**3**	**9**	**2**
Milwaukee					200 000 100 000 02				— 5
Montreal					001 200 000 000 00				— 3

E-Vina (2), JsValentin (3), Widger (1). LOB-Milw 14, Mont 14. 2B-Grissom (6), JsValentin (1), Widger (3). 3B-Vina (1), Stovall (1). HR-Jaha (1). SB-Grissom (4), Levis (1), Grudzielanek (2). CS-Vina 2 (3), S-Vina, Eldred, CPerez.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milwaukee						
Eldred	6	4	3	0	3	5
CFox	2	3	0	0	0	4
Wickman	2	2	0	0	1	3
AReyes	2	0	0	0	0	3
DJones W,1-0	2	0	0	0	1	2
Montreal						
CPerez	8	10	3	3	1	4
Telford	1	1	0	0	1	1
Kline	1	1	0	0	1	2
DeHart	1	1	0	0	1	0
Urbina	1	0	0	0	0	2
Bennett L,0-1	2	4	2	2	0	2

HBP—by Bennett (Jaha), by CPerez (Vina), by Eldred (Santangelo). WP—CFox, CPerez, Telford. T—4:13. A—7,651 (46,500).

DODGERS 4, ROCKIES 3, (10)

LOS ANGELS	ab	r	h	bi	COLORADO	ab	r	h	bi
WGrero 2b	5	2	2	0	Lnsing 2b	5	0	1	0
Prince c	5	0	0	0	Burks cf	4	0	1	0
Hindsw lf	4	1	3	2	LWlker rf	4	1	1	0
Piazza c	4	0	0	0	Bchette lf	5	0	1	0
Osuna p	0	0	0	0	Helton 1b	4	0	1	1
Guthrie p	0	0	0	0	Castilla 3b	4	1	1	1
Bruske p	0	0	0	0	JReed c	3	1	1	1
Zeile 3b	4	0	1	2	Clbrnn ph	1	0	0	0
Mndesi rf	4	0	0	0	Dipoto p	0	0	0	0
Knerko 1b	4	0	0	0	NPerez ss	4	0	0	0
THwrd cf	4	0	0	0	Kile p	2	0	0	0
THbbrd cf	0	0	0	0	Vn Wal ph	0	0	0	0
Castro ss	3	0	1	0	CGdwin pr	0	0	0	0
Vzcaino ss	1	1	0	0	Lskanic p	0	0	0	0
RMrtnz p	2	0	0	0	Mnwrn c	0	0	0	0
Clontz p	0	0	0	0					
Rdnsky p	0	0	0	0					
EcYng 2b	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**35**	**4**	**7**	**4**	**Totals**	**36**	**3**	**7**	**3**
Los Angeles					102 000 000			1	— 4
Colorado					000 001 101			0	— 3

E-Clontz (1). Burks (1), JReed (1). DP-Colo 1. LOB-LA 5, Colo 7. 2B-WGuerrero (2), Lansing (5). HR-Castilla (6), JReed (2). SB-Hollandsworth (2). CS-Manwaring. S-RMartinez, Young.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
RMartinez	6	1-3	5	2	2	3
Clontz	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Radinsky W,1-0	2	1	1	1	1	1
Osuna	1-3	1	0	0	0	0
Guthrie	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Bruske S,1	1	1-3	0	0	0	0
Colorado						
Kile	7	6	3	3	1	4
Leskanic	2	0	0	0	1	2
Dipoto L,0-1	1	1	1	0	0	0

T—3:07. A—38,429 (50,200).

CUBS 8, METS 4

CHICAGO	ab	r	h	bi	NEW YORK	ab	r	h	bi
BBrwn cf	4	1	3	2	Alfonzo 3b	5	2	2	2
Mrndni 2b	5	0	2	2	Becker rf	4	0	0	0
Sosa rf	5	1	2	0	Wndell p	0	0	0	0
MaGoe 1b	4	1	0	0	Hudek p	0	0	0	0
HRdrgz lf	5	1	2	3	Tatum ph	1	0	0	0
Mieske lf	0	0	0	0	Rojas p	0	0	0	0
Blauser ss	4	1	1	1	Gilkey lf	4	1	2	1
One 3b	5	1	1	0	Olerud 1b	5	0	3	0
SMrtnz c	3	1	2	0	Baerga 2b	5	0	1	0
Servais c	0	0	0	0	McRae cf	4	0	1	0
Tapani p	3	1	0	0	ACstillo c	3	0	2	1
Pscotta p	0	0	0	0	MFrco ph	1	0	0	0
VnRyn p	1	0	0	0	ROrdz ss	3	0	0	0
Timaco p	0	0	0	0	Mlicki p	1	0	0	0
TAdms p	0	0	0	0	Bhanon p	0	0	0	0
LJhnsn ph	1	0	0	0	LLopez ph	1	1	1	0
Beck p	0	0	0	0	Huskey rf	1	0	0	0
Totals	**40**	**8**	**13**	**8**	**Totals**	**38**	**4**	**12**	**4**
Chicago					030 200 300				— 8
New York					101 002 000				— 4

LOB-Chic 10, NY 12. 2B-BBrown (1), Rodriguez (3), Martinez (1), Alfonzo (2), Baerga (1), ACastillo (1). 3B-BBrown (1), SMartinez (1). HR-HRodriguez (6), Blauser (1), Alfonzo (2), SB-Sosa (4), McRae (6). S-Mlicki.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Tapani W,3-1	5	1-3	9	4	4	3
Pisciotta	1-3	1	0	0	0	1
VanRyn	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Telemaco	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
TAdams	1	0	0	0	0	3
Beck	1	2	0	0	0	1
New York						
Mlicki L,0-2	4	7	5	5	2	2
Bohanon	2	1	0	0	0	1
Wendell	1	3	3	3	1	1
Hudek	1	1	0	0	0	1
Rojas	1	1	0	0	1	1

HBP—by Bohanon (Blauser). WP—Tapani. T—3:24. A—50,814.

CARDINALS 5, D'BACKS 4
First game

ARIZONA	ab	r	h	bi	ST. LOUIS	ab	r	h	bi
DWhite cf	5	1	3	0	Clayton ss	3	1	0	0
AFox 2b	4	0	0	0	Gant lf	3	0	1	0
JBell ss	5	0	2	1	Bttnfld p	0	0	0	0
TLee 1b	5	1	2	0	Painter p	0	0	0	0
MWlms 3b	3	2	1	1	Ptkvsk p	0	0	0	0
Brede lf	2	0	0	0	Brntley p	0	0	0	0
YBnitez lf	1	0	0	0	McGwr 1b	4	0	0	0
Fbrgas c	2	0	1	0	BJrdan cf	4	1	1	0
Stinnett c	1	0	1	2	Gaetti 3b	1	2	0	0
KGrcia rf	3	0	0	0	BRHntr rf	3	0	1	3
CrJnes ph	1	0	0	0	RLnkfd cf	1	0	0	0
RPrngr p	0	0	0	0	Lmpkin c	2	0	0	0
Admsn p	2	0	1	0	DHwrd 2b	3	1	1	2
Stnkwc ph	1	0	0	0	Sttlmyr p	3	0	1	0
Olson p	0	0	0	0	McGee lf	0	0	0	0
TBtsta 2b	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**36**	**4**	**11**	**4**	**Totals**	**27**	**5**	**5**	**5**
Arizona					001 001 020				— 4
St. Louis					300 002 00x				— 5

DP-Ariz 1, St.L 1. LOB-Ariz 11, St.L 4. 2B-DWhite (2), Adamson (1), BRHunter (1). HR-MWilliams (3), DHoward (1). CS-BJordan (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
Adamson L,0-2	6	5	5	5	5	3
Olson	1	0	0	0	0	1
RSpringer	1	0	0	0	0	0
St. Louis						
Sttlmyr W,2-0	7	6	2	2	2	5
Bottenfield	1-3	1	2	2	1	0
Painter	0	1	0	0	0	0
Petkovsek	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Brantley S,2	1	3	0	0	1	1

HBP—by Painter (YBenitez), by Stottlemyre (AFox), by Adamson (Lampkin). T—2:30. A—N/A (49,676).

D'BACKS 8, CARDINALS 2
Second game

Standings

All Times CDT
AMERICAN LEAGUE
East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Baltimore	10	4	.714	—	z-7-3	L-2	6-3	4-1	0-0
Boston	9	5	.643	1	z-7-3	W-6	6-0	3-5	0-0
New York	7	4	.636	1 1/2	7-3	W-6	4-0	3-4	0-0
Tampa Bay	7	5	.583	2	z-6-4	L-1	5-2	2-3	0-0
Toronto	5	9	.357	5	3-7	L-1	2-3	3-6	0-0
Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Cleveland	10	3	.769	—	z-7-3	L-1	4-2	6-1	0-0
Minnesota	7	6	.538	3	5-5	W-1	3-3	4-3	0-0
Chicago	6	7	.462	4	4-6	W-2	2-3	4-4	0-0
Kansas City	6	8	.429	4 1/2	z-4-6	W-1	3-5	3-3	0-0
Detroit	3	10	.231	7	2-8	L-5	2-2	1-8	0-0
West Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Texas	9	4	.692	—	7-3	W-4	6-2	3-2	0-0
Anaheim	6	6	.500	2 1/2	4-6	L-1	5-3	1-3	0-0
Seattle	4	10	.286	5 1/2	2-8	W-1	3-5	1-5	0-0
Oakland	2	10	.167	6 1/2	z-2-8	L-6	2-4	0-6	0-0
NATIONAL LEAGUE									
East Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
New York	9	5	.643	—	z-6-4	L-1	6-3	3-2	0-0
Atlanta	9	6	.600	1/2	z-6-4	W-3	6-2	3-4	0-0
Philadelphia	7	6	.538	1 1/2	6-4	L-2	5-1	2-5	0-0
Montreal	4	10	.286	5	4-6	L-1	3-5	1-5	0-0
Florida	4	11	.267	5 1/2	3-7	W-3	3-6	1-5	0-0
Central Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Milwaukee	9	5	.643	—	z-6-4	W-1	2-3	7-2	0-0
Chicago	9	6	.600	1/2	z-5-5	W-1	5-1	4-5	0-0
St. Louis	9	6	.600	1/2	z-6-4	L-1	5-3	4-3	0-0
Houston	8	8	.500	2	z-5-5	W-1	4-3	4-5	0-0
Cincinnati	7	8	.447	2 1/2	4-6	L-1	4-4	3-4	0-0
Pittsburgh	7	9	.438	3	4-6	L-4	4-3	3-6	0-0
West Division									
	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
San Diego	12	3	.800	—	z-9-1	W-1	7-0	5-3	0-0
San Francisco	9	6	.600	3	5-5	L-1	5-4	4-2	0-0
Los Angeles	7	7	.500	4 1/2	z-7-3	W-1	5-2	2-5	0-0
Colorado	6	10	.375	6 1/2	2-8	L-1	2-7	4-3	0-0
Arizona	3	13	.188	9 1/2	2-8	W-1	1-5	2-8	0-0

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AMERICAN LEAGUE
Thursday's Games
Late Games Not Included
Chicago White Sox 8, Baltimore 2
Seattle at Minnesota, (n)
Kansas City at Oakland, (n)
Tampa Bay at Anaheim, (n)
Only games scheduled
Friday's Games
Cleveland (Nagy 2-0) at Boston (Martinez 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Bere 0-2) at Toronto (Clemens 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees (Pettitte 1-2) at Detroit (Thompson 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
Seattle (Fassero 0-0) at Minnesota (Milton 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Erickson 3-0) at Texas (Oliver 0-2), 7:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Gorecki 1-1) at Anaheim (Finley 2-0), 9:05 p.m.
Kansas City (Pichardo 0-1) at Oakland (Oquist 0-0), 9:35 p.m.
Saturday's Games
Chicago White Sox at Toronto, 12:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 12:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 7:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Texas, 7:35 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Anaheim, 9:05 p.m.
Sunday's Games
Cleveland at Boston, 12:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Toronto, 12:05 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Detroit, 12:05 p.m.
Seattle at Minnesota, 1:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Texas, 2:05 p.m.
Kansas City at Oakland, 3:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Anaheim, 3:05 p.m.
NATIONAL LEAGUE
Thursday's Games
Late Game Not Included
Florida 12, Philadelphia 4
Atlanta 3, Pittsburgh 1
St. Louis 5, Arizona 4, 1st game
Arizona 8, St. Louis 2, 2nd game
Chicago Cubs 8, N.Y. Mets 4
Milwaukee 5, Montreal 3, 14 innings
Los Angeles 4, Colorado 3, 10 innings
Houston 7, Cincinnati 4
Only games scheduled
Friday's Games
Los Angeles (Park 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Clark 2-0), 2:20 p.m.
San Diego (Hamilton 2-0) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 2-1), 6:05 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Jones 0-1) at Cincinnati (Remlinger 1-2), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Estes 0-2) at Milwaukee (Mercedes 0-0), 6:05 p.m.
Montreal (Hermanson 1-1) at Houston (Halama 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Philadelphia (Stephenson 0-1) at St. Louis (Politte 1-0), 7:10 p.m.
Atlanta (Glavine 2-0) at Colorado (Thompson 1-0), 8:05 p.m.
Florida (Medina 0-1) at Arizona (Blair 0-3), 9:05 p.m.
Saturday's Games
N.Y. Mets at Cincinnati, 12:15 p.m.
San Diego at Pittsburgh, 12:35 p.m.
San Francisco at Milwaukee, 1:05 p.m.
Philadelphia at St. Louis, 1:10 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago Cubs, 1:20 p.m.
Atlanta at Colorado, 2:05 p.m.
Florida at Arizona, 3:05 p.m.
Montreal at Houston, 7:05 p.m.
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Atlanta at Colorado, 2:05 p.m.
Florida at Arizona, 7:05 p.m.

ARIZONA

	ab	r	h	bi
DWhite cf	5	2	4	3
CrJnes rf	5	1	1	1
JBell ss	4	1	1	2
MWlms 3b	4	1	1	1
TLee 1b	4	0	0	0
YBnitez lf	4	0	1	2
Brede lf	0	0	0	0
Stinnett c	4	0	0	0
Stnkwc 2b	3	1	0	0
AnBnes p	3	1	1	0
Totals	**36**	**8**	**10**	**8**
Arizona			000	015
St. Louis			000	010

ST. LOUIS

	ab	r	h	bi
Clayton ss	4	0	0	0
Acevedo p	0	0	0	0
Lmpkin ph	1	1	1	1
DShds 2b	5	0	2	1
McGee rf	3	0	2	0
RLnkfd cf	3	0	1	0
Gaetti 3b	1	0	0	0
Mabry 3b	3	0	0	0
BRHntr 1b	2	0	0	0
Mrrero c	4	1	1	0
Osborne p	1	0	0	0
Frsctre p	0	0	0	0
DHwrd ss	2	0	0	0
Totals	**32**	**2**	**7**	**2**
Arizona		000	015	002 — 8
St. Louis		000	010	001 — 2

E-Clayton (4). DP-St.L 1. LOB-Ariz 3, St.L 9. 2B-DWhite (3), YBenitez (2), Benes (1), DeShields (3). HR-DWhite (1), JBell (3), MWilliams (4), YBenitez (2), Lampkin (3). SB-DeShields (4). CS-McGee (1). S-Benes, Osborne.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
AnBenes W,2-1	9	7	2	2	5	3
St. Louis						
Osborne L,0-1	5	6	5	5	0	5
Frascatore	2	3	1	1	0	3
Acevedo	2	1	2	2	1	1

Osborne pitched to 4 batters in the 6th. WP—AnBenes. Balk—AnBenes. T—2:30. A—32,039 (49,676).

BRAVES 3, PIRATES 1

PITTSBURGH	ab	r	h	bi
Wmack 2b	4	0	0	0
Kendall c	3	0	1	0
AMrtin lf	4	0	0	0
Ward rf	3	0	0	0
Ainswrt cf	3	0	1	0
MSmith 1b	3	0	0	0
Strange 3b	4	1	1	0
Collier ss	4	0	1	0
FCdva p	2	0	0	0
Peters p	0	0	0	0
JaMrtz p	0	0	0	0
KYng ph	1	0	1	1
Chrstns p	0	0	0	0
MWkns p	0	0	0	0
Totals	**31**	**1**	**5**	**1**
Pittsburgh			000	000
Atlanta			012	000

ATLANTA

	ab	r	h	bi
Weiss ss	4	0	1	0
Lckhrt 2b	4	0	2	0
ChJnes 3b	2	1	1	0
DeMrtz p	0	0	0	0
Klesko lf	3	0	1	1
Lgtnbr p	0	0	0	0
Pride ph	1	0	0	0
GerWm rf	0	0	0	0
JLopez c	4	1	1	1
Tucker rf	4	0	2	1
Whiers p	0	0	0	0
AJones cf	3	0	0	0
Smoltz p	2	0	0	0
DBtsta lf	1	0	0	0
Totals	**32**	**3**	**9**	**3**
	100	200	100	— 4
	600	002	31x	—12

DP—Fla 1. LOB—Phil 7, Fla 7. 2B—Sheffield (3), DLee (1). HR—Lieberthal (1), CJohnson (3), Counsell (1). SB—Floyd (4). CS—Floyd (2).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Philadelphia						
TGreen L,1-1	3	2	6	6	6	2
Whiteside	2	1	0	0	0	1
Gomes	1	1-3	7	5	5	0
Winston	2-3	1	0	0	1	0
Spradlin	1	1	1	1	1	0
Florida						
LHrndz W,2-1	7	9	4	4	3	8
FHeredia	1	0	0	0	0	0
JPowell	1	0	0	0	0	0

T—2:50. A—16,708 (41,855).

AL Boxes

WHITE SOX 8, ORIOLES 2

CHICAGO	ab	r	h	bi	BALTIMORE	ab	r	h	bi
Drham 2b	4	3	2	1	ByAdsn cf	3	0	0	1
JAbbott rf	5	2	3	3	RAlmr 2b	4	0	0	0
Frazier cf	0	0	0	0	EDavis rf	3	0	1	0
Belle lf	4	1	1	1	RPlmr 1b	4	0	0	0
FThms dh	3	1	0	1	Carter dh	4	0	1	0
Vntura 3b	5	0	3	0	CRpkn 3b	4	1	1	0
MOrdz cf	4	1	1	0	Surhoff lf	3	1	2	0
Norton 1b	3	0	1	1	Hoiles c	3	0	2	1
Kreuter c	4	0	0	0	Bordick ss	2	0	0	0
Caruso ss	4	0	1	1					
Totals	**36**	**8**	**12**	**8**	**Totals**	**30**	**2**	**7**	**2**
Chicago			001	130	111			—	8
Baltimore			000	020	000			—	2

DP-Chic 2, Balt 1. LOB-Chi 6, Balt 4. 2B-Caruso (3), CRipken (1). HR-Durham (1), JAbbott 2 (3), Belle (1). SB-Durham (4). CS-Surhoff (2). S-Norton, Bordick. SF-FThomas, Anderson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Sirotka W,2-1	9	7	2	2	1	3
Baltimore						
Mussina L,2-2	5	8	5	5	1	5
Rhodes	2	1	1	1	1	3
Orosco	1	2	1	1	0	0
ABenitez	1	1	1	1	1	0

T—3:00. A—48,093 (48,262).

MARINERS 3, TWINS 2

SEATTLE	ab	r	h	bi
Cora 2b	5	0	1	0
ARdrgz ss	5	1	3	2
Grfy Jr cf	4	0	0	0
EMrtnz dh	5	0	1	0
Segui 1b	4	1	1	1
GHill lf	5	0	1	0
Amaral lf	0	0	0	0
RWlkns c	3	0	0	0
DWilsn c	1	0	0	0
RDavis 3b	3	1	2	0
Rdnvch rf	4	0	1	0
Totals	**39**	**3**	**10**	**3**
Seattle			010	010
Minnesota			000	200

MINNESOTA	ab	r	h	bi
Nixon cf	5	0	0	0
Meares ss	5	1	3	0
Molitor dh	5	0	1	0
MCdva lf	4	0	1	0
Coomr 3b	5	1	0	0
Ortiz 1b	4	0	3	2
Hcking 3b	0	0	0	0
Ochoa rf	3	0	0	0
Lawton rf	1	0	1	0
Stnbch c	3	0	0	0
TWlker 2b	4	0	2	0
Totals	**39**	**2**	**11**	**2**
	000	000	001	— 1
	000	200	000	0 — 2

E—RDavis (5), Meares (4). DP—Seat 3, Minn 2. LOB—Seat 9, Minn 9. 2B—GHill (3), Meares (7), Ortiz (5). HR—ARodriguez (5), Segui (6).

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Two Stephen F. Austin stars hope for chance at NFL career

NACOGDOCHES, Texas (AP) — The effort to recruit Mikhael Ricks, a multi-talented football player and a fair tuba player, to Stephen F. Austin has included a musical interlude.

Coach John Pearce also made an extra effort for junior linebacker Jeremiah Trotter, although neither athlete was heavily recruited in high school.

Ricks completed his college eligibility by setting an NCAA record with 28.9 yards per catch for the Lumberjacks.

"I had to sit through a band concert to recruit him because he played the tuba in the school band," Pearce said. "We recruited him as an athlete and tuba player but he was so talented we were going to find a place for him to play."

Pearce expects both players to receive more attention in Sunday's NFL draft than they did coming out of high school.

"I expect both of them to go on the first day," Pearce said.

Ricks and Trotter could be the first players selected from Texas, ahead of players at Big 12 Division I-A schools.

That's a sore subject for Pearce.

"You hear knocks on our kids because they played at a Division I-AA school," Pearce said. "But with 85 scholarships limit, there are plenty of good players in Division I-AA."

The Lumberjacks have several active players in the NFL including quarterbacks James Ritchey with the Tennessee Oilers and Mike Quinn with the Pittsburgh Steelers.

Ricks, a 6-5, 237-pound wide receiver with a 4.4 40-yard dash time, has been projected to play tight end or wide receiver. But he could offer serious mismatches for smaller defensive backs if he lines up as a wide receiver.

"He played tight end and wide receiver in college and played extremely well," Pearce said. "He'll be hard to overlook at either spot and I think he has the ability to play either one."

Ricks' NCAA record of 28.9 yards per catch last season was 4 1-2 yards better than the previous record set by Fresno State's Henry Ellard in 1982. He caught 47 passes last season for 1,358 yards and 13 touchdowns.

Ricks had touchdown catches of 97, 79, 78, 77, 74, 70, 55, 53 and 50 yards. Ricks also had TD catches of 68 and 56 yards as an underclassman — so half of his 22 career touchdowns covered 50 yards or more.

"I'll play tight end, H-back, wide receiver, wherever they want me," Ricks said. "Whatever will help my draft stock, I'll do."

Trotter grew up in Hooks, helping his father in the wood cutting business.

His regular chore after school was chopping wood.

His strength training paid off at the NFL's scouting the combine when he bench-pressed 225 pounds 32 times, the fourth strongest of the 325 players invited to the combine. Only three linemen lifted more.

Trotter is 6-0, 261 and has a 4.58 40-yard dash time. He had 300 tackles in three college seasons, intercepted three passes and recovered three fumbles. He also had five sacks last season.

"We hated to see him go with one year still to play but we discussed it through December and two things made him decide to go," Pearce said. "First, his dad's retirement and then he was projected as a third round guy so he could go higher."

Trotter, a member of the dean's list, intended to return next season to finish work on his criminal justice degree.

But, at age 74, Trotter's father Myra decided it was time to retire. Trotter felt an obligation to take care of his family.

"My dad broke down and started crying," Trotter said. "That was one of the most emotional times of my life. That was the first time I'd ever seen my dad cry.

"So I did what I had to do. He always knew I'd take care of him and my mom. I feel it's my job. God's blessed me in so many ways as far as my football career. As long as I do what's right and take care of my family, God will keep blessing me."

AP Photo

Jack Nicklaus celebrates his eagle from the fairway on the par-four first hole at the PGA National in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. Nicklaus leads the PGA Seniors' Championship after Thursday's first round.

Nicklaus' great start produces share of lead

PALM BEACH GARDENS, Fla. (AP) — Jack Nicklaus, fresh off his exciting Masters run, holed a 9-iron from 138 yards for an eagle at the first hole Thursday and went on to a 4-under-par 68 and a share of the first-round lead of the PGA Seniors' Championship.

His game apparently still on a high from his tie for sixth place Sunday as he pursued a record seventh green jacket at the Masters, Nicklaus got off to the great start on the 6,722-yard Champion course at the PGA National Golf Club and finished tied with two-time defending champion Hale Irwin.

Gil Morgan, a three-time winner this year on the Senior PGA Tour, and Larry Nelson, who won the 1987 PGA Championship on this course, were one stroke back.

"I've played so poorly the last two years, it's kind of fun to play well again," Nicklaus said.

With winds gusting to 25 mph Thursday, comparisons were inevitable to last week's Masters, where the wind blew harder the first two rounds at Augusta National than most players there could remember.

"The wind may have been blowing a little harder last week than it was here today," Nicklaus said, "but it was so inconsistent, swirling around through the trees, that it was more difficult.

"Here, you know it's going to blow anyway and there's not much to stop it, so you can figure on it a little better.

Haas, Huston lead dull start at MCI

HILTON HEAD ISLAND, S.C. (AP) — If you wanted the excitement of the Masters, the MCI Classic was the wrong place to look Thursday.

One by one, the players who gave the Masters a thrilling Sunday duel had trouble getting around Harbour Town Golf Links — if they were here at all.

Jay Haas and John Huston, both way back of Masters winner Mark O'Meara last week, were tied for the MCI lead at 66 with Doug Tewell, who entered the Nike Shreveport Open a week ago just to get some practice.

Nick Price, the defending MCI champ who has more bad things than good to say about Augusta National, was next at 67 with Davis Love III, Phil Mickelson, Glen Day, Frank Lickliter and Kelly Gibson.

"I promised myself as I drove down Magnolia Lane, all I could think about was spending last weekend with my kids and fishing," said Price, who missed the Masters cut. "I've forgotten about it for next year already."

It took until Mickelson to find someone who actually made Sunday's telecast.

O'Meara's curling putt on the 18th green last Sunday gave him his first major championship, while the gallery waited for a playoff with Fred Couples and David Duval that never came.

At Harbour Town, O'Meara was cheered everywhere he went, even for bad shots, and stood four strokes behind at 70.

"Today was a little bit tough," he said. "You could feel a little bit of letdown coming on. But I hung in there pretty well and hit a relatively decent score."

Other Masters hopefuls had their share of trouble. Paul Azinger, Fuzzy Zoeller and Justin Leonard shot 71s. Jim Furyk, fourth last week, was 2-over at 73.

Mallon ties mark with 11 birdies in Myrtle Beach

MURRELLS INLET, S.C. (AP) — Meg Mallon, fighting a cold, tied LPGA records with 11 birdies in a 10-under-par 62 Thursday to take a three-stroke lead after the opening round of the Myrtle Beach Classic.

Mallon had seven consecutive birdies, missing the tour record by one, as she revived images of 1991, the season she was the LPGA player of the year.

"It was the best round of golf I've ever played in my life," said Mallon, who won the LPGA Championship and U.S. Women's Open in 1991 but has only two victories in the past four seasons.

Only a 4-foot putt that slipped past the edge of the cup on her final hole kept Mallon from becoming the first LPGA golfer to shoot a 61.

Cindy McCurdy was second with a 65 at the Wachesaw East Golf Club, while Catrin Nilsmark was third at 66. Another stroke back were Nabisco Dinah Shore champion Pat Hurst, Stephanie Lowe and Hollis Stacy.

Stacy was one of the six golfers to have posted a 62, doing it in the second round of the Safeco Classic in 1992. The others were Mickey Wright, Kristi Albers, Kathryn Marshall, Vicki Fergon and Laura Davies.

Putting Woodson with Allen could give Raiders formidable cornerback tandem

By Rob Gloster
AP Sports Writer

ALAMEDA, Calif. — The Oakland Raiders had the worst defense in the NFL last season, in large part because of severe problems at cornerback.

They took a big step toward solving those problems with the acquisition of six-time Pro Bowler Eric Allen, and may add Heisman Trophy winner Charles Woodson with the fourth pick in this weekend's draft.

Allen was obtained in a trade with New Orleans in early March, but at first threatened to retire rather than join the Raiders. He announced Wednesday he is eager to become part of the Oakland secondary.

Woodson was the best college cornerback in the country last season, and has been compared to Deion Sanders because of his cameo appearances on offense. He also was Michigan's punt returner.

Though Woodson is not as fast as Sanders, he's nearly as exciting. He intercepted eight passes for the Wolverines last season and caught 12 as a receiver, including two for touchdowns.

"The impact the guy had in college was exceptional," Allen said. "And I think he'll make a good pro."

New Raiders coach Jon Gruden recognizes Woodson's versatility, but does not expect him to do anything but play cornerback for the early part of his career.

"He's one of those guys, he could drive the bus. He could do a number of things for a team," Gruden said. "In the long range there are some options for him as an offensive player and as a return specialist."

The Raiders already are set at punt returner with Desmond Howard, conicidentally also a Heisman Trophy winner at Michigan and the fourth pick overall in the 1992 draft by Washington.

The fourth pick is the second-highest draft position for Oakland since the Raiders joined the NFL in 1970. The Raiders traded with New Orleans last year to move from the ninth spot to second, and chose defensive lineman Darrell Russell.

The Raiders have had 33 first-round picks over the years in the AFL and NFL, but have never selected a first-rounder from Michigan.

Oakland has a pick in each of the first six rounds of the draft and two picks in the seventh. They traded a fourth-round pick to New Orleans for Allen, but got back a fourth-round selection from Detroit in exchange for linebacker Rob Fredrickson.

In addition to a cornerback, the Raiders are looking for a fullback and help at linebacker, and also may seek a backup quarterback in the draft. The Raiders have selected a running back in the draft every year since the team was founded in 1960.

Panthers badly want to get Gilbert

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — The Carolina Panthers turned up the heat Thursday in their bid to acquire disgruntled defensive lineman Sean Gilbert from the Washington Redskins.

The Panthers agreed last month to make Gilbert the NFL's highest-paid defensive lineman and said they were willing to compensate Washington with their 1998 second-round draft pick and next year's first-rounder.

But Washington steadfastly demanded that the compensation package for Gilbert, who sat out last year in a salary dispute, also include Carolina's first-round pick this year, the 14th overall selection.

The Panthers refused to give up their 1998 first-rounder, and on Thursday said they had worked out a way that appears likely to end the nearly one-month standoff. Carolina's plan calls for the Panthers to keep their top 1998 selection, sign Gilbert and give Washington two future first-round picks.

"Our plan from the beginning was to work to keep our first-round pick. We plan on executing our 14th pick," said Carolina coach Dom Capers, who is looking for ways to shore up a rushing defense that slipped from eighth in the 1996 league rankings to 22nd last season.

■ NFL Briefs

Kicker signs three-year deal

GREEN BAY, Wis. — Ryan Longwell, who made the Green Bay roster as a longshot last summer and then led the Packers in scoring, has signed a three-year contract.

Terms weren't revealed in a news release from general manager Ron Wolf on Thursday night.

Dolphins acquire Carolina's pick

MIAMI — The Miami Dolphins on Thursday acquired the second-round choice of the Carolina Panthers in Saturday's NFL draft.

The Dolphins gave up their No. 1 pick in 2000 in exchange.

The pick obtained from the Panthers is the 43rd overall, giving Miami three of the top 48 selections and eight picks overall.

Seifert headed to CBS

SAN FRANCISCO — Former San Francisco 49ers coach George Seifert was hired Thursday by CBS to be an analyst for the network's "The NFL Today."

CBS, returning to NFL broadcasting after a four-year absence, announced Seifert's hiring in a release Thursday.

Seifert joins Jim Nantz, Brent Jones and Marcus Allen on the studio show. Jones played tight end for Seifert with the 49ers and Allen recently retired as a running back with the Kansas City Chiefs.

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round make an impact with the team that selects them, and only about 15 percent of first-round selections become Pro Bowl players with that team," he said.

By trading Harbaugh and Justin, the Colts have demonstrated that the quarterback they select isn't likely to spend much time on the sideline.

"I expect them to struggle," Polian said. "If that's the case we might as well get the struggling over as early as possible."

To help ease the struggle, Polian and owner Jim Irsay decided to match the three-year contract offer offensive lineman Tony Mandarich received from the Chicago Bears.

The Colts haven't had success drafting quarterbacks in the first round. While in Baltimore, the Colts took John Elway in the first round. He refused to sign and was traded to Denver. In 1990, the Colts traded up to select Jeff George, who never lived up to expectations.

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Duncan fills stat sheet; Spurs defeat Grizzlies

Associated Press

VANCOUVER, British Columbia — Tim Duncan had 32 points and 10 rebounds as the San Antonio Spurs beat the Vancouver Grizzlies 110-97 Thursday night.

Duncan also had six assists and six blocked shots as the Spurs completed a season sweep of the Grizzlies.

The win pulled the Spurs within a game of Phoenix for fourth place in the Western Conference and home court advantage when the two square off in the playoffs next week. Both clubs have two games remaining.

Jaren Jackson had 20 points for San Antonio, while Will Perdue had 18 points and 10 rebounds. Reggie Geary came off the bench for 13 points.

Shareef Abdur-Rahim led Vancouver with a season-high 32 points. Tony Massenburg had a season-high 25 points and 11 rebounds and Blue Edwards scored 22 points for the Grizzlies.

Vancouver overcame a 58-47 halftime deficit, drawing within one point 90 seconds into the fourth quarter, but the Spurs again pulled away.

Warriors 88, Mavericks 82

OAKLAND, Calif. — Jim Jackson scored 25 points, including a game-clinching layup with 18.8 seconds left, as Golden State used a game-ending 10-2 run to defeat Dallas.

Golden State (18-63) won consecutive games for just the fourth time this season and will go into Saturday's game against Vancouver looking for its first three-game winning streak of the year.

Delk scored 22 and Dampier added 16 points and 10 rebounds for the Warriors. Michael Finley led Dallas with 20 points.

Knicks 108, Raptors 79

NEW YORK — Larry Johnson, playing on two sore ankles, scored 26 points and the New York Knicks clinched a playoff berth with a victory over the Toronto Raptors.

Chris Mills added 21 points for the Knicks, who won for the second time in their last seven games, while Allan Houston had 14 and Chris Childs 13.

NBA Roundup

A three-point play by Buck Williams with 16 seconds left in the first quarter made it 29-27 and put New York ahead for good, and the Knicks opened the second quarter with six layups and two 3-pointers by John Starks to expand their lead to double digits.

Doug Christie led the Raptors with 14 points.

Jazz 99, Kings 86

SALT LAKE CITY — Karl Malone had 21 points and eight rebounds and Utah improved the NBA's best record to 61-19.

The Jazz moved a game ahead of Chicago and Seattle (60-20) for homecourt advantage throughout the playoffs.

The Jazz opened a 20-point second-quarter lead. The Kings made a 22-10 run in the third quarter and cut Utah's lead to eight points, but the Jazz scored five points in the final two seconds of the quarter. Greg Ostertag tipped in a shot with two seconds to play, and Howard Eisley stole Sacramento's inbounds pass and made a 3-pointer from near midcourt as time expired.

Utah won its 12th straight home game and finished with a 36-5 home record. Tariq Abdul-Wahad and Corliss Williamson each had 14 points for Sacramento, which lost its ninth straight road game.

Trail Blazers 99, Clippers 90

PORTLAND, Ore. — Rasheed Wallace scored 11 of his 21 points in the decisive third quarter to lead Portland over Los Angeles.

The Blazers outscored the Clippers 27-16 in the third quarter and led 77-68 entering the fourth quarter. The Clippers cut the lead to seven points with 6:58 remaining on Ike Austin's basket, but the Blazers scored the next seven points — five by Isaiah Rider — for the win.

Arvydas Sabonis had 20 points and 12 rebounds for his 36th double-double of the season, while Rider and Damon Stoudamire each scored 17.

The Clippers were led by Austin's 23 points and 11 rebounds.

Lurid details come out in grand jury probe of Wizards incident

ROCKVILLE, Md. (AP) — "Parental discretion advised" was the best way to describe the evidence given by witnesses Thursday as the investigation of a sexual assault complaint naming Juwan Howard and Chris Webber went before a grand jury.

One witness, an exotic dancer from Atlanta, told prosecutors the alleged victim spoke of receiving $1,000 after having sex with Webber during a party at Howard's house.

"She came in the kitchen, I saw her in the kitchen" Natasha Shallow told WUSA-TV. "She told me she had just slept with Chris Webber. She said she got paid for it, a thousand dollars. I don't know if that was true or not. She was intoxicated and kept on talking."

Webber and Howard have been under investigation since a Trumbull, Conn., woman filed a complaint after a party April 6 at Howard's house in suburban Maryland. Neither player has been charged, and both have denied the allegations.

A Montgomery County grand jury spent about four hours Thursday interviewing several people who were among the 40 guests at the party. About 10 people appeared for an early debriefing with prosecutors, but all did not testify before the grand jury, officials said.

State's Attorney Robert Dean said it may be another two weeks before the grand jury completes its investigation.

"We will take the time to get as clear a picture as possible," Dean said.

Thursday's grand jury witnesses mostly disputed the accuser's statements.

"It's a lie," said Donnie Kirksey, Howard's high school coach, who flew in from Chicago to testify. "It's not true about what happened. We know it didn't happen."

Ferguson Evans, a lawyer who represents four women who attended the party, said his clients told authorities the woman was "trying to interact with (Webber)."

"He didn't respond," Evans said. "She was, according to them, kneeling down beside him ... basically trying to get his attention."

LOCAL SPORTS

Andrews wins 4-4A golf title

SAN ANGELO — The Andrews Mustangs, as expected, walked away with the District 4-4A golf title here Thursday at the Riverside Golf Club with a team total 875, 40 strokes ahead of San Angelo Lake View.

However, there was an upset in the medalist race as Lake View's Jame Higdon fired a 70 in the final round to tie Andrews' Brock Varner at 217, forcing a playoff. Higdon then won a one-hole playoff against Varner for the title.

Andrews' Brad Gibson, who was favored to win the medalist title, shot a 72 on the final day to finish third overall at 218, just one stroke out of the lead.

Andrews golf is so strong that the Mustangs' No. 2 team placed third with a 940, just 11 strokes behind Lake View. Big Spring took fourth place with a 940. Andrews and Lake View advance to the Region I tournament. Andrews will be heavily favored there to gain another state berth.

Team Standings: 1. Andrews, 294-875; 2. San Angelo Lake View, 304-915; 3. Andrews II, 311-926; 4. Big Spring, 308-940; 5. Fort Stockton, 315-941; 6. Sweetwater, 319-948; 7. Pecos, 340-922; 8. Fort Stockton II, 357-1042; 9. Lake View II, 355-1050; 10. (tie) Pecos II, 345-1053; and Sweetwater II, 355-1053; 12. Big Spring II, 376-1055.

Andrews Scores: Brad Gibson, 72-218; Brock Varner, 71-217; Ben Gulley, 75-220; Coy Ellison, 76-223; J Chris Herbert, 77-224. **Andrews II:** Justin Townsley, 79-231; Dustin Sherrill, 70-223; Luke Varner, 79-236; Cody Keese, 87-245; Chase Richards, 83-244.

Lake View Scores: James Higdon, 70-217; Dylan DiJulio, 76-227; Nick Arnold, 77-239; Gary Hughes, 81-242; Larry Davilla, 85-256.

Big Spring Scores: Sammy Rodriguez, 71-228; Rudy Gamboa, 83-238; Blake Weaver, 76-235; Heath Bailey, 83-244; O.J. Hernandez, 78-245. **Big Spring II:** Josh Long, 96-286; Richard Gaitan, 91-270; Aaron Harland, 94-267; Jamie Womble, 104-272; Zac Hall, 95-286.

Midland takes 3 track crowns

ODESSA — Midland teams won three of four divisions Thursday in the Midland-Odessa track championships as Midland Lee Freshman swept both the boys and girls ninth grade titles and Midland San Jacinto won the eighth grade boys championship.

The Lee girls scored 140 points to pound their division as Odessa Nimitz was second with 64 points. Midland Freshman placed sixth with 52 points.

The Lee Freshman boys posted a whopping 214 points whild Midland Freshman was second with 70 points.

San Jacinto won the eighth grade division with 116 points, narrowly beating Midland Alamo which had 110 points. Midland Abell was third with 68 points while Midland Goddard was 10th with two points.

In the seventh grade competition, Odessa Bonham won the lone Odessa title with 100 points with Odessa Bowie second, Abell third, Goddard fifth, San Jacinto sixth and Alamo seventh.

Midland medal winners from the Midland-Odessa Track Championships held Thursday at Ratliff Stadium:

Ninth Grade Girls

100: 2. Christy Burnett, Lee, 13.10; 3. Sarah Tinslar, MFHS, 13.52. 200: 3. Sharmera Bryson, Lee, 27.54. 400: 3. Jordan Tenison, Lee, 1:11.59. 800: 1. Misty Chapman, Lee, 2:43.13. 1600: 1. Misty Chapman, Lee, 6:13.66. 100 Hurdles: 3. Alisha Allen, Lee 19.89. 400 Relay: 2. Lee, 52.22; 3. MFHS, 52.94. 800 Relay: 1. Lee, 1:51.79; 3. MFHS, 1:55.33. Long Jump: 1. Sharmera Bryson, Lee, 15-3; 2. Kim Strambler, Lee, 14-11 3/4. Triple Jump: 1. Sharmera Bryson, Lee, 32-8 1/2; 2. Kim Strambler, Lee, 14-11 3/4. Shot Put: 3. Sheena Brown, MFHS, 27-10 1/4.

