

SPORTS

Lakers win

Los Angeles beats the Portland Trailblazers 89-84 to advance to the NBA Finals against the Indiana Pacers./**1C**



WORLD

Troops honored

A life-sized statue was unveiled Sunday as a tribute to the U.S. soldiers who died liberating Periers, France, during World War II./**5A**

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MISD hopes to recover from decline in enrollment

Community's input sought on school design

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

The decision has been made to pursue a bond issue. The architects have been hired and after months of discussion, the site has been selected for a new Midland High School. The Midland Independent School District is now ready to begin the next phase in the process to renovate Lee High School and build a new Midland High School.

This phase, however, has the district on unfamiliar ground. MISD has invited the entire community to come help with the design of the two schools."This is the first time we've ever opened the programming phase up to the public," said Wilson Heidelberg, executive director of auxiliary services.

The community meeting is slated for 7 p.m. Tuesday and will be in the Lee High School auditorium at 3500 Neely Ave. MISD officials will join architects from Parkhill, Smith and Cooper

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■ District loses about 2,000 students between 1998-99 and 1999-2000, TEA says.

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

Enrollment at Midland Independent School District took a dive last year thanks to tumbling oil prices and the opening of several charter schools in Midland.

The district lost approximately 1,300 students from 1998-99, said MISD Executive Director of Administrative Services Joe Cummins.

However, comparison of the numbers provided by MISD and the Texas Education Agency indicate the exodus of students was a bit more severe. MISD enrollment fell some 2,267 students from 22,911 for 1998-99 to 20,644 students on May 25, 2000. At $4,000 in state aid for each student, the district's lost revenue is close to $9 million. Last year's low oil prices made the picture even bleaker because lowered property values diminished the district's local taxing effort.

Last year's falling enrollment is only part of the bad news. MISD reached its peak enrollment for the 1990's in the 1997-98 school year with 23,288 students — 2,644 more students than MISD had the final week of May.

According to MISD projections,

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Smack!



Kissing a pig for diabetes

Bill Kent, with Kent Oil, reacts to getting a slobbery snort from the pig he was to kiss Sunday. Kent "won" the right to kiss the pig by raising the most money — $5,400 — for the annual American Diabetes Association Kiss-a-Pig contest. Kent and other businessmen Bobby Norman, president of First American Bank, Jerry Hays and Joe Parsley raised more than $15,000 between them.

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Four new City Council members to be sworn into office today

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer



Canon



Dingus



Bradford



Morgan

The changing of the guard will take place in a ceremony at 10 a.m. this morning at City Hall as four new City Council members will be sworn into office. The event will take place at 300 N. Loraine St.

Mike Canon, Bill Dingus, James M. Bradford and LuAnn Morgan will each serve a three-year term following the May 6 city election.

Economic diversification and development and a restoration of confidence and trust in city government were the primary issues harped upon by the four election winners during their campaigns.

Canon, a native Midlander and local attorney, received the greatest number of votes in the race for one of the two at-large council seats.

"I look at this time as an opportunity for me to give something back to Midland. This city has been good to me and to my family and now it's time for me to try to give something back. I hope that my background and experiences will provide a positive and valuable perspective as our city moves forward through a time of new challenges," Canon said.

The second top vote-getter in the at-large race was Bill Dingus, president of Dingus Investments.

"I am both proud and humbled at the prospect of serving on the City Council," Dingus said. "Proud of the support and encouragement that I continue to receive and humbled by the importance of the task at hand. The quality of Midland's future will be determined, in part, by the quality of the decisions we make in the coming years."

Canon and Dingus will replace Jose Cuevas and Dale Brown.

Cuevas, a nine-year veteran of the council, chose not to run for re-election. Dale Brown, who served on council five years, ran for re-election but finished fourth in a field of six in the race for the two at-large seats. Brown, unable to attend Monday's ceremony because of a previous commitment, was honored at the May 23 City Council meeting.

The District 2 seat, held by Juluis Brooks for eight years, will now be occupied by James M. Bradford, a government professor at Midland College.

"I think overall the main reason I ran was to be a part of the decision-making process as we enter this new millennium," Bradford said. "And considering the issues that Midland and District 2 would be facing, I should represent the people not only of District 2, but of all people, for the goals we set for diversification and the general improvements of the city. Also, I sense, as well as many other people, that there was such a divisiveness in our city. I could be part of a unifying force to bring all citizens together for the common good."

LuAnn Morgan, a former manager at TXU, will take over the District 1 seat that had been held by Don Washburn since 1998. Washburn chose not to run for re-election.

"I ran because of my knowledge of the City Council after many years of working with the city in the utility business," Ms. Morgan said. "With my background and corporate experience I felt I could be helpful to the council and that I could bring a new perspective. I want to establish a trust with my constituents so that we can work together for the betterment of the community as a whole."

The keynote speaker for the event will be George D. Gilles, District Judge of the 142nd Judicial District.

A look inside



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Person to Person

"Sweet" Millie Howard-taught at MISD for 30 years and is now an adjunct professor at MC./**1C**



Off the wire

■ Descendants of Richard Wagner squabble over direction of music festival./**5A**
■ Heavy rains spur flash flooding in North Texas./**2C**

3-year-old boy dies in accidental shooting



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Midland police officers and crime scene investigators work at the scene of an accidental shooting Sunday afternoon at 3904 Clear Spring St. The incident involving 3-year-old Michael Chilcoat occurred in an old boat in the home's backyard.

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

A 3-year-old Midland boy, Michael Kent Chilcoat, died Sunday evening as the result of a gunshot wound to the head.

A neighbor, Edward Hernandez, 13, was playing in his backyard on Clear Spring Street at approximately 3:30 p.m. when he heard a gunshot.

"When we heard it, me and my stepdad ducked down because we didn't know what it was they were shooting at."

Michael Chilcoat's 5-year-old brother called 911 dispatch at about 3:34 p.m., according to Tina Jauz, city of Midland public information officer. At the time of the shooting, Michael Chilcoat's's mother, Cyndi Chilcoat, was asleep on the couch and his sibling was playing in the house at 3904 Clear Spring St.

"What we can tell at this time is that the 3-year-old got the gun out of the closet,

The older boy, upon hearing the gunshot, ran outside and heard Michael Chilcoat crying. He went back inside to wake his mother and call 911.

went out into the backyard and got in an abandoned boat," said Detective Sheldon Johnson, who was at the scene of the accident.

At that point, it is assumed that while playing with the 9 mm firearm, Michael Chilcoat pulled the trigger. The bullet entered the child's left eye.

Ms. Jauz said that the older boy, upon hearing the gunshot, ran outside and heard Michael Chilcoat crying. He went back inside to wake his mother and call 911.

Michael Chilcoat was transported to

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WEATHER

3-day forecast



Today
Mostly cloudy
High 86
Low 64

Tuesday
Partly cloudy
High 93
Low 70

Wednesday
Fair
High 95
Low 63

Today's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms and a high in the mid-80s.

Tonight's forecast calls for mostly cloudy skies with a less than 20 percent chance of thunderstorms and a low near 65.

The forecast for Tuesday calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the low 90s.

After an overnight low of 67, Sunday's high reached 89, compared to the record high for that date of106 set in 1990. The record low of 54 was set in 1970.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Saturday	0.04 in.
Total for month	1.85 in.
Total for year	3.41 in.
Normal total (year to date)	4.65 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

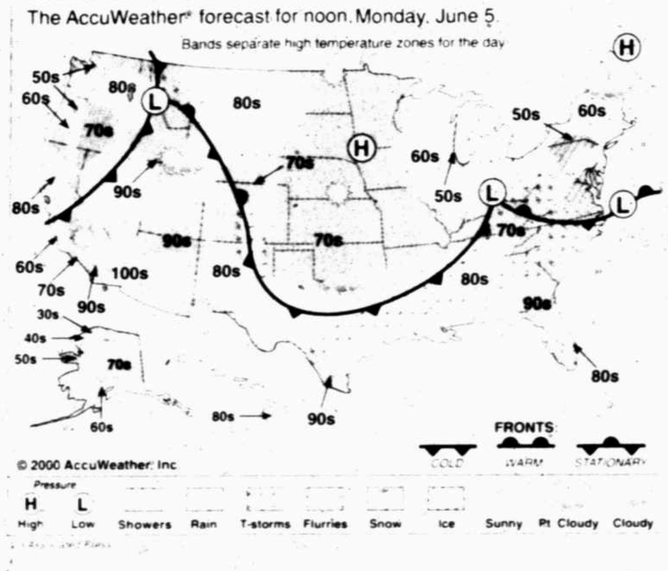
High	89
Low	67
Normal high	92
Normal low	64

Sunrise ... 6:43 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:52 p.m.

National forecast

National weather

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, June 5



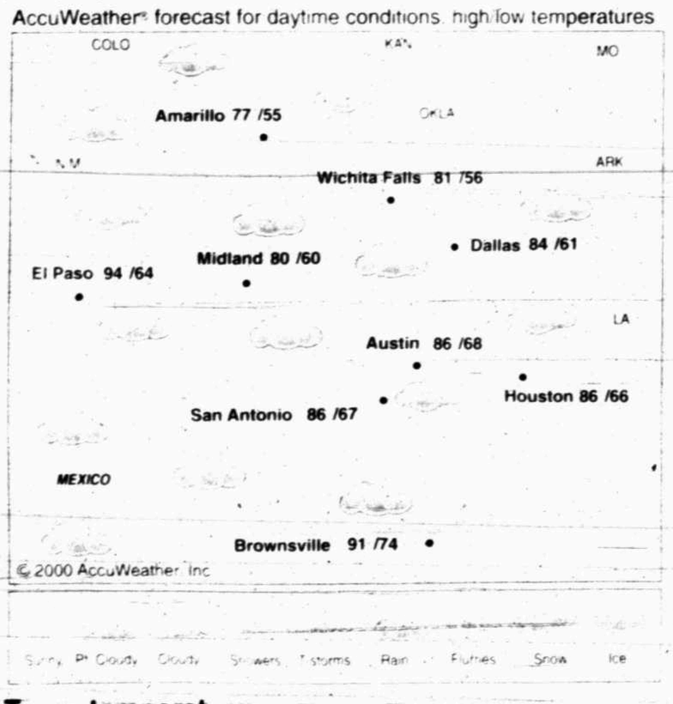
United States temperatures

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Akron Ohio	68	44	rn	
Albany N.Y.	68	46	03	cdy
Albuquerque	91	60	cdy	
Anchorage	72	41	cdy	
Asheville	73	62	01	rn
Atlanta	78	72	01	rn
Atlantic City	72	47	cdy	
Billings	73	46	mm	
Birmingham	78	71	25	rn
Bismarck	68	49	54	clr
Boise	95	58	clr	
Boston	70	53	cdy	
Bridgeport	72	56	rn	
Caribou Maine	58	36	clr	
Casper	74	50	clr	
Charleston S.C.	89	76	93	cdy
Charleston W.Va.	76	51	rn	
Charlotte N.C.	75	68	14	rn
Chattanooga	84	68	04	rn
Cheyenne	70	52	cdy	
Chicago	61	51	03	cdy
Cincinnati	76	52	rn	
Cleveland	65	43	rn	
Colorado Springs	72	56	cdy	
Columbia S.C.	85	71	rn	
Columbus Ga.	92	71	cdy	
Columbus Ohio	72	49	rn	
Daytona Beach	95	70	04	cdy
Denver	74	55	clr	
Des Moines	72	60	1.06	cdy
Detroit	67	50	rn	
Evansville	80	54	cdy	
Fairbanks	72	47	clr	
Fargo	66	50	54	cdy
Flagstaff	87	44	clr	
Flint	69	47	cdy	
Fort Smith	78	69	04	cdy
Fort Wayne	64	46	03	rn
Fresno	99	63	clr	
Goodland	78	56	clr	
Grand Junction	95	60	clr	
Grand Rapids	66	49	cdy	
Great Falls	76	39	cdy	
Green Bay	59	53	04	cdy
Greensboro N.C.	70	65	04	cdy
Harrisburg	74	53	rn	
Hartford Spgfld	75	46	cdy	
Helena	80	44	cdy	
Honolulu	87	74	mm	
Juneau	68	41	mm	
Kansas City	82	63	cdy	
Las Vegas	105	74	clr	
Lexington	78	51	mm	
Lincoln	76	66	clr	
Little Rock	76	67	17	cdy
Los Angeles	81	61	clr	
Memphis	81	72	cdy	
Miami Beach	88	76	mm	
Nashville	82	63	cdy	
New Orleans	87	73	57	rn
New York City	73	60	rn	
Newark	74	56	rn	
Norfolk Va.	69	60	25	cdy
North Platte	72	58	01	clr
Oklahoma City	85	69	25	cdy
Omaha	70	63	67	clr
Philadelphia	77	53	cdy	
Phoenix	106	76	clr	
Pittsburgh	72	46	rn	
Pocatello	86	41	clr	
Portland Maine	65	45	cdy	
Portland Ore.	87	58	rn	
Providence	72	48	cdy	
Pueblo	83	51	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	75	63	02	cdy
Rapid City	59	50	clr	
Reno	92	55	clr	
Richmond	75	60	cdy	
Roanoke	68	61	rn	
Rochester	68	46	rn	
Rockford	60	51	15	cdy
Sacramento	86	54	cdy	
St Louis	81	58	cdy	
Salem Ore.	82	51	rn	
Salt Lake City	90	55	cdy	
San Diego	73	63	clr	
San Francisco	63	50	cdy	
San Jose	71	53	cdy	
San Juan P.R.	89	77	clr	
Santa Fe	84	50	cdy	
Savannah	95	70	cdy	

State forecast

Monday, June 5

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



Texas temperatures

	High	Lo	Prc
Abilene	84	70	0.23
Alice	99	76	
Amarillo	81	64	
Arlington	80	70	m
Austin Bergstrom	85	70	1.48
Beaumont	90	73	
Brownsville	95	76	
Burnet	83	70	0.36
Childress	84	69	0.01
College Station	84	75	0.03
Cooper	86	74	t
Corpus Christi	91	76	
Corsicana	79	68	3.38
Dalhart	84	62	
Del Rio	101	76	
Denton	82	70	0.53
DFW Airport	83	71	1.26
Dryden	89	68	0.01
El Paso	95	66	
Fort Stockton	94	70	t
Fort Worth Meacham	82	70	2.76
Galveston	88	80	
Georgetown	82	72	0.17
Guadalupe Pass	90	62	0.01
Harlingen	97	77	
Hondo	91	72	m
Houston Intrctnl	86	74	0.05
Huntsville	85	76	t
Junction	88	73	0.01
Kingsville	98	75	
Laredo	99	77	
Longview	78	71	0.55
Lubbock	81	66	
Lufkin	83	72	0.39
Marfa	88	59	0.11
McAllen	101	77	
Mineral Wells	82	66	5.23
New Braunfels	87	70	0.50
Palacios	87	80	
Paris	75	72	1.53
Pearsall	89	m	
San Angelo	85	70	0.27
San Antonio	90	70	0.96
San Marcos	91	73	0.02
Terrell	76	69	3.30
Tyler	76	70	1.84
Victoria	92	76	t
Waco	86	70	2.67
Wichita Falls	84	69	0.48

Clinton appears on Russian radio show

■ President answers questions called in by ordinary citizens.

Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Clinton fielded curious Russians' questions Sunday about how he made his first dollar, whether he was tempted to use the police against the media — and would he mind being "first mister" if his wife Hillary ever becomes president?

Clinton appeared to relax and enjoy himself in the informal setting of a 25-minute call-in show in the studio of Echo of Moscow Radio, which followed formal talks at the Kremlin with President Vladimir Putin.