Ninth Grade Boys

100: 3. Michael Lenz, MFHS, 11.51. 200: 2. Josh Johnson, Lee, 22.97; 3. Allen Griffith, Lee, 23.69. 400: 3. Allen Griffith, Lee, 53.03. 800: 2. J.R. Brown, Lee, 2:11.94; 3. Jesse Porras, Lee, 2:12.59. 1600: 1. Jesse Porras, Lee, 4:56.82; 2. Rubin Belloc, Lee, 4:58.85. 110 Hurdles: 1. Kolby Ivanhoe, Lee, 15.67; 2. Andrae Taylor, MFHS, 15.78. 300 Hurdles: 1. Andrae Taylor, MFHS, 40.96; 2. Cedric Benson, Lee, 41.20; 3. Kolby Ivanhoe, Lee, 42.76. 400 Relay: 1. Lee, 44.65; 2. MFHS, 45.44. 1600 Relay: 2. Lee, 3:35.63. High Jump: 1. Kolby Ivanhoe, 6-2; 2. Josh Johnson, Lee, 5-8; 3. Andrae Taylor, MFHS, 5-6. Pole Vault: 2. Steve Evans, Lee, 9-6. Long Jump: 1. Josh Johnson, Lee, 20-10 3/4; 3. Allen Griffith, Lee, 20-0. Triple Jump: 2. Chris Knabe, Lee, 41-5 1/4; 3. Andrae Taylor, MFHS, 39-8. Shot Put: 2. Allen Griffith, Lee, 44-0. Discus: 1. Michael Wynn, Lee, 130-1 1/2; 3. Robert Rogers, Lee, 115-3 1/2

Eighth Grade Boys

100: 1. Juwayne Harris, San Jacinto, 11.79; 3. Mike Stone, San Jacinto, 11.82. 200: 1. James Gripp, San Jacinto, 23.73; 2. Mike Stone, San Jacinto, 24.28; 3. Lucquente White, Abell, 24.37. 300: 2. Roget King, San Jacinto, 37.60; 3. Todd Tanner, San Jacinto, 38.79. 600: 2. Todd Tanner, San Jacinto, 1:36.0; 3. Emery Young, Alamo, 1:38.08. 1200: 1. Emery Young, Alamo, 3:49.53. 110 Hurdles: 1. Pete Bryant, Alamo, 16.84; 3. Jason Dzubinski, Alamo, 16.89. 235 Hurdles: 1. Pete Bryant, Alamo, 33.07; 3. Andre Strambler, San Jacinto, 34.95. 400 Relay: 1. Abell, 46.58; 3. Alamo, 47.03. 1200 Relay: 1. San Jacinto, 2:34.49; 3. Abell, 2:41.81. High Jump: 1. Jason Dzubinski, Alamo, 5-6; 2. Derek Daughtery, San Jacinto, 5-6. Pole Vault: 1. Nick Hand, Abell, 9-0; 2. David Wainwright, Alamo, 8-6. Long Jump: 1. Roget King, San Jacinto, 20-7 3/4; 2. Taurien Holden, Alamo, 19-0 1/2. Triple Jump: 1. Roget King, San Jacinto, 42-2 1/2; 3. Marshall Coleman, Alamo, 36-7 3/4. Shot Put: 1. Matt Pillado, Alamo, 48-0 1/2; 2. Eric Winston, aBell, 44-10 3/4.

Seventh Grade Boys

100: 1. Olie Fitts, Goddard, 12.0; 2. Troy Barber, Goddard, 12.24; 3. Shannon Sims, Alamo, 12.49. 200: 2. Olie Fitts, Goddard, 25.27; 3. Reed Sykes, San Jacinto, 25.92. 600: 2. Michael Groves, Abell, 1:36.70; 3. Brandon Fuller, Abell, 1:43.94. 1200: 1. Michael Groves, Abell, 4:03.27; 3. Scott Napier, Abell, 4:05.83. 235 Hurdles: 3. Ryan Snell, Abell, 35.51. 400 Relay: 3. Alamo, 50.16. 1200 Relay: 3. Abell, 2:46.67. High Jump: 3. Olie Fitts, Goddard, 4-10. Pole Vault: 2. Zack Sledge, San Jacinto, 8-0; 3. Keith Vest, Abell, 7-6. Long Jump: 2. Troy Barber, Goddard, 16-9 1/2. Triple Jump: 1. Reed Skyes, San Jacinto, 35-3; 2. Michael Arellano, Goddard, 33-1; 3. Michael Bird, Alamo, 31-7 1/2. Shot Put: 3. Olie Fitts, Goddard, 42-5 1/2.

WT Stars win Lubbock event

LUBBOCK — The West Texas Stars, a girls 13-under AAU basketball team, won first place in the Early Bird Classic here over the past weekend.

The Stars defeated Hereford, 67-60; Clovis, N.M., 62-54; West Texas Heat, 69-52; and the D.C. Bulls, 56-48.

The Stars will play in nine tournaments this spring and summer with the national championships in late June concluding the season.

WT Stars Team Members: Marcie Deffenbaugh, Ashleigh Decker, Adrienne Monroe, Adrianna Ross, Shannon Creamer, Stephanie Ordonez, Lauren Hinsley, Rachel Dillon, Morgan Hobbs, Ashley Riggs (all from Midland), Kierstan Barbee (Abilene) and Arianna Dominguez (Alpine). Coach: Mike Hinsley.

Midlanders win in Taekwon-Do

ODESSA — Eight Midlanders from the Jimenez Taekwon-Do Studio won medals recently in the Odessa Spring Tawkwon-Do tournament.

First place honors went to Nathan Steadman, Evan Bates and Kamoran Wilson. The list of medal winners is as follows:

Sriane Neal: 2. Patterns, 3. Sparring, Green Belt.
Katherine Steadman: 3. Patterns, Blue Stripes.
Nathan Steadman: 1. Patterns, Blue Stripes.
Justin Miller: 3. Sparring, Blue Stripes.
Evan Bates: 1 & 2. Patterns; 1 & 2. Sparring, Green Stripes.
Brittney Floyd: 3. Patterns; 2. Sparring, Yellow Belt.
Cash Owen: 3. Patterns; 1. Sparring; 1. Breaking, Red Belt.
Kamoran Wilson: 1. Patterns, Yellow Stripes.

Sheets, Bates win golf title

Lisa Sheets and Judy Bates combined for a 66 Thursday to win the Ranchland Hills Country Club Wildflower golf tournament.

Low net honors went to the team of Terry Manney and Liz Hughes with a 51.

First Flight: Low Gross: 1. Lisa Sheets-Judy Bates 66, 2. Becky Hakes-Trina Albright 69. Low Net: 1. Terry Manney-Liz Hughes 51, 2. Jere Barnes-Susan Taylor 53.

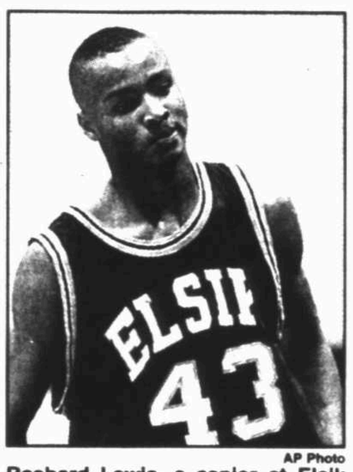
Second Flight: Low Gross: 1. Polly Martin-Celia Harris 74, 2. Sharon Walker-Cathy Cowan 75. Low Net: Norma Pyle-Dee Hines 55.5, 2. Marty Farris-Gladys Awalt 55.6

Third Flight: Low Gross: 1. Carol Derscheid-Eileen Boen 76, 2. Judy Hunnicut-Pebble Corbell 77. Low Net: 1. Frankie Johnson-Marilyn Philipy 52.5, 2. Polette Parker-Chris Pool 55.

Fourth Flight: Low Gross: 1. Clay Elkin-Jaqueta Crawford 80, 2. Sherrin Evans-Leslie Lawson 81. Low Net: 1. Rene Beique-Jean Connor 53.5, 2. Pierrette Demers-Marion Axe 54.

Closest to the Pin: Tracy Youngs, No. 8, first flight; Jana Rusk, No. 16, second flight; Georgia King, No. 12, third flight; Jaqueta Crawford, No. 3, fourth flight.

Alief Elsik star Lewis opts to skip college



AP Photo

Rashard Lewis, a senior at Elsik High School in suburban Houston, announced Thursday he would skip college and enter the NBA draft.

HOUSTON (AP) — Rashard Lewis, a 6-foot-10 high school standout, declared for the NBA draft Thursday, becoming the latest prep school star to bypass college for the lure of the pros.

"This has been a very hard decision for me to make — the hardest decision of my life," the 18-year-old Alief Elsik High School center said at a news conference. "I had a dream to go the NBA ever since I was a little kid, and it was very hard for me to step away from that."

Brushing off criticism that he may not be ready for the NBA, Lewis pointed to the successful transitions of recent prep stars Kobe Bryant and Kevin Garnett.

"I'm sure people told Kobe that and people told Garnett that, so it doesn't bother me," he said. "If the whole world says that about me, then I'll shock the world."

Elsik coach Jerrel Hartfiel also discounted the critics.

"He's very advanced at this age," Harfiel said. "He has great focus on team instead of individual stats. He's a complete player.

"You surround him with a bunch of good players, and he's going to just fit right in."

As a senior Lewis averaged 28.2 points, 12.4 rebounds, 5.0 blocks and 4.3 steals per game, while shooting 73 percent from the field and 40 percent from beyond the 3-point line.

After leading his team to a 32-5 record and reaching the regional finals, Lewis played in three high-profile all-star games, including the Magic Johnson Roundball Classic, where he was named MVP.

In his four years at Elsik, Lewis broke every career record, finishing with 2,346 points, 1,480 rebounds, 436 blocks and 419 steals.

Despite his success as a center in high school, Lewis' 212-pound frame won't be able to handle that position in the NBA. He projects himself as a small forward or power forward.

Lewis is the latest young talent to attempt to make the leap to the pros.

Last week Korleone Young, a 6-8 power forward at Hargrave Military Academy (Va.), declared himself eligible for the draft.

Garnett began the recent trend of high school stars jumping to the NBA when he was taken as the fifth overall pick by Minnesota in 1995. The next year, Bryant went as the 13th pick and Jermaine O'Neal was 17th. Last year, Tracy McGrady was taken at No. 9.

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4-5A Meet

Schedule

The schedule for the District 4-5A Track and Field meet which will be held at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa:

Friday

Field Events (all Finals)

Shot Put: Girls, 2 p.m.; Boys, 4 p.m.
Discus: Boys, 2 p.m.; Girls 4 p.m.
Triple Jump: Girls, 2 p.m. (west pit); Boys, 2 p.m. (east pit)
High Jump: Girls, 3:45 p.m. (south); Boys, 3:45 p.m. (north)
Pole Vault: Boys, 2 p.m.

Running Preliminaries

100/110 Hurdles (Girls and Boys), 5:30 p.m.
100 Meters (Girls and Boys), 5:55 p.m.
400 Meters (Boys and Girls), 6:20 p.m.
300 Meter Hurdles (Girls and Boys), 6:45 p.m.
200 Meters (Girls and Boys), 7:10 p.m.

Saturday

Field Event (Final)

Long Jump: Girls, 11 a.m. (east pit); Boys, 11 a.m. (west pit)

Final Running Events

3,200 Meters (Girls and Boys), 12:15 p.m.
Opening Ceremonies, 12:45 p.m.
400-Meter Relay (Girls and Boys), 1:30 p.m.
800 Meters (Girls and Boys), 1:40 p.m.
100 Hurdles (Girls), 2 p.m.
110 Hurdles (Boys), 2:05 p.m.
100 Meters (Girls and Boys), 2:15 p.m.
800-meter Relay (Girls), 2:25 p.m.
400 Meters (Boys and Girls) 2:35 p.m.
300 Hurdles (Girls and Boys), 2:50 p.m.
200 Meters (Girls and Boys), 3 p.m.
1,600 Meters (Girls and Boys), 3:10 p.m.
1600-Meter Relay (Girls and Boys), 3:40 p.m.
District Championship Awards, 4 p.m.

Meet Records

Girls

Running Events

3,200 Meters	11:09.36	Claire Hardy, MHS	1984
4 X 100 Relay	46.80	Abilene High	1992
800 meters	2:21.76	Diana Torres, Permian	1997
100 Hurdles	14.27	Sheamea Broom, Cooper	1992
100 Meters	11.63	Kasandra McDaniel, OHS	1988
4 X 200 Relay	1:38.12	Abilene High	1992
400 Meters	54.71	Tanisha Mills, Lee	1993
300 Hurdles	45.29	Tracie Logan, Lee	1992
200 Meters	24.31	Ethel Edwards, MHS	1987
1,600 Meters	5:21.56	Kelly Garcia, Cooper	1997
4 X 400 Meters	3:57.45	Abilene High	1992

Field Events

Shot Put	41-5 1/4	Tracy Parker, MHS	1989
Discus	134-08	Tasha Newman, Abilene	1994
High Jump	5-06	Kerry Evans, OHS	1985
	5-06	Vanessa Garcia, Central	1993
	5-06	Katrina Jordan, Permian	1997
Long Jump	19-9 3/4	Diane White, Lee	1985
Triple Jump	40-04 3/4	Tamica Watkins, Abilene	1993

Boys

Running Events

3,200 Meters	9:22.59	Robert Schooler, Lee	1981
4 X 100 Relay	40.50	Odessa Permian	1993
800 Meters	1:53.29	Jonathan Pike, OHS	1995
110 Hurdles	13.43	Reggie Jones, OHS	1984
100 Meters	10.10	Jason Leach, Permian	1984
400 Meters	47.14	Todaryl Culver, Permian	1995
300 Hurdles	36.09	John McAfee Jr., Lee	1996
200 Meters	20.85	Jason Leach, Permian	1984
1,600 Meters	4:20.40	Robert Schooler, Lee	1981
4 X 400 Relay	3:14.11	San Angelo Central	1990

Field Events

Pole Vault	17-0	Toby Stevenson, Permian	1995
High Jump	6-9 1/2	Ryan Ledlow, OHS	1991
Shot Put	61-11 1/2	Jeff McCowan, Lee	1979
Long Jump	24-0	Walter Jones, Lee	1985
Triple Jump	47-6 1/2	Bobby Smith, Abilene	1992
Discus	182-0	David Glover, Lee	1961

Team Championships by School

Girls (Since 1978)

Abilene High 6, Odessa Permian 6, Abilene Cooper 5, San Angelo Central 3, Midland Lee 1.

Boys (Since 1928)

San Angelo Central 18, Abilene High 15, Odessa Permian 15, Odessa High 6, Abilene Cooper 4, Midland Lee 4, Ballinger 1, Brownwood 1, Eden 1, Reagan County 1, Robert Lee 1.

Past Championships

Boys

1928: Central, Eden, Sonora; 1929: Central, Winters, Eden; 1930: Central, Ballinger, Miller; 1931: No District Meet Held; 1932: Central, Midland High, Big Lake; 1933: Reagan County, Central, Ballinger; 1934: Ballinger Miles, Central; 1935: Central, Robert Lee, Eden; 1936: Robert Lee, Winters, Ballinger; 1937: Central, Menard, Eden; 1938: Central, Ballinger, Winters; 1939: Central, Ballinger, Mertzon.

1940: Eden, Robert Lee, Central; 1941: Central, Abilene High — Dual Meet; 1942: Central, Mertzon, Eula; 1943: No District Meet; 1944: Central, Abilene High — Dual Meet; 1945: Abilene High, Central — Dual Meet; 1946: Odessa High, Big Spring, Midland High; 1947: Odessa High, Big Spring, Midland High; 1948: Odessa High, Big Spring, Abilene High; 1949: Odessa High, Abilene High, Midland High.

1950: Abilene High, Brownwood Central; 1951: Abilene High, Brownwood, Central; 1952: Abilene High, Brownwood, Central; 1953; Brownwood, Abilene High, Sweetwater; 1954: Abilene High, Brownwood, Central; 1955: Abilene High, Brownwood, Central; 1956: Abilene High, Central, Brownwood; 1957: Odessa High, Central, Brownwood; 1958: Abilene High, Midland High, Central; 1959: Abilene High, Midland High, Central.

1960: Abilene High, Midland High, Central; 1971: Abilene High, Midland High, Central; 1962: Odessa High, Abilene High, Central; 1963: Odessa Permian, Central, Abilene Cooper; 1964: Cooper, Abilene High, Central; 1965: Cooper, Permian, Central; 1966: Cooper, Permian, Central; 1967: Abilene High, Central, Odessa High; 1968: Abilene High, Permian, Central; 1969: Midland Lee, Midland High, Central.

1970: Abilene High, Permian, Central; 1971: Permian, Abilene High, Lee; 1972: Central, Permian, Abilene High; 1973: Central, Permian, Lee; 1974: Central, Permian, Abilene High; 1975: Permian, Lee, Abilene High; 1976: Abilene High, Central, Cooper; 1977: Cooper, Central, Permian; 1978: Central, Permian, Lee & Cooper, tie; 1979: Midland Lee, Abilene High, Cooper.

1980: Permian, Cooper, Lee; 1981: Central, Lee, Permian; 1982: Permian, Abilene High & Lee, tie; 1983: Midland Lee, Permian, Central; 1984: Permian, Lee, Central; 1985: Midland Lee, Permian, Odessa High; 1986: Permian, Lee, Central; 1987: Permian, Central, Abilene High; 1988: Permian, Central, Lee & Abilene High tie; 1989: Permian, Central, Abilene High.

1990: Permian, Central, Odessa High; 1991: Permian, Abilene High, Odessa High; 1992: Permian, Odessa High, Abilene High; 1993: Permian, Lee, Abilene High; 1994: Permian, Odessa High & Central tie; 1995: Central, Permian, Odessa High; 1996: Central, Odessa High, Cooper; 1997: Abilene Cooper, Midland Lee, Odessa High.

Girls

1978: Central; 1979: Central; 1980: Central; 1981: Cooper, Big Spring, Central; 1982: Cooper; 1983: Permian, Central, Lee; 1984: Permian, Central, Odessa High; 1985: Permian; 1986: Midland Lee; 1987: Abilene High; 1988: Permian; 1989: Permian, Abilene High, Central.

1990: Abilene High, Permian, Cooper; 1991: Abilene High, Lee, Permian; 1992: Abilene High, Cooper, Lee; 1993: Abilene High, Cooper, Central; 1994: Abilene High, Permian, Central; 1995: Cooper, Abilene High, Permian; 1996: Permian, Cooper; Lee; 1997: Abilene Cooper, Abilene High, Central.

TRACK: Athletes go for spots at regionals

(From 1C)

us a point or two. It might cost us a district championship, but I don't think so."

The Lee girls are a favorite, and the reality is they are the only Tall city favorite for a district title. In the boys race, most prognosticators are picking Abilene Cooper and Odessa High as the top two. Cooper captured district gold last year. The Bronchos last did so in 1962.

"Cooper and Odessa High (are the favorites)," MHS boys coach Wes Cope said. "If the points spread out right and something happens to somebody, there are four (MHS, Permian, Lee and Abilene High) who could win it, but if you look it realistically, it is Odessa and Cooper."

The Midland teams will be in there when it comes to individual titles and region spots. When the last 4-5A best times and marks came out, 18 MHS and Lee kids were leading or second in the district.

THE MHS GIRLS' best chance for a individual title is one of 4-5A emerging stars. Junior Shai Simpson came out of nowhere this season, and leads the district in the 400 meters with a 57.8 last week at the Tall City Relays. The next closest time is over two seconds back. Simpson is a clear favorite, which doesn't seem to bother her.

"I told myself I will not get nervous," Simpson said. "That will not help me."

"(The 57.8) showed me I can do it. It is time for district. I have to go for it."

MHS girls coach Susan Nix says there will be others to look out for, such as Mahogany Jones in the 100 hurdles. Nix says a good start for Jones is the key a regional berth.

Nix also said that Simpson will also run the 100 meters, which could mean a second regional spot for Simpson.

"She is peaking right now, obviously, with the time she ran last weekend," Nix said. "She feels she has a 56 (second run) in her. We will see."

THE MIDLAND HIGH BOYS are the most dominant boys team in the district when it comes to the sprints. The "Flying Dogs" are the favorites in the 100 (Weldon Cooks), 200 (Raji Hickey and Cooks), and 400 relay (A.J. Durham, Cooks, Ricky Villenueva, and Hickey).

Hickey, who has run 21.60 in the 200, is also going after the "Michael Johnson" double as he tries to win the 200 and 400.

"He understands the strength part of it," MHS boys coach Wes Cope said. "The good thing about it at the district meet is that he will have 40 minutes to recover (for the 200) from the 400."

The anticipation for this meet is high. Two years ago, the Bulldogs scored eight points in the 4-5A meet. Last year — Cope's first season as head coach — MHS scored 39. This year it should be much higher.

"We have a chance to win the 100, 200, 400, sprint relay and discus," Cope said, who also pointed to pole vaulter Wes Solansky and discus thrower Luke Conder as having good chances to move on to region.

"I'm excited for the kids. We have chance to put kids in the regional track meet and move out of the cellar.

Talking about the Purple Pack winning individual district titles speaks volumes about how far the teams has come.

"The last time Midland High won an event at district was ... When was it?" Cope asked while turning to another coach to find the answer.

"It has been 10 years since Midland High has won even one individual event. That would be a great step and an accomplishment for the kids."

THE LEE BOYS are riding the wave of youth and experience — a lot of youth and little experience.

Kelvin Ratliff's crew, which placed second in the district, regional and state in 1997, look to have solid chances in two events and will throw the dice in others.

"This is a young team," Lee coach Kelvin Ratliff said. "I have a bunch of young kids, but I would rather have sophomores who compete."

Senior Gerardo Diaz is looking to become the next in the line of Lee hurdlers to get past the regional level, joining the likes of Roderick Mayfield, John McAfee Jr. and John Norman. Diaz, has posted the second fastest time in the district. Diaz will also run on both relays.

Another prospect is sophomore T.J. Glover, who owns the second longest triple jump in the district (45 feet, 6 inches). Glover could even challenge Central's Bryan Ward, who is expected to return from injury, for the district title.

Lee could also get regional spots in the 1,600 relay and shot put.

THE LEE GIRLS could be loaded when it comes to regional qualifiers. Eight Lady Rebels have top two times in the district going in and a number of others who are very close.

The relays could be crucial. Lee's 400 and 800 relays (Toya Clater, Amanda Douglas, Maurion Strambler and Chavaye Glover) are the fastest in the district with respective times of 47.34 and 1:41.48. The 1600 relay (Glover, Douglas, Sharee Whitehead and Traci Broach) is second to Central. If the relays come through, that would mean sending a lot of kids to regionals. It would also help in terms of the team race.

"There are a lot of people wondering how legitimate that time is that we ran last week," said Smith of the 47.34. "We will find out Saturday.

"The sprint relay is the first running event of the finals, and what happens there will set the tempo for most of the afternoon. You want to take care of business. We will try to knock a home run."

Broach is also the district leader in the 800 with a school-record time of 2:21.70. Clater's 25.73 is the district's fastest in the 200, and jumped the farthest in the long jump. Strambler is among the favorites to win the 100 and should also contend in the triple and long jumps. Freshman Katie Simpson is ranked third in the 1600 and 3200 meters.

No. 1 Contenders

Some of the feature performers from around the district who will be competing at the District 4-5A Track and Field Championships.

Boys

Michael Smith, Cooper (hurdles, high jump): Michael Smith, a Baylor signee, won the hurdle double last year and is a heavy favorite to do so again. Smith, who also won two region titles and placed second in the 110s and fourth in the 300 hurdles at state last year, could come away with a record or two if conditions are right. Smith is also tied with Permian's Jeromy Whitaker for the best jump in the district this year.

Brent Callaway, Odessa High (pole vault): The defending district champion, like Smith, is almost a lock to get a repeat title. Callaway has vaulted 16-7 and even has a second-place finish at the Texas Relays under his belt.

Girls

Amber Blaylock, Central (300 hurdles, relays): Blaylock was the state runner-up in the 300 last year and has the fastest time (44.25) in the district by almost three seconds this year. Last year, she was upset in the 300 hurdles by Cooper's Bonnie McHan, but don't look for that to happen again. The senior will also be a force to reckon with on the sprint relay which beat Lee in San Angelo and on the 1600 relay which owns the fastest time in the district.

Kelly Garcia, Cooper (distance events): Garcia broke the district record last year in the 1,600 meters with a time of 5 minutes, 21.56 seconds. This year she has run even faster (5:18.17). She is also the defending champion in the 3200.

Katrina Jordan, Permian (high jump): Jordan tied the district record at 5-6 on her way to a region title and state berth. This year, she seeks the repeat, and maybe even a new record. She has jumped 5-7 this season. Her only competition should come from teammate Tiffany Fowler, who has jumped 5-6.

Area District Track Meets

District 6-2A

Place: Stanton.

When: Friday. Field events start at 10:30 a.m.; 3,200 and preliminaries at 1:15 p.m.; finals at 5:30 p.m.

Teams: Stanton, Iraan, McCamey, Van Horn, Tornillo, Anthony.

Top Stanton Boys: Tyron Davis (triple jump, long jump, relays, 110 hurdles, 200); Sprint Relay (Jeremy Hull, Adrian Hernzndez, Kyle Herm, Davis); Herm (100); Justin Cobb (triple jump); Nicky Sanchez (300 H); Jeremy Smith (shot and discus); Kason Anderson (shot and discus).

Davis, a state qualifier in the triple jump last year, should win a district title in that event and could be at the top, or near, in the long jump, 110 hurdles and 200... Stanton's sprint relay set a school record (43.15) last week... The Buffaloes are going after a second straight district title.

"We have a lot of good athetes but are in the same situation that Iraan was in last year," Stanton coach John Lane said. "They won a state championship in football (in 1996) and hosted the district meet, but we beat them by one point. It happened to them last year, and it could happen to us this year. Our guys are ready for the challenge."

District 4-3A

Place: Crane.

When: Saturday. Field events start at 10 a.m.; running finals at 3:30 p.m.

Teams: Greenwood, Kermit, Reagan County, Crane, Colorado City.

Favorites: Girls - Greenwood, Kermit.

Top Greenwood Girls: Laurie Johansen (800); Courtnee Dickerson (300 H); Kahra Bruton (TJ, LJ, 100 H).

"I think we have a real good chance to hold on to our repeat of the district championship," Greenwood coach Patti Purser said.

Top Greenwood Boy: Phil Morrison (400, LJ, both relays).

The Rangers could advance either relay, but their best hope is Phil Morrison, who moved from the 100 and 200 to become a threat in the 400. "He's worked really hard," Greenwood coach Ronnie Fowlkes said. "Running three (quarter-miles) a day is a new exerience for a sprinter. He's improved every week."

District 4-4A

Place: Bobcat Stadium, San Angelo.

When: Friday. 3,200 starts at 10 a.m.; field events at 10:45; running prelims at 2 p.m.; and running finals at 6 p.m.

Teams: Andrews, Big Spring, Fort Stockton, Sweetwater, Pecos, San Angelo Lake View.

Team Favorites: Boys - Lake View. Girls - Big Spring, Lake View.

Top Andrews Girls: Jessie Mathews (HJ, 110H, 300H); Keisha Holly (800); Becky Esquivel (shot put); Amanda Lowe (discus).

"The only thing I ask of the girls is that they need to put force and energy into the meet," Andrews coach Penny Bane said. "All the other meets have been practice for them. District is the day that counts."

Top Big Spring Girls: Keesha Lott (TJ, LJ, 200); Nadi Cole (shot put); Krissi McWhirter (HJ); Angelica Hinojos (100).

The Lady Steers are chasing another district title and have plenty of firepower. Lott is among the best in West Texas in the triple jump (37-7 1/2), the 200 (25.43) and long jump (18-2 1/2). Cole's heave of 43- 3/4 is also the best around. Along with a number of individuals, all three relays can run with anyone.

Top Andrews Boys: Shaud Williams (110 H, 300 H); Cody Chessire (800); Waylon Mayfield (TJ).

Williams, a four-sport star, is emerging as one of the best hurdlers in West Texas.

Top Big Spring Boys: Tory Mitchell (100, 200, 400 relay); Kurt Miranda (100); Marco Torres (800, 1600); Antwoyne Edwards (110 H).

For the last two years, Mitchell, a junior, has placed third in the 100 and 200 at the state meet. Now, West Texas' fastest man is going for a third try. The weekend is his first step.

GOODWIN: Swimmer picks Florida State

(From 1C)

although Texas A&M was under her consideration, as well as Florida and Maryland. Yet, Goodwin had been coy about who she was going to sign with after returning from her visit to Florida State, and even Ted Carson, her coach at Lee, didn't know the answer until Wednesday.

"It's a tough decision for an 18-year-old to make," said Carson. "It takes a lot of careful consideration and I think she made a good choice."

Among Texas A&M, Florida and Maryland, it appears in retrospect that none of those schools had emerged as a clear-cut favorite prior to Goodwin's visit to Tallahassee. That left the door open for the Seminoles to impress Goodwin.

It didn't take long for Goodwin to realize that Florida State might be the best fit for her.

"I got along with all the girls really well," Goodwin said. "Everyone was really nice and I liked the atmosphere."

Florida State does seem like it would offer a favorable setting for practically any competitive high school swimmer. The year-round climate is ideal for training and the Seminoles compete in one of the strongest swimming conferences in the country, the Atlantic Coast Conference.

This past season, the Seminoles finished in the middle of the pack in the ACC, with Virginia winning the conference title. The addition of Goodwin could push FSU up the competitive ladder, and she awaits the challenge.

"I'll be able to swim more than I did in high school because I was only able to swim two events," Goodwin said. "I know I'll get a chance with the relay teams. The ACC's a really good conference.

"(The Florida State coaches) all told me I'd be able to swim and compete right away."

Goodwin became the first Midland swimmer to sign with a Division I school since Lee's Susie Carnett and Monica Stroman two years ago. Along with the 100 back, Goodwin has also reached the state finals in the 50 freestyle. As a sophomore, she was also part of the 400 free relay team with Carnett, Stroman and Angela Sanchez which claimed a bronze medal.

Such versatility should help Goodwin at Florida State, according to Carson.

"I think there's so many things she can do for them in sprint freestyle and relays and in any of the backstrokes," said Carson, who has coached Goodwin since she was nine. "I wouldn't be surprised to see her score in the NCAAs."

Before she goes off to Florida, though, Goodwin has things to take care of in Midland, such as high school graduation and competing for the City of Midland swim team over the summer. She also could be swimming in senior nationals.

After signing her letter of intent at the Mabee Aquatic Complex Thursday, Goodwin was headed to the locker room to put on her suit and practice with the rest of her COM teammates.

"I'm really excited to sign because it takes a lot off my shoulders," said Goodwin. And with that, she was off to another practice, ready to take another plunge which she has taken many times before and will make many times again.

SHELTON: MHS starter chooses Chaps

(From 1C)

the MC team is expected to play around 60 to 70 games next year.

"Playing so many games might be a reality check," Shelton said, "but I think it will be a great experience to play in that many games."

Shelton said that MC's signing of other locals had no bearing on her decision.

"I would have done this whether any other Midland players had signed or not," Shelton said. "That just makes it a plus. I've played with most of these girls all my life."

Shelton started playing softball in MUGS when she was only six years old. She has also played with the ASA Blue Diamonds for the last six years, qualifying for two national tournaments. She is a member of the National Honor Society, a Texas Scholar and carries a 4.5 grade point average.

Ramos, who plans on signing 18 to 20 players for next season, now has six in hand and four other commitments.

"We have four other players who verbally committed to us last Tuesday. It's just a matter of setting up a signing time," Ramos said.

Ramos said that the oral commitments have came from Lee outfielder Patricia Carrasco and three other players from Big Spring. The Lady Steers who have made an oral commitment to play at MC are Melissa Martinez, a third baseman/shortstop; Jessica Lobos, a catcher/first baseman; and Honey Beleu, a second baseman.

Ramos says that he will now concentrate on California to land a quality pitcher.

"The people in California have been so helpful," Ramos said. "My phone has been ringing off the hook from people out there. Many of them played in national tournaments here and were really impressed with the facilities at the Bill Williams Softball Complex and the community support they witnessed when at the tournament. I feel like there are a lot of good players we can get from that area of the country."

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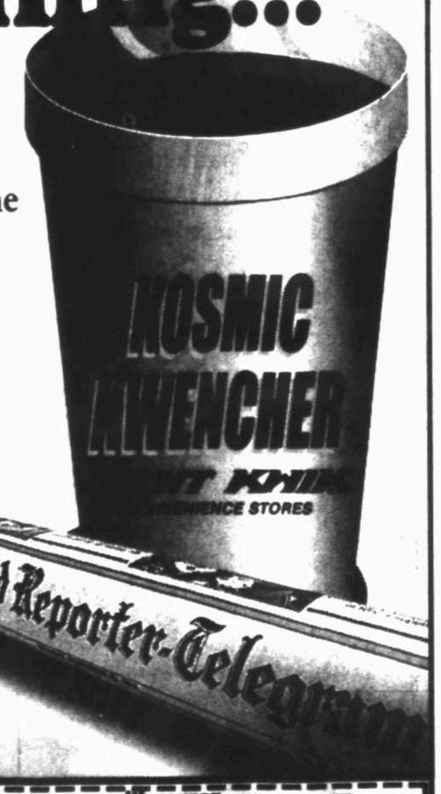

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Year Ago $19.35

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Today $13.50
Previous Close $13.00
Year Ago $17.75

NATURAL GAS PRICES
Thursday $2.479

Prices jump

Crude oil futures prices rose sharply Thursday on the New York Mercantile Exchange after a U.N. commission responsible for destroying Iraq's weapons arsenal warned a new crisis could erupt to raise tension levels in the Middle East.

Crude futures shook off a slump in prices tied to ample world supplies after the U.N. Special Commission said in a report to the Security Council that the first round of inspections to eight Iraqi palaces suspected of harboring banned weapons site were carried out to its satisfaction. But the commission, also known as UNSCOM, said, problems are "likely to reemerge," especially when teams try to visit sites with little or no warning to the Iraqis.

Further lifting crude futures was news that Iraq had demanded the Security Council lift the sanctions when it meets this month to review the status of Baghdad's weapons program.

Crude for May delivery rose 44 cents, or 2.8 percent, to $15.90 a barrel; May heating oil rose .98 cent, or 2.2 percent, to 44.60 cents a gallon; May unleaded gasoline rose 1.30 cents, or 2.5 percent, to 52.75 cents a gallon.

Natural gas fell 4.2 cents to settle at $2.479 per 1,000 cubic feet.

Dollar gains

NEW YORK — The dollar rose two yen against the Japanese currency Thursday after the Group of Seven industrialized nations decided against intervening in foreign exchange markets to help the Japanese prop up the yen.

The rise against the yen helped the dollar higher against the German mark and most other major currencies.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 1.8057 marks, up from 1.7979 late Wednesday. The U.S. currency also changed hands at 131.79 yen, up from 129.36 yen.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Wednesday: 1.5033 Swiss francs, up from 1.4928; 6.0515 French francs, up from 6.0385; 1,783.00 Italian lire, up from 1,782.00; and 1.4333 Canadian dollars, down from 1.4395.

The British pound was quoted at $1.6909, up from $1.6852 Wednesday.

Ford profits

DEARBORN, Mich. (AP) — Ford Motor Co. overcame lower U.S. sales to boost earnings from its operations by 15 percent in the first quarter of 1998 on cost cuts and strong European profits. With a $16 billion one-time gain from the spin-off of its finance business, net earnings were 12 times above last year's profits.

The No. 2 automaker reported Thursday that it earned $1.69 billion, or $1.36 a fully diluted share, from operations, compared with $1.47 billion, or $1.20 a share, in the same 1997 period.

The earnings from operations met analyst expectations, and Ford was barely changed in a declining market.

Diet soft drinks

NEW YORK — A diet soft drink business that has gone flat hopes the newly approved no-calorie sweetener sucralose will put a fizz back in sales.

But while two smaller brands — Diet RC cola and Veryfine fruit drinks — are scrambling to get sucralose-sweetened versions in stores by early May, the major players are in no rush.

For one thing, sucralose is in relatively short supply. For another, manufacturers may be wary about tampering with ingredients after Coca-Cola's marketing flop with the New Coke.

Stocks off sharply on new Asian jitters

■ Rocky day in Japanese markets, disappointing Merck profits send stocks retreating.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks retreated from record levels Thursday as a profit disappointment from Merck and a rocky day on Japanese markets provided unsettling reminders of the unresolved economic crisis in Asia.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell 85.70 to 9,076.57 after trimming a late 120-point slide. The barometer of 30 blue-chip companies had closed at new highs the previous two sessions, gaining 150 points.

Most broad-market indicators also suffered sizable losses, although another day of big gains among Internet stocks fortified the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite index.

Merck slid 4 1/16 to 119 7/16 as the Dow's second-weakest component after reporting a 14 percent improvement in first-quarter profits that was slightly shy of Wall Street forecasts.

Notably, the drugmaker said the persistent strength of the dollar continued to erode the foreign exchange value of its overseas revenue, a concern underscored by another volatile swing in Thursday's currency trading.

The dollar rose sharply against the Japanese yen, sending Tokyo stocks into a tailspin, after a meeting by officials from the Group of Seven industrialized nations produced no plan to help the Japanese prop up their currency on foreign exchange markets.

Thursday's developments "resurrected concern that that the Asian contagion may be more contagious than we thought," said John Shaughnessy, chief investment strategist at Advest Inc. of Hartford, Conn. "People are feeling so complacent about the market, but they're obviously still sensitive to bad news."

But even with Thursday's worries, Shaughnessy and other analysts asserted that the overall market backdrop remains encouraging. The early flow of reports on first-quarter profits, they noted, suggests that Wall Street forecasts will again prove too conservative.

"Analysts have been extraordinarily bearish," said Peter Canelo, U.S. investment strategist at Morgan Stanley Dean Witter. "And they haven't given full credit to the good news that will stimulate the (U.S.) economy over the course of the year, especially the massive decline in interest rates."

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by a 2-to-1 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled a hefty 699.57 million shares, up from 685.02 million on Wednesday.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock list fell 11.15 to 1,108.17, and the NYSE composite index fell 5.86 to 576.91.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies fell 2.70 to 484.42, and the American Stock Exchange composite index fell 3.11 to 739.35.

The Nasdaq composite index, which rose 20 points on Wednesday to a new high, fell 5.02 to 1,858.24.

Big oil producers also bucked the trend as crude prices rose after a U.N. commission responsible for destroying Iraq's weapons arsenal issued a discouraging report.

Chevron rose 3 11/16 to 83 3/4 and Exxon rose 1 5/8 to 70 5/16 as the two biggest gainers in the Dow, nearly canceling out J.P. Morgan's slide of 5 13/16 to 142 7/8.

Oil captains detail deals

From Staff Reports

Strategies, tactics, and planning behind some of the largest oil deals in the United States were topics at the 1998 Executive Oil Conference Thursday, as more than 400 people listened to captains of the oil industry reveal details of mergers, acquisitions and growth plans.

Featured speakers for the first day of the largest-ever Executive Oil Conference were Bill Earnest, manager of Acquisitions and Divestitures for Conoco; Bud Brigham, president Brigham Exploration Co.; and Bobby Shackouls, chairman, president and CEO of Burlington Resources.

Earnest, speaking on "Elephant Hunting" explained Conoco's position in the $1.2 billion acquisition of Trans Texas's assets in the Lobo Trend.

"We were the No. 2 or 3 player in the Lobo Trend, far behind Trans Texas," Earnest said. "We knew it would be a complicated deal, but in the end it was not that complicated. We paid more for the assets than we wanted to pay, but careful financial analysis on our part revealed that Trans Texas would need $1.2 billion to get out. We would have liked to have paid $800,000, but we paid what we had to."

He said the acquisition would substantially increase Conoco's position in the South Texas trend and the natural gas industry, noting that, with continued development, there was potential for multi-TCF of reserves. Conoco now has 600,000 acres to develop on the trend, and has 12 rigs running.

"Mother nature will be very good to us on this deal," said Earnest, who noted that Conoco anticipated getting production in the trend up to 1 billion cubic feet daily.

He said that Conoco hoped it would be able to participate in helping Pemex develop its reserves on the Mexican side of the trend. He said gas production and international trade had made Laredo the fastest growing city in America.

In a discussion of rapid oil company growth, Brigham told how he had managed to take a company with just $25,000 in start-up money to a $100 million company in just seven years, using 3-D seismic.

Brigham said the rapid growth of his company, which had much of its success in the Permian Basin, was a good case history for what could be done with 3-D seismic. He said 3-D has resulted in the drilling of more than 400 locations with a 63 percent success rate.

"We have found 3-D to be an effective tool in the Permian Basin, Anadarko Basin and Gulf Coast," Brigham said. "We have also found that stratigraphic traps probably have more oil, and it costs the same to drill for high reserves as low reserves," said the independent oilman who now lives in Austin.

In another success story, Shackouls, chairman of Burlington Resources, explained how the recent merger between Burlington Resources and Louisiana Land & Exploration (LL&E) had made Burlington one of the largest independents in the nation and why the two companies were a perfect match. "They had an abundance of opportunity and limited cash. We had cash and limited opportunities."

Shackouls said the marriage with LL&E had substantially increased Burlington's status as a "super independent" with stronger positions in the Gulf of Mexico, south Louisiana and internationally. "LL&E gave us the international know-how," said Shackouls, noting that it now had positions in the North Sea, Irish Sea and South America. While international positions were increased, he said the San Juan Basin was still the cornerstone of the company.

"It generates $400 million to 500 million a year and only costs $100 million to feed it."

Along with the LL&E acquisitions, he added that an aggressive divestiture program had allowed the company to reduce its 60,000 wellbores by almost half with little impact on reserves or production.

He said nearly all the LL&E employees were retained and where there were duplications, LL&E employees were used to assume positions in Midland and elsewhere.

Approximately 300 people attended the first day of the annual Executive Oil Conference at Midland Center Thursday, which included a variety of exhibit booths, above. Left, Bobby Shackouls, chairman, president and chief executive officer of Burlington Resources was one of three industry leaders who spoke to those attending the conference, detailing the recent successful merger of Burlington with Louisiana Land & Exploration (LL&E).

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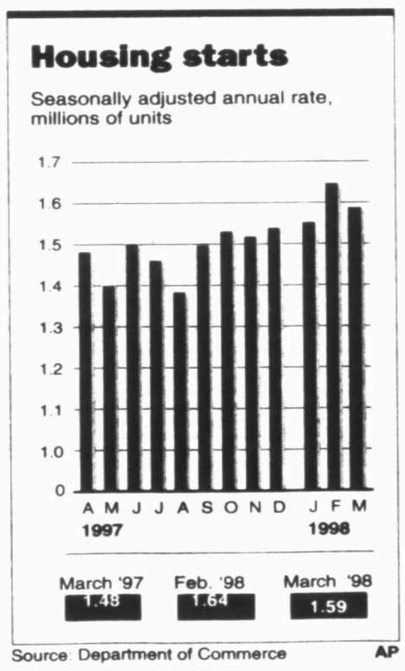

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Housing starts strong despite March drop

■ First-time jobless claims fall to best level in nine months.

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Housing construction declined slightly in March from a 10-year high the month before as builders struggled to keep up with buying demand fueled by plentiful jobs and low mortgage rates.

Home builders started construction of new housing units at a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.59 million, down 2.8 percent from February, the Commerce Department said Thursday.

Single-family housing starts fell 2.4 percent to a seasonally adjusted annual rate of 1.24 million. Apartment building starts declined 3.8 percent to 352,000 units.

But it was the seventh consecutive month that total starts exceeded 1.5 million, the longest such string in nearly 11 years. And, despite the March decline, starts for the first three months of this year were 9.9 percent higher than the same period of last year.

"It's the best of years right now in housing," said economist David Lereah of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America. "The supply of homes is relatively lean. Builders have every reason to continue construction."

This year's activity has been supported by levels of consumer confidence near a three-decade high because of low inflation and low unemployment.

First-time claims for unemployment benefits plunged 22,000 last week to 289,000, the best in nine months, the Labor Department said.

The level probably was depressed unnaturally by difficulties adjusting for the Easter and Passover holidays. Nevertheless, it signaled strong demand for labor.

Also, mortgage rates remain not too far above the four-year low of 6.89 percent reached in January. This week, 30-year, fixed-rate mortgages averaged 7.17 percent, said Freddie Mac, the mortgage company.

Analysts attributed the small March construction decline to the weather, rather than any underlying economic weakness. Unseasonably warm temperatures in January and February permitted builders to keep working in the Northeast and Midwest.

Starts plunged 29.7 percent in the Northeast to a rate of 142,000. They declined 7.1 percent in the Midwest to 338,000 and 1.1 percent in the South to 718,000.

"Homebuilding normally picks up in the springtime but this year springlike conditions showed up in January," said economist Mark Vitner of First Union Bank Corp.

Just the opposite phenomena occurred in the West. Heavy rain associated with El Nino curtailed building earlier in the winter and starts jumped 14.3 percent to 392,000 in March.

Housing permits — a leading indicator of future building plans — declined 2.5 percent to a rate of 1.58 million in March.

Analysts are expecting housing activity to subside somewhat by the second half of the year as weakness from Asia seeps into the American economy.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Criticizing mutual funds has become its own big business

By Eric Tyson

Q: I've been reading a lot of criticism about investing in mutual funds, mostly on how a large percentage of funds don't beat the market averages. Would I do better, as suggested by a book I read, in stocks of my own choosing rather than investing in stocks through funds?

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A: Just take a look at a business book best-seller list. It is obvious that spurning mutual funds in favor of picking individual stocks can help sell a lot of books.

"Mutual funds are boring," these best-selling authors are telling you. "Invest like me and you're guaranteed fabulous double-digit, market-beating returns."

It's no coincidence that the success of these books has come during one of the greatest bull markets in history. The stock market — and the amount of money that people have made in it in recent years — has attracted much attention. It doesn't take a doctorate in psychology to see that these market conditions are ripe for encouraging greed. Not surprisingly, some publishers are cashing in on it.

The book-writing gurus would have you believe it's their stock-picking prowess that has generated their double-digit returns. Baloney! Even index funds have been able to get 30-plus percent returns in the U.S. stock market in recent years. It's been hard to make a mistake in this market.

These returns are not sustainable. The market will cool off sooner or later, and when it does, everyone's returns — both the index funds' and the chest-thumping gurus' — will fall to more sober levels. I'm not a market timer, so I can't predict when this will happen. But I do predict that when it does, stock-picking books that claim to crush the market won't be so popular anymore.

In the meantime, view the returns that these authors are claiming with a healthy dose of skepticism. Book authors, unlike mutual funds, are not subject to Security and Exchange Commission regulations, and they don't have their returns independently audited.

For example, as I recently reported, the Beardstown investment club in Illinois claimed an annual market beating return on their book cover and sold scads of books before a reporter figured out that this return was a fraud and they actually have underperformed the market averages.

While it's true that the majority of stock mutual funds underperform the stock market averages, that does not argue for investing in individual stocks! I can guarantee you that an even larger portion of stock-picking individual investors underperform the market averages.

Index funds, which mirror the broad stock market averages, are a good way to invest. You can also increase your odds of beating the market averages by shunning funds with high fees and undemonstrated track records.

Q: I follow the direction of interest rates. Which ones are good to watch?

A: There are three primary indicators of the direction of interest rates. First is the prime rate, which is the interest rate banks charge to their most creditworthy (read large, stable, corporate) customers. Loans to less credit-worthy customers are tied to this rate but are higher.

Another is the federal funds rate, which is the interest rate charged by banks with excess reserves that are lending to other banks needing overnight loans to meet Federal Reserve requirements. This rate is set daily, and for this reason it is the most sensitive indicator of the direction of interest rates.

Finally, there is the discount rate, which is the interest rate the Federal Reserve charges member banks for loans, using government securities or eligible paper as collateral. This rate provides a floor on interest rates because banks set their interest rates above it.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Cendant	1084924	19 1/16	-16 9/16
Compaq s	153504	25 15/16	- 13/16
Cendnt pfI	84924	33 3/4	-15 7/16
PhilMor	74751	39 15/16	- 3/16
Pfizer s	68059100	111/16	+3 1/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
TimM01	27	+6 1/16	+29.3
HarborH	23 15/16	+2 7/16	+11.3
TIS	2	+ 3/32	+10.3
CapOne	97 5/16	+9 1/16	+10.3
TVX Gld	4 5/16	+ 3/16	+9.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cendant	19 1/16	-16 9/16	-46.5
Cendnt pfG	25 3/4	-16 3/16	-38.9
Cendnt pfI	33 3/4	-15 7/16	-31.4
ABnkr pf	117 5/8	-13 5/16	-10.4
Mavesa	4 3/4	- 1/2	-9.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,003
Declined	1,996
Unchanged	516
Total issues	3,515
New Highs	117
New Lows	24
Volume	843,847,440

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	717791	110 13/16	-1 5/16
Nabors	9390	24	- 3/16
Keane	9162	54	+1 3/8
Metromda	8149	17 7/8	+ 7/8
NTNCom	8070	1 1/16	+ 5/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
USExpInc	3 5/8	+ 3/4	+26.1
Globlink	3 7/16	+ 9/16	+19.6
BootsCts n	7 7/16	+1 3/16	+19.0
Stratesc n	2 1/4	+ 5/16	+16.1
Meteor n	3 3/4	+ 1/2	+15.4

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
ThrmDet	8 1/8	-1 7/8	-18.8
EZEM B	6 1/8	-1	-14.0
Viac wtE	2 3/16	- 5/16	-12.5
MAI Sys	4 1/2	- 1/2	-10.0
Cmputrn n	2 1/4	- 1/4	-10.0

DIARY

Advanced	264
Declined	334
Unchanged	164
Total issues	782
New Highs	30
New Lows	5
Volume	37,458,840

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Infoseek	338953	44 3/16	+9 11/16
Netscpe	306877	25 9/16	+5 13/16
Intel s	180859	74 3/8	- 1/2
AppleC	164477	28 5/16	+1 3/16
WorldCm	121298	45 3/16	+ 5/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Neoph wt	2 1/8	+1	+88.9
Spygiss	14 13/16	+6 1/8	+70.5
Connect s	2 31/32	+1 7/32	+69.6
Strouds	2 13/16	+ 7/8	+45.2
Discas n	3 1/8	+ 7/8	+38.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AmintPt	2 1/16	- 23/32	-25.8
SundHme	2 1/8	- 5/8	-22.7
Didax n	3 29/32	- 1 3/32	-21.9
PCC Gp	6	- 1 1/2	-20.0
HungBd	7 1/8	- 1 3/4	-19.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,891
Declined	2,438
Unchanged	1,299
Total issues	5,628
New Highs	239
New Lows	71
Volume	854,883,000

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,875 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least $5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional fields rotated through the week, as follows:

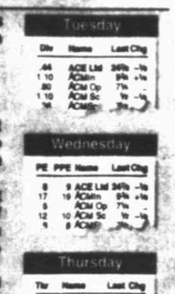
Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...
YTD: Percent change in price since December 31.
How to use: The year-to-date percent change compares the most recent price with the company's price as of Dec. 31. The number is a good way to compare and track the performance of different companies in the same industry or the same town.

Benchmarks are important in investing and the year-to-date percent change can be a useful field of information when used as a benchmark. If you were considering investing in the automotive industry, for example, you could watch to see which auto stock was enjoying the best performance so far this year by looking at this field.

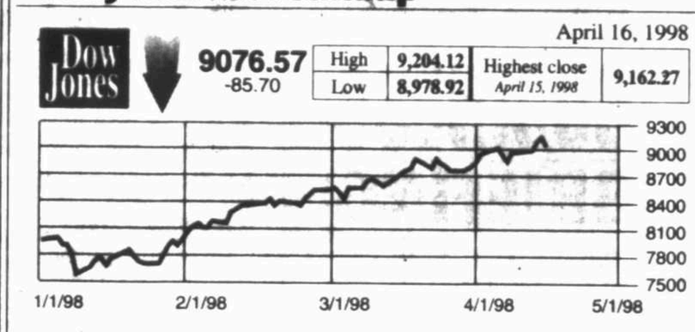
These numbers can be helpful in following stocks but as with all financial data are only one of many factors to use in determining how to invest. Consult your financial advisor before making any investment decision.

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



INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
9,162.27	6,356.78	Dow Jones Industrials	9,076.57	-85.70	-.94	+14.77	+36.31
3,662.82	2,373.11	Dow Jones Transportation	3,686.02	+24.12	+.66	+13.19	+47.82
291.90	208.98	Dow Jones Utilities	286.22	-1.67	-.58	+4.82	+34.88
587.91	387.12	NYSE Composite	578.91	-5.86	-1.01	+12.86	+43.99
750.22	541.02	Amex Index	739.35	-3.11	-.42	+8.00	+33.09
1,866.52	183.31	Nasdaq Composite	1,858.24	-5.02	-.27	+18.33	+52.68
1,131.99	733.54	S&P 500	1,108.17	-11.15	-1.00	+14.19	+45.47
489.88	248.65	Russell 2000	484.41	-2.71	-.56	+10.84	+42.29
10,683.76	7,097.53	Wilshire 5000	10,590.48	-93.28	-.87	+13.90	+46.41

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

YTD	Name	Last	Chg
	A-B-C		
+32.1	ABN Am n	25 3/4	-1 1/4
+14.8	ACE Ltd s	38 7/8	-1 1/2
- 6	ACMIn	10 5/16	+1/16
+1.9	ACM Sc	10 5/16	+1/16
-2.8	ACMSp	6 7/16	
+9.0	ACNiels u26	9 1/16	- 3/16
+15.5	AES Cp s	53 7/16	-3 9/16
+23.2	AFLAC	63	- 3/16
-8.1	AGCO	26 7/8	- 3/16
+ 9	AGL Res	20 5/16	- 5/16
+19.4	AK Steel s	21 1/16	- 3/16
+23.2	AMR	u158 1/16	+4 3/16
+15.6	**ARCOCh**	**53 3/16**	**+1**
+8.1	AT&T	66 1/16	+ 5/16
+54.3	AXA UAP	80 3/16	- 1 1/16
+17.9	Aames	15 1/16	
+9.9	AbtLab	72	-2
+34.6	AberFitch	42 1/16	- 13/16
+10.3	Abitibi g	15 7/16	- 1/16
+60.3	AccuStff	36 7/8	- 1/2
-11.4	AcmeMt	8 3/4	- 1/16
+6.0	Acuson	17 9/16	- 3/16
+13.7	**AdaEx**	**27 1/2**	**- 3/16**
+45.1	AMD	25 3/4	- 1/2
+23.0	Advest	30 3/4	- 1 3/16
+40.7	Advoinc	27 7/16	- 7/16
+63.6	Aeroflex	14 5/16	+ 3/16
+31.0	AeroVick	u64 1/4	
+3 3/16			
+21.0	Aetna Inc	85 3/16	- 1 3/16
+37.8	**AffCmpSv**	**36 1/4**	**- 1/4**
+30.6	Agnico g	6 15/16	+ 3/16
+17.5	Agrbrd n	42	- 5/16
+23.6	Agrium g	15 1/16	- 1/16
+14.8	Ahmans	7 7/8	
+22.7	Ahold s	32 1/16	- 5/16
+3.6	AirProd	85 3/16	- 5/16
+29.7	AirbFrt s	40 3/8	- 9/16
+34.4	Airgas	18 13/16	+ 5/16
+19.1	AirTouch	49 1/2	+ 3/16
+1.0	**AlaP pfB**	**24 1/4**	**- 1/16**
+2.7	**AlaP pfC**	**25 7/8**	**...**
-.3	**AlaP adj pf24**	**7 1/16**	**...**
-.5	**AlaPC pfQ25**	**1 1/16**	
+ 1/16			
+56.3	AlaskAir	60 9/16	+ 5/16
+23.4	Albnyln	u28 3/4	- 13/16
- 1.9	AlbCulA	26 1/2	- 1/16
+6.1	Albertsn	50 1/4	- 11/16
+16.7	Alcan	32 1/4	+ 1/16
+49.1	Alcatel	37 3/4	- 15/16
- 1.9	AlgEngy	3 1/16	- 1/16
+2.7	AlegTeldy	26 9/16	- 7/16
+6.0	Allegiance	37 9/16	+ 3/16
- 9.8	AllenTel	16 3/4	+ 1/2
+18.8	Allergn	u39 7/8	+ 2 1/16
+30.5	AlliCap s	25 15/16	- 3/16
+ 5	AlliWrld2	13 3/16	+ 1/16
+9.2	AlldGrp s	31 1/4	- 2 3/16
+18.7	AldSgnl s	46 1/16	- 7/16
+30.0	AlmrFn	64 15/16	- 3/16
+6.6	Alstate	96 7/16	- 1 9/16
+9.4	Altel	44 15/16	+ 1/16
+43.6	Alumax	49 3/16	- 11/16
+9.4	Alcoa	77	- 1 1/2
+35.4	Alza	43 1/16	- 1/16
+48.6	AmaxG	3 7/16	
+29.2	AmbacF s	59 7/16	- 1/2
+ 3	AmbssApt	20 5/16	- 1/16
+6.0	AmHes	58 3/16	+ 1 1/16
-2.0	Ameren	n41 15/16	- 3/16
+66.3	AmOnline	su75 1/16	+ 3/16
+61.1	AmWest	30	
+41.2	ABanknts		
-8.4	AEP	48 5/16	- 3/16
+14.7	AmExp	102 3/16	- 1 3/16
+9.8	AfnclGp	44 1/4	- 1/2
+23.7	AGenCp	66 7/16	- 11/16
- 7.0	AGnHosp	24 7/8	- 5/16
+23.6	AGreet	48 3/4	- 7/16
+22.1	**AHome**	**93 1/4**	**- 1 1/2**
+23.3	AmIntG s	134 1/16	+ 3/16
-36.0	APresidSvc	10	+ 1/16
+8.4	ASking n	16 1/16	- 3/16
+18.2	AmStor s	24 5/16	- 1/16
+21.9	Amercrd	33 3/4	- 1
+13.8	Ameritch s	45 13/16	
+1 1/16			
-10.3	AmerUs	33 1/16	
+1 15/16			
+2.6	**Amoco**	**87 5/16**	
+3 3/16			
- 7	AMP	41 11/16	+ 3/16
+12.0	AmSouth s	60 13/16	
15/16			
-10.3	**AmwyAs**	**17 1/2**	**...**
+23.6	**Anadrk**	**75+**	**9 9/16**
+32.3	Analog	u36 5/16	- 7/16
+1.1	Angelic	22 7/8	- 1/4
+8.7	**Anheus**	**47 13/16**	**- 1/16**
+25.4	Anixter	u20 1/16	+ 1/16
+16.4	AnnTayl	15 9/16	- 1/16
-2.8	Annaly n	10 1/16	+ 1/16
+ .8	AnthCap n	15 1/16	+ 1/16
+14.8	Aon Cp s	67 5/16	- 1/4
+3.9	**Apache**	**36 7/16**	**- 11/16**
+3.4	Aptinv	38	- 3/16
+7.4	ApplMg	11 13/16	- 1/16
-35.8	Apria	8 5/16	+ 5/16
+37.4	AquilaG	17 1/16	- 1/2
+11.3	Aracruz	16	- 1/16
+14.3	ArcadiaFn	8 1/2	- 11/16
+1.7	ArchDan	22 1/16	+ 1/16
-8.5	ArdenRlt	28 1/16	- 1/4
+30.4	Armco	8 7/16	- 5/16
+18.1	ArmWl	88 1/4	- 1
-15.8	ArrowEl s	27 5/16	- 1/4
+20.1	Asarco	26 15/16	- 9/16
+ .8	Ashland	54 1/8	+ 7/8
+7.6	AsiaPc	8	- 3/16
+56.7	AsiaPR	2 15/16	- 1/16
+59.5	AsiaPlu	15 3/4	- 3/16
+4.2	AsiaTgr	7 13/16	- 1/16
+7.3	AscFCap	7 3/16	
3/16			
+25.1	AstraA s	21 1/2	- 7/16
-3.0	AtlRich s	77 3/4	
+1 11/16			
-2.1	**ATMOS**	**29 1/16**	**...**
+13.8	ACES Trn	26 3/4	- 7/16
+7.8	AutoDt	66 3/16	- 9/16
+6.5	AutoZone	30 7/8	- 5/16
-5.9	AvalonPr	29 1/16	+ 3/16
+30.0	Avatex	2 7/16	+ 1/16
+22.1	AveryD	54 5/16	
- 2.5	Avis n	31 1/16	
1 11/16			
-10.2	Avnet	59 1/4	- 11/16
+34.8	Avon	82 3/4	- 1 1/16
-20.6	Aydin	d9 3/8	- 5/16
+21.6	Aztar	7 3/4	- 3/16
+ 3.5	BB&T Cp	66 5/16	- 1
+22.9	BCE g s	40 15/16	- 1/16
- 5.0	BEA Inco	8 1/4	- 1/16
- 5.2	BJ's s	34 1/4	- 7/16
+27.1	BJs Wh n	39 7/8	+ 1/16
+25.7	BMC	20 1/2	+ 5/16
-19.8	BP Pru	12 7/8	+ 1/8
- 4.2	BRE	27 1/16	- 9/16
- 7.0	BakrHu	40 9/16	- 7/16
+ 4	Ball	35 1/2	+ 1/16
+48.3	BallyTotF	32 7/16	- 13/16
- 8.8	BaltGE	31 1/16	- 5/16
+19.2	BancOne	58 7/16	- 15/16
+56.7	BcoBilV s	50 5/16	+ 1/16
- .5	BncoFrn	27 1/16	- 1/2
- 3.1	BcoRioP n	13 9/16	+ 1/16
+ 2.7	BcSantCh	14 1/2	+ 1/16
-11.0	Banctec	23 7/8	- 1/2
-12.0	BkTokyo	12 3/8	- 1/2
+11.6	BkNY	64 1/2	- 2
+20.1	BankAm s	87 7/16	
3 1/16			
+8.7	BkAtlA s	14 1/8	+ 1/16
+20.3	BkBost	113	- 2 3/4
+19.6	BankTr	134 1/2	- 15/16
+14.0	Bard	35 1/16	- 1/16
+10.1	BarrNbl s	36 3/4	- 1 3/16
+33.0	BarrLab s	45 3/4	- 3/8
+16.4	BarrickG	21 1/16	- 1/16
+18.5	BattlMf	8 13/16	+ 3/16
+26.2	BauschL	50	- 1/16
+4.8	Baxter	52 7/8	- 1/16
- 4.2	BayApt	37 3/8	+ 1/8
- 6.3	BayNtwk	24	- 1
+24.1	BearSt	58 15/16	- 3/16
+3.9	BearS pfE	53 1/2	- 15/16
+38.1	BeckCoult	55 1/4	- 1/16
+37.6	BectDk	68 13/16	- 7/16
-10.0	Beico	16 15/16	- 1/16
+ 1.6	BellAtl	92 1/2	+ 3/16
+12.8	BellSo	63 1/2	+ 1 3/16
- 4.8	BeloAH	53 7/16	- 1/16
+ 1.1	Bemis	44 9/16	- 7/16
+58.7	BenefCp	131 15/16	- 2
- 2.9	BentonOG	12 9/16	- 1/16
+ 4.4	BergEl s	23 15/16	- 3/16
+10.1	BergBr s	46 3/16	- 1/16
+53.3	**BerkHa**	**A70500**	**-450**
- 1.0	BerkRty	11 7/8	- 1/16
-15.8	**BerryP**	**14 11/16**	**...**
+97.3	BestBuy	72 3/4	- 2 1/16
+15.5	Bestfoods	116 1/16	- 1/16
+85.6	BethSti	18 1/16	- 1/2
- 7.5	BetzDearb	56 1/2	+ 3/8
+15.4	Beverly n	15	
+17.4	Bindly	38 1/4	- 7/16
+ 4.8	Biovail	40 15/16	- 1 1/16
+2.8	BirSti	16 3/16	- 13/16
+32.5	BlackD	51 3/4	+ 5/16
-7.7	**BlkHlCp**	**s21 11/16**	**- 1/2**
	Blk1998	9 3/4	
	Blk2001	8 5/8	
- 2.7	BlkIT	8 7/8	
- 3.4	BlkMTar	10 5/8	
+ 1.2	BlkNA	10 11/16	
- 7	BlkTT	9 1/4	
+4.3	BlckHR	46 3/4	- 7/8
+6.1	BlueSq	13 1/4	+ 1/4
+126.8	Bluegreen	u10	+ 1/2
+24.6	Blyth s	37 5/16	- 5/16
+8.3	Boeing s	53	+ 7/16
+29.8	BoiseC	39 1/4	- 1/4
+30.1	BoisCOff	19 7/16	- 1/2
+8.1	Bombay	5	- 1/16
- 8	BordCh	8 1/4	+ 3/16
+4.2	Borders	32 5/8	- 7/16
+4.6	BostEd	39 9/16	- 7/16
+8.7	BostPrp n	35 15/16	+ 3/8
+48.5	BostSc	67 3/16	+ 1/16
+32.9	Bowatr	59 1/16	+ 1/16
- 4.2	BoxHill n	10	
+4.7	BoydGm	6 15/16	+ 3/16
+4.8	Brahma n	14 7/8	- 1/16
- 4.5	Brandyw	24	
- 3.2	BrazilEF s	8 3/4	- 3/16
- 8.2	BrgStrat	44 9/16	- 1
+33.6	Brinker	21 3/4	- 1/16
- 8.0	BristHtl s	26 3/4	- 1/16
+7.9	**BrMySq102**	**1/16**	**+1/16**
+14.2	BritPet s	91	+ 1 3/16
+17.2	BritSti	25 1/16	- 3/16
+10.1	BHP	14 1/16	+ 1/16
+65.2	Brooke	14 1/16	+ 1/4
+3.3	**BrwnFA**	**54 1/2**	**- 3/16**
+4.3	**BrwnFB**	**57 3/16**	**- 3/16**
- 9.0	BrwnFr	33 11/16	- 1/2
+13.8	Brunswick	34 1/2	+ 3/16
+11.7	BrshWil	27 3/8	-
1 15/16			
+49.3	Buckle s	51 1/16	- 2 3/16
+11.9	BudgetGp	38 11/16	+ 5/16
+21.3	BurlInds	18 3/4	- 5/16
+7.1	BurlNSF	99 9/16	+ 3/16
+7.4	BrlRsc	48 1/16	- 1/16
- 5.3	BurnPP	14 1/2	- 1/16
- 9.0	CANTV	37 7/16	- 2 9/16
- 2.8	CBL Assc	24	- 7/16
+17.0	CBS	34 7/16	- 5/16
+22.3	CIGNA	210 3/4	- 2
	CIGHt	8 7/16	
+5.6	CIT Grp n	34 1/16	+ 1/16
- 5.2	CKE Rst	36 1/4	+ 1/4
+8.7	CMAC Inv	64 7/16	+ 1
+59.0	CMI Cp	u81	+ 1/16
+4.1	CMS Eng	45 7/8	- 3/8
- 8.9	CNF Tran	36 1/16	- 3/8
+5.0	CSX	56 11/16	+ 5/16
+18.2	CTS s	u37 3/4	+ 3/4
+14.8	CVS Corp	73 15/16	+ 3/4
+39.5	Cable&W n	34	- 1/16
+39.8	CablWire	38	- 1/4
- 10.4	Cablitrn	13 7/16	- 1/4
+34.2	Cabot	37 1/16	- 3/16
+41.8	Cadence s	34 3/4	- 1/4
+4.3	Calenergy	30	- 7/8
+10.5	Calgon	11 7/8	+ 3/16
+2.6	CalGolf	29 5/16	- 1/16
+26.1	Calpine	18 3/4	+ 3/16
+10.6	Cambrex	50 7/8	+ 3/16
- 8.3	Camco	58 3/16	- 1 5/16
- 3.0	CamdnP	30 1/16	- 3/16
- 7.1	CmpRg	9 3/32	
- 7.9	CampSp	51 1/4	- 1/2
+38.6	CdnRy g	65 1/2	+ 1 1/16
+ 7.3	CdnPc g	29 1/4	- 1/4
+79.6	CapOne u	97 5/16	+ 9 1/16
+42.5	CapSenL n	14 7/8	+ 3/16
- 8.7	Capstar	32	- 1/16
+ 6	Capstd	20 1/16	- 3/16
+19.6	CardnlH	89 7/8	- 3/16
- 16.6	Carlbnr s	37 1/8	- 2 5/16
+16.7	Carlisle	49 7/8	+ 1
+27.8	CarnvCp	70 3/4	- 1 1/4
+ 3	CaroPw	42 1/2	- 5/16
+16.8	CarpTech	56 1/16	- 1 7/8
- 8.9	CarrAmR	29 1/2	- 3/8
- 3.7	CascdeCp	16 3/8	+ 1 7/16
+11.8	CaseCp	67 5/16	- 2 1/2
+17.4	CashAm	15 3/16	- 1/16
- 9.1	Catalus	18 3/16	- 13/16
+15.9	Caterp s	56 3/16	- 3/16
- 7.2	Cavangh n	16 1/16	- 1/16
+44.5	Cendant	d19	
16 9/16			
-39.9	Cendnt pfGd	25 3/4	
16 3/16			
-33.0	Cendnt pfId	33 3/4	
15 7/16			
+18.3	Centex s	37 1/4	- 3/4
- 7	CenSoWst	26 7/8	- 5/16
+4.8	**CenLAEI**	**33 15/16**	**- 1/2**
- 5.9	Centris s	14	
+32.1	CntryTel s	43 1/16	- 3/16
+25.1	Ceridian	u57 5/16	+ 1/16
+42.6	ChmpE	29 5/16	+ 5/16
+24.0	Chmpln	56 3/16	- 1 9/16
+ 5.3	ChAutoR n	u21	+ 7/16
+24.2	ChaseM	135 1/4	
4 15/16			
+141.7	Chaus s	5 7/16	- 5/16
-28.1	ChesEng	5 7/16	- 1/16
+8.8	**Chevron**	**83 3/4**	
+3	11/16		
+24.8	ChicBy	9 1/16	+ 1/16
-18.0	ChileTel	24 1/2	- 9/16
+21.0	ChinaTlc n	40 5/8	- 3/4
-14.9	Chiquita	13 7/8	- 3/4
- 8.2	ChicpfB	58 7/16	- 1/16
+25.6	Chrysler	u44 3/16	
1 11/16			
+7.7	Chubb	81 7/16	- 1 3/16
+7.1	ChrDwt	30 1/16	- 7/16
+15.9	CIBER s	33 5/8	+ 3/16
+14.3	CinnBell s	35 7/16	+ 3/16
+26.7	CinMil	32 7/8	- 1/16
+50.0	CineOd	17	+ 1/16
- 8.7	CINergy	35 3/4	- 9/16
+23.7	CircCtyCC	44	+ 5/16
- 1.8	Circus	20 1/16	+ 1/4
+24.4	Citicorp	157 1/4	- 2 7/8
+7.9	CitzUtil	10 1/4	- 3/16
+7.6	CityNC	39 3/4	- 11/16
+18.3	ClairesStr	23	+ 1/16
+22.2	ClayH	22	
+16.4	ClearC	92 1/2	- 2 1/16
+19.5	ClvCif	54 3/4	-
1 13/16			
- 9.6	CliffsDr s	45 1/16	- 11/16
+8.5	Clorox s	84 1/2	- 1
+11.0	Coastal	68 3/4	
+73.0	Coastcst	u24	+ 1 9/16
+12.2	**CocaCl**	**74 13/16**	**- 1 7/16**
+11.1	CocaCE s	39 1/2	- 1
- 1.3	CCFemsa s	19 1/16	
+38.5	Coeur	12 3/8	
+22.4	Cogniznt	54 5/8	- 3/4
+12.2	**ColgPal**	**s82 7/16**	**- 3/4**
+6.9	ColBgp	36 13/16	+ 1/2
+2.9	ColonPT	31	+ 1/8
+7.8	Coltec	25	
+1.1	ColumEgy	79 7/16	- 5/8
+10.8	ColHCA	32 13/16	- 5/16
- 2	ColSP25	25 5/8	
+29.3	Comdisc s	43 1/4	- 9/16
+13.4	Comerica	s 68 3/16	- 1 9/16
+16.5	ComfrtSt n	u23	+ 3/8
+24.3	CmcBNJ	60 7/16	+ 11/16
+4.4	CmcFdl s	37 1/16	- 15/16
+21.1	ComScop n	16 1/2	+ 1/16
-38.5	CmpUSA	19 1/16	- 7/16
- 8.2	Compaq s	25 15/16	- 3/16
-43.8	CmpMan	7 7/8	- 1/16
+81.3	CompCre	12 1/4	+ 3/8
+2.4	CompAs s	54 1/4	- 1 3/16
+23.5	CmpSci s	51 1/16	- 3/16
+8.8	CmpTsk s	38 1/16	+ 1/16
+6.0	Compx n	25 3/8	+ 5/16
+55.9	Comsat u	37 7/16	+ 9/16
- 4.2	ComstkRs	11 7/16	+ 3/16
-10.6	ConAgra s	29 9/16	- 1/16
- 8.9	Conectriv	21	+ 3/16
+6.2	**ConnEn**	**32+**	**7/16**
+12.0	Conseco	50 7/8	- 1/2
+8.3	Consc pfF	55 1/2	- 1/4
-48.8	CnCigar	d14 1/16	- 1/16
+10.2	ConEd	45 3/16	+ 1/2
- 3.9	ConsNG	58 1/16	- 7/8
+25.1	ConPap	66 3/4	- 11/16
- 4.1	ConStor	42 1/16	- 7/8
+36.5	Contfincl	34 1/16	- 2 1/16
+30.3	CtlAir B	82 1/16	- 1
+5.2	Converse	6 5/16	- 3/16
- 1.7	CoopCa s	s59 9/16	- 1 1/16
- 2.9	CoopCo	39 1/16	- 13/16
+37.2	Cooper	67 1/4	- 9/16
+1.8	CooprTr	24 15/16	- 7/16
+5.5	Copel n	14 7/16	- 3/16
-20.4	CoramH	2 1/16	+ 1/16
+21.3	CoreSte	u97 7/16	+ 5/16
+22.6	CornPdt	n36 9/16	+ 15/16
- 4.9	CorPrpt	18 1/4	- 1/16
- 4.7	CornRit n	11 1/2	- 1/16
+ 6	CornD pf	62	+ 1/16
+6.4	CorningIn	39 1/2	+ 1/4
- 1.7	CorpHY	14 3/4	
-11.0	CorrectCp	33	- 1 1/2
+19.0	CntwCrd	51	- 3/8
+4.1	Covance	20 11/16	- 1/4
+10.5	CoxCm	44 1/4	- 1/2
+20.0	Cycomm	17	- 1/4
	Cyprus	4 1/4	+ 1/4
-10.2	DRS Tech	13 1/4	- 1/16
+18.4	CroeTbr	s19 11/16	-
1/16			
+6.9	**CroeTim**	**17 3/8**	**+ 1/4**
+7.7	CwnCork	54	- 7/16
+24.8	Cryolife	17	+ 1/4
+17.3	CuilgnWtr	s58 15/16	- 1
-10.3	CumEng	53	+ 1 1/16
+15.7	CypSem	9 11/16	- 7/16
+11.0	Cyprus	17 1/16	- 1/2
+22.8	Cytec	57 5/8	- 1 1/16
	D-E-F		
- 4.6	DPL s	18 1/4	- 3/8
+23.7	DR Horton	21 1/2	
+43.8	DSP Com	17 1/4	
+24.2	DST Sys	53	- 1 1/4
+16.9	DTE	u40 9/16	- 3/16
+45.6	DBenz	105 3/4	- 2 1/16
-20.2	DainRaus	55 1/16	- 7/16
-16.6	DalSem	34 15/16	
+27.0	DanaCp	60 5/16	
+17.7	Danaher	74 5/16	- 1 1/2
+36.0	**Darden**		**17 - 11/16**
- 3.6	DataGn	18 13/16	- 3/8
-43.6	Datapt	1 15/16	- 1/16
+27.8	DaytHud	86 1/4	- 3/8
-21.9	DeanFd	46 11/16	+ 3/16
+ 2.5	DebtStr2	n 10 3/8	- 1/16
- 2.9	DebtStrt	n 10 7/16	+ 1/16
+ 5.9	Deere	61 11/16	- 1/16
+75.2	DelhiGn s	88 3/4	- 1 1/16
+28.0	DelphiFn	u56 1/2	+ 1
+48.8	DeltPne s	45 3/4	- 1 1/16
+8.7	DeltaAir	u129 3/4	
+7 7/16			
+27.6	DeltaFn	17 1/16	- 1 3/16
- 6.9	Deluxe	32 1/4	+ 1/4
+1.1	Deputy	29 1/16	- 5/16
+29.2	DeutTel	24 1/16	- 1/4
+4.1	DevlDv	39 13/16

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YTD Name Last Chg

A-B-C

+7.7 ACC Cp u64⅛ +⅛
−11.5 ACT Mf 12⅞ +⅛
+78.1 ACT Net 12⅜ +⅜
−33.1 ACC Tel 27⅝ +⅝
+75.0 ADM Tr ⅛ +⅛
+21.8 AFC Cbl s 36⅛ −⅛
−18.7 APACT 11¼ −⅜
+36.1 ASM Lth s 9⅞ −⅜
+102.4 ATC Com 2⅝ +⅛
+118.5 ATEC G 7⅜ +⅜
−8.0 Abacan 1⅞ +⅛
−10.7 Abaxis 2⅛ −⅛
+10.0 AbleTel 7 +⅛
−40.3 Abraxas 8⅛ −⅜
+7.1 AccentS ½
+19.1 AccesHlt 35 −1¼
+75.9 Acclaim 6⅛ −⅞
−38.9 Actrade 16¼ +3¾
−45.5 Adaptec 20¼ −⅝
−4.8 AdeptT n 10 −¼
+17.3 AdobeSy 48⅜ +⅛
−19.6 AdrianR 4⅝ +⅛
−1.8 Adtran 27 −¾
+45.7 AdvFCm u42⅞ −1
−20.5 AdvHthC 12⅝ −⅛
−37.4 AdvTiss 7¾ −¾
−20.3 AehrTest n 6⅜ +⅛
+4.4 AeriaC 7⅞ +¾
+20.7 Aftmarkt 21⅞ +⅛
+20.0 Agourn s 35⅛ −1¼
−13.2 AgriBio 14⅜ +⅛
−11.9 AirExp s 26⅞ −⅝
+107.0 AirTran 8½
+11.5 Akzo 96⅞ −2¼
+81.4 Aldila u7⅝ +1⅜
+14.5 Alkerm 22¾ −⅜
+30.4 AlrMsm 17⅜ +½
+109.6 AlrSem 9⅝
−9.7 AldWste u25⅝ +⅞
−35.9 Alteon 4¹¹⁄₁₆ +⅜
+20.8 Altera 40 −
2¹¹⁄₁₆
+63.5 Amazon n 98½ +2⅝
−15.6 AmTrde 24¹¹⁄₁₆ −⅝
AmrDntl n 17 ⅞
+152.4 AEagleO su58¹¹⁄₁₆
+1 ⅝
−27.7 AmerEco 7⅞ −⅜
+25.9 AmFrght 12⅞ −⅞
−91.2 AmtCh 9²⁵⁄₃₂ +⅛
−38.9 AmintPt 2⅛ −²⁵⁄₃₂
+45.5 AmIS 26⅜ −1½
+42.1 AmisAt 3⅜ +⅜
+22.5 AmOilfDv 15⅝ −⅜
−8.3 AOncol 15 +⅜
+38.6 APwrCnv 32⅜ +⅛
+15.6 Amerin 32⅜ −⅛
+19.3 AmesDS 20⅞ −⅛
+3.1 Amgen 55⅞ −2⅛
+23.8 Amresco 37⅞ +1⅛
−31.0 Amylin 3¾ −9³²⁄₃₂
−55.2 Anadigc 13½ +⅞
+10.9 AntySur 38 −2¾
−1.6 Andrew 23⅝ +2
+4.5 Angeion 2⅞ +⅛
+3.0 AnntyLfe n 23⅞ −⅜
+15.2 Antec u18 +¾
−10.5 Apertus 1½ −¹³²⁄₃₂
+35.6 ApexPC 30 +1
+118.1 ApogeC 28⅝ +1⅜
+12.4 ApplSou 14¾ +⅞
−19.4 ApkCell n 3⅝ −²⁹⁄₆₄
−5.6 AppGrph 50¼ −½
+53.4 Apldlnov 8⅞ −¼
+19.1 ApldMat s 35⅞ −
1 ⅜

+101.6 AMCC n 24⅝ +⅛
−15.2 Arakis d1⅜ −⅛
+31.0 ArchCom 3⅝ +⅛
+14.4 ArtVasc s 37⅜ −2¼
+65.6 Ascend 40⅝ +⅛
+10.2 AscentEnt 11⅞ +¹¹⁄₁₆
+60.7 AshnT 2⅝ −⅜
+31.5 AspctDev u68⅜ −1½
+49.1 AspenTel u31¼ +2¼
+21.9 AspenTc 41⅜ −1¼
+ .9 AstoriaF 56¼ −1³²⁄₃₂
+26.9 AtHome n 31⅝ +1¼
+89.8 AtCstAr u60¼ +1¼
−1.7 Atmel 18¼ −⅛
−3.8 AuraSy 3 ³²⁄₃₂ −⅛
+21.3 Autodesk 44⅞ +1⅜
−5.6 AutonoT 5⅛ +⅛
+15.3 Avanti 19⅝ −¹¹⁄₁₆
+94.2 AvrdSft u14⅜ +⅝
+32.3 Aware 13⅜ −½
+85.9 AxentT 28⅝ −½
+82.5 BE Aero 35⅞ +⅜
+36.4 BMC Soft 89½ −½
+56.1 Baan s 51½ +¹¹⁄₁₆
+1.4 BncGalic 22⅜
+13.7 BnkUntd 55⅝ −⅜
−5.6 BkCmCA s 21¼ −1⅛
+7.9 BnkUtd 16⅝ +⅝
+225.5 BanyanSy 9⅜ +⅝
−17.4 BarrngTch 11⅞ −⅜
+20.4 BasExpl 21⅜ +⅛
+37.0 BedBath u52¾ −⅛
+14.1 BellSpt 9⅝ −⅜
−14.8 Bellweth 9⅜ −⅛
+5.8 Berkley s 46⅞ −⅛
+14.7 BioPhar s 23⅝ +⅜
−41.7 Biogtri ⅞ —
+22.0 Biogen 44⅜ −⅜
+41.5 Bioject 1⅜ +⅛
+10.2 Biomat 28¼ −1½
−23.3 BioTcG 8¼ +¼
+18.5 BirnDnt n 7½ +½
+37.6 Borlnd 10¼ +1½
−40.3 BostChk 3²⁷⁄₃₂ −⅛
−11.5 BostnCom 9⅝ +⅜
+19.2 BrassEgl n 14⅜
−44.1 BrassicG ⅝ −⅛
+41.0 Brightpt s 19⅝ +⅝
+192.3 BroadVis 19 +1⅛
−28.3 BrodSft 18⅜ −1⅛
+77.3 Brooktrl 20½ +⅛
+14.9 BrownTom 22⅛ —
−53.1 BrushCrk ³²⁄₃₂ +¹⁄₃₂
+60.7 Buffets u15¼ +⅞
+25.7 C-CUBE 20½ −1
+21.0 CBT Gp s 49⅜ −1
+24.1 CCC Info 24½ −1½
+7.2 CDW Cpt 55⅞
+55.7 CDNow n 34¼ −1
+21.2 CHS El s 20⅝ −½
+84.1 CKS Gr n 26 +2½
+202.5 CMG Inf 91½ +5⅜
+22.0 CNET 36 +8¼
−22.4 CNS d5 ³²⁄₃₂ −⅜
−17.8 COHR 10½ −¼
+18.8 CSGSys 47½ +¼
+39.9 Caere 12¼ +⅜
+27.0 CambTch 52⅞ −⅜
+1.6 Canonlnc s 23⅜ −⅜
−4.7 CaptecNt n 16⅜ +⅝
+44.9 Caringtn 6¼ +⅜
+31.9 Caseys s 16⅞ −⅞
+75.7 CasMagic 2½ −¹³²⁄₃₂
−96.2 Casmyn n ³²⁄₃₂ +¹⁄₃₂
+161.5 Catalyst 10⅝
+32.8 Catalyt 15¾ −½
−2.2 CellGens 8⅝ +⅛
+62.9 CellNet 12⅝ —
−63.6 CellexB ⅝ +¹⁄₃₂