Ordinary Russians appeared eager to hear about Clinton's personal life — information they rarely get from their own leaders, including Putin. Hundreds of people had sent in questions hours in advance by e-mail and by phone.

Clinton gave patient, easy answers to questions such as how he earned his first dollar (cutting lawns) and whether he was satisfied with daughter Chelsea's progress in college (he is).

He laughed and got a bit red in the face when asked by show host Aleksei Venediktov "are you ready to return to the White House as the spouse of the president, as First Mister?"

Clinton said he was proud of Hillary Rodham Clinton, who is running for Senate from New York. He said his wife had promised to serve a full term if elected.

After that, "If she wants to continue in public life, I'll support her in any way I can," said Clinton.

Clinton added that he expects Vice President Gore to win the presidency.

Clinton seemed shocked when asked by Venediktov if he'd even been tempted to crack down on journalists. "Could you ask the tax authorities to audit CNN?" asked Venediktov.

■ Clinton meets with Russian president./3A

"I never did that ... That would be illegal," Clinton said emphatically.

The radio station belongs to the Media-MOST group, which was raided May 11 by ski-masked police investigating allegations the group's security service was bugging people. MOST head Vladimir Gusinsky says the company was being punished for critical coverage of the Kremlin.

There were no queries about Clinton's relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky, who has received extensive media attention in Russia, although questions submitted about her appeared on the station's Web site.

One listener wanted to know when was the last time Clinton handled cash. "About an hour ago," said Clinton. "I'm going to dinner after I talk to you, so I brought my money with me."

While the mood was generally positive, some callers betrayed the suspicion that colors many ordinary Russians' opinions on the United States and reflect their country's poverty and loss of world power.

Denis from Samara asked whether Clinton considered Russia a Third World country. "No... no!" said Clinton. "Russia was badly hurt by the recent economic crisis" but wasn't a Third World country, he said.

After the radio interview Sunday, the NTV television station aired its popular satirical puppet show "Kukly," which showed Putin, an ex-KGB officer, dream that he recruits Clinton to the Russian secret services.

Putin tells Clinton that if he doesn't join, the American people will learn that he avoided the draft and other secrets. Clinton laughs, telling him America already knows all there is to know about him.

Electronic publishing focus of discussion

CHICAGO (AP) — When bookstore owner Michael Powell arrived at BookExpo America his schedule included leading a seminar on electronic publishing. He soon discovered he was the one who needed leading.

"I figured I knew as much as anybody about it," Powell said. "On Wednesday we had the seminar. By Friday, I realized everything I said was wrong. Fortunately, everything everybody else said was wrong, too."

If you listened carefully the past few days at McCormick Place you could hear the sound of heads being scratched, eyes opening and minds processing it all. BookExpo America, which ended Sunday, both confirmed and continued the rise of digital media in the publishing industry.

Lectures and panel discussions on e-books, electronic rights and related issues attracted standing-room-only crowds. The most talked about speaker wasn't a writer but the founder and CEO of Amazon.com, Jeff Bezos. Companies either ignored or nonexistent two years ago found themselves with all the attention they could handle.

"There seems to be a 'dot' in every sentence now," said Stephen Corrick, a literary agent based in Chicago. "It's been around the fringes, but this is the first time it's gotten to the middle of the discussion. It's a period of great excitement and confusion."

After a year marked by Stephen King's electronic novella "Riding the Bullet" and multimillion dollar investments by everyone from Microsoft to Random House, few were doubting that online bookselling and print on-demand would catch on. The question was when. Some said in a decade, or three years, or six months.

"I think people will see this as one of the most significant moments in publishing history," Powell said. "It's coming down the road at lightning speed."

Statistics released over the weekend confirmed how quickly the market is changing. A study reported that books sold online tripled their market share between 1998 and 1999, from 1.9 percent to 5.4 percent. More than 50 million titles were purchased by adults and no one doubts that number will increase significantly next year.

"There is nothing we can imagine slowing down that trend," said Barrie Rappaport of NPD Group Inc., whose firm did the study.

So far, the ones most in danger of being damaged by Internet sales appear to be independent stores, which already have been hurt badly by superstore chains. Their market share dropped from 16.6 percent to 15.2 percent in 1999, less than half of what they controlled 10 years ago.

The CEO of the American Booksellers Association, which represents thousands of independent sellers, predicted the Internet would also benefit his group's members. Avin Mark Domnitz said that BookSense.com, a home page providing links to independent stores, should be ready by the end of the summer.

"You're going to see real changes," he said.

Prime minister of Solomon Islands taken hostage

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP) — The prime minister of the Solomon Islands has been taken hostage and armed rebels have put up road blocks in the capital of Honiara, New Zealand's Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade said early today.

Ministry spokesman Brad Pattersfield said insurgents from the country's Malaita Eagle Force militia were holding Prime Minister Bartholemew Ulufa'alua hostage. He spoke after talking by satellite telephone with New Zealand's High Commission in Honiara.

In Canberra, Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade said armed groups had overrun key installations in Honiara overnight in an apparent coup attempt.

The Malaita Eagle Force had seized "key installations in Honiara including some police stations and the Government Telecommunications Center," the department said in a statement.

"Armed rebels have taken control of major intersections in Honiara," it said.

The apparent coup was the second in the South Pacific in recent weeks. In Fiji, armed rebels are still holding the country's deposed prime minister and more than 30 others hostage in that country's parliament.

The Isatabu Freedom Movement and the Malaita Eagle Force have been fighting for 18 months on the Solomons' main island, Guadalcanal, where the capital Honiara — which lies 1,750 miles northeast of Sydney, Australia — is located.

The Malaita militia has fought the Isatabu force, which is trying to push thousands of migrants from the nearby island of Malaita off Guadalcanal.

At least 50 people have been killed or are missing and 20,000 have been forced to flee their homes in the sporadic fighting.

Peace talks between the islands' warring factions were called off last week, shortly before they were to have started.

Pattersfield said it was not known where the prime minister was being held or why the rebels had taken him hostage.

Honiara Mayor Donald Fugui broadcast a warning earlier today to the city's residents warning them to stay home, he said.

MISD: Budget process depends on enrollment

(From 1A)

the future looks to be improved somewhat. Cummins is projecting that MISD will have 21,219 students in attendance for the 2000-2001 school year. That's 575 more students than graduated a year ago, but still 2,069 students shy of the district's peak enrollment.

"It's much better this (next school) year," said Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. "We were losing students much faster last year."

Baressi added that stable oil prices should also stabilize the migration of students out of the district. He also admitted, however, that local mergers and downsizing are concerns. "We're concerned about the loss of families because of some of the changes taking place," Baressi said.

However, that concern hasn't altered the projections, which were made in March. Cummins admits that the projections don't reflect the loss of families involved in mergers such as the Arco Permian deal and does not take into account the addition of almost 100 seats at Midland Academy Charter School.

"We don't know the full impact of that on our schools in the late part of the spring. We see families moving out of Midland, but we also see some moving in," Cummins said. "In times past, what we've found with those company changes is they have not had a big impact on the total number of students we have."

Cummins added that the result of 100 extra places at the charter school has yet to be seen.

One idea that is represented in the projections is that changes in the elementary assignment plan may increase enrollment.

Cummins estimated that as many as 100 students would return to MISD as a result of the now deceased cluster system.

The school district's entire budgetary process is based on enrollment. If the projections miss the mark by being 1,000 to 1,500 students too high, MISD could have to make emergency budget cuts. If the projections are lower than the actual enrollment figures, MISD could be faced with not enough teachers or resources to meet the number of students.

"I don't take it lightly and it really troubles me when I can't judge the movement of the community," Cummins said. "I've researched it as well as I can and I hope we have a smooth opening of school."

Historically, Cummins has projected school enrollment within 1 percent of those actually attending in August. Last year, was the first time he fell off that mark, missing the projection by almost 5 percent.

INPUT: Residents can view architects' design

(From 1A)

and those from PBK of Houston, in presenting an overview of the current facilities and what design work has been done to date. After the general discussion, citizens will be asked to attend breakout sessions to discuss specific points of the project.

"We're going to allow citizens to come in and see what we have programmed so far and we're actually going to let citizens give input on what they would like to see in a high school and let them comment on current programming or offer new programming items," Heidelberg said.

PBK is the architect responsible for designing the new Midland High School and Parkhill, Smith and Cooper will design the renovation at Lee High. Heidelberg said that the two are responsible for working together to develop equitable designs and that community input will further ensure equity between campuses.

Superintendent Joseph Baressi Jr. added that the forum will help develop community support for the project.

"Basically, it's to help develop support and more ownership on the part of the citizens. These schools belong to the public and we want their input, too," Baressi said.

MISD is planning to hold a bond election in October. The bond will address renovations at Lee and construction of a new Midland High School, but the specific renovations and dollar amount have not been determined.

The board also has decided to place the new MHS at Loop 250 and Fairgrounds Road — west of Fairground and north of the loop.

SHOT: Gun belonged to father.

(From 1A)

Midland Memorial Hospital, where he was pronounced dead at 5:25 p.m.

The gun belonged to Michael Chilcoat's father, Steven Chilcoat, who was not home at the time of the shooting. Johnson said the gun was loaded and did not have a safety lock.

Ms. Jauz said the gun had been on the top shelf of the closet in the parents' bedroom. Evidence at the scene indicated that Michael Chilcoat had constructed a makeshift stairway of furniture to climb to the top of the closet and retrieve the gun.

Police said it has not been determined at this time, if Michael Chilcoat's parents will face charges for failing to secure a weapon.

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Clinton, Putin cite terrorist threat, disagree on defense system

By Tom Raum
Associated Press

MOSCOW — President Clinton and Russian President Vladimir Putin acknowledged "a dangerous and growing threat" of nuclear attack from emerging powers such as North Korea but failed to agree Sunday on how to combat it.

Clinton told a joint news conference in the Kremlin that he doesn't believe a missile defense system like the one he is considering "is a threat to strategic stability and mutual deterrence."

"The Russian side disagrees," said Clinton.

"We're against having a cure which is worse than the disease," Putin said, tersely.

Nonetheless, the document signed by both leaders left open the possibility for modifications in the ABM Treaty down the road "to preserve strategic stability in the face of new threats."

U.S. officials characterized that as an important concession on Russia's part.

Despite their differences, the two leaders — meeting in the Kremlin for the first time since Putin was sworn in last month — adopted a statement pledging intensified cooperation on missile-related issues.

"We've asked our experts to keep working to narrow the differences, and to develop a series of cooperative measures to address the missile threat," Clinton said.

Clinton stressed that he still hasn't made a decision on whether to go ahead with such a system, which would be aimed at protecting U.S. shores against attack from North Korea, Iran or other states with a nuclear weapons potential. He has said he will decide later this year whether it is feasible and worthwhile.

The two leaders also signed agreements putting in force initiatives begun by Clinton and former Russian President Boris Yeltsin: To reduce weapons-grade plutonium stockpiles by 34 tons each; and to set up a joint center in Moscow to monitor missile launches.

These are "major steps to reduce the nuclear danger," Clinton said.

Clinton and Putin appeared to hit it off fine, even if they weren't yet on a first-name basis.

After two days of talks, Clinton said he believes Putin, a former KGB official, "is fully capable of building a prosperous, strong Russia." Putin said Clinton is "a person who is a very comfortable and pleasant partner in negotiation."

The issue of a proposed limited national missile defense — and the changes in the 1972 Anti-Ballistic Missile treaty that would be required to accommodate it — was a top issue on the agenda for the talks.

The administration had lowered expectations for a breakthrough in advance of the session, and none was achieved.

"President Putin made absolutely clear to President Clinton that Russia continues to oppose changes to the ABM Treaty that the United States has proposed since last September," Deputy Secretary of State Strobe Talbott told reporters.

Talbott, who is also Clinton's special adviser on Russia, said the summit produced "neither a dead end ... nor a destination" on the subject of missile defense. He said Putin was clearly sensitive to the threat from so-called rogue regimes.

"The world that is covered by the ABM treaty changed very vividly on August 31, 1998, when the North Koreans fired that missile," Talbott said, referring to the multistage missile fired by North Korea that passed over Japan and fell into the Pacific Ocean.

In the joint statement, Clinton and Putin agreed that "the international community faces a dangerous and growing threat of proliferation of weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery, including missiles and missile technologies."

The missile shield concept also has critics in the United States, from arms control activists worried about a new arms race to conservatives who favor a more ambitious program along the lines envisioned by Ronald Reagan in the 1980s.

Reagan's proposal for a space-based missile defense program was ridiculed by Democrats at the time as "Star Wars." Clinton, an earlier opponent of such a system, last year reversed course to support a limited missile shield.

Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush, who favors a more expansive program, had urged Clinton to leave negotiations with Putin to the next president.

Putin took notice of the U.S. presidential campaigns, saying, "We're familiar with the programs of the two main candidates." He suggested he was willing to improve US-Russian ties "no matter who gets to be president."

Powerful earthquake shakes Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AP) — A powerful earthquake rocked the island of Sumatra, followed by a series of strong aftershocks, causing widespread damage and at least three deaths, seismologists and said Monday.

The Indonesian Meteorological and Geophysical Service said the quake, measuring 7.3, hit at 11:29 p.m. Sunday and was centered beneath the Indian Ocean, about 400 miles northwest of Jakarta. The U.S. Geological Survey in Golden, Colo. reported the earthquake's strength at 7.9.

At least three people were killed on the island of Sumatra by falling debris, Indonesia's official Antara news agency said.

The report said the death toll was expected to rise as volunteers and emergency workers search ruined buildings. Many more people had been reported injured in demolished houses.

Bengkulu, 70 miles northeast of the quake's epicenter, appeared to be the worst hit town.

Doctors there treated injured people in the open as they feared that aftershocks might bring down the state hospital, Antara reported. Damage had also been reported at its airport.

The quake, one of the strongest recorded in Indonesia in recent years, was followed by series of strong aftershocks that forced thousands to flee their homes early Monday.

The largest aftershock, with a magnitude of 6.7, came a few minutes after the initial quake was felt across much of western Indonesia, including Jakarta, and the neighboring island state of Singapore.

A magnitude 7 earthquake is capable of causing widespread and heavy damage in urban areas.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake's epicenter was about 20 1/2 miles beneath the Earth's surface, very shallow in geological terms, but there were no immediate reports of a tsnumai.