+73.6 Celstar s 34½ −1
−44.9 CellYsln d3⅝ −⅜
+66.5 CentCdr 32½ +⅛
+19.4 Centoopr 39½ −⅜
+51.8 CityCom u14⅝ −⅜
+4.4 Cephln 11⅞ +½
+2.4 Cerner 21⅝ +1¼
+17.9 ChancMd s 44½ −
2⅝
−4.0 ChrlnSh 4½ +⅛
−7.1 ChkPnt n 87⅞ −2⅛
+2.8 ChkFree 27⅜ −⅛
+27.0 Cheesecks s 25⅞ −⅛
+66.7 ChiMinIL s 37½ −
+14.7 Chiron 19½ +⅛
+21.9 ChromCS 12⅜ −⅜
−57.1 Cidco 8¾ −⅛
−26.4 CienaCp ⅝ −45 −1⅜
+20.2 Cintas s 46⅞ −1¼
+13.8 Ciprico 13⅜ +⅛
+24.2 Circon u18⅝ +1⅞
−5.3 Cirrus 10½ −⅝
+25.9 Cisco s 70⅜ −½
+7.9 CitrixSy s 54⅝ −⅝
Clyscape n ½ +½
+21.5 Clarify 14⅛ −½
−22.5 ClayEng 11⅜ −⅜
−20.7 ClerCd g 1⅛ +⅛
−14.3 ClosMed 22⅜ +2
+17.7 CstFedL rt 16⅝
−11.9 Cognex 24 +⅜
+66.6 CoherC 47 −⅞
+24.8 Cohernt s 22 −½
−39.8 CidwtrCr 20⅝ −⅜
+112.5 ColoCas 2⅛ −⅛
+7.1 ColSprt n 23½ −½
+1.0 Comair s 24⅜ −⅛
+13.5 Comcast 36⅛ +2⅜
+17.2 Comc sp u37 +2¼
+9.7 CmcBMO s 49½ +¾
+14.8 CwthBcp 22⅜ −⅛
−19.0 Comintell 1¼
−27.7 CmtyF wt 2⅛ +⅛
−5.4 ComFtBk 50¾ −⅜
+12.9 CompsBnc 49¾ −⅛
+62.9 CmpBusi s 35⅞ −1⅞
−4.5 Cmpcm 7⅞ −³²⁄₃₂
−10.0 CptConc s 4½ +⅛
−27.7 Comptr s 49½ −⅜
−88.8 Cptrl rn s d9⅜ −⅜
+53.5 Compwr s 49½ −⅜
+20.5 Comvers 47 +⅜
−1.1 ConcMngd 33¾ −¼
+37.3 CncrdCm n 28½ +2
+25.4 CncEFS 31¾ −⅜
+49.3 ConoCm 3½ +⅞
−29.6 Connect s 2³¹⁄₃₂ +1⁷⁄₃₂
+22.5 ConsCap n 24⅞ +1⅜
+51.9 ConPort 14⅜ −⅞
+40.0 ConvT wtA ⅞₂
+6.3 Copart u19
−17.5 CorTher 18⅜ −⅞
+47.4 CoreLab s 26⅜ −¼
+20.0 Cornucp 3⅜
−15.3 CorpExp 10⅝ ³²⁄₃₂ −⅜
+24.2 Costco 55 ⅞ −1¼
−4.8 CostEner 10⅜ −⅛
−17.8 Cott Cp 6⅝ +⅛
+18.0 Coventry 18 +¼
+10.9 CrkrBrl 37 −
1⅝
+ .3 CreTcLtd 22¼ −1¹⁄₁₆
−11.0 CredSys 2⅝ −¼
+54.8 CrdAcp 12 +¼
−12.7 CreeResh 16⅜ +1⅛
+33.3 Cryomed ⅛ −⅛
−34.8 CrySys 18⅝ +⅛
+8.6 CurrHith 33

+111.8 CyberCsh u28⅞ +8¼
+188.6 CyberBrd 16¼ +½
+72.1 Cyberonic 26¼ −3⅛
−38.5 Cygnus 12⅝ −⅛
+81.5 Cylink 15⅜ +⅛
+61.7 Cymer s 24¼ +⅜
+130.4 CyprBio 3¼ +⅛
−13.5 Cytogn 1³²⁄₃₂ +¹⁄₃₂
−33.7 Cytyc 16½ +⅛

D-E-F

−22.0 DII Grp s 21⅛ −⅜
−27.3 DSC 17⅞ −½
+4.0 DSET Cp n 20⅞ +⅞
+14.7 DSP Gp 22⅝ +⅜
+40.0 Danka 22⅝ +⅞
−32.0 DaouSys 21¼ −⅜
+5.6 DtBdcst 5⅝ −⅜
+82.5 Datastr s u25⅜ +1⅛
+47.6 Dataware 3⅞ +⅞
−10.7 Davox s 29⅛ +1⅜
−10.7 Dawson 14⅝ −⅜
−28.1 DawsnP 12½ −⅜
+27.8 DBeer 26½ +⅜
+23.4 DeepTechu 14⅜ −
⅝₄
+61.0 DellCptr s 67⅝ −¼
−7.4 DiagHit 10⅝ −⅜
+55.1 Diametrc 8¾ +⅛
+39.4 DiamM 12⅜ −⅝
+13.8 DigeneCp 9¹³⁄₁₆ +1⅜
−24.1 DigMic s 11 −¼
−12.5 Discreet 19⅜ −⅝
−15.2 DomBridge 1⅞ ³²⁄₃₂ −⅛
+83.6 DbleClck n 43¾ −
1⅝
−2.6 Draxis g 2⅝ −1¼
+24.4 DuPont P 43⅝ −⅜
−49.2 DuraPh 23⅝ +¹¹⁄₁₆
+75.0 DurbanRo 2⅝ −¹³²
−64.4 Dynagn ½ —
+42.0 e.spire 18⅜ −¼
−5.4 ETrade 21⅜ +⅛
+19.1 ECI Tel 30⅜
−11.8 ESCMed 34⅜ −⅞
−11.1 ESSTech n 6¾ −⅜
+38.9 EgleGeo n 18½ +⅛
−4.8 EgilHrd 18⅞ −¼
+8.1 EgleUSA 30¼ +¼
+165.5 Ethlnk n 88⅜ +2⅜
−36.9 EthShld n 14⅞ +⅜
+25.3 EstnEn 27⅝ −⅛
+57.9 ExdsCm n 43⅝ +1

+84.4 ExpSoft 5½ +⅛
+21.7 ExpSopt 73 −3¼
−24.8 FPA Mid 14 −¼
+40.7 Fastenl 53⅝ −⅝
+9.3 FfthThrd s 56½ −2⅜
+13.3 FiggieA 14⅞ +⅜
+80.2 FileNet 48¼ —
−50.0 FineHost 5½ +³²⁄₃₂
+88.1 FinLine 24½ +⅝
+28.9 Fisitcl 1³²⁄₃₂ +⅛
+3.4 FlATn s 5¹⁷⁄₃₂ −¼
+10.3 FstHlth 58⅜ −⅝
−25.0 FSvBkNJ 10½ —
−11.9 FSecCp s 24⅝ −⅜
+7.1 FstTenn s 35¾ —
+31.3 Fiserv 64½ +¼
FocusEn 3¾ −⅛
+30.3 FdLioB 10¾ —
+25.2 FdLioA 10⅝ −⅛
+14.8 ForeSys 17½ −⅞
+44.0 ForeTch u18 +⅞
+90.3 4FrntTch u14¾ +¾
+29.3 4Health n 8⅝ −⅛
+25.2 FranchM n 23 —
−33.3 FrkCon d½ —
+17.2 FGoldmn s 35 −⅜
+4.2 FrozenFd 9¾ −⅜
+52.6 FuiszT 12³²⁄₃₂ +³²⁄₃₂
+37.5 FullHse 2⁸⁵⁄₆₄ +2³²⁄₆₄

G-H-I

+38.9 GST Tele 16½ −⅜
+55.9 GT Interac 9⅝ −⅛
+22.6 Gadzooks 25¾ +⅝
+33.3 GixyFd 1 —
−13.3 Gartner 32⅛ −
⅛
−3.5 GelTex n 25⅝ −1⅞
+263.6 GMagic 5 —
+3.5 GenNutr 35¾ −1¾
−15.4 GenMcr n 12 +⅜
+10.6 GeneTlab n 35¼ −2⅞
+18.9 Gentnr 13⅜ +³²⁄₃₂
−32.7 Genus 2¼ −⅛
+14.9 Genzym 31⅞ −⅛
+87.2 GeoTelCm 29¼
−51.0 GeoTk ⅜ −³²⁄₃₂
+9.8 Gilead 42 −⅜
+20.3 Glenayre 11⅞ −⅛
+86.3 Glatech u17¼ −⅛
+19.5 Globlind s 20⅝ −⅛
+21.9 Globlint 2⅞ −⅛
+46.9 GlbTle n 40¼ −⅞
−10.3 Glbvilag 1³²⁄₃₂ −³²⁄₃₂
+38.0 Globastr s 66⅝ +⅝
+394.5 go2net n 34 −1
+12.7 GoldBks 11⅝ +⅛
−42.9 GoldTSy ¼ —
+86.7 GdyFarm u50¾ +⅞
+5.0 GuilfrdPh 21½ +1⅜
+29.3 GuitarC u29¾ −⅜
+5.0 Gulfisland 21 +⅜
−26.3 Gymbree 19⅝ −⅜
+27.7 HBO s 81⅝ −1¹⁄₁₆
+7.2 HMTTch 13⅝ +⅝
−9.9 HNC Sft 38¾ −1½
−19.9 Hadco 38¼ −1½
+83.7 HainFood 16⅞ −⅛
+32.0 Harbngr 37½ +1¼
+14.2 HarbrFL 12⅜ +⅛
+47.1 HarmLgt 16 +½
+135.0 Haupgd 11¾ +⅜
+51.9 Haverty u20½ +1
+292.3 Euroweb 1³²⁄₃₂ +³²⁄₃₂
−87.9 HrtWire d⅜ −⅜
+20.9 HeinTrs 19½ −⅜
+30.6 HilywdE 13⅞ −⅜
+140.0 Hillyw P 3⅜ +⅞
−72.3 HmeHlth n 2⅞ +⅛

−93.6 HmeCap n d⅝ −⅛
−87.6 HmecmC n 1¹³⁄₁₆ +⅛
−1.2 HrznMed n 15⅝ −⅜
−13.6 HrznOff n d13½ −⅞
+9.6 HungBd 7⅛ −1⅜
−.7 HuntBnk 35⅜ −¹¹⁄₁₆
+32.6 Hutch T 29 −⅜
−46.1 HybridN n 6 −³²⁄₃₂
+3.1 I-Link 6¾ −⅛
+39.8 I2 Tech u73⅜ +1
+11.7 IBS Finci 19⅜ +⅜
−47.5 IC Isys n 5¼ +⅛
+105.4 ICC Tch 3¹³⁄₃₂ −⅜
+22.9 IGI Com 33½ −⅜
−18.1 ICOS 15 −⅜
+13.8 IDEC 39⅛ +2
+19.6 IdexxLb 19¼ +¹¹⁄₁₆
+55.6 IDTCorp 31½ +⅛
+22.0 IDXSys n 45¼ +1¼
+206.1 IGEN 40 ⅝ −⅞
+43.7 IMC Mt 17¼ −⅛
+113.6 IMP 1¹⁵⁄₃₂ −³²⁄₃₂
+25.7 ISS Grp n 50¾ −1⅝
+21.7 ITEQ Inc 14 −⅛
+222.0 IVI Pub u8¼ +½
+70.5 IXC Com 53½ +1⅞
+101.3 Ion CMT n 19⅞ −⅜
+21.4 Ikos 7⅞ −⅜
+19.0 IlliniSup 2½ −¹⁄₃₂
−48.1 ImagynMd 1³²⁄₃₂ +⅛
+29.7 Imatrn 3 +³²⁄₃₂
−13.3 ImuLog 1⅝ +³²⁄₃₂
+77.8 Imungn 1½
ImunRsp 11¼ +³⁄₆₄
−48.0 InFocus 7⅝ +¹¹⁄₁₆
−8.7 Incyte s 42 +1
+3.8 IndpCm n 17⅞
+50.0 IndigoNV 6 +¼
−6.8 IndusMate 27½ +¹¹⁄₁₆
+28.5 Infinium 20⅞ −¼
+64.0 InfMgeR s 41
+71.1 Informix 8¹³⁄₁₆ −⅝
+311.0 Infoseek u44¾
+9¹¹⁄₁₆
+17.4 Innovex 26⅝ −¹¹⁄₁₆
−33.3 Innovo 7⅜
−23.3 Inotek 23½
+21.2 InSiteVs 3⅝ +¹⁄₁₆
+58.1 InstlTc u12¼ +1¾
−33.3 IntegCirc 19 −1⅞
+53.0 IntgDv 14⅞ −⅛
+158.7 IntgMed 4¹³⁄₁₆ +⅜
+32.5 IlgPrc 20⅞ −⅜
+2.6 IntgSec 1³²⁄₃₂ +⅜
+36.1 ISSI 10¾ +⅜
+5.9 Intel s 74⅜ −½
+17.1 Intelect 8 −⅝
+33.7 IntelEl 7⅞ —
+23.2 IntrTel s 23⅞ +⅜
+124.8 InterVu n u18¼ +⅝
+35.5 IntACom 2⅝ +¹⁷⁄₃₂
+52.2 Intrfcin 4¼ +¹⁄₁₆
−83.5 Intfrn d1⅞ −¹⁄₁₆
−13.8 Intgph 8⅝ −⅜
+18.9 IntrCm 7²¹⁄₆₄ +¼
+23.6 IntrnetC 21⅝ −1⅝
+10.7 IntFibcm 5¹³⁄₁₆ −³²⁄₃₂
+58.6 Internetur 15½ —
+85.2 Intphse 9½ +2⅜
−19.1 Intersiv 16⅜ −⅜
+29.4 Intuit u53⅜ +2½
+31.6 Invacare u28⅝ +1⅞
+123.5 Irvine 2⅜ +³²⁄₃₂
+17.3 Isis 14⁷⁄₃₂ −¹⁵⁄₆₄

J-K-L

+40.7 JD Edwr n u41½ +1⅝
+77.3 JB Oxfrd 1³²⁄₃₂ −¹⁵⁄₃₂

+68.3 JDASoft 55¾ −1
−11.9 Jabil s 35 +⅜
+13.4 JacorCm 60¼ +⅜
+27.4 JetSprt 18 −1
−19.9 Jonex M 30⅝ −1¼
JunIprGrp ⅛ −³²⁄₃₂
+84.8 JstFast 21⅛ −⅜
+218.9 K-tel 21¼ —
+1 ¹⁵⁄₃₂
+1.8 KLA Tenc 39 ¹³⁄₁₆ −⅝
+20.0 KeilOG 2⅝ +⅛
−3.2 Kemet 18¾ −⅜
+1.7 Komag 15¼ −⅛
+5.8 KooKR 2½ −⅛
−25.5 Kos Phr 11½ +1¼
+16.1 Kulcke 21⅝ +⅛
+133.3 LCA Vis 2⅝ +⅛
+8.3 LaTeko ⅝ −³²⁄₃₂
+2.1 LamRsch 29⅞ −1¾
+24.5 Landrys 29⅞ −⅜
−7.2 Larscom 8¹³⁄₁₆ +⅜
+386.7 LasPMd u⅞ +³²⁄₃₂
+80.5 LarVis u11¹⁵⁄₁₆ +1⅜
+9.0 Lattice 51⅝ −1½
+108.7 LeapGrp 3 —
+51.4 Legato u66⅝ −2¾
+126.9 LrnHaus su52⅝ −
14⅞
−12.4 Level3 n 65⅛ +¼
+51.7 LevelOne s 28⅝ −½
+68.9 Lifecell 7¹³⁄₁₆ +⅜
−38.9 Lghtbrd n 11¹¹⁄₁₆ −2⅜
+28.5 Lincare 73¼ −1⅜
+26.6 LinearT 72⅝ −1
+15.9 Livent 10 +⅛
+20.0 LneSStx 21 −⅜
+18.8 LngBchF 13⅜ +⅜
+27.7 Li Bcp 63⅜ −1¼
+89.6 Lycos u78 ⅞
+6¹³⁄₁₆

M-N-O

+23.4 MCI u52¹³⁄₁₆ +⅞
+21.3 MMC Nt n 20⅝ −⅛
+10.7 MRV Cm 26⅞ −⅜
−.7 MacroCh 9¼ −⅜
+85.0 Macrmdia 15⅜ −⅜
+37.2 Madden 10⅜ −⅛
+62.9 MadgeN 6⅝ +¹³²⁄₆₄
+30.3 Mallon 10⅜ +⅛
+287.5 MjMBagel 1⅝ +⅞
+40.6 Manugist s 62¾ −⅜
+27.6 MarcSol n 9¼ —
+9.0 MarDri 22⅝ −⅛
+15.8 MarinerH 11⅝ −⅜
−2.4 Marshlls 80⅝ −⅜
+70.9 Masteon s 27¼ −⅜
+36.4 Mathsft 3¾ −⅛
−33.8 MavTube s 16¾ −1¾
+9.8 Maxim s 37⅜ −½
+7.4 MaySpsh 14½ +¼
+35.2 McMoRn u5 +³²⁄₃₂
+48.1 Medaph 9⅝ −³²⁄₃₂
+26.8 Medarex 6²¹⁄₃₂ +²⁹⁄₃₂
+6.3 MedIndA 1³²⁄₃₂ −³²⁄₃₂
+70.8 MedMgr u30¾ −¼
−46.0 MedResc 5½ −¼
−9.5 Medicis 46¼ +¼
+96.6 Mdirisk 21⅝ −¼
+11.9 MedQst s 38⅞ —
+8.8 MegaFin s 5½ −⅛
+42.6 MemWks 29⅝ −
1⅝₄
+25.9 MenWre u43¾ —
+2.6 MentGr 9⅝ −⅛
+48.8 Mercintac u39¾ −⅜
+12.0 MertMd 7 +⅛
−11.4 Metalcld 3¹³⁄₃₂ −³²⁄₃₂
+141.9
IdxEins n 21.86 −22+169.9
IntBd n 9.96 +01+32.0
IntlGro n 17.25 −35+171.7
SmCoGr n 19.31 −12+129.4
Kopp EGA 8.44 −.06 NS

LKCM Funds:
SmCpEq n18.44 −.11 NS

Lazard Group:
Equity 22.80 −19+171.3
IntlEq 16.50 −24+115.3
SmCap 22.06 −16+162.6
StrgYd 9.79 +.01+48.7

Legg Mason:
HiYld p 16.70 NS
Spinv p 36.40 −45+139.3
TotRt p 24.92 −34+153.7
ValTr p 50.78 −78+252.6

Lexington Grp:
CLdr 16.78 −.02+144.9

Lindner Funds:
Div 28.03 −.04+68.7
Growth 24.30 −.13+83.7

Longleaf Partners:
Partners 30.21 −.14+190.9
Realty 17.87 −.13 NS
SmCap 25.34 −.09+168.0

Loomis Sayles:
Bond r 13.26 +.03+85.1

Lord Abbett A:
AffiAp 15.55 −.11+142.7
BdDebAp 9.97 −.01+81.7
DevGtAp 16.30 −.11+235.5
GvScAp 2.60 +.30.7
MdCpAp 14.79 −.11+127.4
TaxFrAp 11.67 +.01+33.2
TFTxAp 10.39 +34.7

Lord Abbett B:
BdDebB p 9.97 −.01 NS

Lord Abbett C:
BdDbCp 9.98 −.01 NS

Lutheran Brc:
BroHi 9.56 −.02+67.3
Fund 29.24 −.42+126.2
Incom 8.70 +34.1
Mun 8.96 +35.7

MAS Fds Adv Cl:
Value n 19.88 −.10 NS

MAS Fds Instl Cl:
Balncd n 14.47 −.09+101.7
Equity n 23.90 −.29+147.4
Fxdinc n 12.02 +.01+45.2
HY Port n 9.84 +84.4
IntlEq n 15.44 −14+73.9
MCapGr n 22.63 −.04+222.3
MCapVA n 21.83 −.15 NS
SmCpVl n 22.60 −.16+192.1
SpFi n 12.20 +.01+47.6
Value n 19.91 −.09+172.8

MFS Funds A:
MITAp 19.89 −.16+176.9
MIGAp 14.83 −.26+225.6
BondAp 13.60 +.03+45.4
CapOpAp 16.60 −.15+194.6
EmGrAp 42.17 −2.10 NE
GvMgtAp 6.70 +.01+33.7
GlOpAp 15.99 −.53+151.5
HIncAp 5.70 +89.2
MuBdA 10.97 +30.1
MuHiA 8.99 +37.2
MNCAp 12.15 +.01+31.3
MVAAp 11.59 +28.9
RschAp 24.74 −.39+191.1
TotRAp 16.96 −.06+96.4

MFS Funds B:
MAITB 19.89 −.16 NS
CapOpB 16.02 −.14 NS
EmGBt 41.37 −2.06 NE
HIncB t 5.70 NS
LCapBt 16.87 −.29+133.9
RschB 24.18 −.39 NS
TotRBt 16.95 −.08 NS
WoGrB 21.63 −.54 NS

MFS Funds C:
MITCt 19.62 −.16 NS
EmGrC t 41.15 −2.05 NE
RschC t 24.20 −.38 NS

MFS Funds Instl:
EmgEq 23.12 −.06 NS

MainStay Funds A:
Eqidx 35.34 −.36+165.5

MainStay Funds B:
CapApBt 40.70 −1.34+154.6
ConvBt NA
GovtBt 8.26 +.01+28.9
HYldBBt 8.41 +.01+87.5
TxFrBBt 10.12 +28.2
TotRtBt 23.24 −.48+98.6
ValueBt 24.21 −.21+123.4

MainStay Inst:
GrEq 26.85 −.94+188.2
IdxEq 30.99 −.31+172.2
MultA 16.47 −.14+115.3
ValEq 18.32 −.17+137.9

Mairs & Power:
Growth n 94.48 −.59+214.3

Managers Funds:
SpEq n 67.67 −.26+155.1
Bond n 24.29 +.05+56.6
IntlEq n 53.13 −.83+115.4

Marshall Funds:
Eqinc 17.02 −.05 NS
IntBd 9.53 +26.6

Mass Mutual Inst:
BalS 14.63 −.03 NS
CoreBdS 11.05 +.01 NS
IntlEqS 14.53 −.12 NS
SCapVS 17.91 −.16 NS
ValEqS 19.00 −.11 NS

Master Select:
Equity 13.53 −.09 NS

MasterWorks Funds:
AstAl 14.07 −.10 NS
S&P 500 23.27 −.24 NS

Mentor Funds B:
GwthBt 19.48 −.15+146.6

Mentor Funds BL:
GlobBL t 21.53 −.31 NS
GwthBL 19.48 −.15+146.6
QlncBL t 13.17 +.01+27.2

MergerFd p n14 40⅛ −.03
+76.8
Meridn n 34.26 −.25
+113.0

Merrill Lynch A:
BalVA 42.16 −.26+156.5
CapFA 37.87 −.27+115.7
CpHiA 8.21 +85.8
GlStkA p 26.33 −.24 NS
LtMBA p 10.86 +28.1

Nuveen Cl R:
MunBd R 9.53 +.01+36.8
InMunR 11.06 +36.3
CrwGA 11.52 +.01+35.6
EuroA t 19.25 −.17+182.8
GlAllA t 15.47 −.09+91.0
GlHiA 15.06 −.08+81.4
Growth 29.11 −.26+169.3
MnInA 8.23 +33.3
MNatlA 10.61 +.01+36.9
PacA 18.33 −.31+33.6
S&P500 14.37 −.15 NS
SpVlA 22.63 +.03+180.7

Merrill Lynch B:
BalVB t 41.47 −.26+143.7
CalMB t 11.96 +.01+50.5
CapFB t 36.97 −.26+105.0
CpHiB t 8.21 +59.7
CrwGB t 11.52 +.01+30.5
DragB t 8.05 −.14−12.8
EuroB t 17.44 −.15+188.6
FdScB t 9.75 +29.3
FndGlB t 17.42 −.15 NS
GlAllB t 15.20 −.09+81.6
GlGwB t 11.99 −.14 NS
GlUtlB t 18.95 −.16+93.8
GlbValB t 14.38 −.08 NS
GrowthB t 26.77 −.24+155.8
IntEB t 9.86 −.13 NS
LatAmB t 15.51 −.12+52.5
MnInB t 8.22 +28.4
MNtlB t 10.60 +.01+31.7
PacB t 17.35 −.29+26.9
PrinxB t 14.28 −.01+109.7
SpVlB t 21.59 +.03+147.6
WldInB t 8.99 −.02+41.5

Merrill Lynch C:
BalVC t 41.07 −.25 NS
CapFC t 36.59 −.26 NS
CpHiC t 8.21 −.01 NS
GlAllC t 15.02 −.09 NS
GrowthC t 26.58 −.24 NS

Merrill Lynch D:
BalVD 42.05 −.27 NS
CapFD 37.79 −.27 NS
CpHiD 8.21 NS
FdScD p 9.75 +32.6
GlAlD 15.44 −.09 NS
GrowthD 29.01 −.25 NS
MinervEq NA

Montag & Caldwell:
Growth n 26.39 −.32 NS

Montgomery Fds:
EmgMkt n 12.92 −.03+36.1
GrowthR n 24.80 −.18 NS
MicroCpR n23.24 −.20 NS

Morgan Grenfell:
FxInc n 10.75 +.01+43.9
HiYldBd n 10.06 NA
MunBd n 11.20 +36.5

Morgan Stan Eds B:
GlEFB p n 11.61 −.11 NS

Morg Stan Instl:
EmMkt n 14.16 −.10+55.2
EdgGr A n 19.19 −.75+207.9
IntlEq 20.43 −.23+152.8

Munder Funds:
IntlBdK 9.51 +.01+27.4
MulSGY 21.82 −.46 NS

Mutual Series:
BeacnZ 15.62 −.11+149.9
DiscZ 21.42 −.11+188.0
EuropZ 14.90 −.06 NS
QualRsZ 19.97 −.14+155.3
SharesZ 23.10 −.18+152.8

Nations Funds Inv B:
GvtSIB t 9.97 +.02 NS

Nations Funds Pri A:
CpGPA e n11.22 −2.25+146.6
EqInPA e n13.05 −.95+124.4
EqIndPA e n21.60 −1.18 NS
IntMtPA e n10.26 −.03 NS
IntEqPA e n15.18 −.24+86.1
IntGrth n 19.53 −.98 NE
MgIndPA e n17.16 −.31 NS
MulnPA e n11.43 −.02+37.7
SlGvtPA n 4.13 +.01+27.8
StInPA n 9.78 +29.5
StPlPA e n10.04 −.02+33.6
TXIMPA n 10.48 +28.7
ValuePA e n18.71 −1.73
+154.6

Nationwide Fds:
NatlFd 30.73 −.24+184.9
NatGt 18.83 −.60+141.8

Neuberger&Berm Fd:
Focus n 39.02 −.48+160.6
Genes n 17.00 −.14+155.1
Guard n 30.15 −.38+134.9
Manht n 12.44 −.17+126.6
Partnr n 29.63 −.26+173.2

Neuberger&Berm Tr:
GenesTr n 23.56 −.20+156.3
GuardTr n 20.15 −.26+134.4
PartnrTr n 19.67 −.17+172.9

New England Fds A:
GwthAp 12.69 −.14+149.8
StarAp 20.62 −.13 NS
ValueAp 11.27 −.10+144.6

New England Fds B:
StarBt 19.97 −.13 NS

Nicholas Applegate:
IncGrB p 20.65 −.29 NS

Nicholas Group:
Nichn 94.59 −.91+159.7
NchIIn 42.08 −.29+165.4
NchLtn 26.93 −.17+141.4

Northeast Investors:
Trust 12.07 −.02+96.0

Northern Funds:
EmrEq n 18.65 −.25 NS
SmCpGr n 16.97 −.10 NS

Northstar Funds:
HITRBr r 4.79 NS

Norwest Advantage I:
DivEq I 43.89 −.43 NS
GrBal I 28.34 −.18 NS
GrEq I 36.77 −.36 NS
IncEq I 41.90 −.26 NS
Index I 47.02 −.47 NS
IntlGvt I 11.27 +.02 NS
ModBal I 23.06 −.06 NS
SmCGr I 36.86 −.24 NS
ValuGr I 26.82 −.26 NS

Nuveen Cl A:
KYMuB p 11.35 +.01+36.1
OHMBA p 11.89 +.01+33.3
GlStkA p 26.33 −.24 NS
LtMBA p 10.86 +28.1

Nuveen Cl R:
MunBd R 9.53 +.01+36.8
InMunR 11.06 +36.3

−20.6 Osteotch 21⅛ −1⅛
+35.4 OutbkStk 38⅞ −⅜
+7.6 OxfordHlt 16⅛ −⅛
+77.8 Oxus ⅜ +¹⁄₆₄
+185.2 OzEmail 21⅜ −⅛

P-Q-R

+5.1 P-Com s 18⅛ −¹¹⁄₁₆
+58.6 PLD Tele 8⅝ +⅛
+40.3 PMC Sra u43½ −⅛
−15.9 PRI Auto s 24⅜ −³²⁄₃₂
−20.9 PRT Grp n d9 −⅛
−8.1 PSC 12⅛ +⅛
+139.0 PSINet 12¼ −⅛
−2.3 PSS Wrld 2¹ −⅛
+9.8 Paccar s 57⅝ −1⅞
+93.8 PacTec 1⅝ +³²⁄₃₂
+48.8 PacSun s 44 −1
+44.4 PacifCB 75⅝ −4¼
+33.7 PagingN 14⅜ −⅛
+5.9 PairGTch 20⅞ −1⅝
+7.4 PalmEx 12⅝ −¼
+35.7 PalmMd 1¾ −³²⁄₃₂
+46.7 PanAmSat 63¼ −1⅜
−18.2 Pardgm ³²⁄₃₂ −³²⁄₃₂
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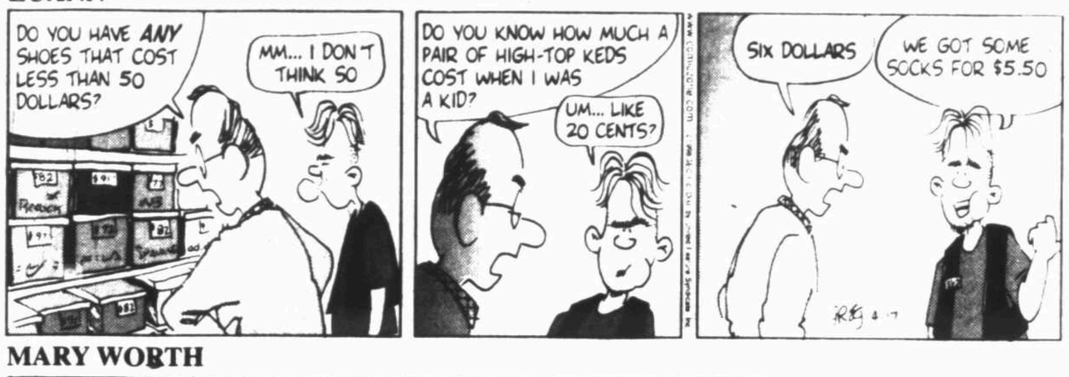

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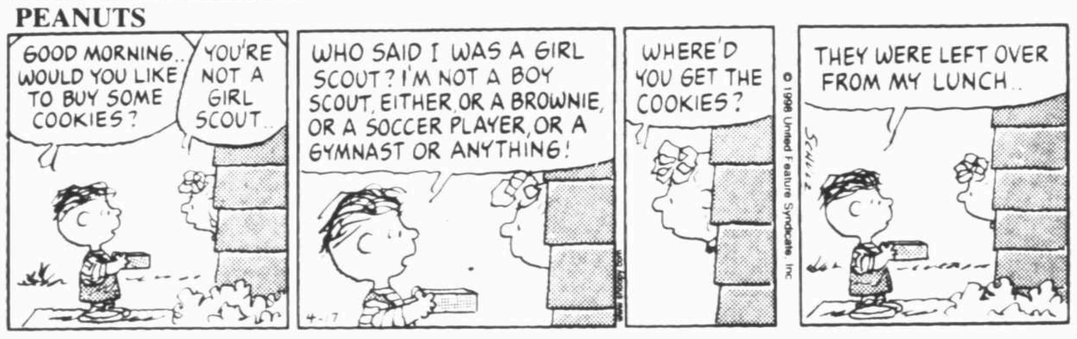

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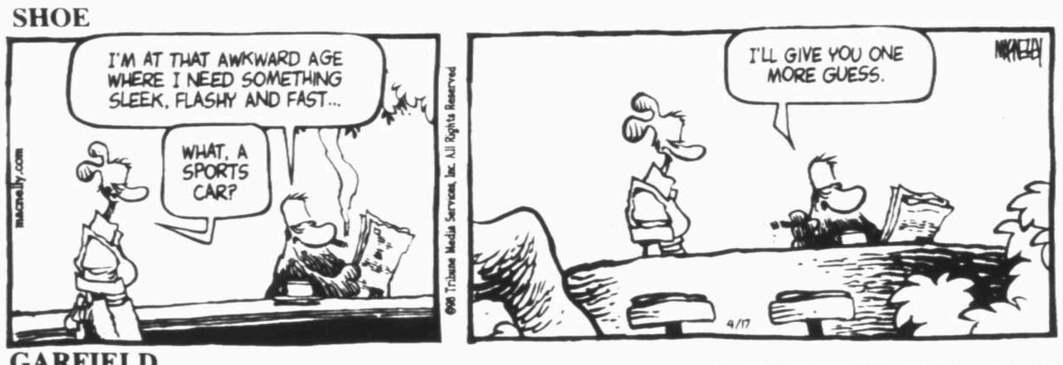
FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 1998

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 17, 1998:
Career assumes an exceptionally high priority this year. Aim for what you want, make goals and then proceed. You might want to invest a little more time, energy or money into your work, public persona or both. Success is what you seek. If you are single, you will meet a possible mate through work, though you might hedge before you decide to make a commitment. Mixing business and pleasure can be tricky! If attached, enlist a partner's support for your professional ambitions. He will be there for you. CAPRICORN is concerned about your image.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Step back, and view career matters from a distance. Your energy is powerful and, if properly directed, can add to your income. Question a potential investment before you commit. Take time to touch base with an authority figure. Tonight: Attend a mandatory event.
TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ You spring forward with solutions. Your ingenuity complements your high level of verve. Ferret out details, consider a specialized class and make plans for a trip. You want change; now you can create it. Get those projects off the back burner! Tonight: Escape.
GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ You have the intuition and the resources to express what is on your mind. Hesitate no longer; make decisions and have that key discussion with a partner. You cannot bring back what was, but you can have a better relationship. Tonight: Reveal yourself to a friend.
CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Others vie for your attention. Can you deal with such popularity? Open doors, take risks and create more of what you want. A male friend pushes you hard. His ideas are quite good. Make time for friends and a gathering. Tonight: Do what you will, but not alone.
LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Plug into work. You get a lot done quickly. Your energy is well-directed, but you could easily tell off a boss. Make reasonable demands on others. You are a perfectionist. Pace yourself, and get as much done as you can. Tonight: Get into a spirited game of ball.
VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Your mischievous personality dazzles. You are usually serious, but today the kid in you comes out. If single, you delight an admirer. If attached, you add to the moment's passion. Creative brainstorming allows a potential trip. Tonight: Make it different.
LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Take a serious look at the foundations in your life. One-to-one relating is heated and flamboyant. You might not see eye-to-eye. Take in someone's point of view, even if you disagree. The more information you gather, the more sound your decisions. Tonight: At home.
SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Discussions are animated. Ask questions, and investigate on your own. A partner is testy and demands more information. Keep talks flowing. Return calls, make plans and catch up on news. Work through lunch, and leave early if you can. Tonight: A favorite spot.
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★ Evaluate your finances more carefully. A scheme at work might take more effort than you realize. You could be frustrated with the energy you need to expend to make it happen. Do not discard your desires and needs. Realize how much you offer others. Tonight: Balance your checkbook.
CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★★ Let it all hang out. Say what you feel, and give into impulse. Though few realize it, you are one of the most sensual creatures in the zodiac. Your libido flows through work and your daily dealings. You not only invigorate your life but also the people with whom you come into contact. Tonight: Ooh la la!
AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Push comes to shove at home, but you can handle it. A decision that could affect your domestic life is likely. Be ready to pitch in, talk through problems and pass the peace pipe. Carefully check out an offer. Tonight: The action is at your pad.
PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Start up talks, aim for the bull's-eye and expect a direct hit. You succeed, once you take action. Romantic possibilities abound, if you are single. Express who you are. Make time to network and touch base with others. Finally, a wish is fulfilled. Tonight: You are the party.

SHOE



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Both vulnerable. South deals.

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♡ K 9 5
◇ 10 8 5
♣ A 2

WEST
♠ 5
♡ 10 8 7 3
◇ Q J 9 7
♣ J 9 7 5

EAST
♠ K 6
♡ Q J 4 2
◇ 6 4 2
♣ K 8 4 3

SOUTH
♠ J 9 8 4 2
♡ A 6
◇ A K 3
♣ Q 10 6

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	3♠	Pass
4♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ◇

At rubber bridge, this hand would have passed rapidly into the dusty pages of history, unnoticed. Even with everything wrong declarer has 10 tricks, and the overtrick is of no great moment. At duplicate, however, that elusive extra trick can mean the difference between a top and an average score. How would you go about it?

Whatever your methods, you should get to four spades, no more, no less. The bidding shown is good old-fashioned bridge, based on a jump raise that is forcing to game.

Technically the best line is to win the opening lead and take the spade finesse. East wins and returns a diamond. Win with the remaining honor, draw the outstanding trump, cash the ace and king of hearts and ruff dummy's remaining heart. Now exit with a diamond to West's jack. If West also has the king of clubs, any return gives you that precious overtrick.

Almost as good percentagewise, but offering considerable tactical advantages, is to cash the ace of clubs at trick two and continue with a low club. If East follows smoothly with a low club, finesse the ten. That will blow the overtrick as the cards lie.

However, most East's we know will at least hitch, if not expose the position with a marked hesitation, when the club is led from the table, beaconing the location of the king. If East then plays low, rise with the queen and you are odds-on to bank an extra trick, with the spade finesse still in reserve.

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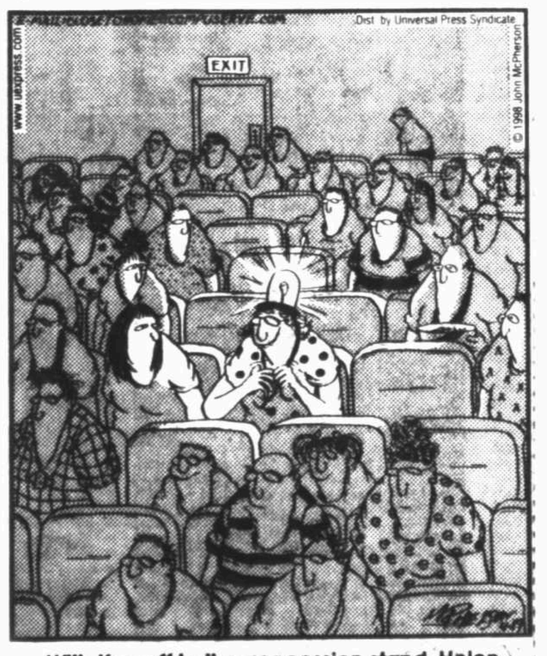

With Ken off to the concession stand, Helen donned her Spouse Finder Beacon™.