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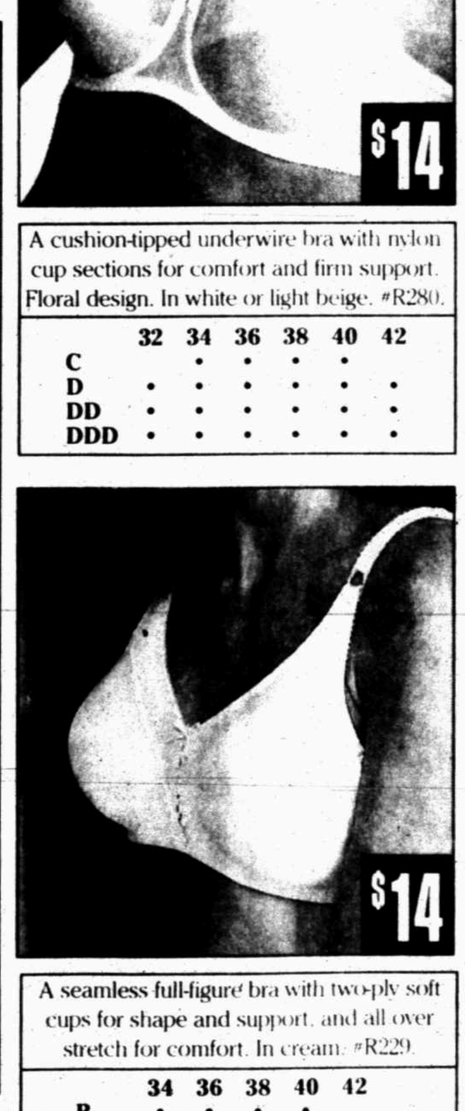
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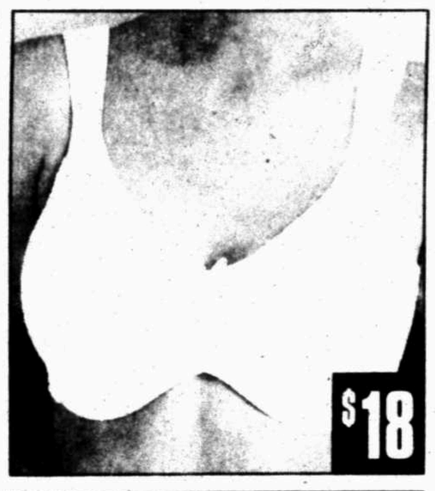
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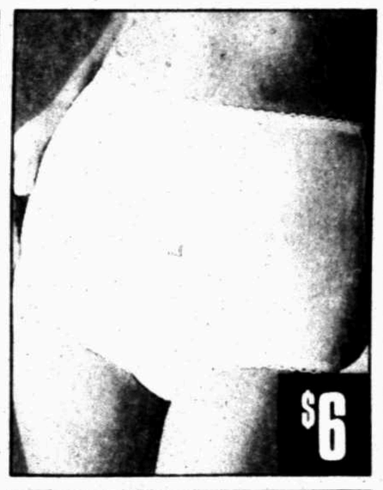
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PERIERS, France (AP) — World War II veterans and their families honored the U.S. 90th Infantry Division on Sunday, commemorating a monument to the more than 1,000 men it lost in bloody battles to liberate this Normandy town.

Aging veterans saluted as a U.S. Army cloth was lifted from "the four brave" — a life-sized bronze statue of four young Americans killed near Periers before Hitler's army was driven out of the town on July 27, 1944.

Relatives, some of whom knew the four soldiers only from black-and-white photos, stood weeping as they took video of the unveiling.

"I never knew my father. I've only seen pictures of him," said Ann S. Giese, 55, of Oahu, Hawaii, who was born six months after her father, Sergeant Andrew Speese, died. She laid a wreath around the neck of the statue modeled after her father. "It's a very good likeness, I think."

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In another war-era ceremony, Britain's Prince Charles joined aging veterans to mark the 60th anniversary of the Dunkirk evacuation — the stunning operation to whisk some 338,000 Allied soldiers under German siege across the English channel to safety.

But the ceremony will be the last, since the Dunkirk Veterans Association is going to disband after losing more men to old age.

An 81-year-old veteran, Walter Darvill, of Pontefract, West Yorkshire, collapsed and died at Sunday's ceremony at Dunkirk, police said.

In Periers, the monument was unveiled on a grassy plot in front of the town hall. It depicts Virgil Tangborn, a medic from Bemidji, Minn., helping the wounded Speese, of Philadelphia. Watching over them is soldier Richard Richtman, of Minneapolis, as Sergeant Tullio Micaloni, of Oneida, Penn., gestures for his tank crew to roll forward.

The four represent the approximately 1,140 soldiers from the 90th Division who died in the assault to push German troops from the area around Periers. The first Allied bombing of the town ahead of the assault was on June 8, 1944, and by the time the town was liberated it was bombed to ruins.

Periers sat in the middle of the German supply road and also provided Hitler's army with an escape route to the northern port of Cherbourg, some 40 miles north.

"These men gave so much to us," said Henri Levaufre, 70, a lifelong resident of Periers, a town of 2,600, and president of a French-American group named after the 90th Division that raised $50,000 to fund the monument's construction. "Whatever I can do in return is nothing compared to what they did."

"This is a memorial to every soldier who has taken up arms against tyranny," said U.S. Gen. David Bockel, commander of the 90th Regional Support Command, based in Arkansas.

On Sunday, a U.S. Army marching band led some 50 veterans and family members through the town streets following a Mass in the town's vaulted 13th century stone church, rebuilt after Allied bombings that reduced it to rubble.

Some 600 people gathered outside the church for the monument's unveiling, part of a three-day ceremony ahead of the 56th D-Day anniversary.



Descendants of Wagner squabble over direction of world-renowned festival

BERLIN (AP) — The Festspielhaus theater was built by Richard Wagner in the 1870s as the ideal setting for his epic operas, and thousands of the cultural elite flock to the Bavarian town of Bayreuth each year for its always sold-out festival to see the Valkyries fly in their natural setting.

As the world-famous Bayreuth festival heads into its 89th year under the leadership of Wagner's descendants, a dispute is brewing within the family worthy of a dramatization by their famous forefather.

Wagner's great-granddaughter, a leading candidate to become festival director at a vote Monday, has made the dramatic suggestion to move parts of the festival out of the theater into the open air — and even to include more Beethoven and less Wagner.

But her 80-year-old uncle, who has headed the festival for 50 years, vows to prevent her from getting the post and thwart the proposals.

The pressure for the festival to change isn't just coming from within the family.

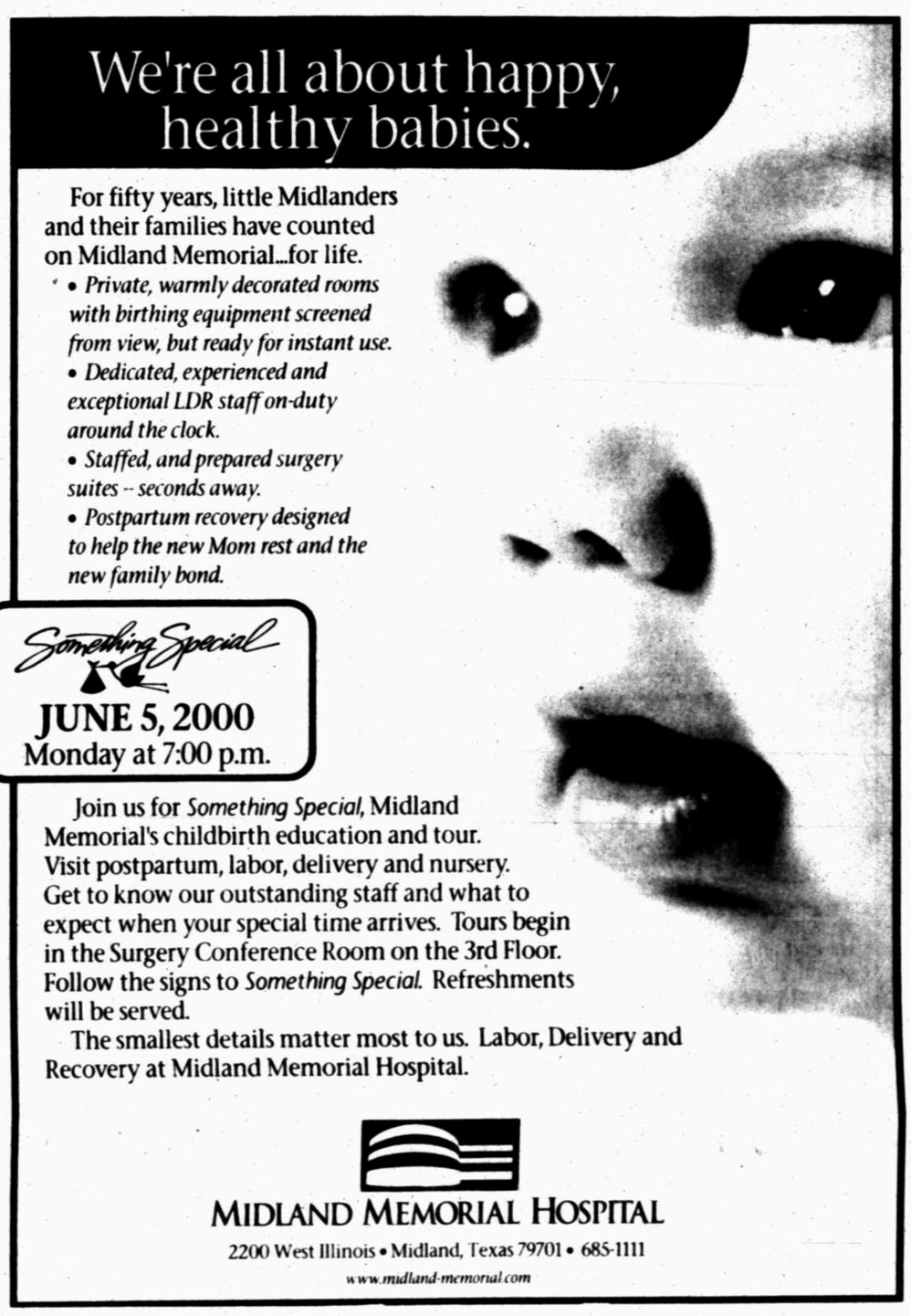
Last year, Germany's Culture Minister Michael Naumann was booed at the festival over plans to trim its federal subsidies, and demonstrators protested his invitation to the opening performance.

As an answer to drying-up government money, Nike Wagner has proposed staging festival activities outside the Festspielhaus in Bayreuth's main square that would be financed with corporate joint-ventures.

And in a homage to composers who both inspired Wagner and were inspired by him, she suggests that more non-Wagner works be included in the two-week program staged each summer — such as Beethoven, but also modern composers and works yet to be written.

"Wagner's drama thrives on risk, not routine," Nike Wagner wrote in a passionate article in Germany's leading Frankfurter Allgemeine Zeitung newspaper with her co-candidate for artistic director, Elmar Weingarten, director of the Berlin Philharmonic.

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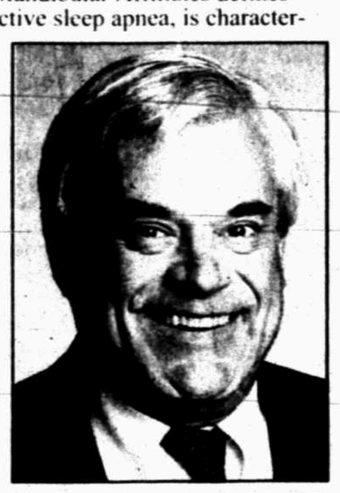
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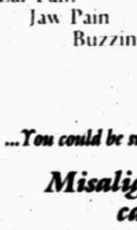
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Drug 'ecstasy' poses threat for youngsters

Parents need to communicate with their children at all times, but possibly never more so than now. There is an illicit drug called ecstasy that is said to be pouring into the United States in such quantities that an epidemic is not only possible, but probable.

While ecstasy is not considered the "drug of choice" among Midland young people, it is still a threat.

This is far from the first drug threat this nation has experienced. In fact, illegal drugs funneled into the United States through the Southwest recently prompted U.S. Rep. Lamar Smith of San Antonio to introduce legislation to add two new federal judges to the Western District of Texas to help handle the caseload. All the additional drug cases have overwhelmed the federal judiciary. But like the other drug threats before, certain action is needed to thwart this one.

Young people need to be told the truth about this drug. The truth is not good; in fact, the truth is that ecstasy is bad news.

Unfortunately, ecstasy is popular among young people. The problem is that this is the group that is most vulnerable to the effects of the drug, which produces euphoria and an increased desire to interact socially.

Medical specialists say that blood pressure, heart rate and body temperature increase dramatically when ecstasy is taken. Other physical symptoms may include involuntary teeth-grinding. To counter this, some users suck on pacifiers. But that should not be interpreted as this drug being harmless. It is not, say law enforcement officials.

Yet the first line of defense against this drug — as with all drugs — is in the home. Parents must educate their children to avoid this drug, as they should all drugs. They must convince their youngsters that drugs are no panacea; that they only dull the senses and make the user lose touch with reality instead of leading a sober, responsible life.

Parents and teen-agers should learn as much as they can about ecstasy so that young people will know to say "No!" when someone suggests using it.

Today in History

Today is Monday, June 5, the 157th day of 2000. There are 209 days left in the year.

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In 1884, Civil War hero Gen. William T. Sherman refused the Republican presidential nomination, saying, "I will not accept if nominated and will not serve if elected."

In 1917, about 10 million American men began registering for the draft in World War I.

In 1933, the United States went off the gold standard.

In 1940, the World War II Battle of France began.

In 1947, Secretary of State George C. Marshall, speaking at Harvard University, outlined an aid program for Europe that became known as the Marshall Plan.

In 1967, war broke out in the Mideast as Israel raided Egyptian military targets. Syria, Jordan and Iraq entered the conflict.

In 1975, Egypt reopened the Suez Canal to international shipping, eight years after it was closed because of the 1967 war with Israel.

In 1976, 11 people died when the Teton Dam in Idaho burst.

Ten years ago: Authorities in Oakland County, Mich., moved to prevent further use of Dr. Jack Kevorkian's suicide device that Janet Adkins, an Oregon woman diagnosed with Alzheimer's disease, had used a day earlier to take her own life.

Five years ago: Hurricane Allison buffeted the Gulf Coast with 75 mph winds, swamping streets and spinning off tornadoes but causing no major damage.

One year ago: Jazz and pop singer Mel Torme died in Los Angeles at age 73. Pope John Paul II began a 13-day pilgrimage to his native Poland. Charismatic failed in his bid to win thoroughbred racing's Triple Crown, finishing third behind Lemon Drop Kid and Vision and Verse in the Belmont Stakes. Steffi Graf won her sixth French Open tennis title, beating top-ranked Martina Hingis 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

Jack Anderson

World owes Yeltsin for halting potential violence

WASHINGTON — Boris Yeltsin is no longer the leader of Russia, and by the time he departed, illness and alcohol had weakened him in mind and body, but the world owes him much. Between August 18-22, 1991, a coup was staged to oust then Soviet president Mikhail Gorbachev. Gorbachev was arrested, but Yeltsin stepped up to save the nation from the conspirators. Although it could happen again, such an occurrence is now far less likely because of Yeltsin.



Anderson

The ineptitude of the coup leaders was often cited as the reason for the coup's failures, yet many of those who made the most of it were among those who initially and quickly bellowed, "I told you so." They said they had warned us about a right-wing coup, and they explained how the USSR had once again become what they always knew it was. Gorbachev, and Yeltsin to an even greater degree, were aberrations.

They quoted Machiavelli and Shakespeare, explaining the proper manner of conducting coups (i.e., "Kill the king"). Worse still, they detracted from the heroism of Boris Yeltsin. After all, a hero's greatness is measured by the strength and prowess of his opponents. One writer even explained that the coup was doomed before it began, thereby eliminating Yeltsin's contribution altogether.

But let us look at the reality. Coups, like battles, are not precise and predictable events. It is all too easy and simplistic to dismiss the threat — after the fact — because the plotters had not lined up all their ducks, as if they could have gone around to the various holders of power and asked who was with them or against them, and to do so in complete secrecy. And even if such polling were possible, what about the abstentions? What about those people who wait and watch — those who say we will join you if so and so joins you; we will join you if you succeed in arresting this or that leader; we will join when the people join.

In fact, coups and battles are risk ventures. A move is made, casualties are inflicted, casualties are incurred, and rare is the battle or coup whose outcome is certain. In this instance human casualties were minimized because most of the Russian Army sat out, making that lethal entity the ultimate and unpredictable arbiter.

So the question is not so much why the coup failed, but how might it have succeeded? What might have been the outcome had Boris Yeltsin been arrested, as he nearly was? To whom would the people of Moscow have flocked? To whom would military units have deserted? Yeltsin was the Russian version of the lone man in front of the tank in China's Tiananmen Square, and without him, the coup very easily might have succeeded.

But some say, that was in Moscow. What about Leningrad and its popularly elected mayor, or the secessionist Baltics, the independent-minded Ukraine, or the other far-flung extremities of that 11-time-zone country? It is safe to say that had the coup succeeded in Moscow — and without Yeltsin barring the way, it most likely would have — the Russian Army would have sided with the coup leaders, and the USSR would have had a new leader or a civil war.

That was undoubtedly the gamble the coup leaders knew they were taking. Indeed, instead of incompetence, they displayed an evil cunning and perverse courage in their attempt, probably realizing that their opportunity was at hand, imperfect though that opportunity might be.

It truly was a near thing, and we serve neither history nor the future by saying otherwise. The prospect of a Russian civil war that could well have included the use of nuclear weapons must rank as the most serious threat the world has witnessed since the end of World War II. Indeed, nothing was more ominous than the taking of Gorbachev's briefcase that contained codes necessary to release nuclear weaponry. And one man prevented it: Boris Yeltsin. His opponents were far from being the bunglers they are now portrayed as having been. They placed their country, and possibly the world, at risk, and the world is now in Yeltsin's debt.

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Dan Rather

Devices to ease life don't always work

In New York, there's a wonderful invention called the "EZ Pass." In a city connected to the rest of the world through a Rube Goldberg array of turnpikes, tunnels and bridges, this gizmo will whisk you through tolls with the greatest of ease. Just put it on your windshield, and it charges the tolls to your credit card. A marvel of the computer age, I thought, the promise of an easier — or EZ-er — life realized at last. No lines, no fuss, no surly toll collector ready to disembowel you when you try to pay with a twenty. A real timesaver. In theory, at least.

Thing is, last time I used my EZ Pass, I did not whisk satisfactorily. I did not, in fact, whisk at all. The red light in front of me didn't turn green but rather flashed an ominous yellow. YOU'R EZ PASS DID NOT REGISTER, it said, or words to that effect. PLEASE CALL 1-800 333 TOLL. It was raining, I was late, and I had miles to go before I slept. I did not see a phone handy.



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But I did not fret. "Take it EZ," I told myself, and I did. After all, it had been a while since I'd bought the thing. Maybe it needed to be renewed. Maybe the system was down or this particular machine was faulty. I fished under the seats and in the glove compartment for a pen and paper, wrote the number down and drove off, aware that a little automatic camera was snapping a picture of my license plate to be sent to the police, the calling card of a potential EZ Pass scofflaw.

When I finally reach my destination, I call the number right away. A businesslike female voice answers. Recorded. The same voice, I think, that now answers telephones from Philadelphia to Fairbanks. Who is this woman?

No time for idle speculation, though, as I need to "listen carefully to the following selections as they have changed." Lest I take this too lightly, I am told that "Your selection is very important for proper call handling." I listen intently as she reels off a menu of options. The first two seem to be in some sort of New York Transit Authority lingo, but I'm reasonably sure that they don't apply to me.

Problem is, NONE of them seems to apply to me. No worries, though, as the last option is "for all other inquiries." I press "4" on my keypad, confident that I'm at last getting somewhere. A couple of rings, then that woman's voice again, though this time she sounds ... breezier. "We've been introduced," she seems to say, "and now we'll get through all this nonsense without any problems. It will be EZ." I am heartened, though a bit taken aback when she asks me if I am using a touch-tone phone. How else would I have gotten to this second menu? I thought she knew me better than that. ...

I navigate through three layers of menus twice before I find the option to talk to a human being. Ringing ... and again, the recorded voice: Our offices are closed. Please call back during business hours.

I did, and the saga continues. They need my PIN number, which of course I've misplaced. Now they're mailing it to me so I can tell it to them. So they can tell their computers.

So it goes, daily and in a million different ways for people calling banks, cable companies, you name it. Computers, it seems, will make life EZ for all of us ... but we should remember that computers have a way of making so many things their way or the highway.

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Cal Thomas

John Coolidge surely lived an unhurried life

Some people used to name their sons after presidents. I was named after a president's sons, one of whom — John Coolidge — died on May 31 at 93. John is my first name. Calvin, this president's other son, is my middle name. Calvin died at age 17 of an infection while his father was president.

My grandfather and Grace Coolidge — John's mother and the first lady — were first cousins. They double-dated their respective spouses and kept in touch through Coolidge's political life as a state legislator, mayor of Northampton, governor of Massachusetts, vice president, president and then in private life after the White House. I inherited a prized canceled check for $25 signed by Grace Coolidge sent to my mother as a wedding present in 1937.



Thomas

John Coolidge was a man typical of what his era liked to produce. Not only was he a gentleman, he was a gentle man. On his 90th birthday in the little community of Plymouth Notch, Vt., where his father took the oath of office by candlelight the night President Warren Harding died (an oath administered by his own father, Col. John Coolidge), son John told me a story that ratified the seriousness with which his father took every aspect of life.

"One late afternoon I had been out with a young lady, accompanied as always by a Secret Service agent," he recalled. "I was late returning to the White House for dinner, and when I walked into the East Room, father did not look at me but said, 'John, the president of the United States dines promptly at 7 p.m. You are expected to be here on time.' It was the last meal I was ever late for."

John Coolidge also told me that it was his father, not President Franklin Roosevelt, who created the White House press conference. He showed me pictures and bound transcripts of what we today call "backgrounders" with the president in the Oval Office. President Coolidge was good about feeding reporters and making sure they had stories to keep editors happy. John Coolidge was a principled defender of his father's reputation, which he believed had been unfairly caricatured by historians.

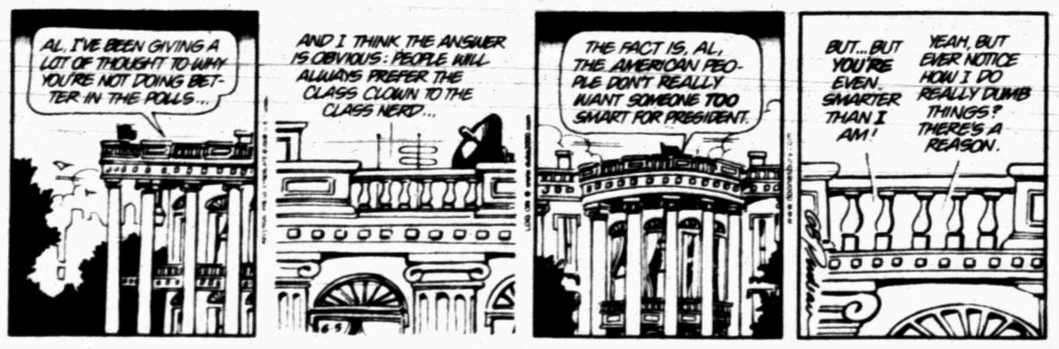
I once met John's mother, Grace, at her stately home in Northampton, Mass. I was 14 and more interested in her private elevator and the old Buick in her garage than in her remembrances of White House days. Fortunately, several good books about Grace and Calvin Coolidge have been published in recent years for those who want to learn more about a family whose image is importantly different from the one that occupies the White House now.

My mother regaled me with stories about visiting the White House during the Coolidge years. Guards recognized her and waved her in. No passes, no metal detectors to search for weapons. Yes, there was such a time! On occasion she joined John for dinner while the family Collie brushed against their knees under the table. My grandfather sometimes spent part of an afternoon with the president. He told me that, on more than one occasion, Coolidge took a nap while my grandfather smoked a pipe. On awakening, Coolidge said, "Thanks for coming by, Arthur. I enjoyed the visit."

Simpler times are not always better times, but the era of John Coolidge had something precious we've lost. A visit to Plymouth Notch, site of the Coolidge Memorial Foundation (it has a Web page — www.calvin-coolidge.org — created by John's great-grandson!), recalls what it was: a life that was quiet, unhurried, dignified with people who tended to speak only when they had something worthwhile to say.

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Astronomy satellite plunges to Earth in controlled crash

GREENBELT, Md. (AP) — The Compton Gamma Ray Observatory, after nine years of unprecedented studies of the universe, was deliberately slammed into the atmosphere Sunday, where it broke up and fell in a shower of hot metal into a remote stretch of the Pacific Ocean.

In the first planned and controlled crash of a satellite, NASA engineers directed the Compton through a series of suicide rocket firings that dropped it from a high orbit and sent it plunging to Earth.

"We got a positive confirmation," said mission re-entry director Tom Quinn. "A job well done."

Compton was launched April 5, 1991. It died after completing 51,658 orbits of the Earth.

The 17-ton spacecraft worked perfectly through a final 30-minute rocket firing and then engineers watched on instruments in mission control as the speeding satellite heated, broke apart and then went silent. The craft started coming apart about 2:14 a.m. and pieces began falling into the water five minutes later. Engineers estimated it took as long as 20 minutes for some of the lighter pieces finally to hit the ocean.

They said some six tons of superheated metal likely survived the scorching re-entry and splashed into the Pacific.

Quinn said Air Force personnel aboard an observation plane gave an "an extremely good confirmation" that the hail of hot metal showered the ocean where NASA engineers had planned.

"They were looking exactly where we told them to look and they saw it when we told them it would be there," said Quinn.

The target was a corridor starting some 2,500 miles southeast of Hawaii and extending for more than 2,000 miles toward the southeast. Quinn said tracking signals from the spacecraft's final minutes indicated that its surviving pieces would safely hit the target, far from any land.

Among the pieces predicted to survive re-entry and hit the ocean were six 1,800 pound aluminum I-beams and parts made of titanium, including more than 5,000 bolts.

As the orbiter plunged toward silence and began breaking apart, Neil Gehrels, the project scientist, said "this is a painful time for scientists who have used Compton for the last nine years."

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A failed gyroscope prompted the space agency to decide in March to dump the $670 million Compton. Its 370-mile orbit would have kept it aloft for another 11 years, but NASA officials were worried that if more equipment failed engineers would not be able to control the vehicle and it would make a dangerous random return to Earth.

The spacecraft overflies many populated areas, including Mexico City, Bangkok and Miami, and NASA engineers calculated that if Compton was allowed to fall on its own, there was one chance in 1,000 that someone would be killed.

A controlled re-entry dropped the odds of a fatality to about one in 29 million.

Ed Weiler, NASA's chief scientist, decided it was too risky to keep the craft in orbit.

NASA endured a nerve-racking natural re-entry once and was not anxious to risk it again. Skylab, a 78-ton abandoned U.S. space station, fell from orbit out of control in 1979. Debris dropped harmlessly into the Indian Ocean and across a remote section of western Australia.

Astronomers mourned the decision destroy the Compton.

"The entire scientific community is disappointed," said Gehrels. "I was profoundly saddened.

"I am not second guessing the decision," he added. "The people who had to make the decision had to consider safety. But from a scientific point of view it is a great loss."

When Compton took its last bit of data — an observation of the sun on May 26 — it was still functioning smoothly, except for the failure of one of its three gyroscopes. The craft exceeded its expected mission lifetime by more than four years.

Compton was the first major space observatory to make a systematic survey of natural sources of gamma rays — an invisible ray that is the most energetic part of the electromagnetic spectrum.

In nine years of observations, said Gehrels, Compton has changed the way astronomers view the universe.

The craft detected more than 2,600 gamma ray bursts and showed that they are occurring throughout the universe.

"We discovered they came from everywhere, and from huge distances," said Gehrels. "We know now they are the biggest explosions in the universe because they are so far away and we see them so brightly."

What causes gamma ray bursts is still a puzzle.

Compton discovered hundreds of previously unknown sources of gamma rays, including 30 new and exotic objects that are still not completely understood. It detected gamma rays streaming from black holes, from exploding stars and from the sun. The data has helped astronomers, for the first time, begin to understand how black holes can trigger jets of X-rays and gamma rays that streak outward at near the speed of light.

Astronomers have written about 2,000 papers based on data from Compton and more than 100 astronomers annually used the spacecraft to make observations, said Gehrels.

Compton was the second of NASA's great, orbiting observatories, spacecraft that get a clear view of the universe above the obscuring effect of the atmosphere.

The other two, the Hubble Space Telescope and the Chandra X-ray Observatory, are still in orbit, working smoothly.

Background checks stopped more than 200,000 gun sales in 1999

WASHINGTON (AP) — Background checks blocked 204,000 of the more than 8.6 million prospective gun sales last year, according to a Justice Department report that shows state and local police rejected a higher percentage of would-be gun buyers than the FBI.

The 1999 figures brought the number of purchase rejections since the Brady Act instituted background checks in February 1994 to 536,000 out of almost 22.3 million applications, the department's Bureau of Justice Statistics reported. That confirmed earlier estimates of more than 500,000 rejections.

The bureau's report provided the first hard numbers on the differences between checks by state and local police and those by the FBI.

The FBI performed 4.5 million of the 8.6 million last year, compared with 4.1 million by state and local agencies.

The rejection rate among state and local agencies was 3 percent, compared with 1.8 percent for the FBI.

The report attributed this difference to state agencies' access to more detailed criminal history records than the FBI's. In 1999, 73 percent of rejections were because would-be buyers had been convicted of or indicted on felony charges.

Last year, the report said, all state agencies had access to "computer databases that record past felony convictions, and many accessed databases with other disqualifying information such as fugitive status, court restraining orders, mental illness and domestic violence misdemeanor convictions."

The Clinton administration long has argued that the states are better equipped than the FBI to do background checks, but some states have not wanted to pay the costs. Twenty-six states handle some or all their checks.

The overall national rejection rate has remained 2.4 percent since 1994, despite the Nov. 30, 1998, switch to computerized instant checks and the addition then of checks on long-gun purchasers. Only handgun buyers were checked before.

A second statistics bureau report largely recapped data already released by the Justice Department during its debate with the National Rifle Association over gun controls during the past few months.

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Purported Iranian terror kingpin claims Pan Am, Khobar attacks

WASHINGTON (AP) — A man who said he coordinated most of Iran's terror operations of the last decade claimed responsibility for two major attacks on the United States, the destruction of Pan Am Flight 103 and the Khobar Towers bombing, "60 Minutes" reported Sunday.

The man, whom the CBS News program identified as Ahmad Behbanani, told a "60 Minutes" journalist that he proposed the 1988 Pan Am operation, brought on board a radical Palestinian terrorist living in Syria, then imported and trained Libyan operatives to do the job.

The program said his motive was to avenge a U.S. Navy cruiser's mistaken shooting down five months earlier of an Iranian passenger plane.

Several hours ahead of the telecast, Secretary of State Madeleine Albright said on CNN's "Late Edition" that the report was interesting and her department would monitor the program.

"But you have to remember that the Pan Am 103 trial is going on now. I think it's inappropriate to comment on the specifics of it," she said. "That trial is in the process, ... and it's been in preparation a long time. I'm sure that they will consider all the facts."

Two Libyans, alleged agents of Libyan intelligence, are on trial before a Scottish court impaneled in the Netherlands on murder and other charges. The Dec. 21, 1988, attack over Lockerbie, Scotland, killed 270 people.

On the 1996 truck bombing of Khobar Towers, a barracks for U.S. airmen in Saudi Arabia in which 19 Air Force personnel died, the man spoke of evidence that Iran masterminded the attack.

Iranian-born associate producer Roya Hakakian, who met the man inside a refugee camp in Turkey, said Behbanani "referred to himself as 'we,' and it was very clear ... that he was the person who oversaw and coordinated these activities."

Because of tight Turkish security — Behbanani said it was because Turkish officials feared Iranian agents wanted to kill him — the interview was not recorded, the program said.