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TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

FRIDAY EVENING — April 17, 1998 — For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	O	C	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	2	3	News 494	Wheel of Fortune	Sabrina, Witch	Boy Meets World	Sabrina, Witch	Boy Meets World	20/20 2746		News 58036	Cheers 34456	Nightline 8678	Politically Incorrect
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction? 73562 (TVPG)		Millennium: Anamnesis 59982		Cowboys Draft '98 79746 (TVPG)		Home Improvement	Mad About You	Vibe 99956	
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 9456	Grace Under Fire	Kids Say/Things	Candid Camera	Unsolved Mysteries 62765		Nash Bridges: Danger Zone 42901		News 6844123	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 7630	Seinfeld 8982	Players: Con-Vivants 36433 (TVPG)		Dateline NBC 82543		Homicide: Life on the Street 36497 (TV14)		News 6772299	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	Joe Good	J. Hagee	The Light of the Southwest 66456				News	Meyer	Richard Roberts 54475	S. Soleyn		Dr. Nangle
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 625433		Washington Week	Wall $t/Rukeyser	McLaughlin Group	TechnoPolitics	In Search o... Law and Order: America's Kids		Telecourse 898388		Off the Air	
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(8) CNBC		8	Business Center	Equal Time W/Bey	Hardball With Chris Matthews 4970253		Rivera Live 4989901		The News With Brian Williams 4909765		Charles Grodin 4979524		Rivera Live 7046814	
(10) WGN		10	Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Toronto Blue Jays 631098						News 196388		Beverly Hills, 90210 199475 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 721123 (TV14-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Andy Griffith	Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Colorado Rockies 962776							The Secret of My Success (PG-13) 3303962
(14) FAM		14	'70s Celebration: The Best is Back (5)		Rescue 911 413746 (TVPG)		Diagnosis Murder 422494 (TVPG)		Hawaii Five-0 402630 (TVPG)		The 700 Club 412017		Bonanza: Meena 376415 (TVG)	
(24) BRAV		24	Ray Charles (5:30)		Ruby in Paradise (R, '93) ★★★ 705185				Blue ('68) ★ (Terence Stamp) 182185				Inside Actor's Studio	
(26) BET		26	Planet Groove Top 20 Video Countdown				Hit List 738388		Comicview 718524		Rap City Top 10		227	Mid. Love
(27) DISN		27	First Kid (PG, '96) ★★ (Sinbad, Brock Pierce) 3807295				Blank Check (7:45) (PG, '94) ★ (Brian Bonsall, Karen Duffy) 86636299			Goofy Adventure	Walt Disney Presents 104307 (TVG)		Zorro 447524	Mickey Mouse Club
(28) CNN		28	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today		Larry King Live 774253		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Sports
(29) ESPN		29	SportsCenter (5:30)	Sports-Light/ Robin	NFL's Greatest	MLS Soccer: 355524	NY/NJ MetroStars at Chicago Fire			Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter 896920		Baseball Tonight 220123	
(30) USA		30	Highlander 236659 (TVPG)		Walker, Texas Ranger 479861 (TVPG)		Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade (PG-13, '89) ★★★ (Harrison Ford, Sean Connery) 299814						Mobsters (R, '91) ★★ (Christian Slater, Patrick Dempsey) 399253	
(31) FX		31	Miami Vice 7719949		The X-Files 2657185		NYPD Blue 2666833		In Color	In Color	The X-Files 2656456		NYPD Blue 1514885	
(32) A&E		32	Law & Order: Switch 681185 (TVPG)		Biography 431017 (TVG)		America's Castles 440765 (TVG)		20th Century With Mike Wallace 420901		Law & Order: Severance 430388 (TVPG)		Biography 831253 (TVG)	
(33) TLC		33	Villa's Home Again	Villa's Home Again	Real America: 48 Hours 765307		Surviving Waco 741727 (TVPG)		The Operation 754291 (TVPG)		Real America: 48 Hours 764678		Surviving Waco 158253 (TVPG)	
(34) NICK		34	Doug 264272	Rugrats 255524	All That 520340	Bewitched 284036	The Wonder Years	The Wonder Years	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi 960104 (TVG)	Newhart 719307	Dick Van Dyke
(36) LIFE		36	Intimate Portrait		Mysteries	The Silence of the Lambs (R, '91) ★★★★ (Jodie Foster) 197123					Attitudes	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Mysteries
(39) OUTDR		39	Great Outdoorsman	Trailside	Saltwater Angler	Hunting With Hank	Sportsman Journal	Archery 7749727	Pull 6458494	Complete Angler	Saltwater Angler	Hunting With Hank	Sportsman Journal	Archery 9060543
(42) UNI		42	Sin Ti 25036 (TVPG)		Esmeralda 68678		Pueblo Chico, Infierno Grande 44098 (TV14)		Noticias Univision Presenta ... 57562		Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	Al Ritmo de la Noche 143388 (TV14)	
(43) FSN		43	Fox Sports News	Pennant Chase	Sports Tonight		Baseball: Baltimore Orioles at Texas Rangers 744833					Fox Sports News	Fox Sports News 48901	
(44) COM		44	Madhouse (5) (PG-13, '90) ★ 1316008		Clue (PG, '85) ★★ (Eileen Brennan, Martin Mull) 1237746				Clifford (PG, '94) ★ (Martin Short, Charles Grodin) 2336272				Madhouse (PG-13, '90) ★ 5236253	
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(20) DISC		20	Gimme Shelter 696017 (TVG)		Wild Discovery 446949 (TVG)		Discovery News	Storm Warning!	Mystery of the Crop Circles 435833 (TVG)		Justice Files: Behind Bars 438920		Wild Discovery 846185 (TVG)	
(21) AMC		21	The Thief of Bagdad (5:30) 657494		Love is a Many Splendored Thing ('55) 382678				Tarzan and His Mate ('34) ★★★ 833746					Tarzan
(22) TNN		22	Dallas 920307		Motor Madness 438794 (TVG)						Dallas 739982		Motor Madness 735388	
(23) TNT		23	Babylon 5 913017		NBA Basketball: Houston at Minnesota Timberwolves 327982					Inside NBA	The Exorcist (R, '73) ★★★★ 84553678			
(46) HBO		46	The Bad News Bears (5) (PG, '76) ★★★ 326746		Black Sheep (PG-13, '96) ★ (Chris Farley, David Spade) 241017			The Sender (R, '98) (Michael Madsen, Vaughn) 547578				Round Midnight: David Spade: Take the Hit		The Saint 673291
(47) MAX		47	Chain Reaction (5) (PG-13, '96) ★ 120524		Dream for an Insomniac (R, '96) ★ (Jena Silva, Jennifer Aniston) 872036			Fathers' Day				Dangerfield,	Intimate Sessions	Masseuse 2 (11:20)
(48) SHOW		48	Street Fighter II: The Animated Movie (5:15)		Fatal Combat (R, '96) ★ (Jeff Wincott, Phillip Jarrett) 414901			30-Minute Movie			The Outer Limits	The Hunger	Poltergeist: The Legacy: Irish Jug 8828185	
(49) TMC		49	Things to Do in Denver When You're Dead (R, '95) ★★ (Andy Garcia, Christopher Lloyd) 728901				Basic Instinct (R, '92) ★★ (Michael Douglas, Sharon Stone) 4761940				Poison Ivy: The New Seduction (10:10) (R, '97) ★ (Jaime Pressly, Megan Edwards) 52084543			
(50) VC1		50	Most Wanted (5)		Air Force One (R, '97) ★★ 8671543				The Devil's Advocate (R, '97) ★★ (Keanu Reeves) 1949123				Movie	
(51) VC4		51	G.I. Jane (5) (R, '97) ★★★ (Demi Moore, Viggo Mortensen)				G.I. Jane (R, '97) ★★★ (Demi Moore, Viggo Mortensen)				G.I. Jane (R, '97) ★★★ (Demi Moore, Viggo Mortensen)			
(88) PLAY		88	Fanny Hill (AO, '95) (Cheryl Dehpsey)				Strip Search (TVMA)		World: British Babes II		Best of Night Calls U.K.		British Babes	
(89) HC		89	The Game (5:30) (R, '97) ★★ 3936524				Soft Bodies: S'models		Soft Pajama Party		Erotic Boundaries (R, '97) 1556017			

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PEOPLE

George Michael charged with lewd conduct after arrest in park bathroom

NEW YORK — **Ethan Hawke** and **Uma Thurman**, expecting a baby in July, have set the stage for a wedding.

The two movie stars were spotted in line Wednesday at the marriage license window in the Municipal Building. Their publicists confirmed Thursday that the couple got the license but have not set a date.

Uma Thurman and Ethan Hawke were spotted getting a marriage license.

Hawke had flown in from Canada, where he is working in a movie, and flew back after doing the paperwork.

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Pop star **George Michael** was charged Thursday with lewd conduct after his arrest last week in a park bathroom.

The 34-year-old British-born heartthrob, whose hits include "I Want Your Sex" and "Faith," was alone when an undercover officer witnessed the act, police said. Police have not said what he is alleged to have done.

The standard penalty for a first-time offender is one to two years' probation, a $250 fine or community service.

In an interview last week with CNN, Michael said that he is gay and that his arrest, in an area known as a meeting spot for gay men, brought that fact to public light in an unfortunate way.

"I want people to know that I feel stupid and I feel reckless and weak for having allowed my sexuality to be exposed this way, but I don't feel any shame whatsoever," he said.

TETBURY, England — **Prince Harry** had some ladies over for tea Thursday — the **Spice Girls**, to be precise.

The pop group dropped in by helicopter on Highgrove, Prince Charles' country estate.

With his father on hand, 13-year-old Harry served the group tea. His brother, 15-year-old William, was unable to attend, since he was returning to boarding school for a new term.

Four months ago, the Spice Girls invited the boys to the premiere of their movie, "Spice World." The Spice Girls have helped support the Prince's Trust, a charity Charles runs for young people.

LOS ANGELES — Best-selling romance novelist **Janet Dailey** has reached a financial settlement with a writer whose work she plagiarized.

The terms were not released.

Mrs. Dailey admitted last summer that two of her books, "Aspen Gold" and "Notorious," contained ideas and passages lifted from several of Nora Roberts' books, including "Sweet Revenge." Mrs. Dailey apologized, blaming the copying on "a psychological problem that I never even suspected I had."

The plagiarism was discovered when Mrs. Dailey was tripped up during online chats with readers.

LOS ANGELES — Movie tough-guy **Steven Seagal** wants Taiwan to stop the cruel killing of stray dogs.

"I was saddened to learn that dogs outside Taipei are being rounded up and killed by drowning, electrocution and poisoning," Seagal wrote in a letter Tuesday to Taiwanese Premier Vincent Siew, asking for passage of an animal protection bill pending in the legislature.

Steven Seagal wants Taiwan to stop killing stray dogs.

Seagal, who said he considers Taiwan his "spiritual homeland," wrote the letter after viewing photographs taken during a People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals investigation.

The British-based World Society for the Protection of Animals claims Taiwan is the "world leader" in cruelty to strays.

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — **June Lockhart** is thrilled with her cameo role in "Lost in Space," the 30th anniversary movie version of her TV show.

Lockhart, who played Maureen Robinson in the CBS-TV series from 1965-68, talks in the movie with computer-whiz youngster Will Robinson, played by Jack Johnson.

"While I'm doing this, the kid, unbeknownst to me, is morphing me into different figures and characters, one of which is something with a Pamela Anderson body," Lockhart said. "And, honey, I think all these years of working out and keeping in shape and finally to be on camera and to have that body under me is a hoot."

Compiled from Associated Press wire reports.

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14 Back discomfort
15 "Darn it!"
16 Come about
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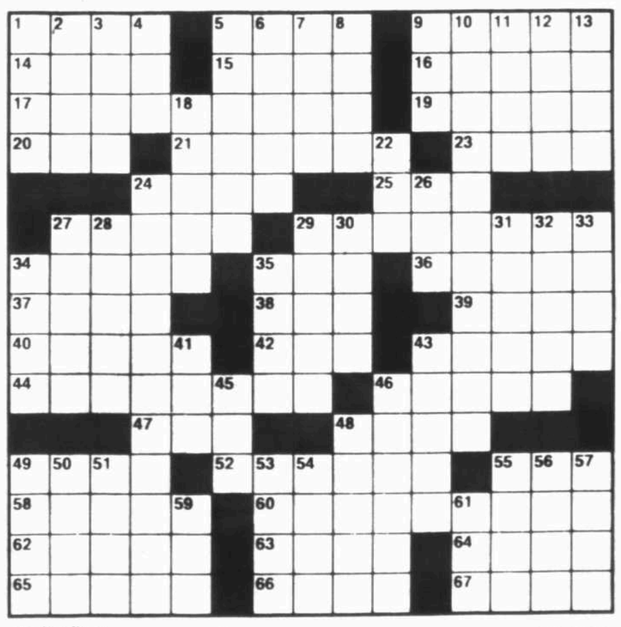

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FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Music City Mall:
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6:00 & 7.00 (Grand Stage)
GREG HALL
6:30 & 7:45 (Payless)
MARY BETH COLE
12:00 & 1:00 (Matney Shoes)
PATTY PHELPS
3:00 & 4:00 (Matney Shoes)
MARTY BANNER
5:30 & 6:30 & 7:30 (Matney Shoes)
BALLOON MAN
6:00 - 9:00 (Mastercuts)
J.R. BAILEY
7:00 & 8:00 (Golden Brass)

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

West Texas Iris Society: Treasures of Memories - Annual Iris Show. Kingsway Senior Citizens Center: 3303 W. Illinois, Midland.

Midland Community Theatre: PLAY:. "Moon Over Buffalo," 8 p.m. Midland Community Theatre at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111. Admission charged.

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Presidential Museum: American Heritage Days. 10am - 5pm, in the museuem, along th 600 block of Lee Street, and in the fellowship hall of First Christian Church - Odessa.

Dos Amigos: Annual Crawfish Boil.

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American Airpower Heritage Museum: EXHIBITION: The American Airpower Heritage Museum is internationally recognized for its collection of authentic World War II artifacts and memorabilia. The museum currently has five permanent exhibits, highlighting five different phases of World War II, in the main gallery and two permanent exhibits in the hanger. Take an on-line tour of the museum at http://www.avdigest.com/aahm/aahm.html. 9600 Wright Dr., Midland International Airport. Hours: Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 12-5 p.m., call 563-1000. Admission charged. Group and student discounts available with prior reservation. Film Series: Lest We Forget - A Video Journey Through World War II. Free showing every other Saturday at 1 p.m., moderated by a museum docent and free refreshments.

Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum: STUDENT ARTS FESTIVAL: Through May 9 showcasing work by student artists in public, private and home schools of Midland County. Sponsored by Las Manos in cooperation with MISD. HANDS-On EXHIBIT: Brain Matters, music, puzzles and games. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m., 683-2882. Free.

Gallery 1114: OPEN SHOW: All media creative projects. 1114 N. Big Spring, Thurs.Sun. 1-5 p.m., 685-9944. Free admission.

HEB Wine Department: EXHIBITION: The Works of Sam Hurt, call 697-1471, 3325 W. Wadley, Mon.-Sun. 24 hours.

McCormick Gallery, Midland College: EXHIBITION, 3600 N. Garfield, Mon.Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., call 6854500, Free.

Midland Community Theatre: EVENT: "Sunday in the Park with Shakespeare!," noon. Amphitheater at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-2544. Free.

Midland County Historical Museum: EXHIBITION: La Salle Shipwreck Excavation, 301 W. Missouri, Monday, Wednesday, Friday, Saturday, 2-5 p.m., Admission free, call 682-2931 or 688-8947.

Midland County Historical Society: Z. Taylor Brown-Dorsey Medallion Home, Midland's oldest restored home, 213 N. Weatherford, guided tours give fine capsule of Midland County History - open by appointment, call 682-2931, Admission free.

Midland Opera Theater: PERFORMANCE: "Opera and More in the Park," 6:30 p.m., Midland Center, catered buffet supper. 684-4101 or 520-7515, Admission charged.

Museum of the Southwest: EXHIBIT: Audubon's Texas Animals, through July 26, EXHIBIT: Eclectic Visions, Contemporary Artists Series featuring Mark McDowell, through April 26. EXHIBIT: In the Third Dimension: Sculpture from the Museum's Collection, through Jan. 15, 1999. EXHIBIT: Through May 31, Out of the Woods: Turned Wood by American Craftsmen EXHIBIT: Through May 31, "Jeff Brosk: Relief Sculpture," April 30: TALK: Joe Schenk, director of the Mobile, Alabama Museum of Art, 7 p.m. Museum of the Southwest, 1705 W. Missouri, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5 p.m. 683-2882. Free.

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The Ellen Noel Art Museum of the Permian Basin: CLASSES: Adventures In Art, Drawing Through Observation Class for children in art appreciation, art history and creative studio art. 2:30-4:30 p.m., 4909 E. University, Odessa, 550-3811, Free.

Odessa College: LRC, 201 W. University, Mon.-Thurs. 7:30 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. & Sun. 2-5 p.m., call 335-6646, Free.

Odessa Art Association: 4909 E. University, San Miguel Square, Odessa, call 362-7988, Free.

Opera In The Park: 6:30 p.m. Midland Center, Ticket information 10 a.m. - 5p.m. daily - 684-4101.

Permian Basin Petroleum Museum: EXHIBITION: The Dongying Sister City Cultural Exchange Exhibit, includes 22 panels of photographs, folk art, handicrafts and calligraphy. SUNDAY RIG TOURS: tours of the modern drilling rig, 2:30-4:30, weather permitting, a docent will be at the site near Interstate 20 to explain the rig for no additional charge, 1500 W. I-20 West, Mon.-Sat. 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sun. 2-5., call 683-4403. Admission Charged.

Permian Playhouse: MUSICAL: "Always...Patsy Cline," Permian Playhouse, Odessa. 2:30 p.m. return engagement by Amarillo Little Theatre. 915 362-2329 or 550-5456. Admission charged.
The Presidential Museum: EXHIBIT: Lone Star Texas: A Nation Among Nations, the real story of the Republic of Texas and annexation in the Union. Through June 20. 10 a.m. -5 p.m. 622 N. Lee, Odessa, 800 862-7123. Free.

University of Texas of the Permian Basin: UTPB Gallery, Mon.-Thurs. 8 a.m.-10 p.m., Fri. 8 a.m.-5 p.m., Sat. 1-5 p.m., Sun. 1-5 p.m., 3rd Floor Gallery, 4901 E. University, Odessa, call 552-2806, Free.

White Pool House: 112 E. Murphy St., Tues. 12 p.m.-3 p.m., Wed.-Fri. 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Sun. 2 p.m.-5 p.m., call 1-333-4072, Free.

MONDAY, APRIL 20

Midland College: DAVIDSON DISTINGUISHED LECTURE SERIES: Prudence Mackintosh, author and contributing editor to Texas Monthly, 7:30 p.m. Al G. Langford Chaparral Center, 685-4526. Free.

The Haley Library and History Center: EXHIBITS: Saddles from pioneer area families, permanent collection of western and Southwestern art. Artifacts including bit and spur collections, original mission bell from Alamo in San Antonio, 30,000 volumes of books on the history of range settlement and cattle industry. Collections include J. Evetts Haley, Robert N. Mullin, Clayton W. Williams, Sr., Dan L. Thrapp. Open Mon-Fri 9 a.m.5 p.m.. Free.

Midland College: STUDENT ART SHOW: McCormick Gallery, Fine Arts Building, Midland College, 685-4500. Free.

Ellen Noel Art Museum: ART EXHIBIT: Awards presentation ECISD Secondary Student Art Exhibit 1998. Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.; Sunday 2-5 p.m. 4904 E. University, Odessa. 915 368-7222 or 550-3811. Free.

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

UTPB: JUNIOR/SENIOR STUDENT ART EXHIBIT: Opening reception, 7-9 p.m. Through May 17 Third Floor Gallery. UTPB Gallery, 4901 E. University, Odessa. 5522806. Free.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22

Museum of the Southwest: BROWN BAG LUNCH: "The Gilded Age" from the video series American Visions. Noon. INTERACTIVE EXHIBIT: "Brain Matters," through Sept 13, Fredda Turner Durham Children's Museum, 1705 W. Missouri, 6832882. Free.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Keep Midland Beautiful: EARTH DAY OBSERVANCE: Bruno Hansen Environmental Excellence Award 7-9 p.m. Midland College, 688-4190. Admission charged.

Midland Community Theatre: PLAY: "Moon Over Buffalo," 8 p.m. Midland Community Theatre at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111. Admission charged.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Keep Midland Beautiful: ARBOR DAY AND PLANT A TREE DAY: Dave Hartman, 688-5298. Free.

Midland Community Theatre: PLAY: "Moon Over Buffalo," 8 p.m. Midland Community Theatre at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111. Admission charged.

SATURDAY APRIL 25

Special Olympics: SPRING GAMES: Area 18 track & field, aquatics, soccer, equestrian, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Ratliff Stadium in Odessa, 684-5024. Free.

Midland Community Theatre: PLAY: "Moon Over Buffalo," 8 p.m. Midland Community Theatre at Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley, 682-4111. Admission charged.

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'L.A. Confidential' out-noirs most all comers

Kim Basinger won a Best Supporting Actress for her performance in 'L.A. Confidential,' released this month on home video.

■ Critically-acclaimed movie released this month on home video.

By Robert Philpot
N.Y. Times News Service

Raymond Chandler went to the big sleep in 1959, but his ghost hovers over latter-day Hollywood like a thick fog on the docks at midnight. And although Chandler set his best work — "The Big Sleep, Farewell My Lovely" — in his present, his '90s imitators are enamored of the past.

Of course, to call the terrific "L.A. Confidential" Chandleresque is to use the term loosely. Chandler's anti-heroes are loners who follow their own code, sharp fellows who can still be duped by the wrong kind of women. "Confidential," new to video this month and based on James Ellroy's convoluted novel, multiplies those elements.

Instead of one loner, we get three, who discover that they have to put aside their differences and work together to find out what really went on behind a late-night restaurant shooting. Russell Crowe ("Virtuosity") is the brawn as Bud White, a hotheaded cop with a grudge against wife-beaters. Guy Pearce ("The Adventures of Priscilla, Queen of the Desert") is the brains as Ed Exley, whose by-the-book demeanor hides a ruthless, ambitious streak. And Kevin Spacey, who may be the best supporting actor working today, is wonderful as Jack Vincennes, a celebrity cop whose bemused cool can't erase the integrity that made him a model detective.

Kim Basinger won an Oscar as the Veronica Lake sorta-look-alike who winds up being used as a pawn to divide the

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SHORT TAKES

Openers

"The Object of My Affection," and "Paulie" open today at the Tall City 10.

"Major Leagues: Back to the Minors" opens today at the Midland Park Mall.

Box office

Top weekend movies

Weekend of April 10–12, 1998
All dollar figures in millions

	Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1	City of Angels $15.4, one week, 2,212 screens	$15.4
2	Lost in Space $40.2, two weeks, 3,306 screens	$13.4
3	Titanic $542.9, 17 weeks, 3,265 screens	$8.6
4	Species II $7.3, one week, 2,510 screens	$7.3
5	The Players Club $8.4, one week, 593 screens	$5.9
6	Mercury Rising $18.8, two weeks, 2,399 screens	$5.5
7	Neil Simon's Odd Couple II $4.8, one week, 1,650 screens	$4.8
8	My Giant $3.1, one week, 1,948 screens	$3.1
9	Grease $24.3, three weeks, 2,031 screens	$2.5
10	Primary Colors $32.7, four weeks, 1,775 screens	$2.4

Top 10 lists

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. All lists c. 1998, Billboard Publications, Inc.:

Video Rentals

1. "I Know What You Did Last Summer," (Columbia TriStar)
2. "In & Out," (Paramount)
3. "The Full Monty," (Fox)
4. "The Devil's Advocate," (Warner)
5. "Mimic," (Dimension)
6. "The Edge," (Fox)
7. "The Peacemaker," (Universal)
8. "The Game," (PolyGram)
9. "Ulee's Gold," (MGM-UA)
10. "Bean," (PolyGram)

Top Singles

1. "Too Close," Next (Arista) (Gold)
2. "All My Life," K-Ci & Jojo (MCA)
3. "Let's Ride," Montell Jordan featuring Master P & Silkk the Shocker (Def Jam)
4. "Frozen," Madonna (Maverick)
5. "You're Still the One," Shania Twain (Mercury) (Gold)
6. "Romeo and Juliet," Sylk-E. Fyne featuring Chill (RCA) (Gold)
7. "Body Bumpin' Yippie-Yi-Yo," Public Announcement (A&M) (Gold)
8. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden (Columbia) (Gold)
9. "Nice & Slow," Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)
10. "Sex and Candy," Marcy Playground (Capitol)

Top Albums

1. "'Titanic' Soundtrack," (Sony Classical) (Platinum)
2. "Let's Talk About Love," Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)
3. "'I Got the Hook-Up!' Soundtrack," (No Limit)
4. "Backstreet Boys," Backstreet Boys (Jive) (Platinum)
5. "Savage Garden," Savage Garden (Columbia) (Platinum)

Country Singles

1. "Bye Bye," Jo Dee Messina (Curb)
2. "You're Still the One," Shania Twain (Mercury)
3. "Then What?" Clay Walker (Giant)
4. "This Kiss," Faith Hill (Warner Bros.)
5. "Perfect Love," Trisha Yearwood (MCA)
6. "Two Pina Coladas," Garth Brooks (Capitol)
7. "Dream Walkin'," Toby Keith (Mercury)
8. "If I Never Stop Lovin' You," David Kersh (Curb)
9. "Out of My Bones," Randy Travis (DreamWorks)
10. "I'm From the Country," Tracy Byrd (MCA Nashville)

Latin Tracks

1. "No Se Olvidar," Alejandro Fernandez (Sony Discos)
2. "Una Fan Enamorada," Servando Y Florentino (WEA Latina)
3. "Asi Fue," Juan Gabriel (Arola-BMG)
4. "Por Que Te Conoci," Los Temerarios (Fonovisa)
5. "Si Tu Supieras," Tony Vega (RMM)

Reviews and Previews Editor
Jimmy Patterson

Ya'll better 'hee haw' right now

Country comedy takes on harder edge than in the days of Jerry Clower, Grandpa Jones, Goober

By Shirley Jinkins
N.Y. Times News Service

Decades before Jeff Foxworthy sardonically defined rednecks for an urban generation, Cousin Minnie Pearl gently discussed Brother, who earlier country audiences knew was "not right bright."

Other country characters became like family. Grandpa Jones cheerfully told "Hee Haw" viewers what was for dinner, and sad-faced Stringbean mirrored the Grand Ole Opry's own hard-working audience.

No wonder "Prime Time Country" TV host Gary Chapman sniffled during a tribute to the recently deceased Grandpa Jones. It was a sentimental gesture to a whole genre of country characters who have been replaced with wiseacres.

The list once included Minnie Pearl's one-time partner, Rod Brasfield, with Bocephus the dummy, Ferlin Husky's Simon Crum, Sheb Wooley's Ben Colder, Archie Campbell, and Porter Wagoner's TV sidekick, Speck Rhodes.

Now, country comedy is often meaner than Minnie would allow. Cledus "T." Judd does parodies of currently popular country songs; Bill Engvall and Foxworthy make sport of Southerners. Then there's Roy D. Mercer, who has three volumes of his "How Big 'a Boy Are Ya?" telephone-prank jokes on the "Billboard" top albums list.

No matter the guise, country comedy isn't what it used to be.

Jerry Strobel, general manager of the Grand Ole Opry, acknowledged that comedy's role on the venerable radio institution and in country music itself has dwindled drastically since the days of Minnie Pearl and Roy Acuff.

"We don't have that many country comedians performing now, and that's unfortunate," he said. "All of the acts in the old days, when they went out on the road, they took a comedian with them. Minnie traveled with Roy; there was Wilma Lee Cooper and Bill Carlisle."

Strobel said comic relief on today's Opry comes from the grinning hillbilly banjoist Mike Snider, "Mouth of the South" Jerry Clower, and witty singer-songwriter Johnny

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AP Laserphoto

Actress Shelley Long poses for a publicity photo for her new TV sitcom "Kelly Kelly." The series has started a trial run on the WB television network Monday nights.

Shelley's Long and winding career takes turn back to situation comedy

By Bob Thomas
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — She'll be forever known as Diane Chambers, the overqualified barmaid in "Cheers." But Shelley Long is taking on a new persona in a TV sitcom, "Kelly Kelly." Starting with a trial run on the WB network Monday nights, the series may have a better chance than most sitcom startups. It boasts two stars with proven comedic talents: Miss Long and Robert Hays, the terror-stricken pilot of "Airplane!" movies.

Miss Long doesn't roam far from her "Cheers" profile in her new role as Kelly Novak, egghead professor of literature at an Ivy League school. Hays appears as Doug Kelly, widower with four children and fire chief who rescues her from a burning building. They fall in love, marry, and Miss Novak becomes Kelly Kelly.

A good talker, Miss Long talks about her new venture over a light lunch in West Los Angeles As she explains, "Kelly Kelly" started very innocently two years ago, with an invitation to talk about a series with Warner Bros. executives.

"I know how this works," Miss Long says. "Any kind of development in Hollywood is usually lengthy and arduous

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Is 'Titanic' a victim of its own success?

By Charles Passy
N.Y. Times News Service

Even as James Cameron's Oscar-winning picture loses its four-month hold on the number-one spot at the box office, its continued popularity is posing a unique problem to movie theaters: Their Titanic prints are starting to look as scruffy as the third-class passengers depicted in the film.

Local theater managers are fielding complaints about screenings marred by scratches and dirt. After all, how majestic can an ocean liner look when it's got a black line running through it? And let's not even talk about the havoc a bad print plays with those steamy shipboard scenes between Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio.

"There really is no precedent for it. Normally, we don't have to deal with films running four months," said Phil Zacheretti, a spokesman for Knoxville-based Regal Cinemas, a chain with theaters in Palm Beach County.

Compounding the problem is the industry-wide switch to a new, polyster-based film about a year ago. It makes prints tougher to tear — the main obstacle projectionists face — but easier to scratch. "After 10

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Clapton's management team says violent songs are a blues tradition

By Jim Sullivan
N.Y. Times News Service

BOSTON — A spokeswoman for blues guitarist Eric Clapton said Wednesday the controversy about his song "Sick and Tired," is "the sound of one-hand clapping ... a tempest in a teapot."

In a phone interview, Ronnie Lippin of the Lippin Group, Clapton's management company, defended the song as part of a blues tradition.

The song, from Clapton's latest CD "Pilgrim," deals with a protagonist who contemplates murdering a troublesome girlfriend. In the song, Clapton sings about retrieving a shotgun while musing, "I may have to blow your brains out, baby."

Attention was drawn to the song when Boston Globe and Boston Herald writers criticized it in columns earlier this week.

Clapton did not play "Sick and Tired" at Tuesday's sold-out Boston

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Trisha Yearwood is basically the girl next door

By Jeff Wilson
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Trisha Yearwood is country music's hottest girl-next-door. Known for her vocal and emotional power, her hits include "That's What I Like About You," "Like We Never Had a Broken Heart" and "How Do I Live."

Garth Brooks has said, "Trisha Yearwood could sell oil to the Arabs with her voice."

The 34-year-old Monticello, Ga., native has been singing since she was 5 years old, when a neighbor gave her some old Elvis Presley records ("I was going to marry Elvis," she recalls with a laugh).

"I'm basically a country girl. My mom and dad have real jobs but we lived on a farm," she says.

She arrived in Nashville, Tenn., in 1985, finished her music business degree at Belmont College and got an internship at Music Row's now-defunct MTM Records. She worked in the publicity department before taking over the front-desk telephones.

"I learned how a label worked," she says.

Yearwood then began singing demo records and background vocals. She was snatched up by MCA Records. Her debut single "She's in Love With the Boy" was a smash, and she wound up as the opening act for Brooks throughout his 80-city tour in 1991.

"Anybody would have killed to be on this tour," she says.

Her career's been rising ever since. She's won every imaginable award, including two Grammys earlier this year for "How Do I Live" (best female country performance) and for her duet with Brooks on "In Another's

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Country singer Trisha Yearwood poses in this Aug., 1997 publicity photo. Yearwood, whose hits include "That's What I Like About You," "Like We Never Had a Broken Heart" and "How Do I Live," is known for her vocal and emotional power.

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LONG: Actress has high expectations for new comedy

(From 1D)

and often unproductive. So you go into it with the attitude, 'Well, it's nice to make new friends and see what grows out of it.'

"I picked up right away that they wanted to do family shows, though they understood that I would want to bring something different and somewhat sophisticated to the show."

That interested her, especially after completing "The Brady Bunch Movie" and playing mothers in several TV Movies of the Week. And it mirrors her real life: She and husband Bruce Tyson have a 13-year-old daughter, Juliana.

To date, most of Miss Long's professional experience with children was in films, not in a TV series shot before a studio audience.

Regulations limit how long children can work on a set. "To do a show in three hours is pretty much impossible," explains the series' star and executive producer. "What you have to do is pre-shoot one or two scenes and show them to the audience so they can keep a continuity going."

'During the first season the repeated question in press interviews was: 'How does it feel to be at the bottom of the ratings?' "

— Shelley Long

She also hadn't counted on the physicality of her role. Kelly Novak plunges into a household of macho males and a tomboy, all devoted to athletics. Early on, Miss Long broke a finger trying to catch a football.

A native of Fort Wayne, Ind., she studied drama at Northwestern University and learned comedy timing with Chicago's Second City improv group. That led, in 1982, to the start of five years of tolerating the buffoons in a Boston saloon called "Cheers."

"During the first season," she recalls, "the repeated question in press interviews was: 'How does it feel to be at the bottom of the ratings?'

"I would say the truth: 'We feel really good about the work we're doing. That really is why I'm here.' That was naive of me. It didn't really occur to me that I might not be there if those ratings continued and if there hadn't been sufficient support for the show."

NBC program chief Brandon Tartikoff refused to be discouraged. And the show's fortunes changed after it won five Emmys, including best comedy series and best comedy actress for Miss Long. Then Tartikoff rearranged the lineup so "The Cosby Show" and "Family Ties" led into "Cheers." Bingo!

Miss Long appeared in a series that turned out to be a misnomer, "Good Advice." She has also starred in features such as "Losin' It" (Tom Cruise's first big role), "Night Shift" (Henry Winkler, Michael Keaton), "Irreconcilable Differences" (Ryan O'Neal), "Outrageous Fortune" (Bette Midler) and "The Money Pit" (Tom Hanks).

She has high expectations for "Kelly Kelly," while hoping bosses at WB will be as patient as Tartikoff.

Speaking of boat disasters, try 'Love Boat'

N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — It's been 21 years since the Pacific Princess first whisked us off to exotic ports with a lounge lizard theme song about "love, exciting and new." C'mon, sing along: "The Luuuuuuv Boat prom-is-es something for everyone."

Just in time for "Titanic" tie-ins, the floating lonely hearts franchise is out of mothballs and back on TV with a new ship and a new crew of smiley-faced cupids in dress whites on "The Love Boat: The Next Wave."

Created by producer Aaron Spelling, the original "Love Boat" was the best of empty-headed shows from the late '70s that were so shamelessly corny, they were good. The latest version seems to be charting the same course.

Gone are Captain Stubing (Gavin MacLeod), Gopher (Fred Grandy), Isaac (Ted Lange) and Julie (Lauren Tewes).

At the helm of the sleek Sun Princess is the indestructible Robert Urich as Captain "Big Jim" Kennedy III, a spit-and-polish retired naval officer who's recently gotten custody of his estranged, delinquent son Danny (Kyle Howard).

Like its predecessor, the new "Love Boat" is the refuge for a cast of soap opera burnouts and no-names. Phil Morris (son of the late Greg Morris of "Mission: Impossible") is ship's purser Will Sander, Corey Parker is physician John Morgan, and Stacey Travis is cruise director Suzanne Zimmerman.

TITANIC: Film suffering effects of repeated showings

(From 1D)

weeks, the film is not going to look as it should," Zacheretti said.

The situation grew so bad at one Regal location, the Shadowood 16 in Boca Raton, that the theater posted a sign last week warning moviegoers. A replacement print finally arrived Friday.

But there's the rub. With Titanic fever starting to wane — the movie slipped to number three this past weekend, behind City of Angels and Lost in Space — there's speculation that Paramount, the studio that produced it, is hesitant to order new prints.

Blaise Noto, a Paramount spokesman, said that "we try to accommodate the theaters as best as we can," but he acknowledged that moviegoers may have to face some wear and tear. "Seventeen weeks is a long time," he said of Titanic's run.

Still, as Zacheretti points out, Titanic has hardly reached the chopped-liver stage of second-run theaters. Last weekend, the movie did nearly $9 million at the box office, bringing the record-breaking total since its Dec. 19 release to $543 million.

"I think it will play into the summer," Zacheretti said. "It's going to get worse (sales-wise) each week, but it's not going to sink as fast as the real ship."

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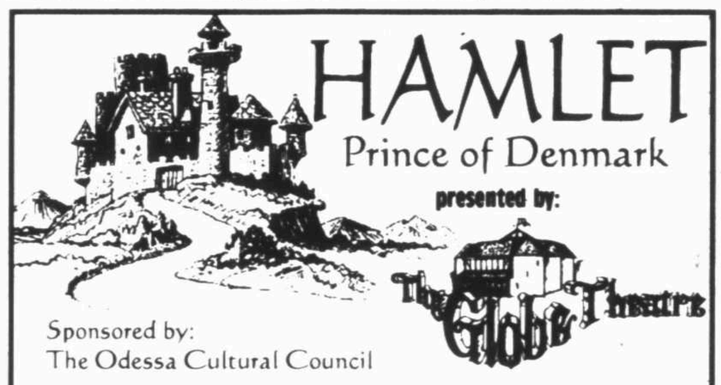

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COUNTRY: Roy Clark began transformation of corn-pone humor

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Russell. Ray Stevens and George "Goober" Lindsey have large followings. Other primarily musical guests such as Little Jimmie Dickens and Porter Wagoner also have strong comedic tendencies.

But, now that Grandpa Jones is gone, the lovable country-bumpkin character comic is a relic of the past. Only Steve Hall's puppet character Shotgun Red is left to carry on.

"As far as a (human) character, Grandpa was the last one, of that stature," Strobel said. The tradition dated back to traveling medicine show days, even vaudeville.

Country music revue-meister Johnnie High said that even Branson, Mo., mecca of some of the most old-time country entertainment around, has backed off from featuring humorous hayseeds.

"Before Roy Clark, everyone had the cornball, blacked-out-teeth comedian," High said. "That kind of comedy is either really good, or really bad."

Now, all that are left in Branson are the family-show comics, in ensemble casts of the Baldknobbers Jamboree and the Presleys' Country Jubilee. Moe Bandy features character comic Hargus Marcell in his theater shows.

"It's more stand-up comedians now," said Gary Presley, "Herkimer" of the Presley show in Branson. "I know that's happening overall, and television is doing a lot of that. America's really going to lose a little bit, unless it cycles back around."

Even Herkimer has changed with the times, Presley said.

"He's a little more up with what's happening in the world than he used to be," he said. "He looks real simple, and sounds real simple, but he always comes out on top."

In 1962, 15-year-old Gary Presley launched a comedy career on a radio program in Springfield, Mo. Five years later, Presley and his family opened their theater in Branson, the first one on the Highway 76 strip. Now, his youngest son, Eric, 21, does comedy as "Cecil."

Presley described the old costumed character comedy as "kinda like a clown in the circus," adding that he does a lot of physical slapstick, an even rarer occurrence nowadays.

"The good thing about it is, it's a simpler type of comedy," he said. "You don't have to rack your brain to get the joke."

All the comics agreed that there are three standards in country comedy:

1. Keep it clean.
2. Be diplomatic about politics. If you nail a Democrat, rib a Republican, too.
3. Stay away from religion. Entirely.

Perhaps the legacy of Grandpa Jones, Cousin Minnie and the rest endures best at community shows and oprys.

"Earl," otherwise known as Mike Stewart, is Johnnie High's resident country bumpkin.

Stewart, an 11-year veteran of Johnnie High's Country Music Revue, started his comedic alter-ego Earl as a joke four years ago. The Hurst resident's day jobs are operating a roofing construction business and a real estate company with his father.

A dentist friend fixed him up a set of "nasty-looking" teeth, and Stewart tried them out one night at dinner after the show, dressing himself like a nerd.

"Totally out of character for me," Stewart assured.

He portrayed Earl the next week on High's show, and before long, "the audience started expecting Earl to be there on a weekly basis." Stewart had to start preparing Earl's appearances, collecting ideas from everywhere, including the Internet.

"The main thing about that character is, he's HONESTLY stupid," Stewart said.

Stewart said the trick to capturing Earl's persona is to keep things simple. "It's just natural humor that plays off your own inabilities," he said. "You make fun of yourself."

That, and maybe a farm animal or two.

Sample Earl joke: "Why did the gum cross the road?

"Because it was stuck to the chicken's foot."

No brain-freeze there.

"It's stuff any 5-year-old can get," High explained.

And Grandpa Jones would appreciate that.

CONFIDENTIAL: Noir films owe much to Polanski

(From 1D)

already-uneasy alliance between White and Exley. Basinger's joyous, almost-giddy acceptance speech was so charming, it almost made you forget that although this was one of her best performances, other nominees were more deserving. The bigger injustice was that none of the male cast, which also includes "Babe's" versatile James Cromwell, received an Oscar nomination. But the Academy made up for that slight by bestowing a deserved Best Adapted Screenplay award on director Curtis Hanson and co-writer Brian Helgeland. Many observers, including just about every national critics group, thought the film deserved the Best Picture Oscar.

To find out why "L.A. Confidential" is held in such high regard, try it on a double bill with 1996's forgettable "Mullholland Falls." Nick Nolte plays the leader of the think-with-its-fists Hat Squad, a bunch of McCarthy-era thugs with badges who get mixed up with some sort of nuclear doings. To get an idea of how good Basinger is in "Confidential," compare her performance with the blandness of Melanie Griffith here; both actresses suffer from bad-acting reputations, but Griffith fails to transcend hers. Similarly, John Malkovich shows signs of going to the weirdo well one too many times as the villain of the piece.

A better, but wildly overrated, piece of postwar noir is Carl Franklin's "Devil in a Blue Dress" (1995), with Denzel Washington as novelist Walter Mosley's detective hero Easy Rawlins. "Devil" is truly Chandleresque, taking off from the starting point of "Farewell, My Lovely," with Easy asked to track down a mystery woman.