"You could very well be (an assassin)," Hakakian said Behbanani told her. "I personally posed as a reporter when I killed Mr. Ghassemlou in Vienna."

Abdul-Rahman Ghassemlou, a leader of Iran's Kurdish resistance movement, was shot to death with two colleagues in July 1989 while attending secret peace talks with the Iranian government in the Austrian capital.

Because the subject of the "60 Minutes" segment never appeared on camera, his identity could not be confirmed.

On May 24, the Washington office of the dissident National Council of Resistance of Iran circulated a news release reporting that Ahmad Beladi-Behbahani, Iran's deputy minister for counterintelligence, had entered Turkey and urged the Turkish government to arrest him.

The council blamed the deputy minister for murders of many dissidents in Europe and elsewhere and said he "had detailed information about the Lockerbie bombing."

In France on Sunday, Abolhassan Bani-Sadr, exiled first president of Iran's Islamic republic, said Behbahani left Iran two months ago and sought refuge in another country. Bani-Sadr's office interviewed him on a number of matters, including political assassinations.

Bani-Sadr said that Turkish authorities had "hidden" Behbahani and a second person, a Mr. Akbari, once top aide to former Intelligence Minister Ali Fallahian who also spoke to CBS News. Akbari also left Iran two months ago seeking refuge, Bani-Sadr said.

Among Behbahani's jobs in Iran was that of vice-commander of the Qods Army, which Bani-Sadr said was a division of the Revolutionary Guard whose responsibilities included terrorist activities abroad.

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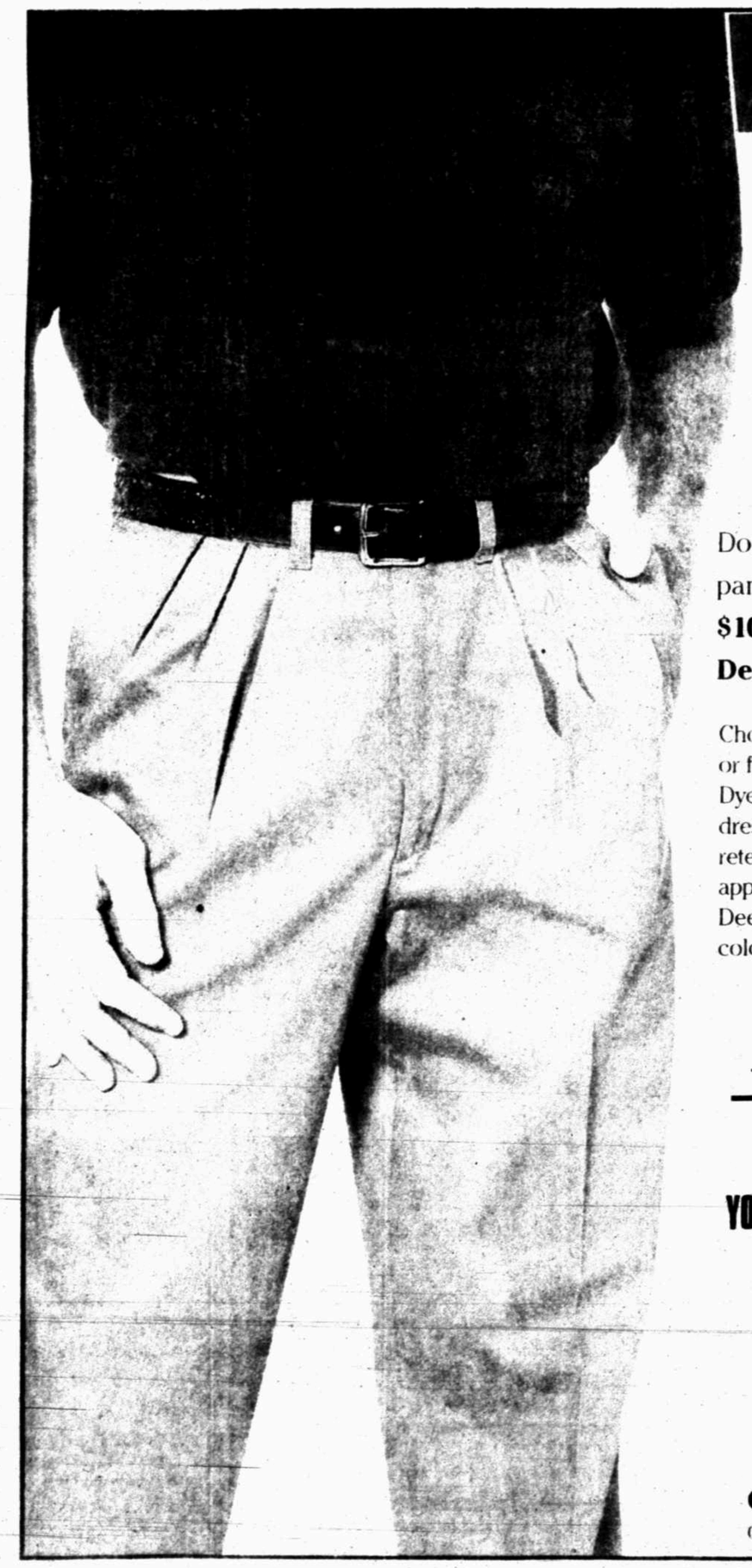
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COM's Erin Irons swins the 200 breaststroke during the West Texas Invitational held at Doug Russell Pool this weekend.

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COM reigns supreme at WT Invite

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

In the end, it was just like many of the previous 52 meets for the City of Midland swim team at the 53rd annual Chase Bank West Texas Invitational Sunday.

Despite the addition of some talent from out of the region to this year's field, COM still reigned supreme at its own meet, finishing with 2,339 points, more than 1,400 points ahead of second place Kerr McGee Swim Club of Oklahoma City to claim the team trophy. In fact, COM's point total was 819 points ahead of the combined total of Kerr McGee and Great Hills Swim Team of Austin, the teams who presented the stiffest competition for COM.

As it seems is often the case in home meets, the COM swimmers could just have easily used the clocks and their own teammates as measuring sticks.

"It was mainly the kids who were from COM who pushed me the most," said COM's Kyle Edens, one of four COM swimmers to win an individual age group points title, having won the boys 13-14 category.

Edens, who won three events Sunday, finished with 100 points, leading a COM sweep of the top three places in his age group, ahead of teammates Travis Floyd (80 points) and Eddie Vanegas (68 points). Also winning on the boys side for COM was Mike Brain in the 11-12 division with 95 points after winning three events on Sunday.

Two girls also won individual points titles for COM, as McCall Keathley won the 11-12 age group with four wins Sunday, while Keleigh Wentworth also had three wins in the seniors group to edge teammate Erin Irons, another triple winner.

Edens was the top point scorer in the meet from all the teams and was a model of consistency throughout the meet. On the meet's final day, he anchored COM's winning 200 meter medley relay team in his age group, and later won the 200 individual medley (2 minutes, 28.19 seconds), 100 freestyle (59.49) and 100 butterfly (1:05.57).

"I was just planning on working on my off strokes like the breast and the IM," said Edens, who also won three events on Saturday. "I dropped 14 seconds in the 200 (breast on Saturday) so I'm happy with that."

Edens had missed a few practice sessions because he had taken a school trip to Washington, D.C., but many of the other COM swimmers who practiced during the week hadn't cut their yardage and weren't fully rested. But that didn't seem to hurt them, especially Keathley.

Like Edens, Keathley also won her age group by 20 points, scoring 79 points to finish ahead of COM teammate Jill Granger. Keathley swept her individual events Sunday, winning the 100 free (1:07.16), 50 fly (34.58), 50 breast (39.17) and 100 backstroke (1:22.26).

"Our coach (Layne Sauer) hasn't really rested us and she was kind of expecting us to do well, but that we might not do as good in some events as others," said Keathley. "I felt that my times were OK. There's been some people who've kind of pushed me."

The biggest pushing of all for COM came in the girls seniors division between Wentworth

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Hart comes through in 5-4 11th-inning victory

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Jason Hart's RBI single in the bottom of the 11th inning drove in Gary Thomas to give the Midland RockHounds a 5-4 victory over the Wichita Wranglers.

It was the type of performance that Midland has needed in the first half of this Texas League season. It was something the 'Hounds could have used earlier in the evening.

The RockHounds blew a three-run lead in the eighth and ninth inning of their game Sunday night at Christensen Stadium before pulling the game out during extra time.

They almost also blew another quality outing from Denny Wagner, who cruised through most of the evening. In 6 2/3 innings, Wagner, a 23-year-old righthander, allowed just four hits and walked three.

"He (Wagner) was excellent. It has been nice to watch him pitch the last couple of outings," Midland manager Tony DeFrancesco said.

Over Wagner's three previous starts, he had worked 22 innings, allowing minimal damage — 17 hits, seven runs, eight walks and 13 strikeouts. However, his 2.86 ERA was good enough for a 1-0 record.

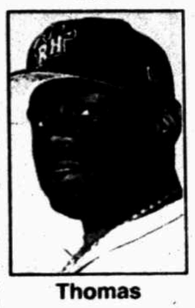
Sunday, Benito Baez and Bert Snow failed to hold that lead. In the eighth inning, Wichita picked up a run, and in the ninth, Paul Phillips hit a two-run double to left and tied the game at 3-3. It was Snow's fifth blown save of the season.

"It has been kind of frustrating all year for the starters," said DeFrancesco of the bullpen which has converted 15 saves in 24 attempts. "They (the bullpen) are struggling right now. They will come through."



Hart

That will be a necessity if the RockHounds are to contend in the second of Texas League play. In fact, DeFrancesco says the team has to improve fundamentals across the board, whether it was a poor attempt at a bunt, a baserunning miscue or defensive error.



Thomas

"Fundamentals is the biggest problem," DeFrancesco said. "It showed tonight. We got into situations and didn't execute. Right now, our main goal is

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Stars need Nieuwendyk to shake recent slump

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

DALLAS — With the Dallas Stars stuck in a scoring slump, it may be time for coach Ken Hitchcock to make another late-night phone call.

Hitchcock's surprise pep talk this time last year helped center Mike Modano refocus his game, lifting Dallas past Buffalo for the Stanley Cup.

This year, Hitchcock needs to go one page deeper in his address book, from the Ms to the Ns, and find the number for Joe Nieuwendyk.

Nieuwendyk, the MVP of the last postseason, has been practically invisible in the Stanley Cup finals against the New Jersey Devils. His failure to score a goal or even generate an assist is magnified with the Stars trailing 2-1 in the best-of-seven series. Game 4 is Monday night.

"We need him," Hitchcock said Sunday. "Now."

The Stars are 5-0 this postseason when Nieuwendyk scores a goal, 7-0 when he registers a point. Dallas is 6-7 in the games he's been shut out.

Nieuwendyk has been blanked the last five games, which is exactly how long his favorite linemate, Jamie Langenbrunner, has been out with a knee injury.

On Sunday, Hitchcock said Langenbrunner is likely to play Game 4.

"It's been difficult because we're missing one of our keys guys, so it's been a matter of survival in a lot of ways," Nieuwendyk said. "But we're fighting, scratching and we're clawing and we're three wins away. That's the way we've got to look at it."

Just having Langenbrunner back won't necessarily flip the switch for Nieuwendyk. As Hitchcock noted, they

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NBA PLAYOFFS

A Blazing Collapse

Portland blows 4th quarter lead, Lakers advance

By Bob Baum
AP Sports Writer

LOS ANGELES — The Los Angeles Lakers saved their best for the very last.

What was nearly one of the greatest collapses in NBA playoff history instead became one of the most unexpected comebacks.

The Lakers, on the verge of losing three straight games for the first time all season, scored 15 consecutive points in the fourth quarter to erase a 15-point Portland lead and went on to beat the Trail Blazers 89-84 Sunday in Game 7 of the Western Conference finals.

"This is what makes champions," Lakers guard Kobe Bryant said. "We watched Game 7s growing up all the time, and to finally play in one is a real thrill."

Los Angeles advances to the NBA Finals for the first time since 1991 with Game 1 on Wednesday against the Indiana Pacers in the Staples Center. The Lakers will hard-pressed to top this one, though.

A team whose resolve and heart had been questioned all season showed it when it was needed most. The home-court advantage the Lakers earned with 67 regular-season victories proved invaluable as Los Angeles mounted its memorable rally.

"Game 7s are very interesting, but I've never seen any quite like that one before," said Lakers coach Phil Jackson, who is trying to bring a title to Los Angeles after winning six with Chicago.

Shaquille O'Neal, rendered ineffective most of the game by Portland's double- and triple-teaming defense, scored nine points in the fourth quarter, punctuating the rally with a thundering dunk on a lob pass from Bryant that put Los Angeles ahead 85-79 with 40 seconds to play.

The usually unemotional O'Neal waved his index fingers at the crowd with an amazed expression on his face as he ran downcourt.

O'Neal had 18 points and nine rebounds and was 8-of-12 from the free-throw line, including two that tied the game 77-77 with 2:44 to play.

"They were playing their best ball the whole game and we were just scratching and clawing," O'Neal said. "The Blazers are a fabulous team and this is probably a rivalry that's going to last throughout my entire career."

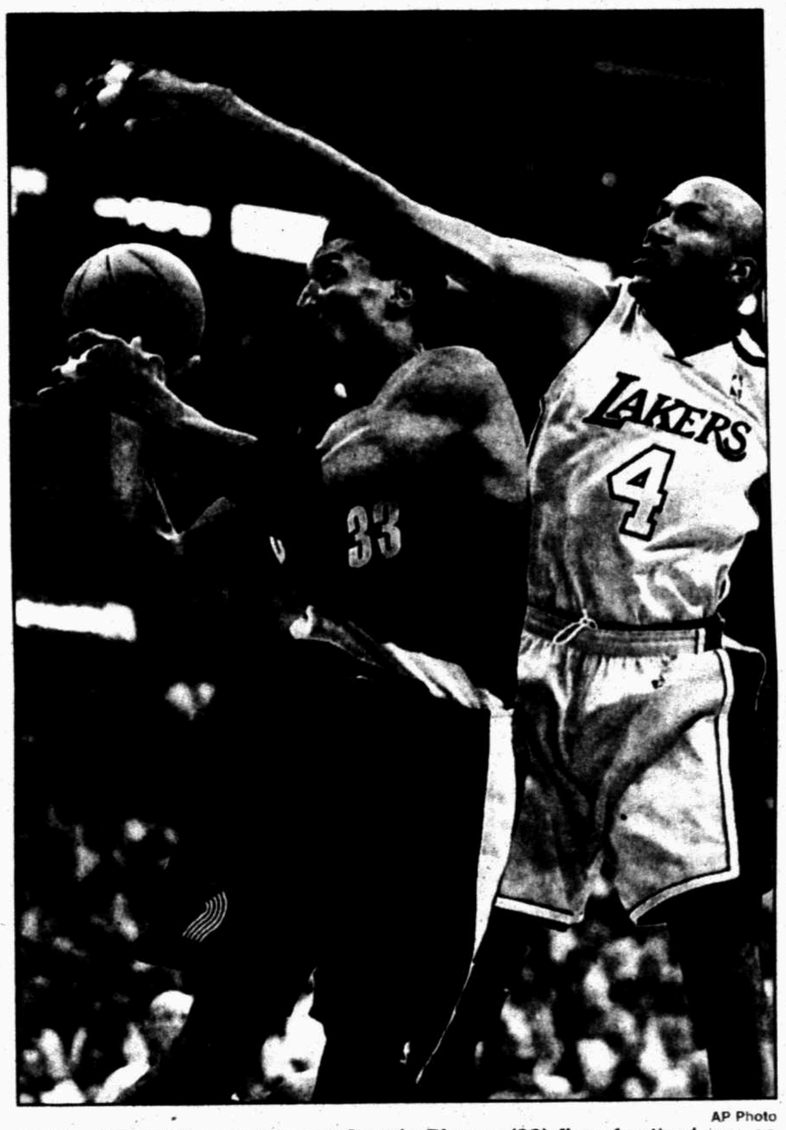
Bryant, the other half of the superstar tandem that is supposed to lead this franchise back to its historic greatness, had 25 points, 11 rebounds, seven assists and four blocked shots. He made just six of 12 free throws, but he sank two from the line to put the Lakers ahead for good, 81-79, with 1:34 remaining.