The movie goes on to tell its own story, but Washington is just too pretty to be a classic anti-hero; as good an actor as he is, he never seems to look drunk, lost, unshaven or hung over, and he comes off as too smart to get duped by anyone. Franklin's straightforward direction is disappointing after the incredible intensity and inventiveness of his earlier effort, "One False Move," but the movie's still worth seeing for an amazing performance by "Boogie Nights'" Don Cheadle as a no-good buddy of Rawlins'. The guys from "Confidential" aren't the only ones who were robbed of Oscar nominations.

All the above owe a huge debt to Roman Polanski's 1974 classic "Chinatown," which in turn owes its own debt to Chandler. Easily one of the best movies — maybe the best — of the '70s, and among the greatest films ever made, it combines a stingingly sardonic Jack Nicholson, a seductive Faye Dunaway and a sinister John Huston (also passed over for an Oscar nomination) in a convoluted story that starts off being about one evil before it turns to another, and then another. Robert Towne's screenplay is a marvel — complex yet not confusing, filled with memorable lines and a heart of darkness. It's a measure of the film's success that it set the standard for later LA noirs, transcending that "Chandleresque" adjective that the others can't escape.

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New technology could change way we watch movies at home

By John Horn
AP Entertainment Writer

SANTA MONICA, Calif. — No more trips to the video store? No discovering every "Air Force One" video has been checked out? No loathsome late fees?

A new entertainment-on-demand system aimed at delivering movies, music and more into the home is about to debut in its first meaningful consumer test, with trial runs set for Phoenix and Philadelphia in June. Entertainment on demand has never become a practical reality, but several leading companies, including Intel, Sony, US West and Comcast, are betting this new in-home system, called Intertainer, has a chance of succeeding.

Intertainer is one of several companies seeking to exploit new broadband technology, which can bring data into the home at speeds 20 to 100 times faster than the fastest computer modems currently available. Cable and telephone companies are now spending millions installing these high-speed lines. One estimate by the research firm, The Forrester Report, projects that nearly one-quarter of all U.S. homes will have such high-speed lines by 2005. Intertainer says it could have as many as 20,000 users by the end of this year.

Earlier attempts at video-on-demand programming have not gone well. Time Warner did an extensive test in Orlando, Fla., of a 500-channel cable format, but the service proved uneconomical. TeleTV, a collaboration of three regional phone companies, also was a bust.

Today's Pay-Per-Vjew movie channels offer limited titles at specific times. If you want to watch "In & Out," you have to be in front of your television at exactly the right time. If your taste runs toward art films, you rarely get a chance to order the movie you want, since most of the offerings are blockbuster star vehicles.

Video stores offer only a slightly better alternative, but involve a few annoyances, such as having to leave home to get the movie.

The theory behind Intertainer is to transform the personal computer, and eventually the television itself, into a one-stop entertainment bazaar. With the click of a mouse, you can order a movie, shop for clothes, listen to a new jazz release or assemble your own Pearl Jam greatest hits record, download the music and send it to a recordable CD machine.

Intertainer users will be charged on a sliding scale for each transaction: Buying a children's show might cost 50 cents, while an hour of television could be $1; a first-run film would cost $4, while a CD would be $12.

The technology also allows for true interactive viewing. While checking out a new Will Smith music video, viewers can click on a preview of Smith's "Men in Black" and, if they want, order the movie. The film itself remains on Intertainer's main computer, so the film can be paused, rewound, fast-forwarded — or started 12 hours later. If Smith's Ray-Bans look especially good, you might even order a pair for yourself without leaving your home.

"Digital cable systems will transform how consumers use TV," The Forester Report said, without mentioning Intertainer by name. "Today, advertisers pay to place a can of Pepsi in a sitcom or their logo on the field of a college football game. Embedded impulse buying will allow consumers to buy the sweater off Seinfeld's back."

Consumers can use Intertainer on a PC or on a TV equipped with a set-top box or a set-top personal computer. Unlike current video on a PC, Intertainer's image is full-screen, with none of the typical Internet choppiness. The system's "smart agent" will also record your votes on whatever you watch and try to steer you to programming that might match your tastes.

"The demographic profile we're going after is someone who's pretty upscale — who wouldn't mind paying $60 a month for a high-speed Internet connection," says Jonathan Taplin, Intertainer's co-chairman and a former movie producer.

In the Philadelphia and Phoenix trials, Intertainer customers will have a choice of only about 200 movies, far from the selection available at a local Blockbuster. About 10 percent of the titles, limited by computer storage space, will be updated every week, but Taplin says he hopes to have as many as 500 movies soon.

One analyst says impulse shopping plays a large part in video store profits. With a more limited selection of titles on Intertainer, the question is whether there are enough opportunities for impulse decisions. Furthermore, the company with the most marketing clout — not the best product — will ultimately prevail.

"The real obstacle is the technology. That's the real hurdle; how many movies can you put on the hard drive?" says Dave Davis, an analyst with the investment bank Houlihan Lokey.

"People will pick up a video and rent it even if they don't want to watch it. Impulse viewing at home with a remote is really attractive, and it helps the studios, too, because they get money on every transaction, which they don't on a video rental."

Intel, best known for making computer chips, is among the high-tech companies investing in Intertainer. Intel's interest rests with content, and the vast array of entertainment that can be delivered with broadband lines.

"The Internet looks like the Yellow Pages. It doesn't look like television," says Claude Leglise, a vice president in Intel's content group. "There is a lot of content out there. It's just not too exciting in terms of what you can get on your personal computer."

Sony, Warner Bros. and PBS are among the suppliers of programming for Intertainer's trial run.

"My hope is we won't just be showing 'Volcano,'" Taplin says. "Why not Deepak Chopra videos? House and Garden shows? Cooking shows?"

CLAPTON: Boston set excludes song

(From 1D)

show, although he has performed it on other tour dates.

Lippin pointed out other folk and pop songs of violence, singing parts of the Kingston Trio's "Tom Dooley" and the Beatles' "Run for Your Life" — "I'd rather see you dead little girl than to see you with another man."

"The set list changes all the time," responded Lippin, and said he may have played it when the US tour began March 30 but hasn't played it "in 10 days."

As to whether he "dropped" the song because of the Boston brouhaha, Lippin replied "an emphatic no."

YEARWOOD: Singer denies rumors of feud with LeAnn Rimes

(From 1D)

Eyes."

Married to Robert Reynolds of the Mavericks, she is back on tour with Brooks after performing the Oscar-nominated "How Do I Live" during the 70th annual Academy Awards show. Like everything else, the song tanked under the weight of the "Titanic" sweep.

1. What was it like to walk on stage at the 70th annual Academy Awards and sing "How Do I Live" from the movie "Con Air" and see the faces of Jack Nicholson, Robin Williams and other motion picture stars?

Yearwood: It's a whole different world, that's for sure. This wasn't my world but I was playing in it that night. It was fun. There's a saxophone solo in the song and standing there with a microphone in your hand for about 10 seconds, well, I looked out and I could see Jack. During that moment was when I thought, 'Here I am standing there in front of all these people I only see in the movies.' It was wonderful.

2. There have been tabloid reports suggesting a feud between you and LeAnn Rimes. You have both recorded "How Do I Live." And you were both nominated in the female performance category at the Grammys and for the single record of the year trophy at the April 22 Academy of Country Music Awards. Is there a rift?

Yearwood: They'd love to see some kind of hair-pulling thing. We both liked the song. I would not have chosen to be in a competition, particularly with LeAnn Rimes. She's very nice. I think she's handled herself with a lot of grace. Everybody won in this. It's been a big record for her and a big record for me. I'm ready for it — that competition she and I have unfortunately been put into — to be put to rest.

3. You have your own music career, you have toured with Garth Brooks, you were part of the movie "Con Air," and you have just finished playing the role of a forensic pathologist on the TV series "JAG." Where do you want your career to go?

Yearwood: Well, I'm not an actor. Yeah, videos kinda count, but you're singing so you're still in your element. I was definitely out of my comfort zone with 'JAG.' I was a forensic pathologist. I didn't sing. I'm not trying to be a full-time actor, but I enjoyed it. I felt like I did well. I'm not trying to turn my music career into an acting career. If it comes along, though, I would do it. We'll see. I'll wait and see what comes along.

4. Besides touring, including a trip and television special in Ireland, you and Garth Brooks recorded a duet. What has he taught you?

Yearwood: I've known him for 10 years and we're good friends. He's like a big brother to me. I think we both value each other's opinion. I watch him and how he deals with his fans. Let me tell you, he has class. He's a good person. The biggest thing to learn from him is he really focuses on the music and lets all the other stuff (gossip and critics knocking him) fall to the wayside. He doesn't act famous. I like that.

5. You did a Discover Card commercial. You worked with Target a few years back. You majored in music business and worked the corporate end of the industry. Would you describe yourself as a shopaholic, and how has your business background helped?

Yearwood: When I did the commercial for them, they said I wasn't spending enough money on my card so they gave me some money to spend. I go to the mall, but I was a business major so I'm sort of a spendthrift. I think that as an artist you would love to only focus on the creative side and not focus on the other things. I'm a unique person because I enjoy the other sides, too, the details of the business. You do have to take responsibility for your career. The bottom line is it is your life. I watch the money. I've probably got one of the smaller entourages. I have about 20 people and they all have families. It's a responsibility.

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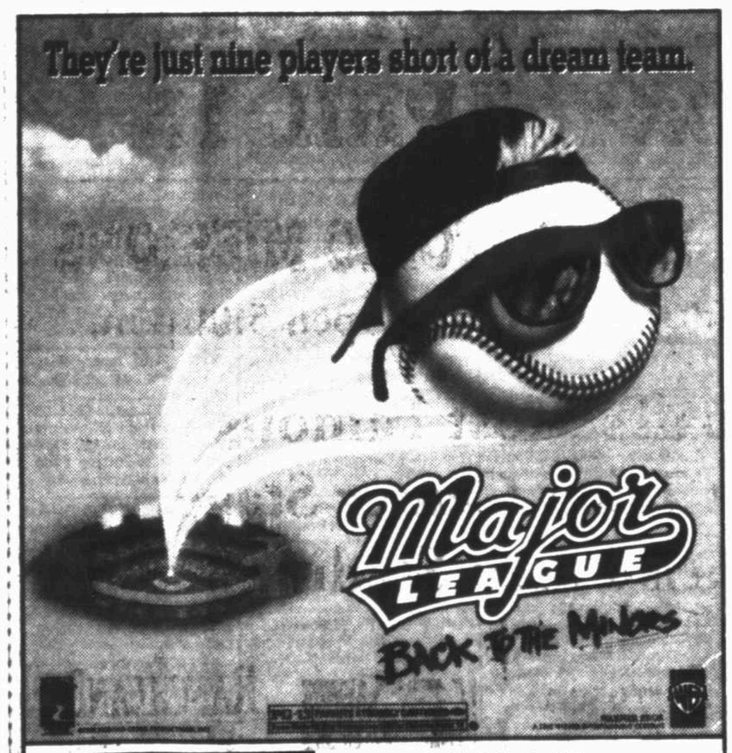
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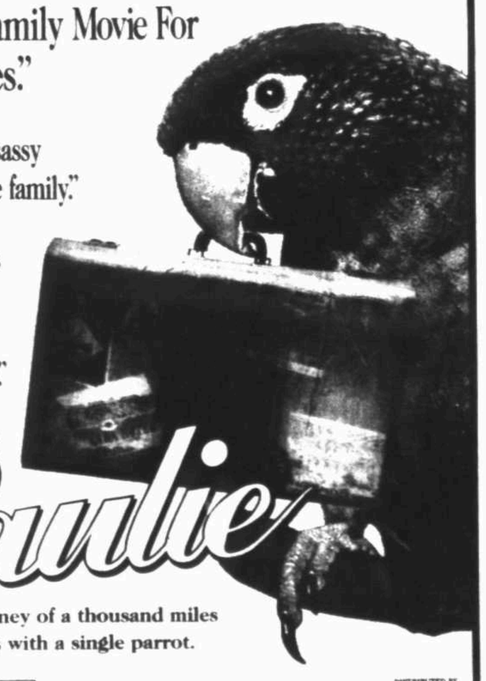
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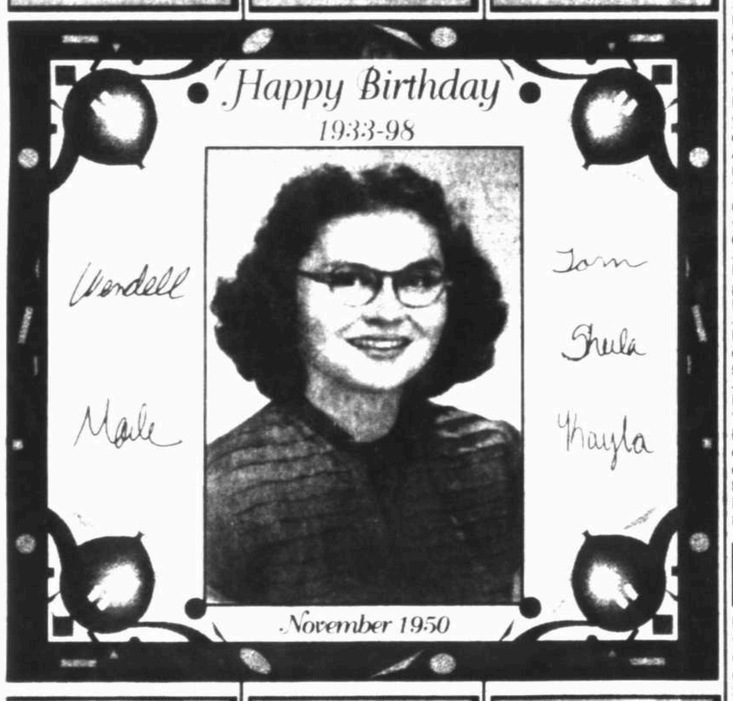
105 HAPPY ADS



99 Legal Notices

NEW INFORMATION!

Legal Notices are now under class **590** & **Public Notices** are now under class **595.**

105 Happy Ads

♥ *Thank you for 15 Years of Happiness!!!* *I love you,* *Steve* ♥

110 Lodge Notices

CENTENNIAL LODGE #1448
1600 W. Wall
Reg. stated meeting, 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30 am.
Breakfast 7:30 am.
Terry Cowin, W/M
Bob Ellwood, Sec.

Acacia Masonic Lodge #1414
1000 Upland
Tue. 4/28/98
@7:30 pm
(OPEN) PAST MASTERS NIGHT & RECEPTION
Bruce Milliken, W.M.
Al Talbot, Sec.

Midland Shrine Club
2019 Trade Dr.
520-9206
Reg. mtng. 3rd Thurs. each mo.
Hosp. 6:30 pm, dine 7 pm., Bus. mtng. 8 pm.
Earl Selman, Pres.
Keith Hughes, Secty.

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110 Lodge Notices

Midland Masonic Lodge #623
1600 W. Wall
P.O. Box 1758
Reg. stated meetings 2nd & 4th Thurs. 7:30 pm.
Tom Arnold, WM
Robert G. Kiker, Sec.

115 Announcements

JEEPS FOR for $100. Seized and sold locally this month. 800-522-2730 ext 3063.

ROCK, MINERAL and Fossilhounding in the Big Bend of West Texas. 1-800-397-8028.

130 Personals

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115 Announcements

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130 Personals

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130 Personals

ASBURY SPRING Festival is now accepting applications for its arts and crafts festival. To be held May 2, 1998. Contact Karen Hughes 915-689-2044 For application and information.

150 Lost & Found

LOST: Diamond ring - probably at Al's Grocery Store on Lamesa. Reward. Call 570-9318, 687-1677.

LOST: WHITE cat, long haired, elderly, almost deaf, slight limp. 2800 Block of Frontier. Please call 697-0221 or 686-8964.

LOST DOG. Large, black, short hair, male. Lab mix, black spots on tongue. Reward! 694-8074.

LOST- Australian Shepherd Blue Merle male from 1800 block of W. Tennessee 683-6606.

FOUND: Lab/ mix female named "Puppy", about 1 year old. Lab/ mix black male, 1 year old wearing 1988 Arizona tag and Lab/ mix female, 7 years old, named "Pepper" wearing 1997 Oklahoma tag. Dalmatian female, 10 months. German Shepherd male, black & tan 1 year old. Call Midland Animal Control 685-7420.

FOUND: Beagle mix. Andrews tags. Call 694-5031 or 682-3977.

FOUND mostly white Beagle type male dog near Midland Dr./ Andrews Hwy. 520-4149.

FOUND: Chrysler car keys on Gulf Ave. Call to identify. 684-6278.

FOUND: 1/2 Grown female black & white Rat Terrier. Very thin. Healthy & Friendly. 694-4570.

LOST IN vicinity of Midland Polo Club. Golden Retriever, female, reward. 684-6792.

FOUND APRIL 7th on Country Club Drive, female heeler mix? White with black spots. 520-4137.

FOUND: Dalmatian male, 4 years old, wide blue nylon collar. Dachshund male, black & brown, 4 years old, red leather studded collar. Shih Tzu, white & tan male. Aussie mix, salt & pepper female, 1 1/2 years old. Call Midland Animal Control 685-7420.

FOUND: Small Dachshund puppy near downtown by Duck Pond. Please call 686-9371.

FOUND ADULT male, neutered cat, near Los Alamitos. 687-5857.

LOST PLEASE HELP! Find "Kashka". Adult female Russian Blue Cat. Plush solid gray coat, deep green eyes. Front declawed. Owner home form hospital, misses terribly. REWARD. 689-0288, or 520-8775.

160 Loans Wanted

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162 Mortgages Wanted

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1991 OLDSMOBILE EIGHTY-eight. V- 6, 4 door, runs great. $3,500. 687-3545 or 687-4598.

CADILLAC 1990 Brougham D'Elegance. Gold package, 106K, excellent condition. $7,600/ best offer. 520-2851.

CADILLAC 1990 Sedan DeVille. Garaged, excellent mechanical & body. All power, metallic silver/ gray leather, 67K miles. $8,500/ offer. 685-0505.

LINCOLN 1994 TOWN CAR. 81K, carriage top, gold package, mint condition. Must sell. $11,500. 694-4692.

CADILLAC 1988 Sedan Deville, Runs excellent, all electric. $3,500. Call 570-9248 after 5:30.

CADILLAC 1993 Eldorado touring coup, black, with north star. $15,750 or best offer. 694-1838, pager 499-7211.

FORD 1990 THUNDERBIRD LX. 2 Door. Grey. V8. Loaded! $3,200. 699-0638.

FORD 1995 Thunderbird, loaded, moon roof, alarm, 36K, Excellent condition! $11,500, or best offer, retails for $13,000. 550-9329.

MERCURY 1991 Sable GS, 120K, silver, runs good, new air conditioner. $3,500. 689-9675.

200 Autos Domestic

MERCURY 1993 Sable LS, all power, key less entry carr trunk, $5,300. 697-5819.

OLDSMOBILE 1991 Eighty Eight Royale. 49,000 Miles. New tires. Less than book price! 694-7269 or 3413 Boyd.

PONTIAC 1993 Grand Prix, runs excellent, needs tires, $4,100. 697-5819.

PONTIAC 1996 Bonneville SSEI Supercharge, 18K, chameleon/ black leather 12 disc CD, $23,000. 687-3888 or 685-3960 after 5.

CHRYSLER 1996 Sebring LX. Power everything, extended warranty. $16,000. 694-2742.

PONTIAC 1996 Sunfire. 50,126 miles. $9,625.25. 705 W. Pine or call 683-4386 after 2:30 pm.

OLDSMOBILE 1990 98 Regency Brougham. V-6, 71K, excellent shape. $6,900. 686-7757.

CADILLAC 1990 Sedan Deville. 71K miles, excellent condition, a steal at $7,950. 367-5640.

FORD 1997 Mustang. Black, 5 speed, tilt, cruise, electric windows/ locks. $16,000.697-6386.

PONTIAC 1994 BONNEVILLE SE. Loaded! Excellent condition, $9,700. Tom, 697-0241.

PONTIAC 1996 Sunfire. 2 door, 5 speed, 2.4 liter Quad4. Loaded. 30K, excellent condition, $11,990/ best offer, 520-7217.

SATURN 1994 SC 2 Coupe. 43K miles. Automatic, cruise, sun roof, six disk cd player. Excellent condition. $9,995. After six pm. 694-4048.

ACCURATE VEHICLE APPRAISAL, INC. Why buy a car without an appraisal. 5308 W. Wall 520-2540

BUICK 1986 Somerset, V- 6, new valve job, 2 door, maroon inside & out, good condition. $2,850. Rons Engines 685-1076.

BUICK 1989 Park Avenue. Loaded, clean, priced to sell. 697-6296, leave a message please.

CADILLAC 1987 Brougham. 59.5K, good tires good paint, everything works. $3,950. 4425 Stanolind.

CADILLAC 1994 Concours, estate sale, 33V Northstar engine, low mileage, $19,995. Call 684-5567 ext. 316.

CHEVROLET 1995 Camaro Granny's car! Fully loaded, excellent condition. 49K. $12,500. 638-2242 mobile/ or 267-6762.

CHRYSLER 1994 LHS. Silver with leather interior, excellent condition. 74K, power everything, alarm, super clean. $10,500 O.B.O. 683-0731.

CORVETTE 1997 Coupe- 1900 miles, white with red interior. Loaded all options. $39,000 negotiable. Call after 6:00 (915) 687-2621.

DODGE 1996 Intrepid. Reduced! $11,500. Loaded, 3.5, V-6, 48K miles. See at Loop 250 & Midkiff (Albertson's parking lot), 694-5977.

FORD 1973 Mustang Mach I 429PI. It is a hotrod! Appraised at $10,500 or best offer. (915)267-6927.

FORD 1987 Mustang. 4 Cyl., automatic, runs/ looks good, new paint & tires. $1,450. 687-0344.

FORD 1989 ESCORT GT. One owner, low miles, red, 5 speed. Kiddie car! $2,400. TOYOTA OF MIDLAND, 3110 W. WALL.

FORD 1992 Crown Victoria LX. All accessories, very well maintained and in very good condition. 117K miles, Asking $5,400/ Offer. Call 694-2055.

FORD 1995 Mustang GT. Purple, automatic, low miles, very nice! 520-6458 or 697-6800.

FORD 1996 Mustang Cobra, 4.6L, V-8, 5 speed, 305 HP. Red, 17K, fully stocked/ loaded. Platinum warranty. Must drive. $27,900, or best offer. 687-1372.

Jack Sherman Chevrolet Geo, Buick, Mazda Sales & Serv. 4100 W. Wall, 694-9601

LINCOLN 1985 Town Car. 302 V- 8, air, runs good, $1,350. 570-7565.

LINCOLN 1988 TOWN CAR. Signature Series. One owner, low miles, leather, all options! Nice! $5,495. TOYOTA OF MIDLAND, 3110 W. WALL.

LINCOLN 1989 Town Car. Very, very nice, $3,850 or best offer. 570-4796.

OLDSMOBILE 1985 Cutlass Supreme Brougham. 2 door, power locks and windows, air condition, $2,450. 522-7222.

OLDSMOBILE 1989 Ninety-Eight. Very good condition. $4,100. 694-0952 or 560-5913.

PONTIAC 1991 Sunbird convertible, 4 cylinder, auto, air, electric windows, am/ fm. Excellent condition, lady owned. 54K. $7,900. 686-7100 or 683-9180 after 5:30 pm.

PONTIAC 1995 Grand Prix SE. V-6, power everything, 4 door, automatic. $8,799. 3608 W. Wall, 689-8080.

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CHEVROLET 1991 Lumina Euro. Low mileage, excellent condition, very well maintained. Adult/ non- smoker owned. $5,200, Call 697-7480 after 6.

CHRYSLER 1994 Le Baron, 2 door, convertible, automatic, V-6, loaded, black leather, red, black top. 28K, outstanding condition. $13,000. 694-9521.

BUICK 1996 Skylark Limited. Must sell! Extended warranty, many extras, very nice, low mileage, below retail. $12,350, 520-0801 After 5.

PONTIAC 1992 Grand Am SE. 4 Door, silver with charcoal gray interior, power locks/ windows. $7,000 or best offer. 689-8939.

PONTIAC 1994 Grand Am, automatic, red, 2 door, new body style, spoiler, pinstriping, excellent condition, 62K. $7,300 Negotiable. 694-8195/ 687-2877.

BUICK 1993 Regal Limited, white, 2 door, full power, air, cruise, leather, security system, 39,000 miles, extended warranty. $9,400. 520-0965.

FORD 1992 5.0 Mustang. CD player, Hurst shifter., headers, Edelbrock Manifold throttle body, 5 star rims. $8,000. 520-5364. Pager 560-8284.

MERCURY 1992 Sable GS. Loaded, blue, leather interior, 89,000 miles, one owner. $5,750. O.B.O. 683-8350.

MERCURY 1995 Grand Marquis GS. White, blue interior, 46K. Excellent condition. $12,000. 682-3067 or see 2509 Princeton.

MERCURY 1995 Grand Marquis. 60,000 miles, AM/ FM cassette, tinted windows, cruise, electric windows/ doors, alarm system. $11,800. 520-7175.

CHEVROLET 1993 Camaro Z 28. Red, T- Tops, 44K adult driven miles, loaded. Excellent condition. $12,500. 684-5937.

OLDSMOBILE 1993 Regency Elite. Silver, charcoal leather, CD, loaded, 88,000 miles. One owner. Excellent condition. $9,400. Days 687-4499, evenings 684-4544.

CHEVROLET 1995 LUMINA. Burgundy/ Gray. Power windows/ locks. Tinted glass. Adult owned. Well maintained. Needs nothing! 89K miles. $8,800. 689-5405.

CADILLAC 1991 Fleetwood, white/ navy cabriolet roof, leather, new tires, alarm package, 64K miles, perfect, $12,500. Call 570-1602 or 686-0686.

205 Classic Cars

CHEVROLET 1965 El Camino. 327 Automatic with air. Craiger SS Mags & White letter tires. $5,500. 694-2734 or 697-3070.

GMC 1953 5 Window Pickup. 1/2 Ton. Restored. $3,000 or best offer. 686-8759.

PORSCHE 1977 special edition, only 2,000 made, show car condition. $8,000! 520-8999!

VOLKSWAGEN 1979 Beetle, convertible, white , collector car. Show winner, must see to appreciate. $15,000. 694-3761.

CHEVROLET 1964 IMPALA. 90% Restored. Some extras! $7,000 or best offer. Call After 4 pm. 520-5891.

LINCOLN 1970 MKIII, collectors car, 68K, excellent original car. $3,850 or offer. 550-2253.

CHEVROLET 1969 Chevelle SS. 454 new TH400, good body, clean interior, CD. $5,400. 915-264-7016.

PLYMOUTH 1965 Belvedere II, 318 engine, $2,070. 684-0857 message 561-3936 pager.

FORD 1964 GALAXY 500 Convertible. 85% restored. Will consider RV (other) trade in. $6,750. 697-5603.

PORSCHE 1984 928. Beautiful red sports car! Automatic, $6,900. 699-1748.

HUDSON 1954 Hornet, 308 engine. More than 95% complete. Needs restored. $2,500. Call 683-5574.

FORD 1964 1/2 Mustang. Maroon/ black interior. 289 V-8, air, new tires, excellent condition! $8,000. Call 682-1966, days, 683-7268 evenings.

PONTIAC 1966 GTO Teal blue, 389 V-8, power, air, 76K actual miles, matching numbers, excellent condition. $8,000. 682-1966 days, 683-7268 evenings.

210 Autos Imports

BMW 1981 320i. Rebuilt engine, new paint, $3,500. 689-3500 days, 694-3945 evenings.

HONDA 1993 Accord LX, great condition for family or student, $9,600. 699-0622, 520-8909.

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MERCEDES 1989 560SL. 16,000 Miles. Always garaged! Blue/ Green with tan leather interior. Blue book retails at $38,800. 915-332-1666.

TOYOTA 1992 Paseo, red, sun roof, 2 door coupe, 52K. Great condition, automatic, AM/ FM cassette, A real cutie patootie! $6,500, call 683-8878.

MITSUBISHI 1991 Galant VR-4. Turbo, 4 wheel drive/ steering, leather, CD, new air. Below NADA trade in. $6,000 Negotiable. 697-3656.

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MITSUBISHI 1997 Eclipse. Automatic, cruise, tilt, power windows & locks. Still under factory warranty. Call Kevin, 561-6222, pager.

NISSAN 1991 240SX, SE, 2 door coupe, red, 55,000 miles, excellent condition, $7,500. Call 685-1471 or 520-0822 evenings.

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HONDA 1996 EX 2 door. One owner, $17,000. Loaded, sunroof, spoiler, chrome wheels, all electric, 14K miles, silver. 697-1091.

NISSAN 1995 Maxima. Low miles, extra nice, transferable warranty, lots of options. $14,500. 682-4928 weekdays, 684-7935 evenings/ weekends.

NISSAN 1992 240SX SE Coupe. $4,600. 186,000 miles. Excellent condition with maintaince records. Phone 694-3807.

NISSAN 1989 Sentra XE. 5 speed, 4 door, tinted windows, maintained. $3,800 Evenings-Weekends. 687-2551.

MERCEDES 1994 C220. Graphite Grey. 50K. Non smoker. Good condition. Service records. $19,500. Call 694-1861.

MITSUBISHI 1992 3000 GTSL. Pearl white/Charcoal gray. 63,000 miles. Automatic, pampered! Well maintained. Adult owned. Great shape! $15,800 firm. 697-5910.

LEXUS 1997 LS 400. Sapphire blue/ beige leather interior, all options, extended warranty, premium sound and more, low mileage. 683-1989.

JAGUAR 1993 XJ6, loaded, white, new tires, wire wheels, immaculate. $13,900. Call 915-837-1482.

VOLVO 850 1994, red with charcoal interior, 100,000 mile warranty, fully loaded, $18,400. Call 570-4033 or 570-5577.

TOYOTA 1990 CELICA GTS. Loaded! Low miles. One owner. Bright red. Super, super nice!!! $6,950. National Auto Sales, 2605 W. Elizabeth, 570-0166.

TOYOTA 1991 Celica ST. 27,000 miles., 5 speed, sun roof. One Owner. $8,500 684-7205, leave message.

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215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

JEEP 1993 Cherokee, 2 wheel drive, country, 4 door, 54K, loaded, new tires/ battery, $10,900. 684-4755 after 6 pm.

FORD 1991 Explorer XLT. Taupe, loaded, automatic, highway miles, very clean, great condition. Must see to appreciate, $7,995. 683-6765.

TOYOTA 1992 Land Cruiser, 75K miles, very clean, $23,000. 683-4249.

NISSAN 1995 PATHFINDER SE. V6, 4x4, Green Pearl. Alloy wheels, sunroof, new tires. $17,995- Below Book! TOYOTA OF MIDLAND, 3110 W. WALL.

FORD 1997 Explorer AWD, 4 door, Eddie Bauer, red exterior, tan leather interior, NADA $29,050. George Glass estate price $26,000.686-9551.

CHEVROLET 1995 TAHOE LT. Leather, loaded! 78K miles. Must see to appreciate (AVA Appraised Vehicle) Price negotiable. Pager, 567-0292. 694-8257.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

TOYOTA 1995 4 RUNNER SR5. 4X4. Loaded with sport bucket seats, CD, moonroof, power windows & door locks, tilt & cruise, automatic. $21,495. TOYOTA OF MIDLAND, 3110 W. WALL.

TOYOTA 1995 Forerunner limited. 66K, all leather, power package, 4 Wheel Drive, sun roof, cassette, CD. $19,500. 699-2565.

CHEVROLET 1997 Tahoe LS, 4 door, fully loaded, 25K miles, great condition, $26,300. 520-3942.

NISSAN 1993 Pathfinder, one owner, great condition, gray, 4WD, 50K, $13,000, 694-8546.

GEO 1991 TRACKER, automatic, 4 X 4, air, chrome wheels, CD/ radio. $4,000. 570-8980 or 570-8874.

TOYOTA 1995 4-Runner SR5, 42K, 4x4, power package, $24,000. 685-0189 or 570-5441.

FORD 1988 Bronco XLT. Full size, 351, automatic, tilt, cruise, air, captains chairs, grill guard, auto locking hubs, electric 4 wheel transfer, new tires, excellent condition. $7,100. After 5:30 pm 684-5969.

ISUZU 1996 RODEO. Loaded! 14,000 Miles. $17,995. Call 570-9673 after 5:00 pm or Page 561-1486.

JEEP 1993 Grand Cherokee, black, tinted windows, fully loaded, alarm system, $10,500 or best offer. 563-5318.

OLDSMOBILE 1992 Bravada. All wheel drive, loaded, leather, 100K, immaculate. $9,900. 684-4013 after 6 pm.

CHEVROLET 1995 Tahoe, 4 door, 4 wheel drive, CD, power windows/ locks, leather seats, black/ gray, automatic. $20,100. 683-2524/ 687-0071.

FORD 1996 EXPLORER Sport. Black/ Grey interior. All power. 40,000 Miles. One owner. Excellent condition. $16,000. 684-8488, Days. 697-1248, Evenings.

GMC 1995 Yukon. 4 Door, 2 wheel drive, 21K, loaded, alarm, CD, warranty, $22,500. 689-2205.

FORD 1993 Explorer XLT. All the extras, excellent condition. 520-6064 evenings, Pager 495-4766.

220 Trucks

CHEVROLET 1989 1500. V-8, loaded, good condition. $3,950. Call 686-8934.

DODGE 1987 Dakota pickup. Auto. V-6, 79K miles, good condition. $4,000/ offer. 694-3446.

FORD 1993 Regular Cab. A/ C, automatic, good condition, $4,800. Call 682-3307.

GMC 1985 Sierra Classic shortbed truck. Excellent condition, one owner, $4,500. 694-3463.

FORD 1991 F-150 Regular Cab short bed, V-6, 5 speed, air, bedliner, $4,995. 570-4115.

CHEVROLET 1994 C- 1500 extended cab, step side, teal green, Predator package, alarm, fully loaded, 59K, $15,000. 694-3761.

FORD 1978 F-100 Short Bed Step Side. Reconditioned. Runs great. $3,000. 699-5846.

FORD 1988 Ranger. Extended Cab. Tool box and headache rack. Good condition. $3,500. 699-1461.

FORD 1992 Ranger, automatic, low mileage, cd player, new tires/ tune- up/ exhaust system/. $8,000. 694-0164.

FORD 1997 F-250 XLT, extended cab, long bed, power stroke, 13K miles. $25,900. 699-0034 After 6 pm.

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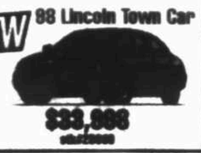

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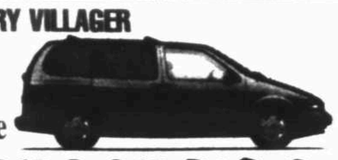

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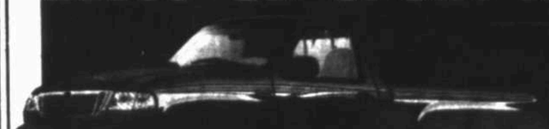

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CHILD CARE. Responsible loving Christians are needed to care for young children in the church nursery program at First Presbyterian Church. Contact FPC 684-7821.

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COMMUNICATIONS. Twin Cities Communications now hiring Telesecretaries evening and weekend work a must. Must have typing skills. Only serious applicants apply Monday through Friday 10 -2. Located at 2002 S. County Rd., 1276 at Air Terminal directly behind Big 2 News.

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DOMESTIC HELPER wanted Fridays 9- 12 & 2- 5. Must have reliable car, references. 694-1343.

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DRIVERS WANTED experienced Mixer drivers. CDL, drug & alcohol screen, health card required. Inquire at Troy Vines, Inc., 2817 Rankin Hwy.

EXPERIENCED TILE Setter's helper needed. 570-5831. Leave message.

FURNITURE MOVERS with experience. Heavy lifting and Class C drivers license required. Leave name /number (915)553-1464.

GENERAL- Loretta's Answering Service taking applications for telephone secretaries. Type minimum 40 wpm and be outstandingly good in reading and spelling. Apply at 1300 S. Midland Drive Monday through Thursday 10 am- 4:30 pm, Friday 10 am- 12 noon.

GENERAL. Globe Aviation Services Corp., Midland International Airport, 9506 LaForce Blvd., Midland, Texas. Now hiring pre- board screeners, $5.15 per hour, uniforms furnished, free parking, health plan available. Students, Retirees, Homemakers, Others welcome. No criminal conviction, 10 year background check and drug testing required. Apply at Security Check Point for application. No phone calls please.

GENERAL. Kinder Care Learning center now accepting applicatiions for Lifeguard and Care Giver positions. Must have high school diploma and valid driver's license. Apply in person, 4303 W. Illinois.

GENERAL. Positions available- Maintenance- experience and valid drivers license required. Janitorial- all shifts. No criminal background. Apply at Customer Service, Midland Park Mall. No phone calls please. Southeast Service Corporation.

GROUNDS KEEPER needed. Large apartment community. Pool certificate required and some knowledge of sprinkler system. Energetic and enthusiastic. Drug testing and criminal history check required. Call 689-9865 for appointment.

HAIR STATIONS Available. 1 Private, 1 wet, family salon. We have more business than we can handle! Centrally located with lots of parking. Call Kelli- Salon 2000, 9- 5, Tuesday thru Saturday, 694-2517.

HOTEL MAINTENANCE position. Must have experience in all areas of general maintenance. Apply in person, Lexington Hotel and Suites, 1003 S. Midkiff, Midland.

HOT OILER Operator needed with experience and CDL, good driving record, DOT physical card. Good pay, group insurance available. Permian Petroleum Services, 4601 Rankin Hwy., 682-0434.

HOUSECLEANING Position. Responsible person needed 5 days per week. 520-9402.

★ TEACHER- Midland Childcare Center now accepting application for teacher. Apply in person, 3701 Andrews Highway.

IMMEDIATE OPENINGS!! Western Finance- A leader in its field. Excellent benefits, health insurance, vacation, and sick pay. Very competitive salary! Previous experience a plus! Apply now at 2304 N Big Spring Rd, Suite B, Midland, Texas.

INDIVIDUAL to assist persons with disabilities in obtaining employment. Good transportation. Home phone a must. 620-1501.

INVENTORY CONTROL and warehouse person. Must be computer literate and have knowledge of gas compression and processing equipment. Send resume to Box T-05100, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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LEASING AGENT- part time. Please call for details, 697-4149.

LIFEGUARDS NEEDED. Ranchland Hills Country Club now accepting applications for position of lifeguard. Applications available at 1600 E. Wadley or call Marc Chastain, 697-7720.

MACHINE SHOP Inspector needed for a fast paced manufacturing operation. One year experience preferred. Excellent benefits. Submit resume to the Quality Manager, P.O. Box 11367, Midland, TX 79702.

MAINTENANCE and Custodial Persons needed. Apply 602 N. Baird, Suite 200, Midland.

METAL STUD Framers and Sheet Rockers- experienced only. Apply in person, Midland International Airport, Henley Interiors.

MOTORCYCLE MECHANIC. Requires individual with strong mechanical background. Experience on personal watercraft a plus. Must demonstrate excellent mechanical skills, desire to work hard and take direction. Will train the right individual. Midland Powersports, call Rodger, 520-2080.

NURSERY. Alldredge Gardens is seeking an experienced Landscape Foreman. Must have knowledge of sod installation, hydro mulching, tree and shrub installation,, must be able to read blue prints. Competitive wages. EOE. 3300 N. Fairgrounds Road. 682-4500.

PART TIME Deli & Cashier help. Call 694-2043 or apply in person: Don's Grocery and Deli, 1007 Midkiff, Midland.

❤ PART TIME help needed at Players Paradise. Call 699-1848 or 682-2644.

PART TIME Merchandising position now available. Applicant must have current drivers license and reliable transportation. Ability to lift 15-25 pounds is required. Please apply in person at 2511 W. Industrial, Midland.

TEACHERS. First Presbyterian Child Development Center seeks part time teachers for Fall school year. 683-0851.

PRINT SHOP- Delivery and bindery work. Experiance prefered but will train the right person. Rainbow Press, 2706 W Wall Street.

RECEPTIONIST/ Cashier. Pickup application at 3915 W. Wall, Midland.

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❤ REPRESENTATIVES Needed- sell Avon part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520–0119, Independent Rep.

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*** THE BAR ***
Now accepting applications for several lunch and full time waitstaff positions. Apply between 8:00 to 10:00 or 2:00 to 4 pm only- Monday through Friday. 606 W. Missouri, 685-1757.

RESTAURANT- Honest, dependable, hard working Waitstaff and Banquet staff wanted full/ part time. Must have experience. Taking applications Tuesday- Saturday 9- 11 am only. No phone calls please. Green Tree Country Club.

RESTAURANT- KD's Bar-B-Que. Cashier, Bartender, Cook, Kitchen, & Floor Help needed. Apply within, 3109 Garden City Highway (I-20 & Garden City Hwy), 683-5013.

RESTAURANT- The Bar is currently accepting applications for Cooks. Apply in person between 8- 10 am or 2- 4 pm, Monday through Thursday, 606 W. Missouri.

RESTAURANT Fuddruckers, is now hiring outgoing energetic individuals for Cashier, Dining Room Service, Production and Dishwasher positions. Apply between 2 and 4 pm weekdays at Midland Park Mall.

SEEKING EXPERIENCED embroidery machine operator, full- time position, serious inquires only, contact Bryan or John at 682- 1391 for more information.

SERVICE AGENT. Like working outside? Avis needing a full time service agent to wash and clean cars. Must be 25 and have clear driving record, bring a copy of driving record when you come to apply in person at Avis Rent a Car, 9914 Sloan Field, Midland. Substance abuse policy is enforced.