Brian Shaw made three crucial 3-pointers for the Lakers, one at the end of the third quarter and two during the big fourth-quarter rally. He and Glen Rice each scored 11 points.

Rasheed Wallace scored 30 points on 13-for-26 shooting but had six of the Blazers' 13 consecutive misses during the Lakers' run that wiped out a 75-60 lead. Wallace also missed two free throws with Portland trailing 81-79 with 1:25 to go.

Scottie Pippen, brought to Portland to provide the leadership the team needed to win a championship, fouled out with 25 seconds to go with 12 points and 10 rebounds. He was just 3-of-10 from the field.

Steve Smith scored 18 points for Portland but was just 1-for-5 from the field in the fourth quarter.



AP Photo

Portland Trail Blazers forward Scottie Pippen (33) fires for the hoop as Los Angeles Lakers guard Ron Harper defends in the first quarter of Game 7 of their NBA Western Conference Final in Los Angeles on Sunday.

Off his Rocker: Braves pitcher confronts reporter

Associated Press

ATLANTA — John Rocker could be in trouble again.

The embattled Braves reliever had a confrontation Sunday with the Sports Illustrated reporter who wrote the story in which Rocker made offensive comments about gays, minorities, immigrants and his own teammates.

The reporter, Jeff Pearlman, said Rocker threatened him, though there was no physical contact between the two. The Braves said they were investigating and teammate Brian Jordan called him a "cancer."

"I'm amazed he hasn't handled himself the right way," said Jordan, one of the leaders in the clubhouse. "Geez, if the guy has nine lives, he's using them up pretty good."

"You've got one guy being a cancer time and time again," the outfielder said. "Eventually, it's going to have an effect on the team. Hopefully, he'll change."

Pearlman, in Atlanta to do a story on the Braves meeting the New York Yankees in a rematch of last year's World Series, had a chance meeting with Rocker in a service tunnel beneath Turner Field about two hours before the final game of the series.

According to Pearlman, Rocker made threatening comments such as, "This isn't over between us," and, "Do you know what I can do to you?"

The confrontation lasted about two minutes and became so heated that Rocker flipped around the bill of his cap so he could get face-to-face with the reporter.

"I was scared," Pearlman said. "But he didn't do anything."

Rocker attempted to get Pearlman banned from the clubhouse. The Braves stressed that he was allowed the same access as any other reporter.

"We are aware that there was an incident," general manager John Schuerholz said in a statement. "We immediately began to address the matter internally and are continuing to do so. We respect the rights of Jeff, as a legitimate member of the media, to cover the Braves in general and this series against the New York Yankees in particular. We will do everything in our power to insure that similar incidents do not occur in the future."

Apparently, no other Braves players saw the confrontation.

"Obviously, there are some situations where John feels he has to stand up for himself," Chipper Jones said. "I've heard him say time and time again that he feels like he was misrepresented in that article. Obviously, he still has issues with the guy who wrote the article.

"Sure, the right thing to do would have been to walk away. But I haven't seen John back down from a conflict yet."

Rocker, who has struggled this season after 38 saves a year ago, pitched a scoreless ninth inning against the Yankees. The first two hitters singled and moved up a base when Rocker was called for a balk. But he escaped trouble by getting Chuck Knoblauch on a popup and Derek Jeter on a flyout.

The Yankees won 7-6.

When Rocker came back to the dugout, he received a hug from starting pitcher Terry Mulholland. But it was clear that some players were getting tired of his antics.

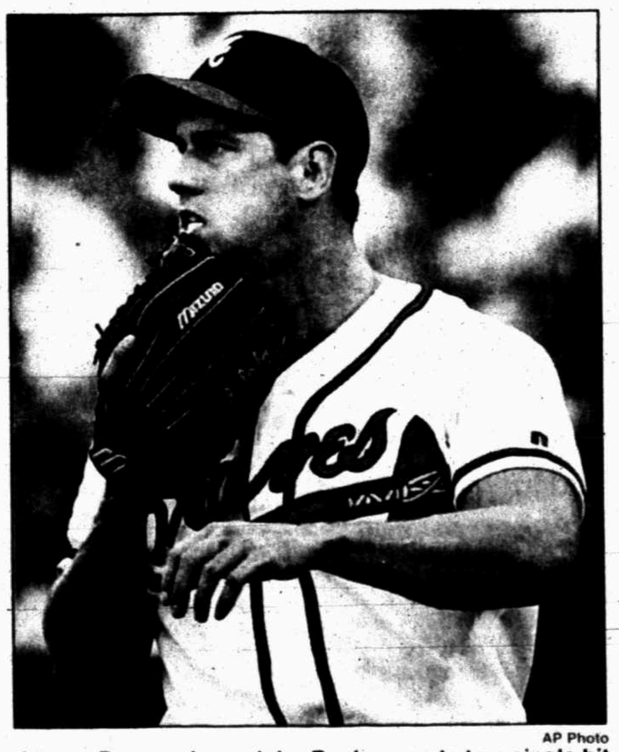
Even Tom Glavine, one of the team's most personable players, got short with reporters who brought up Rocker.

"I'm not going to answer any more questions about him in any shape or form," Glavine said.

Rocker declined comment when making a brief stop at his locker after the game. He grabbed his clothes and muttered a sarcastic comment at reporters before heading back to the training room.

After Rocker's comments in a December issue of SI, the team called together about a half-dozen players to discuss what action should be taken with Rocker. The consensus was to give him another chance.

Jordan said he expects management to call another meeting soon to discuss Rocker's conduct.



AP Photo

Atlanta Braves closer John Rocker reacts to a single hit by New York Yankees' Scott Brosius in the ninth inning at Turner Field in Atlanta on Sunday. N.Y. won 7-6.

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Stewart wins at Dover

Associated Press

■ Auto Racing

DOVER, Del. — The Rushville Rocket is back, and now Tony Stewart doesn't have to explain where he has been hiding this season.

Stewart's disappointing second year, marked by the kind of failures he rarely experienced as the top Winston Cup rookie, took an upward turn Sunday with a victory in the MBNA Platinum 400.

"We've had some ups and downs lately," Stewart said. "We need to have more days like this, but I'll trade wins for consistency."

Stewart came into the race at Dover Downs International Speedway 10th in the series standings, but had failed to finish three times after just one DNF all last year. He set rookie records with three wins and a fourth-place finish in points in 1999.

"We want to win more races, but need to finish in the top five, and if we do, the points will take care of themselves," he said.

That's exactly what happened Sunday, when Stewart dominated both The Monster Mile and the competition, leading 242 of 400 laps.

"We had an unbelievable car," he said "We never had to change anything but air pressure."

The only real problem for Stewart was the possibility he would be beaten on fuel mileage, as he was a year ago by current points leader and Joe Gibbs Racing teammate Bobby Labonte.

But Kyle Petty, driving in relief of teammate John Andretti, tapped Sterling Marlin, who spun and brought out a caution flag with nine laps remaining.

After another caution, rookie Matt Kenseth made a run at Stewart, but was unable to pass him with 13 laps to go.

"On the restart, I held it wide open in one and two, and down the backstretch, trying to get a run on him," said Kenseth, who got his breakthrough victory a week earlier in Concord, N.C. "I just didn't have enough to beat him."

Stewart, who had crashed in two races and blown an engine in another, had few problems this time. He started 16th in his Pontiac, passed Jeremy Mayfield for the lead on lap 107 and toyed with the field most of the time thereafter.

By the halfway point there was no question that Stewart was the car to beat. The 29-year-old driver from Rushville, Ind., out of the lead only because of pit stops in the second half of the event went to the front for the final time on the 337th lap, and beat Kenseth's Ford by 1.215 seconds.

Labonte finished third, followed by the Fords of series champion Dale Jarrett and teammate Ricky Rudd.

"We were happy to come home in the top five," said Labonte, who leads Ward Burton by 82 points in the standings.

Like Labonte, who went the final 107 laps last year without a stop, Jarrett had won in 1998 with a 101-lap run. Knowing he couldn't outrun those ahead of him, he was going to try it again.

Stewart, who led four times, averaged 109.514 mph in a race slowed by caution 10 times for times for 58 laps — both records for 400 miles at Dover. There were 14 lead changes among 10 drivers.

Stewart earned $152,830 in the $3.2 million event, and the victory moved him up a spot in the points race to ninth.

The reaction of the crowd also made him feel good. Stewart, booed on the last stop of the circuit in Concord, said his position on NASCAR fans had been misrepresented.

"To have people stand up and cheer, that's much better than the trophy and the money," he said. "It's literally been hell for me over what one guy wrote."

Rain postpones race until Monday

WEST ALLIS, Wis. — A day-long drizzle Sunday forced postponement of the Miller Lite 225 at the Milwaukee Mile.

CART officials rescheduled the race to Monday at 10:30 a.m. CDT on the 1.032-mile oval.

It's the third time this season a CART oval event has been postponed by weather.

The race scheduled April 9 in Nazareth, Pa., was delayed by snow and finally was run on May 27, while the event in Motegi, Japan was run on May 14 after a 24-hour rain postponement.

Lawyer: deal struck for Ray Lewis

Associated Press

ATLANTA — An attorney for Baltimore Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis said Sunday night that a deal had been struck and the murder charges against him will be dropped and he will plead guilty to a misdemeanor charge of obstruction of justice.

Don Samuel, one of Lewis' attorneys, confirmed to The Associated Press that Lewis would not do any jail time and receive a maximum term of 12 months' probation under first offender status.

In addition to the murder charge, aggravated assault charges against the linebacker would be dropped in exchange for his testimony about what he saw the night of the murders.

Lewis will be required to testify against his two fellow defendants, Samuel said.

Samuel said prosecutor Paul Howard told him that Lewis would be the next witness to testify.

Prosecutors have presented little proof that Lewis assaulted anyone during a Jan. 31 street fight that left two men dead.

"It seems like the prosecution is starting to run out of gas, and it doesn't seem like they had much in the tank in the first place," said Irwin R. Kramer, a defense attorney from suburban Baltimore who is following the case.

Without much direct evidence linking Lewis to the stabbings of Richard Lollar and Jacinth Baker, prosecutors are trying to convince the jury that Lewis participated in a conspiracy to cover up the crime.

But that's not what he is charged with. Lewis and two friends, Joseph Sweeting and Reginald Oakley, are facing only the more serious charges of murder, felony murder and aggravated assault.

"There's no evidence of guilt here," said Samuel. "So all of the post-conduct circumstances are irrelevant."

Lewis' defense attorneys admit that the NFL star gave a misleading statement to police on the morning after the killings, but there has been other testimony that suggests Lewis participated in some kind of cover-up.

"What they have to do is produce evidence that Ray Lewis was involved in the fight that led to these deaths," Kramer said. "Without additional evidence, one has to question the strength of the prosecution's case."

Superior Court Judge Alice D. Bonner also will have to weigh whether dismissing charges against one or more defendants will signal to the jurors that she considers the remaining ones to be guilty, Kramer said.

MLB teams scramble to make sense of unpredictable draft

By Dennis Waszak Jr.
AP Sports Writer

NEW YORK — After spending months on the road evaluating thousands of players, major league scouting directors agree on one thing: This year's baseball draft is the most unpredictable in recent memory.

No player has emerged as the clear favorite to be taken No. 1 by the Florida Marlins in Monday's draft, although there is a report saying the Marlins have decided on California high school first baseman Adrian Gonzalez.

"We don't feel that there are many guys who have come to the forefront," Baltimore Orioles scouting director Tony DeMacio said. "There are a lot of mixed opinions, even in our own room."

Florida is followed by Minnesota, the Chicago Cubs, Kansas City and Montreal to round out the first five picks.

"There are no top one or two players in this draft, so I think that makes it a little more confusing," Royals scouting director Terry Wetzel said. "There is some depth, though. If you're picking 15 or 20, there's a chance you'll get as good a player as if you were picking in the top four or five."

Some early favorites to be selected No. 1, such as California third baseman Xavier Nady and Arizona right-hander Ben Diggins, struggled at times.

"I think that clouded things for everybody," DeMacio said. "As much as you don't like to scout performance, performance does enter to a certain point when you evaluate talent. I think that's why there is so much uncertainty."

Meanwhile, high school players such as right-hander Matt Harrington, catcher Ben Heard and Gonzalez soared up teams' charts.

"We're picking fourth and we really have no idea what the teams are doing ahead of us," Wetzel said. "In '93, we picked fifth and knew Alex Rodriguez was going to be the No. 1 pick. When Ken Griffey Jr. came out in '87, you knew he was No. 1. Even last year, you knew Josh Hamilton and Josh Beckett would be the top two. It's not like that this year."

Nady, a standout with California and Team USA, broke several school and Pac-10 records. He played third base, second base and shortstop for the Golden Bears and might be the first college position player chosen.

Diggins is still high on many teams' lists despite showing signs of tiring down the stretch. The 6-foot-7 draft-eligible sophomore is a hard thrower who was drafted two years ago as a hitter.

Auburn right-hander Chris Bootcheck, Texas righty Beau Hale and Notre Dame right-hander Aaron Heilman are expected to be first-rounders, as well as a trio of Stanford players — right-handers Justin Wayne and Jason Young and outfielder Joe Borchard.

Only twice since 1971 have the first three picks been high school players, but this year could be the first since '71 that the top five are high schoolers.

Harrington, from Palmdale High School in California, has a fastball that routinely hits 95-97 mph. He could become the first high school righty to be taken No. 1, but signability plays a major factor. The Marlins will likely shy away, anticipating Harrington will seek a signing bonus similar to the $3.6 million deal Beckett signed with them as the No. 2 pick.

Heard might be the best defensive catcher available, but some teams are concerned by the Rancho Bernardo High School star's hitting abilities.

Jason Stokes, a first baseman from Coppell High School in Texas, shortstop David Espinosa from Gulliver Prep in Florida and Luis Montanez, a shortstop from Coral Park High School in Miami, are also expected to be among the first players selected.

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haven't even played together much this season because of various injuries that kept each out of the lineup for long stretches.

The key is simply for Nieuwendyk to play with more hunger. He's shown it in spurts, but he hasn't been able to sustain it.

"Joe is a streaky player," Hitchcock said. "If he scores early, like he did at times in the last two series, then he's a very effective player for that game and the next few games.

"But when you don't score, you start thinking too much, and I find that with great offensive players that when they start thinking, they're at their worst."

The top line of Modano, Brett Hull and either Brenden Morrow or Jere Lehtinen has been about all Dallas has had this series. The other lines have basically been used to buy time until those guys return to the ice. New Jersey knows it and has been able to gang up on them.

Hitchcock used Lehtinen, his best defensive forward, on Nieuwendyk's line in the third period of a 2-1 loss Saturday night. He saw enough encouraging signs that he may try it again.

"We use Lehtinen as a catalyst," Hitchcock said. "When anybody is not going well, we just put them with Lehtinen. If I'm having a bad day, Lehtinen comes to get coffee with me."

His point is that a tweak in the system isn't enough. Players in general, scorers specifically, need to crank up their own performance or else Dallas' lease on the NHL's most prestigious hardware will soon be up.