SHIFT MANAGER. Fiesta Foods is accepting applications for the position of shift manager. Work hours are 5 pm to 11 pm. Saturday & Sunday is required. We offer a good pay and benefit scale. Apply in person at our 2200 Rankin Highway location.

SHOP AGENT needed. Must have reliable transportation. Flexible hours. College students welcome, will work around hours. Apply in person at Budget Rent A Car, at Airport.

SONIC DRIVE INN is now hiring all positions day and evening shifts. Also looking for carhops who skate. Apply in person at 2310 N. Big Spring.

TELEMARKETERS & Delivery needed at Olan Mills. Call Lillian Smith at 915-694-2235, 1pm- 6pm, Monday- Friday.

TELEMARKETERS NEEDED. No experience- will train. Cash paid weekly. Call Mr. Taps, 570-5012.

TRANSIT MIX Concrete & Materials Co. has an immediate opening for 20 night time bulk cement Tanker Drivers. Drivers must have Class A CDL and comply with DOT drug testing. We offer competitive wages, insurance, paid vacation and 401K. Please call 561-9408 or come by 2606 North FM 1788.

TRANSMISSION BUILDER & R&R- Immediate openings. Contact Joe or David at J & J Transmission, 520-9442.

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TRUCK DRIVER. Local delivery. Must have good driving record and verifiable references. Apply at Triangle Lumber, 5601 W Industrial, 7:30- 5:00, Monday- Friday.

WAITSTAFF NEEDED. Apply in person, Cowboys II Cafe, 1000A W. I-20., Midland.

WANTED: Mechanic for general auto/ truck repair. Must have 5 years experience and pro tools. No beginners please. Apply at Ron's Engines, 600 N. Weatherford or call 685-1076.

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CERTIFIED NURSE Assistant. Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 153 bed JCAHO accredited acute care facility has immediate openings for CNA's. Positions available on various shifts. Requires ability to work at a fast pace. Excellent interpersonal skills a must. May require some overtime. We offer a competitive salary and comprehensive benefits package including 401(k) retirement. Please submit resume to: Personnel, Scenic Mountain Medical Center, 1601 W. 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720 or fax to: (915)263-6454. Applications may be picked up at the switchboard between the hours of 7:00 am and 9:00 pm and may be turned in there also. No phone calls please. EOE.

COMPANY Expanding! Top pay. Needed immediately- EMT's, EMT-I's, EMT-P's. Full & Part time positions. Call 570-4892.

CORRECTIONAL LVN. Mitchell County Hospital District- "80 John Wallace" Medical Unit, Colorado City, Texas now accepting applications. Contact Ms. LeMaster at (915)728-2162, extension 4265.

312 Professional Help Wanted

*** NETWORK * ENGINEERS**
Need 2 network engineers that can deal with the public in a sales environment from network consultation/ design to installation. Novell a must. Primarily Midland/ Odessa. No overnight travel. Profit sharing and excellent benefits. Qualified inquiries only.
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***NEWS REPORTER**
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WANTED: Mechanic for general auto/ truck repair. Must have 5 years experience and pro tools. No beginners please. Apply at Ron's Engines, 600 N. Weatherford or call 685-1076.

ACCOUNTANT- Opening for Accountant with strong financial background. CPA preferred, oil and gas related. Growing company. Must be willing to relocate to South Texas area. Some travel to offices in Albuquerque, New Mexico will be required. Send complete resume with references to: Pedeco, Inc. HCR 8, Box 480-A, Beeville, Texas 78102.

CHILD CARE Director. Experience with after school care preferred. Salary depending upon experience. Apply in person, 4500 W. Illinois, Suite 112 by May 1st, 1998. EOE.

CITY OF LAMESA accepting applications for firefighter with the Lamesa Fire Department, prefer applicants who possess a firefighter certification with the Texas Commission on Fire Protection Personnel Standard and Education. Obtain applications from personnel department, 601 S. 1st Street, Lamesa, TX 79331 or call 806-872-2124. EOE.

EDUCATION- High Sky Children's Ranch, ECISD and MHMR have created a program for ED children ages 5- 12. Position involves teaching social, problem solving and impulse control skills and esteem and peer relationship enhancement. 8- 5, ECISD holidays and teacher workdays. Qualifications: Bachelors Degree in Human Services field, 2 years experience working with emotionally disturbed children, working knowledge of child development and willing to learn new skills and tackle a challenge. Salary $21,500. Please call for application or pick up at: High Sky Children's Ranch, 8701 W. County Road 60, Midland, Texas 79707. (915)694-7728. EOE.

ENGINEER- Opening for Petroleum Engineer. Growing company. Must be willing to relocate to South Texas area. Knowledge of horizontal drilling, completion, and production a plus. Field experience a plus. Send complete resume with references to: Pedeco, Inc. HCR 8, Box 480-A, Beeville, Texas 78102.

FULL CHARGE bookkeeping needed, and all phases of accounting for full time position. Up to $10.50 an hour. Send resume: P.O. Box 2969, Odessa, TX 79760.

FULL LICENSED Cosmetologist to work with elderly. No evenings or weekends. Salaried position. Call 694-0311 after 5 pm.

GRADUATE ENGINEER needed for gas compression and gas processing equipment company. Duties to include: project development and sales. Send resume and salary history to Box T-05101, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

310 General Help Wanted

CITY OF MIDLAND
COMPUTER OPERATOR II
Operates and monitors mainframe computer system and peripherals. Sets up and submits on- line, batch and system production jobs. Operates a personal computer/ data transfer system. Monitors print queues and job queues in order to maximize production. Requires skill in the operation and mainteriance of computer equipment. Must have working knowledge of WordPerfect for Windows and type a minimum of 30 wpm. Requires high school diploma or equivalent plus six months to one year of computer experience and a valid Texas driver's license. Closing date: 04-24-97. Wages & Hours: $1,765/ month, Rotating Shifts, Days Off Vary. Apply at City of Midland, Personnel Dept., Room 120, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, TX. EOE

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Must be highly organized, computer literate, and have good communications skills.
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We still have positions open for 14 and up to sell The Midland Reporter- Telegram. With new promotions, and a proven selling system- you can't lose! If you are in theatre, we want to talk to you, if you are a talker and selling would come natural to you, we want you!
Hurry and call today!
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We need people with Demo or Sales experience for our store booth locations selling the Midland Reporter- Telegram. Tons of promotions to close the sale. All shifts available- easy sales- call Bryan at...
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312 Professional Help Wanted

GROWING BUSINESS school needs additional Admissions Representative and Records Clerk. Send resumes to: International Business School; Bldg 8, Suite 110; 3300 N. "A" St.; Midland, Tx 79705.

MANAGER for 200 unit property. Must have experience in property management. Excellent salary, bonus and benefits. Strong company, nice people. Send resume in confidence to Box 04041, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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KAMR-TV seeks aggressive producer to put together fast- paced, video- intense newscasts. Must be able to turn out tight well- written copy. Television, journalism or related degree preferred. Prior experience in producing or assistant producing required. Tape and resume to News Director, KAMR- TV, Box 751, Amarillo, TX 79189. KAMR-TV encourages female and minority applicants to apply. EEO/M/F

NON- PROFIT Executive Director/ Forensic Interviewer. Salary: DOE (range with benefits: Low 30's) Prefer Master's Degree in Human Services or equivalent experience in Human Services or Law Enforcement. Must have three or more years experience in forensic interviewing of sexually and physically abused children. Respond with resume and references to: Search Committee, P.O. Box 244, Roswell, NM 88202. Closing date: 04/24/98.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR for Youth Agency. Bachelor's degree in Human Services Field. Bilingual a plus. Experience in fund raising, volunteer coordination, staff supervision. Apply in person before May 1st at: 4500 W. Illinois, #112. EOE.

REFRIGERATION Technician. A safety minded individual with a minimum of 4 years A/ C experience is needed by an established contractor offering 401K, with generous company participation, health insurance, uniforms, safety incentives, paid holidays and vacations, and production incentives along with excellent wages. Applicant must have, good communications skills neat appearance, excellent refrigeration and electrical control understanding, be drug free, be H2S certifiable, good safety & driving records. Apply in person at The Darville Company, 213 North Hancock, Odessa.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT Position - Immediate opening. GL & supervisory experience required. Non- smoking office. P.O. Box 60010, Midland, TX 79711 or fax: 915-561-8749.

SERVICE PLUMBER. A safety minded individual with a minimum of 4 years Plumbing experience is needed by an established contractor offering 401K, with generous company participation, health insurance, uniforms, safety incentives, paid holidays and vacations, and production incentives along with excellent wages. Applicant must have, good communications skills neat appearance, excellent plumbing service knowledge, be drug free, be H2S certifiable, good safety & driving records. Apply in person at The Darville Company, 213 North Hancock, Odessa.

WENDY'S NOW accepting resumes for assistant manager trainee. Competitive salary, benefits. Mail resume to Wendy s P.O. Box 9511, Midland TX 79708.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

Real Estate Assistant

Immediate opening for a Real Estate Assistant with a wonderful company. You must have WordPerfect and Internet experience and be computer literate. A background in real estate is preferred. Great people skills and the desire to learn are essential.

We Offer:

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Please fax resume to (915)682-3041 OR Call (915)682-2119 for More information.

·CLERICAL

Small company needs Receptionist/ File Clerk with light computer. 8:00- 4:30, Monday- Friday. Possible career opportunity. Salary DOE. Bring or fax resume with references to Vickey ASAP!

TEMPORARY RESOURCES
1601 W. TEXAS
FAX 915-684-0836

·EXECUTIVE SECRETARY

Independent Oil Company seeking experienced Executive Secretary with good computer skills.

Oil and Gas experience preferred. Good Salary and Benefits available. send Resumes to: Box T-05103, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

CLERICAL OPENINGS, at least 6 months experience. Call OLSTEN today, 689-6607.

·TELLER

Immediate opening for Credit Union. References will be checked. Only experienced Tellers need apply. Salary DOE. No Fee. Bring or fax resume with references to Vickey ASAP!.

TEMPORARY RESOURCES
1601 W. TEXAS
FAX 915-684-0836

ASSISTANT BOOKKEEPER/ Secretary opening. 30 Hours per week. Required skills: 10 key calculator, Word Perfect word processing, telephone skills, accounting- computer & manual knowledge, ability to work with people. Send resume to: PO Box 4725, Midland, Texas 79704.

BOOKKEEPER/ SECRETARY. Small Oil and Gas company seeks experience in JIB, production reports, revenue distribution. Part/ full- time. Send resume to: PO Box 10159, Midland, TX 79702 or fax to 682-6818.

CLERICAL- Local business looking for full/ part time employee to work in small office. Flexible hours. Must have full knowledge of Microsoft Word and Excel. Bookkeeping or Accounting experience helpful. Will train but must be willing to work hard, have excellent attitude and personality. Pay commensurate with experience. EOE. Please send resume to: MBC, P.O. Box 50653, Midland, TX 79710-0653.

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Small company is seeking a well organized person experienced in both data entry and heavy phone usage. Minimum of 40 wpm and 10 key by touch required. Non smoking environment. For consideration please send resume with salary history to: Box N-3018, c/o Midland Reporter Telegram P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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PART TIME secretary needed for summer. Must be able to work afternoons, evenings, and weekends. Answering phones, and clerical work. Morgan Buildings & Spas. 1/4 mile east of Water Wonderland.

SECRETARY First Presbyterian Child Development Center seeks part time secretary. 683-0851.

RECEPTIONIST, part- time, 20- 30 hours weekly. For busy optometric office. Must be energetic and friendly. Will train, no experience needed. Send resume to 4504 Hilltop Dr. Midland, TX 79707

SECRETARY for expanding office of established independent oil and gas operator. Potential applicant will be proficient with oil and gas fundamentals including Texas Railroad Commission reporting, heavy lease and well file maintenance, and computer literate in word processing and Lotus skills as well as Questa Software oil & gas accounting system modules. Non- making environment. Reply to: Box P-06085, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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316 Sales Help Wanted

*DRIVERS

MORRISON SUPPLY COMPANY

"DRIVERS"

Wholesale distributor has immediate openings for Drivers. Good driving record and CDL required.

Background in plumbing, HVAC, utilities, or industrial PVF helpful.

Salary D.O.E.

Send resume to:
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FASTEST GROWING Professional beauty products distributor in Texas. Looking for aggressive sales people. Full and part time positions available throughout Texas. Generous compensation plan with plenty of growth potential for the right person. Fax resume in confidence to, Director of Sales (210)805-8931, or call 800-726-4247.

RETAIL Baby Biz needs Sales Associated for full and part time employment. Earning potential is above average for a person who is dependable, organized, energetic and highly motivated. Apply in person at 4703 N. Midkiff.

318 Management Help Wanted

PROPERTY. Local Self Storage Company seeks responsible couple to manage in Midland. Applicants will have verifiable work references. Competitive Salary, Bonuses & Benefits. 915-694-5959.

316 Sales Help Wanted

HELP- WE NEED YOU!

We need 10 people to fill part time positions! Now! We are looking for Adults , Retirees, and others who need an extra $100- $250 Weekly selling the Midland Reporter- Telegram. You pick the time & you decide how many hours you want to work. Full training and transportation if needed, It's that simple! Hurry- Call Today!

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316 Sales Help Wanted

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We still have positions open for 14 and up to sell The Midland Reporter- Telegram. With new promotions, and a proven selling system- you can't lose! If you are in theatre, we want to talk to you, if you are a talker and selling would come natural to you, we want you!

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316 Management Help Wanted

MANAGEMENT

Career Opportunities
Tricon Global Restaurants, Inc One of the largest companies of it's kind is now accepting applications for entry level management positions. Earn 19K to 22K plus benefits. Shift Manager positions also available, Ear 13K to 15K. Excellent Benefits and room for advancement in our growing business. We offer:

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316 Management Help Wanted

Pizza Hut®

If you are interested in a great future in the restaurant industry, we have the right job for you! (Fax resumes to (915)332-1620 or apply in person April 23, 1998 4320 Andrews Hwy 10:00 am- 8:00 pm

Let Sure Sell Work For You!
Call 682-6222

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

OIL & GAS Full Charge Bookkeeper. Small independent O/G Company needs responsible person with JIB, DOI, GL, AP, AR experience. Enertech/ Questa O/G Software helpful. Word, Excel & Windows 95 a plus. Salary depending on experience. Send resume to: Box B-04042, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

320 Skilled Trades

COMPUTER GRAPHICS Artist wanted for immediate opening position. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 2636, Midland, TX 79702.

CONSTRUCTION, metal framers, drywallers, painters, concealed spline, laborers. Full time. Call 559-4879 for application.

JOB OPENINGS: Compressor Mechanics; Operators; I & E Technician. Location: Terrell & Pecos Counties. Send resumes & Salary history to: Employment, P.O. Box 536, Ft. Stockton, Texas 79735. Equal Opportunity Employer.

320 Skilled Trades

ECKEL
Manufacturing Co., Inc.

Design Draftsman/ Chief Draftsman

Skills Required:
* Knowledge of AutoCAD R13
* Knowledge of Machine Shop Equipment and Practices
* Supervisory Skills
* Minimum Trigonometry Math Skills
* Minimum 5 Years Experience

Apply in Person At:
8035 West County Road- Odessa
Equal Opportunity Employer

320 Skilled Trades

PLUMBER- Need experienced, licensed Commercial Plumber. Experienced air conditioning & heating service technician and sheet metal helper. Apply in person at Permian Air Conditioning at 311 West 42nd Street, Odessa.

OILFIELD SERVICE TECH needed. Solids control and drilling instrumentation experience preferred but not required. Please call 561-8455 or fax resume to: 561-5850.

320 Skilled Trades

SURVEY INSTRUMENT Operator wanted with construction staking experience for local job. Part time position with possibility of full time. Students and retirees welcome. Big D Lining Systems, 688-8151.

NEEDED DOZER/ Loader operator, in Midland area. Experience required, call 10 am.- 5 pm. (817)481-0831.$10/ hour.

APR 17 1998

BUY & SELL

GARAGE SALES

Hidden treasures? Junk?
Recycle your unwanted items!

Call 682-6222 today. A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!

79701

1106 E. HICKORY. Friday/ Saturday 8- ?. Refrigerator, dryer, stereo, clothes, Home Interior, some brass items, Avon bottles, lots of miscellaneous.

1702 BEDFORD. SATURDAY 7- ? Men's and women's clothes, waterbed, household items.

AUCTION

15 Abandoned Storage Units
Saturday, April 18, 1998
Registration: 9:30 am

Begin: A All Right Mini Storage
2215 W. Florida

A-Z Mini Storage
200 Norman St.

Bluebonnet Mini Storage
2100 W. New Jersey

CLS Mini Storage
1005 S. "L" St.

Bid Price takes entire unit
(Subject to prior payment by tenant)

GARAGE SALE 1206 Whitney Saturday 8- 11 only! Central heat & air system, window unit (large), gas stove & more.

MOVING SALE! Nice men, women & childrens clothes, tools, glassware, toys. Used tires, household items and miscellaneous! Friday & Saturday 9- 5, 2903 Princeton.

❖ 2001 HOLLOWAY, Thursday- Friday, 8:30- ?, toys, games, star printer, jeans, boy's clothes, and miscellaneous.

2302 HOLLOWAY. Friday 12- 5, Saturday 9- 5! Hundreds of books, Dirt cheap! console stereo, DP rowing machines, DP weight set, filing cabinet, clean clothing, party dresses, plant stands, 35 mm program camera with zoom & auto flash, motorcycle chaps, much misc under $2.

802 W. Golf Course. Saturday only! 8- ?, couch, tables, bunk beds, household items, office furniture, type writers, air compressor, old Avon decanters, computer parts and miscellaneous.

★ TONS OF Baby toys, carseats, crib, Little Tikes, walker, swing, girls & boys clothes 0- 4T!! Womens & mens clothing, maternity clothes, 2 antique tables, side by side refrigerator, much more! Saturday only, 8- 2. 1515 Douglas.

3110 BARKLEY Saturday only 8- 3. Clothes! toddler girls, school boys, mens, womens... shoes too!. size 12 wedding gown, Dynobike, couch, dressing table, stereo, cabinet, more... refreshments!

3 FAMILY SALE! Kids clothes (2T to 14's), Rocky Mountain jeans, refrigerator, dishes. Lots of Miscellaneous! Saturday 8- ? Corner of Illinois & K.

★ LAW FIRM Warehouse Sale! 9 am- 3 pm, Saturday. Furniture, file cabinets, library shelving, law books, carpet, drapes, antiques, desk accessories, decorative accessories- New York & Big Spring Street at underpass downtown (682-2525 or 638-1762).

***MOVING AND REMODEL SALE!**
2508 Bedford
Saturday ONLY!
NO EARLY SALES
New electric stove with double oven, furniture, oak bookshelf, chest, Little Tike toys, backyard toys, slide, chandeliers, outdoor lights, doors, wrought iron door, drafting table, baby items, highchair- Too much to list!

79701

1804 W. MISSOURI. Saturday, April 18th 10 am to 2 pm. Come one come all!

PACK- RAT MOVING Sale! Gun Cabinet and Tons of miscellaneous! Saturday 7 am, 1800 Cuthbert. 686- 7671.

3114 W. Ohio. Living Estate Sale! Saturday 8- 4. Broyhill 6 ft. sofa in great shape. Lots of household items!

SPRING SALE! Friday- 17th & Saturday- 18th. All clean, almost new items! 3216 Hill Don't miss it!

79703

CLOCKS, collectibles, pool table, bicycles, stairstepper, printer, clothes. 301 Kerth. Saturday 9 am to ?

❤ JEWELRY PARTY!!!! Sterling Silver. 705 Spraberry Drive, Saturday, 4-18-98, 2 pm to 5 pm! Yolanda James.

✔ SEVEN FAMILY Backyard Sale!!!! 4301 Anetta Drive, Friday and Saturday 8 am- 2 pm. Clothing, appliances, tools, laptop computers, desk computers, air conditioners, musical equipment, toys, antiques, flatbed trailers, Dodge Van, 14' boat, truck, camper shell, books, miscellaneous stuff!

GARAGE SALE- 3520 W. Michigan, Friday, April 17, 8:00 am. Lots of TREASURES (maybe a little trash). Everything is really priced to sell! Plan to spend some time 'cause there is soooo... much to see. Household items, decorator items, lamps, bedspreads, etc., etc., etc.

3521 THOMAS. Friday, Saturday, Sunday, 8:30 am to 5 pm. Men's, women's and children's clothes, shoes, phones, some baby items and more.

GARAGE SALE! Small appliances, clothes of all sizes plus much miscellaneous!! 4804 Brookdale. Thursday- Friday, 8- 5.

PEOPLE TO People (a cultural exchange program) Fund Raiser!!!! Donations from everywhere & everything! Office furniture, kitchenware, decorative items, clothes, books, donations still coming! Saturday 8- 3, 104 N. Eisenhower.

SATURDAY ONLY! 8- 3, 3500 Bauman. Dining table & chairs, entertainment center, couch, love seat, pick- up tool boxes, desk, 2 recliners, coffee table, end tables, lawn chairs, aluminum headache rack, refrigerator, small kitchen appliances, clothes, shoes, lots of miscellaneous items!

GARAGE Sale, 104 S. Eisenhower, Friday, 9- 6 & Saturday, 9- 3, April 17 & 18. Many excellent buys! Bedroom set, rocker, patio furniture, bicycle, decorating items, pictures, good mens and womens clothing, antique gumball machine and much more. All priced to sell!

3503 DOUGLAS- Saturday 7:30 am. Bunkbeds, oak dining table, name brand clothes, adult/ childrens. Tools, household items, etc.

4619 W. CUTHBERT Friday/ Saturday 8- ? Full size bed, storm door, windows, kitchen sink, microwave, books, linens, miscellaneous.

YARD SALE! 9- 5, Thursday- Friday. Clothing, tools, good miscellaneous household items. 4731 Country Club Drive.

4 FAMILY Garage Sale! 711 McDonald. Saturday, 8- ?? Boys newborn- mens, Girls 2T- ladies, furniture, 2 boats, and lots of miscellaneous!!

79703

FRIDAY & SATURDAY 8 am to 5 pm. Couch, love seat, foot stools, framed prints, pillows, lots of clothes (women's 4- 6), shoes (small women's sizes), bedspreads, AC blower motor, children's clothes (sizes 4- 7) and lots more. 3608 W. Ohio. Too much to list!

4611 THOMASON, Friday & Saturday. Washer/ dryer, bicycle, kids clothes, toys, lots of miscellaneous.

3809 W. KANSAS. Saturday only! 8- 12. Oak chairs, baby items, lawn mower, miscellaneous household items.

✔ MULTI- FAMILY Garage Sale! 10 + Families! 3701 Andrews Hwy. Corner of Andrews Hwy & McDonald- back lot of Midland Childcare Center. Saturday only, 9- 6. Office furniture clothes galore, toys, Barbies, a little bit of everything and maybe the kitchen sink!!

4411 W. ILLINOIS (Goldrush/ Gill's shopping center) Saturday 9 am- ? Sunday 12 noon- ? Baby cradle, bassinet, stroller, dishwasher, bed & bedding, furniture, curtains, lots of miscellaneous!

79705

#1 METZ COURT Saturday only 8- 12. Stereo, desk lights, curtain rods, mini blinds, drapes, flower bed edging, miscellaneous.

SPRING CLEANING & Remodeling Sale! 5114 Daventry Place. Friday, 8- 2. Come See!

SATURDAY- SUNDAY, 10- 4. Dog kennel, futon, weight bench, wedding dress, TV, microwave, much more! 2910 Purple Sage Trail.

2505 GULF, Saturday 8 am. Four Family Sale! Furniture, clothes, ceiling fans/ lights, microwave, crafts, books, lots more!

SATURDAY, 9 am. Sunday, 1:30- 3:30 pm. 2201 Sinclair. TV, dishes, lamps, linens, sofa table, bicycles, basketball goal, nice baby clothes, decorator items, lots of miscellaneous!! No early birds.

SATURDAY 8- 2. 3 Families. Clothes: infant through adult- maternity. Dryer, filing cabinets, baby accessories, toys, bedding, household miscellaneous. 2606 Spartan.

LITTLE TIKES race car bed and kitchen, Snapper rider, bikes, humidifier, tools, books, ceiling fan, clothes, Mary Kay cosmetics, golf balls. Saturday only 8 -1. 3211 Camarie.

★ MOVING SALE! 1805 Castleford. Saturday 8:30- 12:30 pm. Lamps, stereo, bicycles, clothing, lots of knick knacks, pictures, dishes, linens, bedspreads (full, queen & king size), drapes, some baby items- stroller, toys, stuffed animals, books. Lots of nice! Come and check us out! Open rain or shine!

SATURDAY ONLY 8 am til 2 pm.. Furniture, baby items, clothes, toys, miscellaneous. 1804 Hughes.

1503 NEELY, Friday & Saturday, 8- 6. Some southwest items and clothing, miscellaneous.

1609 E. Pecan Avenue Saturday only! 7- 2.! Baby swings, car seat, bicycle, electronics.

REMODELING Sales -, Saturday only. Plantation shutters, antique bed, office chairs, doors, 2 large workbench's, tools, work sink, golf equipment, lots more! 1205 Shirley Lane (North of Neely & D).

79705

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN SCHOOL'S
2nd Annual
Rummage Round-up
Saturday, April 18th
8 am - 2 pm
2001 Culver St. (Thomason Gym)

Items include: desks, furniture, baby furniture, strollers, baby clothes, children's clothes, men's and women's clothing, craft supplies, seasonal decorations, fabric, toys, fax machine, answering machine, books, videos, dishes, lamps, rugs, sheets, bedspreads, roller blades, bicycles, refrigerator, ceiling fans and over 3000 yards of **NEW** carpet (commercial & residential carpet donated by Midtex of Midland, Moffatt's, Fashion Floors & Boyd's). Tons of miscellaneous items. This year we also have **NEW** items donated by: McKay's (recliner), Ethan Allen (chair & ottoman) and Son Silks (silk flowers and accesories). **YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS IT!!!**
There will be a $2.00 charge per person (children free) from 8 am - 9 pm, $1.00 charge from 9 am - 10 am, and admission is FREE from 10 am - 2 pm. Over 200 families have donated items to be sold.

79705

2509 Bellechasse Ct. Saturday only! 8-? Air hocky table, computer, blue recliner, children's and plus size clothes, lots more.

YARD SALE! Mens, womens & childrens clothing, end tables, mobile phone, lots of toys, carseat. Friday & Saturday 8- 12, 1615 Pueblo. No early birds- please!

79706

3 FAMILY Yard Sale! Saturday, April 18th, 9 am. 3 miles South on FM 715 to 140 East, watch for signs. Toys, childrens- adults clothes, one man boat, trunk, quilt box, glass, household items, truck toolbox, lots, lots more!!!

☆ FOLD UP chair bed, real nice electric ice cream freezer, bar stools, Child craft books, other books, stamp collection, model cars, dog clippers, and lots and lots of other good other good things. 3006 W. Co. Rd. 130 Midland. Friday- Sunday. 10 am- 5 pm.

YARD SALE: 1105 W County Rd. 126 Friday- Saturday 8- 5. Bicycles, tools, chain saw, TV, clothes, and more! (Go south of I-20 on Rankin Hwy, 1 block south of Scooter's and Manuel's, to Sissy's Fish, turn west on 126 (dirt road), go 2 blocks, beige house, white fence.)

PLANTS FOR SALE
Daisy Herb & Flower Farm
Home grown herbs, flowers, natives.
Hours 1- 6 Tuesday- Saturday.
2901 So. County Road 1221 (South service road of I-20, between Loop 250 and Midkiff.)

79707

5214 GREENTREE BLVD Moving Sale! Everything must go! Table & chairs, barstools, baseball cards, large amount of mini blinds, antique milk jugs, bar with stools, new patio umbrella, dishes, pots, pans, telephone, answering machine, sofa & love seat, clothes, household accessories, linens, much more Will open at 8:00 am on Friday/ Saturday, Sunday at Noon 1/2 sale on what's left.!

SATURDAY 8 AM. 4416 Humble. Collectibles, clothes, toys, girls bike, 4' deep above ground pool.

5004 LAVACA. Friday -Saturday. Camper, antiques, low rider bike, outdoor stuff, clothes, camos, cookbooks, misc.

79707

GREENTREE, 6204 Driftwood, Saturday 8- 2. Furniture, antiques, household, toys, more. No checks.

3500 OAKMONT Saturday 9 am- ? Breakfast table, bedding, household items, childrens toys, clothes, books, lots of miscellaneous.

4506 FANNIN, (off Neely and Midland Dr.) Saturday 8- ? 4 family yard sale, toys, dog houses, windows, doors, tools, furniture, bikes, a little bit of everything. Everything must go!

★ FOUR FAMILY Garage Sale! Saturday only 7- 12, 3500 Dentcrest. Toys (name brand), baby items, swingset, above ground pool, computer and desk, file cabinets, recliner, small kitchen appliances, radios, clothes (children through adult and maternity).

CARPORT SALE! Miscellaneous items, Ab Roller, clothes, lots of odds n ends!! 4707-B Harvard in alley. Friday- Saturday, 7- 2.

5214 GREENTREE BLVD. Moving sale! Everything must go! Table & chairs, barstools, baseball cards, large amount of mini blinds, milk jugs, bar- set, patio umbrella, dishes, pots, pans, answering machine, telephone, sofa, loveseat, clothes, household accessories, Craftsman mower, queen bed, desk, etc. Friday/ Saturday 8:00 am. Sunday at 12 pm., 1/2 off sale!

OLD WOOD Desk & chair, office chairs, drafting table with tools, entertainment center, 18 hp gas engine, cabinet doors, crafts, drill bits, odds & ends. 4302 Ferncliff (in rear). Thursday- Sunday.

★ FIVE FAMILY Garage Sale!!! Washer, dryer, baby furniture, toddler beds, sectional couch, table, TV, stereos, CD player, playpen, car seats, stroller, children & adult clothing Little Tikes, Fisher Price, and other miscellaneous items! Saturday 8 am- 1 pm, 3303 Windsor Drive.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

$20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20

GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20

★7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)
★2 Days
★ ■/●/♥ Stand Out Emblem
★Garage Sale Kit
(includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints $6 Value!)
★Package of Flavored Drink Mix
(for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)
★$3 Off Classified Coupon
(Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get $3 off!)

Or Get 8 Days for Only $24!

Call 682-6222 Today!

$20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20

DON'T MISS OUT!

The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.

Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

Tami, Pam, Brandi, Jennifer or Nancy are ready to help you!

320 Skilled Trades

GENERAL
ASCO EQUIPMENT

ASCO Equipment and ASCO Rental provides opportunities for energetic, forward thinking Service Technicians to join the expansion of our growth company. Must have excellent safety record and be able to pass drug screen and physical. Construction machinery or material handling equipment experience necessary.

Good Pay.
Good Benefits.
Good Opportunity.

ASCO
3412 Kermit Hwy.
Odessa, Texas
915/ 337-2823

NEED EXPERIANCED dozer and scraper operators. Call Mark at (254)842-5878 from 8:00 to 5:00.

RESIDENTIAL CARPENTERS and Carpenter Helpers. Must be experienced. Call 684-3843 for appointment/ interview.

WANTED LICENSED plumbers and experienced sheet metal workers. Please call 686-0002.

WELDERS NEEDED. Experience in shop and field. 1403 Garden City Highway.

336 Adult Care Providers

NEED AN alternative to nursing home? Private room available in my home. 24 hour care and personal attention provided. Fully equipped. Experienced. References. 697-4116.

PRIVATE DUTY in your home. 20 + years experience in long term care. Excellent references. Nights, evenings or weekends. Call 520-4736, leave message.

336 Adult Care Providers

CNA will care for you or loved one, home or hospital. 570- 9216

INHOME CARE your locally owned sitter service. If you need dependable help call 570- 4475, ask for Tamara or Jackie. (Low Rates).

LOST HOME health aid due to Medicare cuts? Still need help bathing and dressing. Call 699- 9324 leave message, reasonable rates, 15 years experience, will be happy to call back!

NURSES AIDE will care for elderly or home bound. Honest with excellent references. Call Daisy 694-3569.

24 HOUR Care for elderly. $1,000 month- private room, $975 semi- private. 687-2533.

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HAVE OPENINGS for infant and toddlers. Hot meals/ snacks provided. Licensed. CPR/ First Aid. 697-4479.

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SUMMER CHILD CARE. Playground, fun activities, snacks and meals. All certifications. Register now, limited space. 522-2281.

INFANTS ONLY. The most important decision you'll ever make for that most important person in your life! Licensed for 11 years. Jan, 697-2499.

HAVE IMMEDIATE opening for 2 or 3 year olds. Excellent references. Hot lunch/ snacks. 684-5934.

GREAT EXPECTATIONS Child Care Learning Center. Spaces available for 2- 5 yrs. & after-schoolers. Certified in CPR infant/ child- first aid. Call for appointment, 570-5227, ask for Amy.

350 Business Opportunities

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Attention Readers
Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract/ or giving out your credit card number or bank information.
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250 HOME BUSINESS Reports on 3 1/2" disc. $10. TM Grou, 6900 San Pedro, Suite 152, San Antonio, TX 78216.

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Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277

LOCAL BUSINESSES for sale. Small and large. Some have low down payments and owner financing. Call for a free confidential interview- Sunbelt Business Brokers, 520-1515.

PET GROOMING Shop for sale. Good location, established clientele. All equipment & stock included. Located at 2509 W. Ohio. $7,500 or best offer. Call Cathy, 686-0945.

WELL ESTABLISHED Automotive repair business for sale in Lubbock. Equipment & inventory. Very profitable. 8 Bay Service Center & Full Automotive Repair. $150,000. Call Gary, (806)792-8995 or (806)789-1843.

3 VENDING MACHINES (Pepsi). Good condition For more information 694-9448, 697-7074, 697-7925. Ask for Rick.

400 Auctions

PUBLIC AUCTION! Saturday, April 18, 1998, 10:00 am. Sharp! 201 W. Washington, Midland, Texas. Absolutely No Minimums, No Reserves! Everything sold "As Is", "Where Is" without warranty. Items subject to change without prior notice. All oral announcements supersede any printed material. 10% Buyers premium. Vehicles subject to sellers confirmation. Auction to include: Original Ford 1¢ & 5¢ Gum Ball Machines, classic cars, monumental size bronze, extensive collection of 24% leaded crystal decorative items, Remington bronzes, ceramics & pottery, toys, clocks, buffets, video games, Coca Cola collectibles, benches, hall tables. Much, much more! Don't miss grand opening, Friday, April 17, 1998. Ribbon cutting ceremony, 1 pm. Come preview & join the fun. See you there! Call for brochure or more information. Auction Conducted by: Austion Action Midland Supercenter, 201 W. Washington, Midland, Texas 79701. 915-682-1004. Fred F. Munoz, Senior Auctioneer TX License #6250.

410 Misc. Sales

★ LITTLE TIKES boys car bed! Good condition, $60. For more information call 699-3219.

LEANN RIMES tickets- floor and lowers, first ten rows. Credit cards accepted. (915) 520-2188.

2 PIECE SECTIONAL with queen sleeper $175. Rainbow vacuum/ shampooer $750. Nordic Track Pro $450. 697- 6906

EVAPORATIVE COOLERS, Lawnmowers, Cook Stoves, Heaters, Refrigerators, Washers, Dryers, Dining Furniture/ Other. 570-4851.

400 Auctions

*** BIG SALE!... Warehouse Contents! ***
4800 CASBEER ROAD
I- 20 Access road- 1st right off of Wakefield-
1st building on right on Casbeer Road.
All contents, inside & outside of 3,400' Warehouse: cars, pickup, boat, camper, desks, chairs, copiers, welders, heaters, refrigerators, phone system, tools, auto parts, etc., lots of miscellaneous.
Come on April 18, 1998
Noon to 3 pm. 806-798-2656

410 Misc. Sales

PICKUP CAMPER with stove, refrigerator & sink. Sofa rust/ brown with beige background. Round coffee table. 685-0661.

8,000 WATT Coleman Generator. Electric start- Used 4 hours. $800. Call 915-756- 2821.

SUPER NES. 3 Controllers, scope, 10 games. Also, Sega with 3 games, 3 controllers. $200 or best offer. Tappan electric start gas range. 3 Years old. $150. 699-0645.

HERBALIFE & Natural efx Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERB!

TORO Greens Master Reel Mower. $500. 683-7133.

MOTORIZED WHEELCHAIRranger II. Excellent condition $1,999. 687-0816.

RESTHAVEN- Garden of Love- Lot 439, spaces 1 & 2. $900. each negotiable. 697-2038.

PRICE REDUCED- display model 24RD above ground pool. Complete package- installation and financing available. 563-3108.

2 CEMETERY Lots Resthaven Memorial Park. $2,000. 684- 8680, 684-6902.

410 Misc. Sales

GAZEBOS- metal frame, top quality, 6', 8' & 10' square. $300 each or 9 for $2,000. Sylvia 694-1664.

NEW Storage building, 8x8, 4 ft. door, heavy duty. $750 or best offer. Need to sell, 570- 9572.

DIVORCED & MOVING! Must Sell! Mazda 1987 Pickup. 80,000 Miles. Stereo system. Good condition inside and out! $3,400. Weight set- new, $75. 13" Color TV, $25, Sony 5 disc home stereo $170. 694-1038.

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES ticket for sale. For more information call 520-2283.

★ BIBLE TALK: "If I Should be Lost, Will I be Lost Forever?" Part 5. 520-0381. Free recorded message.

LATE MODEL Coke machines for sale, $550. Accounts available. Excellent condition. 520-8182.

NORTH RESTHAVEN mausoleum crypts, 2 in Sanctuary of Love, level C (C-D3). $5,400- Call Lalla (817)294-1316 or (817)294-8931.

410 Misc. Sales

❤ TY BEANIE Babies- Princess $200; Erin- $275; Garcia- $125; Peace- $50. 699-0804.

BEAUTIFUL Dreamer's Candles- 28 Lovely fragrances. Aroma power that lasts 125 to 150 hours. Retail price- $19.95 each. Special price- $15.95 each. Anna Marie Gifts. 1705 N. Big Spring.

10,000 WATT Onan Generator. Electric start. Excellent condition. $1,000. Call 915- 756-2821.

SUBURBAN trailer hitch, old calculator, slide projector, old canvas tent, camp oven. 8- noon Saturday only, 2501 Shell.

MURRAY Riding/ mulching lawnmower, 8 hp, excellent condition, $600. Cash only. 570-0038.

415 Misc. Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

420 Good Things To Eat

20 FLAVORS of coffees and teas, Torani syrups, iced Cappuccino, Cocoa and more. Sugar free syrups, cocoa and candies also. Anna Marie Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring.

430 Household Goods

COOKWARE- Dinner party type! 100 % waterless! Surgical stainless steel! 7- ply, 17 pieces! Retails $1,497, now $395! $75 bonus! 800-434- 4628.

430 Household Goods

NEW 40 gallon gas water heater (still in box), $125. Please call 520-8722.

432 Household Furniture

WHITE ENAMEL twin top Futon. Bottom makes double, extra nice, $275. Oak bunkbeds complete, separate to make twins. $200 522-2291.

FOR SALE: 7 Piece all wood dinette, $400. Small matching china hutch, $200. Large lighted solid Oak china cabinet, $300. Futon sofa bed with mattress cover and matching pillows, $200. Call to see, 697- 8089.

LOVESEAT & SOFA Bed, gray- small floral print. Good condition, $180 negotiable. 522-2552 after 5.

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.

BROWN PLAID Couch with wood trim, in good condition $100. 683-9400.

MOVING SALE. oak desk, sofa and matching chairs, loveseat/ sofa bed, glass doggie door, single headboard. 685-7605 or 689-4201.

KING, white, country cottage bedroom suit. Headboard, footboard, 2 chests, nightstands. $650. 522-7448.

BLUE RECLINER and blue swivel rocker. $85. Call 682- 9077.

PRICE REDUCED!! Large Drexel entertainment center $650. Quality 8 light chandelier $100. Very nice! 699-0157.

432 Household Furniture

MOVING SALE! Children's bedroom set, walnut dining table and chairs, almost new entertainment center, and more. 689-5474, leave message.

ALL '97 hot tubs/ spas at clearance price- no reasonable offer refused. Delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

BLUE 4 piece sectional and recliner, $400 Call 684-4826 after 6 pm.

DAY/ Trundle Bed, black enamel, steel tubular, $600; Multi piece, cubical/ drawer modules, black $200. 687-0553 after 5:30/ weekends.

EXCELLENT CONDITION, coffee color queen size sleeper sofa. $175 obo. 689-8247.

435 Household Appliances

★ FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. 567- 5221.

FRIGIDAIRE Single Cycle Washer & Dryer. $125 set. King size waterbed frame with 6 storage drawers, $25. 697- 0183.

FULL SIZE Whirlpool washer & dryer for sale. Almond and white, good condition. $200. 684-9679.

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699–1224.

LARGE CHEST freezer for sale. Excellent condition. $75. 520-5706.

SIDE BY Side refrigerator for sale. Excellent condition. Asking $250. Call 694-0138 or 559-4341.