"New Jersey forces you to dig in a little bit deeper that sometimes you even want to for offensive chances," he said. "They make you pay a heavy price to get into those areas to score. At the end of the day, you're going to have to decide whether the Cup and the accolades that go with it are worth it.

"We know the gear that has to be moved to. Whether we can do it or not, time will tell."

LOCAL SPORTS

Los Dobles results

ODESSA — Here are the results of the Los Dobles Couples Tournament held Saturday and Sunday at The Club at Mission Dorado. The top gross and net scores are listed.

First flight

Low Gross: 1. Rick Seaton-Amy Seaton, 148. 2. Leon Thomas-Charlene Thomas, 149 **Low Net:** 1. Rob Bennett-Mary Emma Bennett, 126. 2. Randy Senteney-Dana Henry, 131.

Second flight

Low Gross: 1. Jim Hall-Sandy Hall, 152. 2. Mark Adkins-Judy Adkins, 158. **Low Net:** 1. Lester Van Dyke-Debbie Van Dyke, 121. 2. Linda Crume-Bill Stanford, 127.

Third flight

Low Gross: 1. Curtis Baze-Lori Baze, 165. 2. Jim Watkins-Alice Watkins, 165. **Low Net:** 1. Weldon Butler-Casey Butler, 122. 2. Norman Brown-Sharon Brown, 122.

NTPGA tee times

Here are the tee times for each age group for the first round of the North Texas PGA Junior Tour Masters Series coming to Midland starting today at Green Tree Country Club. The tournament continues Tuesday at Midland Country Club.

Girls 15-18

8 a.m. — Mendy Black, Emily Ann Foster, Kendall Baker. 8:10 — Alexis Haykus, Toni Joiner, Denise Martin. 8:20 — Sarah Thomas, Kari Price, Amy Brown.

Boys 12-13

8:40 — Brent Bennett, Bryan Foreman, Troy Jenike. 8:50 — Mark Jones, K.T. Livingston, Sterling Mitchell, Isaac Nabarette. 9 a.m. — Billy Ulmer, Bobby Whiteside, Ryan Edgmon, Tommy Sikes.

Boys 14-15

9:10 — Lane Branum, Derek Jordan, Ryan Barcena. 9:20 — Blake Braun, Braxton Brin, Logan Cauthen. 9:30 — Matthew Green, Hutch Hawkins, Carson Kulbeth. 9:40 — Stetson Perez, Brady Reed, Keith Reineke, Clark Kincaid. 9:50 — James Robertson, Crawford Smith, Austin Wallace, Thomas Webb.

Boys 16-18

10 a.m. — Robert Henson, Austin Alvarez, Jay Arrik. 10:10 — Kendall Baker, Tyler Barcena, Gerod Black. 10:20 — Clinton Caimes, Daniel Campbell, Jace Campbell. 10:30 — John Davis, Spud Dillingham, Jeff Murray. 10:40 — Ryan Hardgrave, Ty Hodges, Willie Justis, Josh Coats. 10:50 — Matt Loyd, Jaime Luna, Alberto Nabarette, Omar Sanchez. 11 a.m. — Bryan Ray, Eddie Rowe, Justin Smith, Chad Spruell.

ASA District 26 qualifier results

Here are the results from the Texas ASA District 26 state qualifier girls fastpitch softball tournament over the weekend, with the top three finishers in each age group listed. All of the teams listed will advance to the state level tournament July 7-9 execpt for the 10 and under, which will play its state tournament June 16-18 in Midland.

10 and under: 1. Odessa Sting. 2. Mirage. 3. Crushers. **12 and under:** 1. West Texas Storm. 2. Blue Diamonds. 3. XLR8. **14 and under:** 1. Odessa Sting. 2. Krush. 3. Stars. **16 and under:** 1. Greenwood Rusty Lizards. 2. Andrews Twisters. 3. San Angelo Ice. **18 and under:** 1. Tornadoes. 2. Big Spring Shockers. 3. Alltance.

Basin Bulldogs rout Mesquite

MESQUITE — The Basin Bulldogs had their way all day against the Mesquite Falcons Sunday, rolling to a 52-0 victory.

Midland High graduate Shemond Davis had a huge day offensively for the Bulldogs (7-2), gaining 97 yards on only four carries and scoring on runs of eight and 28 yards. Davis also caught a 97-yard scoring pass from Dallas Metcalf, who completed seven of 10 passes for 224 yards and a pair of scores.

E. Jackson had three catches for 113 yards, including a 57-yard scoring catch.

Defensively, Tony McNeese had seven tackles while Joe Webster and John Butts had five tackles apiece. Butts, Tommy Jones, Brian Jones and Derwin Jackson each intercepted passes, with Jackson returning his pick 78 yards for a score.

The Bulldogs will close their regular season against the Vernon Jaguars at 7 p.m. Saturday night at Ratliff Stadium before starting the playoffs the next week.

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to get back to .500. Fundamentally, we got to improve if we are going to compete in the second."

The fundamentals will have to be there for the RockHounds (26-31) to improve, but they will also have to get the clutch hitting. For the game, Midland stranded 13 runners. Also, Midland's Nos. 1-6 hitters were 2-for-27 on the night. That changed in the bottom of the 11th. The RockHounds, trailing 4-3, got what they needed.

Oscar Salazar and Thomas both singled off Robbie Morrison (0-2). Then after Wichita inserted Scott Mullen, Dionys Cesar hit a ground ball to second base, which Wichita's Joe Caruso allowed to go underneath his glove. Salazar scored. After a fielder's choice and unfield single, the bases were loaded for Hart, who was 0-for-5 going into his last at-bat.

"He is the guy we want up in that situation," DeFrancesco said. "He is due to come through each night."

He took an 0-1 slider and singled it past Caruso and into left field, scoring Thomas.

"I was trying to be more aggressive and do my job," Hart said of the final at-bat. "If we start executing better, we will turn things around. Until we start executing, there will be a lot of heartache."

Again, Wagner was pitching solid at the beginning, and he did have some run support to work with. In the second inning, Todd Mensik came through homer off Wichita starter Chris George that was very wind-blown and very productive. Mensik's fly ball to left was pushed toward the foul poll by the wind and out of the stadium. It also drove in three runs. That lead held until the ninth inning.

ROCKHOUND NOTES: Randy Niles got his first win of the season... The two teams will play at 7:15 p.m. today in the series finale. Midland holds a 2-1 advantage going in... Former Midland Lee standout Jason Baker, who was scheduled to start for Wichita, will not pitch. He is currently serving a five-game suspension... The Oakland A's have released Chris Norton. They also sent former RockHound Todd Marcinczyk to the Minnesota Twins, in exchange for (c/1b) Joe Schaeffer...

Midland 5, Wichita 4

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Caruso 2b	5	0	0	0	Pecci c	6	0	0	0
Hallmark lf	5	0	1	1	Byrnes rf	5	0	1	0
Dillon 3b	4	0	1	0	Hart dh	4	1	1	1
Amado dh	2	0	0	0	McKay c	3	0	0	0
Huff pr dh	1	1	0	0	Landry 3b	4	1	0	0
Ortiz ss	5	1	1	0	Mensik 1b	5	1	1	3
Dodson rf	3	0	0	0	Salazar ss	5	1	2	0
Ullery c	2	0	0	0	Thomas cf	4	1	2	0
Phillips c	3	1	2	2					
Willis 1b	4	1	2	1					
Totals	**38**	**4**	**10**	**4**	**Totals**	**41**	**5**	**7**	**4**
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Midland					030 000 000			02—5	

E-Caruso 2. DP-Midland 2. LOB-Wichita 9, Midland 13. 2B-Hallmark, Phillips, Willis, Salazar. HR-Mensik 11. SAC-Dodson. SB-Curry (21), Willis (3). CS-Curry.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Wichita						
George	6.0	3	3	3	7	3
Schlacter	2.2	0	0	0	1	1
Morrison L, 0-2	1.1	2	2	1	0	2
Mullen	0.1	2	0	0	0	0
Midland						
Wagner	6.2	4	0	0	3	3
Baez	0.1	2	1	0	0	0
Snow	2.0	2	2	2	2	3
Niles W, 1-0	2.0	2	1	1	0	0

HBP-by Wagner (Amado), by Wagner (Willis). PB-Phillips, McKay. A-1,747. T-3:48.

San Jose State nips Cougars, 3-2

HOUSTON (AP) — Tim Adinolfi and Chris Key combined on a six-hitter and Rob Douglass and John Fagan each contributed a home run as San Jose State beat the University of Houston 3-2 Sunday to clinch a berth in the College World Series.

Adinolfi (8-3) struck out four, walked three and allowed only four runners to reach second base in eight innings of work in the Super Regional Championship game. Key retired the side in the ninth n one hit for his second save.

Fagan drove an 0-1 fastball from Houston starter Duncan McAdoo (7-3) over the left field wall for his 11th homer of the year to give the Spartans a 3-1 lead with one out in the sixth.

The Cougars got the run back in the bottom of the inning when Shane Nance tripled and came home on a sacrifice fly by Aaron Melebeck. The Cougars had cut the San Jose State lead to 2-1 in the second on J.P. Woodward's 12th homer of the year.

Douglass powered a 1-1 pitch from McAdoo over the right field wall with Fagan aboard with two outs in the second to give the Spartans a 2-0 lead.

Houston's Brandon Caraway doubled with two outs in the third and attempted to score on a wild pitch but was thrown at the plate.

McAdoo pitched eight and two-thirds innings and allowed three runs on six hits, walked three and struck out five.

SWIM: COM swimmers dominate

(From 1B)

and Irons, who split the individual glory on Sunday with three wins apiece. Irons claimed wins in the 200 IM (2:35.47), 100 free (1:02.93) and 200 back (2:32.88) before her day was over.

Wentworth had won the 100 fly (1:08.86) and 100 breast (1:24.07) before hitting the water for the day's last girls event, the grueling 1,500 free. Wentworth won the event in 18:36.88, giving her nine points and the victory over Irons by a score of 77-71.

Brain capped his highly successful meet with wins in the 100 free (1:12.31), 50 fly (35.43) and 100 back (1:22.68).

"I thought we did real well," said COM director Brad Swendig. "We just started two-a-days (in practice) so we're kind of just getting into shape and we had some kids who turned in their best times."

WEST TEXAS INVITATIONAL RESULTS

Results Sunday from the 53rd annual West Texas Invitational at the Doug Russell Pool. The top 3 finishers in each event as well as all point scorers from COM are listed.

Team Standings

1. City of Midland (COM) 2,339. 2. Kerr McGee Swim Club (KMSC) 922.50. 3. Great Hills Swim Team (GHST) 597.50. 4. Lubbock Swim Club (LSC) 324. 5. Amarillo Swim Team (AST) 249. 6. Caprock Swimming (CAP) 120.

Girls

8 and under

100 free: 1. Courtney Cox, LSC, 1:50.32. 2. Lindsey Miller, COM, 2:22.35. **50 fly:** 1. Courtney Cox, LSC, 1:00.13. 2. Lindsey Miller, COM, 1:30.37. 3. Madison Crawford, COM, 1:39.66. **50 breast:** 1. Courtney Cox, LSC, 1:10.74. 2. Madison Crawford, COM, 1:12.80. 3. Lindey Miller, COM, 1:26.58. 4. Madison Rodriguez, COM, 1:32.15. **100 back:** 1. Courtney Cox, LSC, 2:07.40. 2. Madison Crawford, COM, 2:22.08. 3. Lindsey Miller, COM, 2:51.03.

10 and under

200 medley relay: 1. COM A, 2:40.08. 2. KMSC, 2:44.86. 3. COM B, 3:20.64. 5. COM C, 3:56.16. **100 free:** 1. Kendyl Webster, GHST, 1:08.36. 2. Stephanie Strauss, COM, 1:10.47. 3. Brianna Shade, KMSC, 1:14.09. Aurora Owen, COM, 1:16.87. 5. Marcie Nordt, COM, 1:19.89. 7. Erin Miles, COM, 1:24.06. **50 fly:** 1. Stephanie Strauss, COM, 33.83. 2. Kendyl Webster, GHST, 34.65. 3. Brianna Shade, KMSC, 36.40. 5. Aurora Owen, COM, 39.11. 7. Erin Miles, COM, 42.21. 8. Marcie Nordt, COM, 42.48. **50 breast:** 1. Kendyl Webster, GHST, 42.83. 2. Aurora Owen, COM, 46.99. 3. Stephanie Strauss, COM, 47.00. 4. Marcie Nordt, COM, 47.06. **100 back:** 1. Kendyl Webster, GHST, 1:19.73. 2. Stephanie Strauss, COM, 1:20.77. 3. Marcie Nordt, COM, 1:29.35. 5. Aurora Owen, COM, 1:32.03. 6. Erin Miles, COM, 1:37.47.

11-12

200 medley relay: 1. COM, 2:32.68. 2. GHST, 2:47.93. 3. LSC, 3:05.12. **100 free:** 1. McCall Keathley, COM, 1:07.16. 2. Jill Granger, COM, 1:07.62. 3. Kerry Spadinger, COM, 1:13.46. 6. Chelsea Dey, COM, 1:16.25. 8. Bryne Ulmschneider, COM, 1:18.57. **50 fly:** 1. McCall Keathley, COM, 34.58. 2. Jill Granger, COM, 36.41. 3. Allyson Lemay, GHST, 38.98. 5. Kristi Eden, 40.14. 7. Kerry Spadinger, COM, 40.20. 8. Chelsea Dey, COM, 41.55. **50 breast:** 1. McCall Keathley, COM, 39.17. 2. Natalie Klepper, LSC, 42.31. 3. Jill Granger, COM, 43.91. 7. Kerry Spadinger, COM, 47.28. **100 back:** 1. McCall Keathley, COM, 1:22.26. 2. Emily Haynes, KMSC, 1:27.09. 3. Amanda Smith, GHST, 1:29.42. 6. Bryne Ulmschneider, COM, 1:34.96. 8. Chelsea Dey, COM, 1:36.77.

13-14

200 medley relay: 1. COM A, 2:21.61. 2. GHST, 2:23.49. 3. KMSC, 2:26.00. 4. COM B, 2:31.77. **200 IM:** 1. Jacqueline Curley, KMSC, 2:39.79. 2. Caroline Carson, COM, 2:42.70. 3. Delia Huant, GHST, 2:44.87. 5. Laura Jeff, COM, 2:46.93. 7. Jessica Ellis, COM, 2:47.79. 8. Erin Spadinger, COM, 2:48.34. **100 free:** 1. Kristina Syvarth, GHST, 1:05.06. 2. Delia Huang, GHST, 1:06.27. 3. Erin Brooks, LSC, 1:07.22. **100 fly:** 1. Caroline Carson, COM, 1:12.19. 2. Jessica Ellis, COM, 1:12.82. 3. Sarah Maurer, COM, 1:13.83. **100 breast:** 1. Erin Spadinger, COM, 1:23.81. 2. Katelyn Erickson, GHST, 1:27.06. 3. Laura Jeff, COM, 1:29.11. 7. Callie Hudson, COM, 1:32.46. 8. Kiri Ulmschneider, COM, 1:32.55. **200 back:** 1. Jacqueline Curley, KMSC, 2:43.48. 2. Caroline Carson, COM, 2:45.76. 3. Erin Spadinger, COM, 2:46.25.