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EASYGOING
Single white female, 33, 5'9", 130lbs., red hair, blue eyes, enjoys dining out, music and more, seeks a loving, caring single white male, 36-43, who loves children Ad# 7357

LOOKING FOR A COWBOY
Single white mom, 28, 5'6", 125lbs, long brown hair/eyes, likes yard-work, music, volleyball, dancing, seeks dependable, romantic, loving single white male, 29-45, who is interested in a cowgirl Ad# 7244

CELEBRATE LIFE
Single white female, 54, 5'5", 105lbs., goldish-brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys fishing, gardening, animals and outdoor activities, seeks a kind, sincere single white male 56-71, for companionship Ad# 8481

DESIRES OF THE HEART
Spontaneous single white female 57, 5'6", slender build, brown hair, blue eyes, smoker, enjoys country drives, sightseeing, dancing and traveling, seeks a single white male, 50-65, for friendship first Ad# 8976

INTERESTED?
Outgoing single white mom, 19, 5'10", full-figured, brown hair hazel eyes, likes good conversation, spending time with her son, seeks single male, over 18, who is 5'10" and must like children Ad# 8652

INNER BEAUTY REQUIRED
Professional single black female, 39, 5'9", medium build, black hair, brown eyes, enjoys the outdoors, watching basketball, travelling, puzzles, reading and going for walks, seeking honest, strong single male 32-42 Ad# 9903

A TAD BIT SHY
Single white female, 59, 5'7", slender, dark hair, green eyes, animal lover, enjoys dancing, painting, reading, cooking, seeks single white male, 60-66 Ad# 7431

INTRODUCE YOURSELF
Single white female, 18, 5'7", long blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys sports, variety of movies, going to the beach, looking for a financially secure single white male, 18-20 Ad# 9426

NOT IN A RUSH
Happy single Hispanic mother, 38, 5'5", 160lbs., short black hair, brown eyes, loves a good laugh, likes scary and romantic movies, country music and dancing, sports, seeks an upfront single Hispanic male, 30-40, for friendship first, maybe more later Ad# 7354

ARE YOU GOING MY WAY?
Single white female, 21, 5'6", 145lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys football, movies, walking, hiking, fishing, camping and romantic dinners, seeks a single white male, 21-25, who is compatible Ad# 8063

SHY AT FIRST
Sincere, divorced white mom, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, likes football, basketball, rodeos and more, seeks a tall single white male 35-55, with similar interests Ad# 8996

NEW EXPERIENCES
Single Hispanic mom, 27, 145lbs, brown hair, enjoys dancing, swimming, traveling and candlelit dinners, seeking a single male, 18-40, for companionship Ad# 7461

ABC'S OF COMPATIBILITY
Single white female, 43, 5'6", slender, long red hair, blue eyes, enjoys the outdoors, looking for an honest single white male, 41-54, for a serious relationship Ad# 9795

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES
Friendly single white female, 45, blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys camping, fishing, dancing, the outdoors and dining out, seeking single white male, 40-65, with similar interests Ad# 9793

YOUNG LOOKING
Single white female, 42, 5'3", 128lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys working in the yard, drama movies, exercising, swimming and more, seeks a sincere, honest single white male, 25-42 Ad# 7705

UNTIL WE MEET
Single black female, 30, 5'8", black hair, brown eyes, likes music, basketball and dining out, seeking a single black male, 28-37 Ad# 7851

YOUR HEART
Fun-loving single white female, 51, 5'5", 130lbs., brown hair/eyes, attractive, educated, enjoys painting, gardening, reading and more, seeking a flexible single white male, 48-58, N/S Ad# 8097

SWEET & SENSITIVE
Divorced Hispanic female, 52, 5', brown hair/eyes, outgoing, enjoys her work, movies, good company and more, seeking a sweet, understanding single white Christian male, 50-54 for a great relationship Ad# 8442

HELLO THERE
Positive, enthusiastic single white female, 35, 5'6", 130lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys teaching, reading, spending time with friends, relaxing at home and more, seeking a single white male, 36-42 Ad# 9286

VALUES
Single white mom, 24, 5'4", full-figured, blonde hair, green eyes, loves her son, cooking, movies, Bible and more, seeking a kind, sensitive, fun-loving single Christian male, 22-38, race unimportant Ad# 8560

THIS IS IT
Single white mom, 22, 5', 99lbs., blonde hair, brown eyes, enjoys singing, sports, movies, dancing, dinging out and more, seeking an honest single white male, 23-28 Ad# 9115

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Divorced white mom, 31, 5'7", medium build, brown hair blue eyes, fit, fun-loving, enjoys movies, socializing, boating, spending time with friends, swimming, the outdoors and more, seeking a single white male, 28-42 Ad# 9119

MY ONE TRUE LOVE
Honest, sincere, outgoing single black mom, 34, 5'1", 135lbs., black hair, brown eyes, likes reading romantic books and movies looking for a single black male, 30-40 Ad# 7829

WIN ME OVER
Single white female, 43, 5'5", 160lbs., black hair, brown eyes, enjoys playing volleyball, amusement parkts, spending time with her children and music, seeking single white male, 37-50, for friendship first Ad# 7040

SEARCHING
Outgoing single white mom, 38, 5', 102lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, employed, enjoys traveling, quiet evenings at home, dancing, long walks, country-western music and family times, in search of sensitive, non-smoker, single white male, 39-45 Ad# 8132

TRY ME
Free-spirited single Hispanic mom, 19, 5'3", full figured, dark hair, brown eyes, enjoys dancing, movies, barbecues, the outdoors, long drives and summer time, looking for single Hispanic male, 21-27, who likes children Ad# 7469

HEAVENLY
Single white Christian female, 34, 5'3", blonde hair, green eyes, likes music, sports, animals, having fun and much more, seeks an easygoing, fun-loving single white Christian male, 32-38 Ad# 7324

IN GOOD SPIRITS
Honest single black mom, 35, 5'9", 140lbs., brown hair/eyes, employed, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, go-kart racing and more, seeks truthful single male, 35-50 Ad# 8168

FOR COMMITMENT?
Single black female, 21, 5'1", 130lbs., enjoys singing,, swimming, taking walks, reading, writing, seeks a honest, single black male, 21-25 Ad# 9410

PICTURE PERFECT
Attractive, single white mother, 29, 5'2", blondish-brown hair, greenish-blue eyes petite, motivated, loves animals, the outdoors, the beach, beauty, and laughter, single white male, 25-44 Ad# 7432

HONEST COMPANION
Single white mom, 48, 5'7", 125lbs., blonde hair, hazel eyes, professional, likes movies, travel, cooking, the lake, family and dancing, seeks an open-minded, single white male, 45-65 Ad# 9966

LOOKING FOR MY SOUL MATE
Single white female, 45, 5'5", 280lbs, dark hair, brown eyes, enjoys reading, entertainment and much more, seeks a dedicated, humorous single black male, 40-60, with good morals and values Ad# 9116

ALL TYPES OF...
Single white female, 22, 5'4", 160lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys hanging out, the shore, swimming, the beach, action movies, seeks a single white male, 20-26 Ad# 8402

WHAT'S YOUR NAME
Single Hispanic mom, 34, full-figured, brown hair/eyes, enjoys the outdoors, children, happiness, sports and life, seeking a compassionate single Hispanic male, 32-41, for a possible relationship Ad# 8792

MUST BE A GENTLEMAN
Single white female, 24, blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys reading, movies, football, drawing, music, seeks a single white male, non-smoking, 24-40 Ad# 7995

LOADS OF FUN
Lively single white female, 19, 6'2", brown hair, green eyes, likes poetry, music, reading, romance stories, karaoke and dancing, seeks a sweet, romantic, single white male, 19-22 Ad# 8279

TIRED OF BEING ALONE
Widowed Hispanic mom, 35, 250lbs, brown hair/eyes, homemaker, likes sewing, nice weather, Spanish music and sports, seeks sociable single male, 40-50, for friendship, possible relationship Ad# 8588

ATTRACTIVE !
Caring, fun loving, professional, slender single white female, 42, long blondish/brown hair, seeks trustworthy, secure and caring single white male 40-53, to enjoy life's hopes and dreams Ad# 8352

I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE
Single white mom, 33, 5'8", 160lbs, blue-eyed blonde, likes swimming, volleyball, dancing, fireside chats, pool, family activities and the park, seeks honest, sincere single Hispanic male, 35-45 Ad# 7677

COUNTRY GIRL AT HEART
Single white mom, 32, 5'2", 115lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes, employed, likes fishing, water skiing, the outdoors and good conversations, seeks family-oriented single white male, 30-42 Ad# 8668

BUBBLY & CHEERFUL
Single Hispanic female, 19, black hair, hazel eyes, enjoys dancing, romantic walks, and going out with friends, seeks a fun-loving single male, 19-25, with a sense of direction Ad# 8572

LIFE, LOVE & LAUGHTER
Single Hispanic mom, 21, 5'1", full-figured, black hair, brown eyes, even-tempered, fun, employed, looking for single male, 18-30, for friendship, possibly more Ad# 9195

POSITIVE REACTION
Petite single white mother, 29, green eyes, enjoys meeting new people, reading, dancing, going out on the town and spending time with her kids, seeks a laughable, easygoing single white male, 28-40 Ad# 9062

BE KIND TO MY HEART
Moralistic single white female, 45, 5'5", dark hair, brown eyes, into reading, creative writing, upbeat music, basketball and cuddling, looking for a funny single black male, 35-55, who loves to laugh Ad# 7870

LIFE TO THE FULLEST
Single white female, 48, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys fishing, bowling, Bingo, science fiction movies, sewing and walking along the river, seeking a single white male, 44-58 Ad# 9378

LIVING DAY BY DAY
Single white female, 56, 5'4", blackish-grey hair, hazel eyes, employed, loves romantic novels, sunsets, windmills and meeting new people, looking for a single white male Ad# 2841

LIVE FOR TODAY
Personable, faithful single white female, 30, 5'1", short blonde hair, greenish-blue eyes, loves the spring time, reading magazines, rodeos, country dancing and cookouts, seeks a single Hispanic male, 30-40 Ad# 8716

MAKE AN INTRODUCTION
Single white female, 44, 5'7", dark brown hair, employed, loves her cat, into the arts, gardening, being outside and going to sporting events, seeks a friendly single white male, 35-49, to share companionship Ad# 7112

JUST BE YOURSELF
Single black female, 48, 5'1", 165lbs., brown eyes, likes animals, traveling, football, seeks personable single male 45-50 with common interests Ad# 8053

FOLLOW YOUR HEART
Vivacious, positive single hispanic female, 19, 5'5", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys country music, riding horses, hiking, collecting old comic books, seeks honest single male, 19-40 Ad# 8622

PETITE & PLEASANT
Single Hispanic mother, 20, 4'10", brownish-black hair, brown eyes, enjoys dancing, fishing, going to movies, horseback riding and romantic dinners, seeking a single male 23-40, who likes children Ad# 8797

ON A POSITIVE NOTE...
Reserved single white female, 46, 5'7", slender, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys comedies, hiking, biking, skiing, snorkeling and gardening, in search of active single white male, 40-51, who enjoys life Ad# 9260

QUIET TIMES
Lively single white female, 33, 5'8", blue-eyed blond, enjoys dancing, sports, spending time with her daughters and watching movies, seeking a single Hispanic male, 27-40 Ad# 8006

FUN IN THE SUMMER SUN
Single white female, 18, 5'9", 170lbs., long dark brown hair/eyes, likes many kinds of music, hanging out with friends, shooting pool, seeks single white male, 18-23, blue eyes a plus Ad# 7536

DISCOVER ME
Single white female, 22, 6', blonde hair, green eyes, sports fan, loves basketball, softball, action movies and country music, seeks a humorous single white male, 20-28 Ad# 9187

SOFT AND SWEET
Attractive, intelligent, spiritual widowed white female, 65, 5'7", 120lbs., blonde hair, light-brown hair, enjoys music, fun and quiet times and the outdoors, seeking intelligent single white male, 55-67 Ad# 7418

COULD IT BE FATE?
Sincere single white mom, 23, 5'6", 130lbs., blonde hair, loves the summertime, chocolate, seeks honest, good-looking single white male, 23-36, who loves country music and dancing Ad# 7743

LET'S DO LUNCH
Employed single white female, 46, 5'6", 120lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, smoker, likes all sports, drawing, animals, seeks tall, slender, dependable single white male, 45-55, to spend some time with Ad# 8399

VERY INTERESTING
Single Hispanic female, 55, 5'2", 147lbs., black hair, brown eyes, likes sewing, yard work, baking, taking walks, conversation and movies, seeks a single Hispanic Christian male, 55-60 Ad# 7429

MR. RIGHT?
Shy single Hispanic mom of two, 22, 5'3", long black hair, brown eyes, enjoys music, going to the beach and family outings, would like to share friendship with a dependable, single Hispanic male, 20-32 Ad# 9991

BIG HEART?
Humorous, stable single white female, 34, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys gardening, camping, the oldies, seeks communicative, honest single white male, 30-40 Ad# 8198

SWEEP ME OFF MY FEET!
Single white female, 19, 5'8", blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys movies, concerts, pool, music, writing, playing guitar, outdoor activities, seeks handsome, responsible single white male, 18-30 Ad# 7557

LET'S TALK IT OVER
Outgoing single white female, 51, 5'4", 145lbs., light brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys dining out, dancing, movies and country music, in search of single white male, 45-65, with similar interests Ad# 7274

CUDDLE UP TO ME
Full-figured single black mom, 19, 5'7", reddish-brown hair, brown eyes, smoker, enjoys dancing, basketball and music, seeking fun, educated employed single male, 18-30, who likes kids Ad# 8603

HEART TO HEART
Single hispanic female, 49, 5'7", medium build, light brown hair, green eyes, likes football, baseball and hockey, country-western music and more, seeks a serious single white male, 45-55, mustache a plus Ad# 8791

WE CAN WORK IT OUT
Single white female, 19, 125lbs, brown hair/eyes, likes skiing, swimming, music, seeks friendly, family-oriented single white male, 18-29, who is easy to get along with Ad# 8344

HOW I WISH YOU WERE HERE
Professional single white mom, 40, 5'8", 135lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys fishing, camping, the outdoors, rock climbing and much more, seeks secure, spontaneous single white male, 32-44 Ad# 7069

A TASTE OF NOSTALGIA
Single white female, 45, 5'4", blonde hair, non-smoker, enjoys reading, classical music, travel and dancing, seeks loyal, content single white male, 45-60, without children please, for possible serious relationship Ad# 7442

GET TO KNOW ME
Single white female, 54, 5'2", full-figured, brownish-blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys light reading, spring and fall seasons, movies, desires to meet a single white male, 48-65, to share interests and friendship Ad# 9469

I CAN BE YOUR COWGIRL
Single white female, 18, 5'5", reddish-brown hair, blue eyes, who is four months pregnant, enjoys dancing, singing and having fun, seeks outgoing and friendly single white male, 18-25 Ad# 1654

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED
Divorced white mom, 39, 5'6", medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys dining out, sporting events, country dancing, seeks single white male, 35-48, to share life's adventures with Ad# 8822

VERY INTERESTING
Witty, funny single white female, 35, 5'6", 128lbs., green-eyed blonde, enjoys animals, the mountains, sports, skating, biking, rollerblading, seeking single white male, 25-45, who has goals for the future Ad# 7978

THIS ONE RATES
Single white female, 25, 5'7", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys movies, animals, country-western dancing, the outdoors and more, seeking a single white male, 26-34, who has a great sense of humor Ad# 7522

NEW BEGININGS
Single white female, 51, 5'3", 120lbs, brown hair/eyes, enjoys nature, shopping, travelling, bowling, reading, dining out, seeking single white male, 49-55, for companionship Ad# 7227

IS IT YOU?
Single Hispanic female, 19, tall, brown hair/eyes, enjoys biking and walking, dancing, sports and reading, would like to meet a single Hispanic male, 20-24, for friendship first, maybe more Ad# 8859

GOAL-ORIENTED
Single white female, 18, 5'2", 125lbs., enjoys swimming, volleyball and going for walks, seeking a single white male, 25-28 Ad# 7261

QUALITY TIME
Single Hispanic female, 36, 5'3", brown hair/eyes, enjoys children, movies, would like to meet an sincere, understanding, SM, 35-50, to share interests and friendship Ad# 7306

GOING BACK TO SCHOOL
Shy single white female, 40, 5'4", brown hair/eyes, enjoys music, travel, seeks single white male, 39-48, for lasting relationship Ad# 9931

LOOKING FOR MY COWBOY
Professional single white mom, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys football, rodeos, traveling, skiing, singing, dancing and quality family time, seeks a tall single white male, 35-55 Ad# [illegible]92

WARRANTS CONSIDERATION
Single Hispanic mother of two, 34, social drinker, likes country music, dancing and going to the movies, seeks a faithful, truthful single Hispanic male, 28-36 Ad# 9772

LIKES THE QUIET LIFE
Personable single Hispanic female, 38, 5'7", medium weight, brown hair/eyes, loves children, seeks educated, humorous, mannerly single white male, 35-45, non-smoker, non-drinker Ad# 7966

COMPLETE MY FAMILY
Nurturing, outgoing single white mom, 23, 5'8", 120lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes hunting, fishing, horseback riding, dog races, seeks honest, caring, open single white male, 22-35 Ad# 8992

SEEKS HER COWBOY!
Divorced white female, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys time with her kids, country-western dancing, miniature golf, seeks single white male, 35-52 Ad# 7867

LOOKING AT THE STARS
Attractive single white female, 43, medium build, green-eyed blonde, professional, enjoys travel, sewing and reading, seeks a confident, assured, employed single white male, 30-55, without kids at home Ad# 9146

CHRISTIAN VALUES
Professional single white female, 46, 5'7", 117lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys theatre, biking, walking, dining out, dancing and watching movies, seeks educated single white male, 45-54 Ad# 9719

WIN MY TRUST
Single white female, 36, 5'7", full-figured, dark blonde hair, green eyes, a real people person, likes to read, music, do needle work, seeks an honest single white male, 34-43, for a committed relationship Ad# 8202

COWBOY WANTED
Single white mom, 45, 5'7", enjoys horseback riding, shooting pool and country music, seeking tall single white male, 35-50 Ad# 9379

BREATHTAKING
Single Hispanic mom, 36, brown hair/eyes, enjoys bowling, the park, movies, dancing, times with her kids, seeking nice, easygoing single Hispanic male, 30-40, that loves children Ad# 8564

KIND-HEARTED
Single white female, 34, 5'6", brown hair, green eyes, full-figured, humorous, enjoys reading, listening to music, roller-skating, quiet times at home and more, seeking a single male, 29-45 Ad# 7359

I LOVE LIFE AND THE LORD
Single white Christian female, 45, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, enjoys camping, hunting and the outdoors, seeks honest and intelligent single white Christian male, 40-50, to be a companion Ad# 8136

COUNTRY-WESTERN ROMANCE
Single white mom, 26, 6'2", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, rodeos, camping and quality family time, seeks honest and fun-loving single white male, 20-35 Ad# 9207

HONESTY & PATIENCE
Single Hispanic mom, 22, 5'2", 125lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys spending time with her children, dancing and socializing with friends, seeks single Hispanic male, 25-35 Ad# 7332

CANDLELIGHT DINNERS
Single white female, 43, 5'2", light brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys cooking, fishing, crafts, sports, horseback riding, singing, moonlit walks and watching movies, seeks single white male, 40-50 Ad# 9042

OUTSPOKEN TWIN
Single white female, 18, 5'8", green-eyed blonde, non-smoker employed, hobbies include dancing, dining out, movies, family time, seeks secure, honest single white male, 18-20, with a good personality Ad# 2424

KEEP ME WARM
Attractive single white female, 38, mild-tempered, enjoys listening to music, motorcycles and hugging, desires a tall single white male, for possible relationship Ad# 7979

LOOKING FOR MY SOUL MATE
Professional single white female, 47, 5'7", 115lbs, blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys going to the movies, dining out, live plays, concerts and the outdoors, seeks single white male, 45-55 Ad# 8750

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Single white Christian female, 42, 5'2", medium build, reddish-brown hair, brown eyes, enjoys travel, candlelit dinners, cooking, working with children, seeks a warm-hearted single white male, 37-47 Ad# 7919

THE GOOD LIFE
Professional, attractive single white female, 46, 5'2", personable, smoker, enjoys traveling, the arts, seeking single white male, 40-55 Ad# 2121

INTERESTED IN YOU
Single white mom, 27, 5'5", slender build, fun-loving, outgoing, student, enjoys the outdoors, spending time with her daughter, summertime, seeking single white male, 33-45, with similar interests Ad# 1206

TELL ME NO LIES!
Single Hispanic female, 23, 5', 120lbs, shy, friendly, enjoys movies, country music, bowling, dancing, seeks single white male, 21-34, to spend time with Ad# 5088

EASY TO PLEASE
Single white female, 47, 5'2", 145lbs, a smoker, lives in Midland area, enjoys dancing, music, outdoors, seeks single white male, 45-55, medium build, children welcome, for companionship Ad# 7850

SHARE YOUR LIVES
Divorced white female, 51, 5'3", brown hair and eyes, enjoys country music, slow dancing, dining out, reading, seeking single or divorced white or hispanic male, 49-55, with similar interests Ad# 5656

ARE YOU THERE?
Friendly single white female, 27, 5'6", from Blackwell, enjoys dancing, reading, seeking single white male, under 45, for friendship, maybe more Ad# 2525

TREAT ME RIGHT!
Friendly single white female, 18, 5'4", medium build, blonde hair, blue eyes, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys socializing, dancing, horseback riding, movies, seeking handsome, employed single white male, 18-23 Ad# 3979

MUTUAL RESPECT
Single white mom, 34, 5'6", medium build, smoker, non-drinker, from Odessa, enjoys reading, fishing, hiking, romantic walks and dinners, seeks caring, genuine, truthful single white male, under 45 Ad# 1813

WILL MAKE YOU LAUGH
Spontaneous single white female, 34, 5'6", brown hair, green eyes, serious, humorous, enjoys reading, dancing, outdoor sports, seeks truthful, kind, warm-hearted single male Ad# 2362

NO HEAD GAMES
Laid-back single white mom, 41, 5'7", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys fishing, taking walks, barbecues, quiet times at home, seeking sincere, honest single male Ad# 8833

NOT A CHEAT
Single white female, 19, 5'10", full-figured, brown hair, hazel eyes, funny, likes taking walks, drives, times together, looking for tall, dependable, fun-loving, communicative single male, to share happiness with Ad# 4117

Males Seeking Females

COUNTRY BOY
Single white male, 30, 6', 155lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys college football, fishing, his job and more, seeks a single white female, 25-35 Ad# 7710

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Widowed white male, 40, 5'4", black hair, searching for a single white female, 30-40, who likes traveling, camping, fishing, dining out, dancing and meeting new people Ad# 8826

ONE IN A MILLION
Caring Single Hispanic dad 25, 5'7", 150lbs., black hair, brown eyes, enjoys cookouts, dining out, amusement parks, music and more, seeks an honest single Hispanic female, 18-30, to share time with Ad# 7053

REDEEMING QUALITIES
Divorced black dad, 20, 6'1", 200lbs., black hair, brown eyes, enjoys fitness, basketball, cuddling and spending quality time with someone special, seeks friendship with a single black female, 19-35 Ad# 8891

MANY OPTIONS
Single white male, 55, 6', 206lbs., brown hair, employed, enjoys flea markets, hunting, fishing, the lake and cook-outs, seeks quality time with a fun-loving, cheerful single white female, 35-49 Ad# 9860

THE TIME IS RIGHT
Single white dad, 21, 6', brown hair/eyes, enjoys hanging out with friends, watching movies, looking for a single white female, 18-25 Ad# 9118

NEEDS A COWGIRL
Single white male, 18, 5'11", 175lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys the rodeo, the summertime, dancing, football and more, is searching for a single white female, 18-21 Ad# 9255

SEE WHAT HAPPENS
Divorced hispanic male, 35, 5'8", 165lbs., black hair, brown eyes, enjoys music, sports, traveling, some reading and more, seeks a single female, 18-40, for friendship first Ad# 7511

GOOD INNER SOUL
Happily employed divorced white dad, 34, 5'8", 160lbs, brown hair/eyes, enjoys time with his son, watching television, meeting new people and more, seeks a kind and caring single white female, 24-36 Ad# 8312

MR. RIGHT
Single white male, 26, blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, skiing, spending time with friends and watching movies, seeking a single white female, 22-28, for possible relationship Ad# 9518

CALL ME
Friendly single white male, 25, 6'1", 210lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys four wheeling, seeking a single white female, 18-45, for possible relationship Ad# 8462

OUTDOORSY
Single white male, 29, 5'11", 180lbs., green eyes, enjoys movies, the lake, fishing and more, seeks a single white female, 18-33, to spend time together Ad# 8079

GENTLEMAN
Professional single white male, 27, 5'6", 160lbs., blond hair, brown eyes, enjoys skiing, music, dancing, traveling and romantic evenings, looking for an honest, respectful single white female, 21-30, for a possible relationship Ad# 7372

SHY AT FIRST
Single Hispanic male, 23, 5'7", 230lbs., black hair, brown eyes, enjoys the beach, meeting new people, puppies and movies, seeking a single Hispanic female, 20-25 Ad# 8680

WILLING TO MEET
Single black male, 34, 6', enjoys the summer, fishing, camping and more, seeking a single black female for companionship Ad# 8902

MANY INTERESTS
Single Hispanic male, 20, 5'6", 170lbs., black hair, dark brown eyes, enjoys sports, reading, variety of music, cuddling, lifting weights, seeks a good-hearted, intelligent single female, 18-25, who is a good listener Ad# 7597

BUILDING A LIFE TOGETHER
Single white male, 21, 6'3", 210lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, has a wide variety of interests, seeks a single white female, 18-24 Ad# 8159

WEST OF THE PECOS
Tall, slim, single white male, 50, rancher, blond, university educated, enjoys dining out, dancing, movies, romantic evenings, seeks slender, beautiful, affectionate, single white female 40-55 Ad# 8001

REAL LOVE
Shy, friendly single white male, 36, 6', 180lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, loves animals, country music, seeks single female, 18-45 Ad# 9975

STEADY GUY
Shy, single black male, 34, 5'9", 200lbs., black eyes, enjoys touch football, his job and more, seeks a nice single female, 18-40, to spend time with Ad# 8258

ABC'S OF COMPATIBILITY
Single white male, 26, 5'6", 140lbs, light brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys romantic evenings, fishing, camping, auto racing and more, seeks an attractive, personable, single white female, 18-30 Ad# 8957

A NEW BEGINNING
Single white dad, 42, 5'10", 150lbs, non-smoker, self-employed, enjoys sporting events, skiing, movies, reading and music, seeks a single white female, 34-42 Ad# 9231

STILL SEARCHING
Single Hispanic male, 24, 6', 185lbs, black hair, brown eyes, seeks a personable, fun-loving single female, 18-28, to share his life with Ad# 7231

JUST BE YOURSELF
Single white male, 18, 5'8", brown hair, green eyes, enjoys drawing, music and movies, the outdoors and more, seeks a single white female, 18-21 Ad# 7126

WHERE ARE YOU!
Single white male, 31, 6', 197lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, going to the beach, snow skiing and quiet times at home, looking for a single white female, 21-31 Ad# 8855

UNTIL WE MEET
Single black male, 29, 5'9", 128lbs, would like to meet a single female, 25-40, who enjoys movies, sports, music, dinning out and living life to the fullest Ad# 9722

WEEKEND COMPANIONS
Easygoing single black male, 33, brown eyes, enjoys music, cool weather, movies, diningout, singing and more, seeks single female, 33-35 Ad# 9121

APPRECIATES HONESTY
Single Hispanic dad, 36, 5'6", 160lbs., black hair/eyes, enjoys music, reading magazines and traveling, seeks a single Hispanic female, 21-36, who likes children Ad# 9896

LET'S TALK SOON
Single white male, 40, 6', 175lbs, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys swimming, traveling and good conversation, seeking a single female, 18-50, for friendship Ad# 9786

NEW IN TOWN
Outgoing single white male, 31, 6'1", 200lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys reading, playing softball, dancing and more, seeks a single white female, 21-31 Ad# 9813

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR
Single white male, 55, 6'1", 165lbs, brown hair/eyes, a sports fan, looking for a single white female, 50-65 Ad# 8415

HEY, YOU NEVER KNOW!
Single white male, 18, 6', 145lbs, brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys sports, movies, horror novels, playing golf, go-kart riding, dirt bike riding and more, seeks single white female, 18-21 Ad# 7113

CHOICE IS YOURS
Calm single white male, 25, blond hair, blue eyes, loves music, camping, hiking, bike riding and going to the movies, seeks a sincere single female, 18-28 Ad# 8054

JUST A REGULAR GUY!
Divorced Hispanic dad, 45, 6', 257lbs., light brown hair/eyes, enjoys movies, the outdoors and much more, seeks commitment-minded single female, 19-42 Ad# 8877

CLOSE FRIENDS
Single white male, 19, 6'2", brown hair, hazel eyes, fun-loving, likes going out and traveling, would like to meet a single white female, 18-23 Ad# 7452

SHOE ME THE WAY
Single white dad, 36, 5'10", blond hair, green eyes, likes cooking out, camping and going to the lake, seeking a single white female, 34-42 Ad# 8735

GIVE ME A CALL
Single white male, 32, 6'2", 160lbs., brown hair/eyes, employed, likes movies and outdoor sports, seeking a single Hispanic female, 19-30 Ad# 9570

LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU
Fun-loving single white male, 27, 5-9", 135lbs., blue eyes, seeking a special single black female, 19-40, for a serious long-term relationship Ad# 9868

ARE YOU OUT THERE
Single Hispanic male, 23, 6'1", 180lbs, brown hair/eyes, enjoys animals, cooking, country music and more, seeking a single white female, 18-25, for possible relationship Ad# 7010

HERE HE IS...
Single white male, 50, 6', 215lbs., dark brown hair, green eyes, fit, enjoys children, spending time with friends, the outdoors, motorcycles and more, seeking a single white female, 35-48 Ad# 9012

LET'S BUILD A HOME
Single Hispanic male, 26, 5'6", dark hair, self-employed, enjoys fishing, camping, watching sports and having barbeques, interested in meeting a single Hispanic female, 20-30, to share life with Ad# 9335

HONESTY
Easygoing single white dad, 32, 6', 165lbs., reddish-blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys water sports, family times and more, seeking an honest single female, 18-30, race unimportant Ad# 9698

A RELATIONSHIP
Proud single white male, 41, 6'1", brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, enjoys drawing, most animals, boating, cookouts and fishing, seeks a sincere, open, communicative single white Christian female, 30-45 Ad# 8015

SOUNDS WONDERFUL
Open-minded, humorous single white male, 43, 6'1", 175lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys reading, animals and going for walks, seeking single white female, 24-36, for possible relationship Ad# 9189

PHONE ME NOW
Hispanic single male, 19, 5'3", 147lbs., brown hair/eyes, a sports fan, likes summer outdoor activities, seeking for a single female, 18-25, race unimportant, with a great personality Ad# 9561

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
Professional, attractive single white male, 46, 6'4", 200lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes summer outdoor activities, hunting and motorcycling, seeks an easygoing single white female, 36-46 Ad# 8575

HONESTY IS KEY
Single white male, 30, 6'1", 160lbs., light brown hair, blue eyes, a sports fan, likes dancing, walking, horseback riding and reading, seeks a single white female, who likes country line dancing Ad# 8018

TO THE POINT
Single white male, 58, 6', medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, likes fishing, camping, sports and more, in search of a single white female, 45-58 Ad# 8157

GET TO KNOW ME
Shy, single white male, 24, 6'5", 250lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, likes spending time with friends, snowball fights and baseball, searching for a single white female, 18-40 Ad# 8953

LET'S MEET SOON
Romantic divorced black dad, 34, 5'9", 220lbs., enjoys basketball, going to church, walks in the park and family activities, seeking a single Hispanic female, 26-44, children okay, for companionship Ad# 7109

LET'S GET GOING
Single Hispanic dad, 36, 5'4", black hair, brown eyes, enjoys sports, travel, long walks at the park, fishing, camping, renting movies, seeks nice, truthful, honest single Hispanic female, 25-36, to go out with Ad# 7572

JUST RIGHT
Good-natured, shy, affectionate, loyal single white male, 36, 6'1", 195lbs., likes baseball, four-wheeling and adventure movies, seeks a single white female, 29-37, to treat like a lady, kids okay Ad# 9228

PICTURE PERFECT
Single Hispanic male, 29, 5'6", brown hair/eyes, music, the outdoors, family, dancing, movies and designing things, seeking a single Hispanic female, 21-35 Ad# 8131

STAMP OF APPROVAL
Single Hispanic male, 29, 5'11", 185lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes sledding, biking, reading, western movies and dining out, seeks friendship with a single Hispanic female, 18-32, who is a lady Ad# 8988

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART
Outgoing single white male, 18, 5'10", medium build, blond hair, blue eyes, romantic and caring, enjoys meeting new people, dancing, the outdoors and enjoying life, seeking a single white female, 18-21 Ad# 8029

END MY SEARCH
Hispanic male, 50, 5'6", social drinker, enjoys reading, traveling, dining out, romantic evenings, seeks single female, 40-50 Ad# 9598

TOTALLY DEVOTED
Hardworking single white dad, 36, 6'1", 200lbs., brown eyes, likes going to the movies, camping, fishing, hiking and being outdoors, seeks single white female, 28-38, to share similar interests Ad# 8868

TIME TO CALL ME
Single white male, 42, 5'7", 150lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, beard/mustache, likes movies, cook-outs, picnics, day-trips and woodworking, seeks a single white female, 30-43, with similar interests Ad# 9456

LOVER OF LIFE
Single white male, 28, 6'1", 180lbs., brown hair/eyes, hobbies include dancing, skiing, horseback riding and country music, seeks a long haired blue eyed single white female, 19-30 Ad# 8553

SIMPLE WITH ME
Divorced white male, 56, 6', 180lbs., blond hair, blue eyes, likes animals, camping and football, see

590 Legal Notices

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

To the registered voters of the City of Midland, Texas

Notice is hereby given that the polling places listed below will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., May 2, 1998 for voting in a general election to elect Mayor; Council Member- District 1; Council Member- District 3; and Council Member- District 4.

Locations of Polling places:

106, 106A	Henderson Elementary School 4800 Graceland
102	Alamo Junior High School 3800 W. Storey
103, 105, 105A	Bonham Elementary School 909 Bonham
104, 104A, 208, 307, 307A, 402	Midland High School 906 W. Illinois
107	Bush Elementary School 5001 Preston Drive
205, 207, 207A, 207B, 212, 212A	San Jacinto Junior High School 1400 North N
204, 204A, 211, 211A, 408, 408A, 409	Santa Rita Elementary School 5306 Whitman
206, 210, 210A	Goddard Junior High School 2500 Haynes
304, 309, 309A	Asbury United Methodist Church 106 W. Dakota
305	Carver Cultural Center 1300 E. Wall
306	DeZavala Elementary School 705 N. Lee
308, 310, 310A	Lee Freshman High School 1400 E. Oak
403, 405	Lee High School 3500 Neely
404, 407	Parker Elementary School 3800 Norwood

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at the Elections Administrator's office at 709 W. Washington between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. beginning on April 15, 1998 and ending on April 28, 1998.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Pat Eastup
P.O. Box 3434
Midland, TX 79702-3434

Applications or ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on April 24, 1998.

Issued this the 2nd day of April, 1998.

Robt. E. Burns, Mayor

AVISO DE ELECCION GENERAL

A los votantes registrados de la Ciudad de Midland, Texas:

Notifiquese por las presente, que las casillas electorales sitados abajo de abrian desde las 7:00 a.m. hasta las 7:00 p.m. el 2 de mayo de 1998, para votar en la Eleccion General Para elegir alcalde; miembro del concillo, Distrito Num. 1; miembro del concilio, Distrito Num. 3; y miembro del concilio, Distrito Num. 4.

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La votacion adelantada en persona se llevara a cabo de lunes a ciernes en la oficina del Administrador de Elecciones, 709 W. Washington, desde las 8:00 a.m. hasta las 5:00 p.m. emezando el 15 de abril, 1998 y terminando el 28 de abril, 1998.

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan enviarse a:

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Midland, Texas 79702-3434

Las solicitudes para boletas que se votaran adelantada por correo deberan recibirse para el fin de las horas de negocio el 24 abril de 1998.

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Department of Treasury- Internal Revenue Service. Public Auction Sale. Under the authority in Internal Revenue Code section 6331, the property described below has been seized for nonpayment of internal revenue taxes due from David Porras, William Edmiston, HWD Inc., Pharaoh Corp. The property will be sold at public auction as provided by Internal Revenue Code section 6335 and related regulations. Date of Sale: April 28, 1998. Time of Sale: 10:00 AM. Place of Sale: Christie's East, 219 East 67th Street, New York, New York 10021. Title Offered: Only the right, title, and interest of David Porras, William Edmiston, HWD Inc., Pharaoh Corp. in and to the property will be offered for sale. If requested, the Internal Revenue Service will furnish information about possible encumbrances, which may be useful in determining the value of the interest being sold. Description of Property: Continental Baroque style Walnut Slant Front Desk. Property May be Inspected at: 219 East 67th Street, New York, NY 10021 (call the phone number below for additional information about viewing prior to sale.) Payment Terms: Deferred payment as follows: In accordance with Christie's published payment terms. Form of Payment: All payments must be by cash, certified check, cashier's or treasurer's check or by a United States postal, bank, express, or telegraph money order. Mary Durgin, Chief, Collection Division. For Information About the Sale: Ron Matthews, 1515 Commerce Street, Suite 200, Fort Worth, Texas 76102, (817) 978-4655.

ORDINANCE NO. 7722

An Ordinance Amending Title Vi, "Police Regulations," of the City Code of Midland, Texas, so as to repeal Chapter 6, "Public Nuisances," thereof and add a new Chapter 6, so as to bring said regulations into conformance with Texas Transportation Code Chapter 683, "Abandoned Motor Vehicles;" containing a Cumulative Clause and expressly repealing Ordinances No. 5589, 5718, 6162, 6163, and 6622; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty or fine of Five Hundred Dollars ($500.00); and ordering publication

City of Midland
Kaylah J. McCord
City Secretary

P12,072
CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To all persons interested in the Estate of MEYER, FRANK THOMAS, JR., Deceased, No. P12,072, in the COUNTY COURT, of Midland County, Texas. MEYER, WOODIE THOMAS, Applicant alleged heir(s) at law in the above numbered and entitled estate, filed on 3-2-98 an Application to Determine Heirship in the said estate and request(s) that the said Court determine who are the heirs and only heirs of the said MEYER, FRANK THOMAS JR., Deceased, and their respective shares and interests in such estate.

Said application may be heard and acted on by said Court after 10 o'clock A.M. on the first Monday next after the expiration of ten days from the date of publication of this citation, the same being the 27th day of April, 1998, at the County Courthouse in Midland County, Texas.

All persons interested in said estate are hereby cited to appear before said Honorable Court at said above mentioned time and lace by filing a written answer contesting such application should they desire to do so.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at office in Midland County, Texas, this April 09, 1998.

ALICE BROWN
Clerk of County Court
Midland County, Texas

By: Coleen White, Deputy

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Proposals/ Bids will be accepted by the County Purchasing Agent, First Floor, Suite 101 of the Midland County Courthouse, 200 W. Wall, Midland, Texas 79701 until 4:00 PM Local Time, May 6, 1998. The proposals will be opened and acknowledged/ read aloud at 4:30 PM Local Time, May 6, 1998.

RFP 98MCO175- Rabies Control Service
Bid 98MCO174- Paving Mix
Bid 98MCO169A- Asphalt Emulsion

The Commissioners Court will select a primary vendor, for purposes of negotiation, or award the bid, following a review of the proposals by all interested County officials. The Commissioners Court selection will be made within 30 days. Interested parties are invited to attend the proposal acknowledgement and the Commissioners Court meeting.

Proposal/ Bid information may be obtained from the County Purchasing Agent's Office.

Paul M. Thompson
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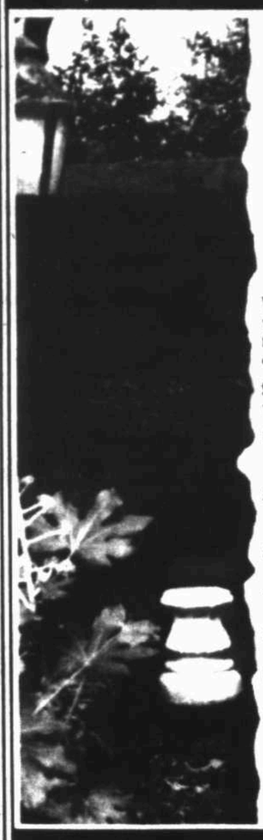

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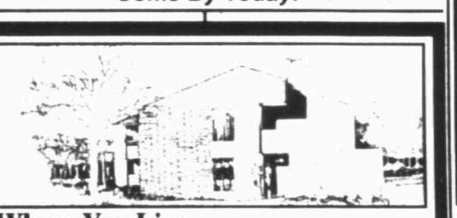

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ORDINANCE NO. 7723

An Ordinance changing the Zoning Use Classification of certain property described in Section One hereof, which is presently zoned "Planned District" for a Shopping Center, by permitting said property to be used under a Specific Use Permit with Term for the Sale of all Alcoholic Beverages in a Restaurant for On-Premises Consumption; making said permit subject to certain conditions and restrictions contained herein; providing for a maximum penalty or fine of Two Thousand Dollars ($2,000.00); and ordering publication

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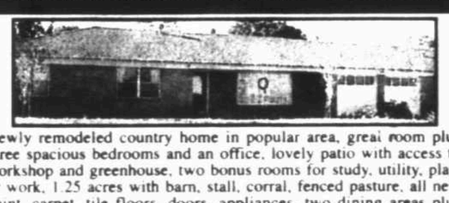

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KEY To Abbreviations

Bdrm.	Bedroom
Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying
	Assumable
QA	Qualifying
	Assumable
Ac.	Acre
3/2/2	Bdrm./Ba./Gar.

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