Seniors

200 medley relay: 1. COM A, 2:14.47. 2. KMSC, 2:24.88. 3. COM B, 2:29.01. **200 IM:** 1. Erin Irons, COM, 2:35.47. 2. Megan Howell, KMSC, 2:36.83. 3. Kellie Parker, COM, 2:38.73. 4. Brooke Mayes, COM, 2:40.38. 5. Mallory Keathley, COM, 2:41.08. 7. Catherine Jeff, COM, 2:46.67. **100 free:** 1. Erin Irons, COM, 1:02.93. 2. Lauren Curley, KMSC, 1:02.93. 3. Keleigh Wentworth, COM, 1:03.14. 4. Kellie Parker, COM, 1:05.54. 5. Vanessa Krause, COM, 1:06.43. 6. Mallory Keathley, COM, 1:06.68. **100 fly:** 1. Keleigh Wentworth, COM, 1:08.86. 2. Mallory Keathley, COM, 1:09.03. 3. Megan Howell, KMSC, 1:13.77. 4. Kristin Carson, COM, 1:14.09. 5. Kellie Parker, COM, 1:14.82. 7. Catherine Jeff, COM, 1:17.56. 8. Brooke Mayes, COM, 1:17.57. **100 breast:** 1. Keleigh Wentworth, COM, 1:24.07. 2. Brooke Mayes, COM, 1:24.39. 3. Megan Howell, KMSC, 1:24.86. 4. Erin Irons, COM, 1:25.16. 5. Kellie Parker, COM, 1:25.63. **200 back:** 1. Erin Irons, COM, 2:32.88. 2. Kristin Carson, COM, 2:44.87. 3. Jill Granger, COM, 2:44.97. 4. Mallory Keathley, COM, 2:46.35. **1,500 free:** 1. Keleigh Wentworth, COM, 18:36.88. 2. Kristina Syvarth, GHST, 19:03.88. 3. Katelyn Erickson, GHST, 19:51.45. 6. Kiri Ulmschneider, COM, 20:17.89.

Boys

8 and under

100 free: 1. Narayan Naik, KMSC, 1:31.97. 2. Chance Whinnery, KMSC, 1:32.66. 3. Michael Fitzpatrick, GHST, 1:36.93. **50 fly:** 1. Narayan Naik, KMSC, 54.80. 2. Chance Whinnery, KMSC, 58.74. 3. Logan Testi, KMSC, 59.83. **50 breast:** 1. Chance Whinnery, KMSC, 55.60. 2. Narayan Naik, KMSC, 56.25. 3. Logan Testi, KMSC, 59.76. 6. Eric Brain, COM, 1:18.95. **100 back:** 1. Michael Fitzpatrick, GHST, 1:44.01. 2. Narayan Naik, KMSC, 1:44.70. 3. Chance Whinnery, KMSC, 2:06.71.

10 and under

200 medley relay: 1. COM, 3:26.14. 2. KMSC, 4:17.53. **100 free:** 1. David Matlock, AST, 1:23.64. 2. Jeffrey Brown, COM, 1:30.42. 3. Bryan Rodriguez, COM, 1:32.79. 8. Charlie Painter, COM, 1:46.30. **50 fly:** 1. David Matlock, AST, 45.92. 2. Jeffrey Brown, COM, 51.01. 3. Bryan Rodriguez, COM, 53.50. 5. Bruce Layman, COM, 55.33. **50 breast:** 1. Bryan Rodriguez, COM, 53.89. 2. David Matlock, AST, 54.05. 3. Jeffrey Brown, COM, 58.83. 6. Charlie Painter, COM, 1:01.32. 8. Cash Owen, COM, 1:04.65. **100 back:** 1. Bryan Rodriguez, COM, 1:42.68. 2. Jeffrey Brown, COM, 1:49.82. 3. Colton Limmer, LSC, 1:51.74.

11-12

100 free: 1. Mike Brain, COM, 1:12.31. 2. Austin Limmer, LSC, 1:13.42. 3. Clayton Burrows, CAP, 1:22.78. 7. Sam Sirgo, COM, 1:36.02. **50 fly:** 1. Mike Brain, COM, 35.43. 2. Austin Limmer, LSC, 41.82. 3. Clayton Burrows, CAP, 43.87. 6. James Bentley, COM, 46.91. **50 breast:** 1. Austin Limmer, LSC, 43.04. 2. Mike Brain, COM, 46.81. 3. Zac Sanch, GHST, 50.68. 4. James Bentley, COM, 51.27. **100 back:** 1. Mike Brain, COM, 1:22.68. 2. Austin Limmer, LSC, 1:26.55. 3. Tarence Ray, CAP, 1:37.04. 7. Sam Sirgo, COM, 1:47.92.

13-14

200 medley relay: 1. COM A, 2:08.33. 2. KMSC, 2:18.35. 3. COM B, 2:28.14. **200 IM:** 1. Kyle Edens, COM, 2:28.19. 2. Travis Floyd, COM, 2:30.51. 3. Brian Smith, KMSC, 2:34.05. 4. Andrew Kent, COM, 2:39.74. 5. Jared Miles, COM, 2:42.24. **100 free:** 1. Kyle Edens, COM, 59.49. 2. Brian Smith, KMSC, 1:00.66. 3. Eddie Vanegas, COM, 1:02.56. 4. Travis Floyd, COM, 1:03.20. 5. Andrew Kent, COM, 1:03.72. 7. Jared Miles, COM, 1:06.57. **100 fly:** 1. Kyle Edens, COM, 1:05.57. 2. Brian Smith, KMSC, 1:07.34. 3. Jared Miles, COM, 1:08.65. 4. Travis Floyd, COM, 1:08.89. 5. Eddie Vanegas, COM, 1:11.00. 7. Andrew Kent, COM, 1:18.04. **100 breast:** 1. Eddie Vanegas, COM, 1:19.74. 2. Kyle Edens, COM, 1:20.96. 3. Matt Jackson, GHST, 1:23.42. 5. William Krause, COM, 1:28.16. **200 back:** 1. Travis Floyd, COM, 2:27.44. 2. Kyle Edens, COM, 2:32.46. 3. Andrew Kent, COM, 2:33.64. 5. Eddie Vanegas, COM, 2:37.12.

Seniors

200 medley relay: 1. KMSC, 2:02.53. 2. COM A, 2:03.44. 3. COM B, 2:25.35. **200 IM:** 1. Andrew Bockus, KMSC, 2:20.05. 2. Gregg Strauss, COM, 2:24.33. 3. Tommy Brown, COM, 2:27.44. 6. Ryne Wilson, COM, 2:34.79. 7. Eric Pharr, COM, 2:36.86. **100 free:** 1. Nicholas Hurt, KMSC, 55.63. 2. Andrew Bockus, KMSC, 57.16. 3. Tommy Brown, COM, 59.26. 4. Gregg Strauss, COM, 1:01.16. 6. Ryne Wilson, COM, 1:02.28. 8. Eric Pharr, COM, 1:03.84. **100 fly:** 1. Gregg Strauss, COM, 1:03.29. 2. Andrew Bockus, KMSC, 1:04.40. 3. Eric Pharr, COM, 1:05.99. 5. Scott Jacobson, COM, 1:09.75. 6. Ryne Wilson, COM, 1:10.88. **100 breast:** 1. Tommy Brown, COM, 1:14.28. 2. Andrew Bockus, KMSC, 1:15.75. 3. Andrew Wright, LSC, 1:18.50. 4. Gregg Strauss, COM, 1:21.82. 7. Kevin Morris, COM, 1:33.48. **200 back:** 1. Andrew Bockus, KMSC, 2:26.04. 2. Tyler Smith, KMSC, 2:32.92. 3. Nick Robichaud, COM, 2:39.85. 4. Eric Pharr, COM, 2:40.86. 5. Ryne Wilson, COM, 2:43.44. 6. Kevin Morris, COM, 2:49.42. **1,500 free:** 1. Heath Keevan, AST, 18:06.97. 2. Travis Floyd, COM, 18:27.55. 3. Jared Miles, COM, 18:46.56. 4. Andrew Kent, COM, 19:01.18. 5. Eddie Vanegas, COM, 19:12.42. 7. Nick Robichaud, COM, 19:35.44. 8. Scott Jacobson, COM, 19:53.01.

French Open

Results

PARIS (AP) — Results the $10.25 million French tennis championships Garros:

Men

Singles

Fourth Round

Alex Corretja (10), S
Roger Federer, Switzerlan
(7), 6-2.
Juan Carlos Ferrero (
def. Mark Philippoussis, A
2, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.
Gustavo Kuerten (5),
Nicolas Lapentti (11), Ecua
4, 7-6 (4).
Yevgeny Kafelnikov (
def. Fernando Vicente, Sp
3, 5-7, 7-6 (4), 8-6.

Doubles

Second Roun

Joshua Eagle and Andr
Australia, def. Juan Balcells
Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia,
4.
Piet Norval and Kevin
South Africa, def. Lleyton
Patrick Rafter, Australia, w

Third Round

Jiri Novak and Davi
Czech Republic, def. Ma
Czech Republic, and Dom
(10), Slovakia, 6-1, 4-6, 6-
Todd Woodbridge and M
forde (2), Australia, de
Barnard, South Africa, an
Montana, United States, 6
Sebastien Lareau, a
Nestor (13), Canada, d
Etlis and Martin Rodriguez
4-6, 6-1, 8-6.
Jaime Oncins, Brazil,
Orsanic, Argentina, def. Ju
and Fabrice Santoro, Fran
6-2.

Women

Singles

Fourth Round

Martina Hingis (1), Switz
Ruxandra Dragomir, Rom
6, 6-1.
Chanda Rubin, United
Natasha Zvereva, Belarus
Venus Williams (4), Un
def. Anke Huber (11), Ge
(4), 6-2.
Mary Pierce (6), Franc
Carlsson, Sweden, 6-2, 6-
Conchita Martinez (5),
Ai Sugiyama, Japan, 5-7,
Arantxa Sanchez-Vi
Spain, def. Barbara Schet
tria, 0-6, 6-4, 6-2.
Marta Marrero, Sp
Rossana De Los Rios, Par
6-0, 6-4.
Monica Seles (3), Un
def. Amelie Mauresmo (13),
5, 6-3.

Doubles

Second Roun

Jennifer Capriati, Uni
and Jelena Dokic, Austra
via Farina, Italy, and Kar
dova, Slovakia, 6-3, 4-6, 6
Kimberly Po, United S
Anne-Gaelle Sidot (13), F
Magdalena Grzybowska, P
Elena Tatarkova, Ukraine
Mixed Double
Second Roun
Catherine Barclay, Au
Paul Haarhuis, Netherland
am. Oremans, Netherl
Andrew Kratzmann (15), A
1, 6-1.
Lisa Raymond, United
Leander Paes (2), India,
Miyagi, Japan, and Micha
tralia, 6-2, 6-3.
Nannie de Villiers, Sout
Simon Aspelin, Sweden,
Boliegraf, Netherlands, and
(6), United States, 6-4, 6-
Mariaan de Swardt,
Adams (12), South Africa,
tina Navratilova, United S
Jan Siemerink, Netherlan
3.
Kristie Boogert, Nethe
Mark Woodforde (10), Au
Anne-Gaelle Sidot, an
Clement, France, 6-4, 7-5.
Els Callens, Belgium,
Haggard, South Africa, d
Tarabini, and Pablo Ar
Argentina, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.
Cara Black, Zimbabwe,
Galbraith, United States,
Ruano Pascual and Toma
(16), Spain, 6-3, 4-6, 8-6.
Rennae Stubbs and
bridge (1), Australia, def.
sudova, Slovakia, and Dav
son, Australia, 6-1, 2-6, 6
Meghann Shaughnes
States, and Fredrik Berg
def. Tina Krizan, Sloveni
Ferreira (7), South Africa,
Catalina Cristea, Roma
Bryan, United States, d
Zvereva, Belarus, and S
(3), Australia, 7-5, 1-6, 6-
Kim Clisters, Belgium,
Hewitt, Australia, def. K
botnik, Slovenia, and Pa
South Africa, 3-6, 6-2, 6-
Elena Tatarkova, U
Jack Waite, United S
Nathalie Tauziat and Ol
(8), France, 6-4, 6-4.
Elena Likhovtseva, Ru
Tarango

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

French Open

Results

PARIS (AP) — Results Sunday of the $10.25 million French Open tennis championships at Roland Garros:

Men
Singles
Fourth Round

Alex Corretja (10), Spain, def. Roger Federer, Switzerland, 7-5, 7-6 (7), 6-2.

Juan Carlos Ferrero (16), Spain, def. Mark Philippoussis, Australia, 6-2, 6-2, 3-6, 6-3.

Gustavo Kuerten (5), Brazil, def. Nicolas Lapentti (11), Ecuador, 6-3, 6-4, 7-6 (4).

Yevgeny Kafelnikov (4), Russia, def. Fernando Vicente, Spain, 5-7, 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 (4), 8-6.

Doubles
Second Round

Joshua Eagle and Andrew Florent, Australia, def. Juan Balcells, Spain, and Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia, 4-6, 6-4, 6-4.

Piet Norval and Kevin Ullyett (16), South Africa, def. Lleyton Hewitt and Patrick Rafter, Australia, walkover.

Third Round

Jiri Novak and David Rikl (8), Czech Republic, def. Martin Damm, Czech Republic, and Dominik Hrbaty (10), Slovakia, 6-1, 4-6, 6-3.

Todd Woodbridge and Mark Woodforde (2), Australia, def. Marius Barnard, South Africa, and Francisco Montana, United States, 6-4, 6-2.

Sebastien Lareau and Daniel Nestor (13), Canada, def. Gaston Etlis and Martin Rodriguez, Argentina, 4-6, 6-1, 8-6.

Jaime Oncins, Brazil, and Daniel Orsanic, Argentina, def. Julien Boutter and Fabrice Santoro, France, 7-6 (7), 6-2.

Women
Singles
Fourth Round

Martina Hingis (1), Switzerland, def. Ruxandra Dragomir, Romania, 6-3, 0-6, 6-1.

Chanda Rubin, United States, def. Natasha Zvereva, Belarus, 6-4, 7-5.

Venus Williams (4), United States, def. Anke Huber (11), Germany, 7-6 (4), 6-2.

Mary Pierce (6), France, def. Asa Carlsson, Sweden, 6-2, 6-1.

Conchita Martinez (5), Spain, def. Ai Sugiyama, Japan, 5-7, 6-3, 6-4.

Arantxa Sanchez-Vicario (8), Spain, def. Barbara Schett (16), Austria, 0-6, 6-4, 6-2.

Marta Marrero, Spain, def. Rossana De Los Rios, Paraguay, 4-6, 6-0, 6-4.

Monica Seles (3), United States, def. Amelie Mauresmo (13), France, 7-5, 6-3.

Doubles
Second Round

Jennifer Capriati, United States, and Jelena Dokic, Australia, def. Silvia Farina, Italy, and Karina Habsudova, Slovakia, 6-3, 4-6, 6-2.

Kimberly Po, United States, and Anne-Gaelle Sidot (13), France, def. Magdalena Grzybowska, Poland, and Elena Tatarkova, Ukraine, 6-1, 6-2.

Mixed Doubles
Second Round

Catherine Barclay, Australia, and Paul Haarhuis, Netherlands, def. Miriam Oremans, Netherlands, and Andrew Kratzmann (15), Australia, 6-1, 6-1.

Lisa Raymond, United States, and Leander Paes (2), India, def. Nana Miyagi, Japan, and Michael Hill, Australia, 6-2, 6-3.

Nannie de Villiers, South Africa, and Simon Aspelin, Sweden, def. Manon Bollegraf, Netherlands, and Rick Leach (6), United States, 6-4, 6-4.

Mariaan de Swardt and David Adams (12), South Africa, def. Martina Navratilova, United States, and Jan Siemerink, Netherlands, 6-3, 6-3.

Kristie Boogert, Netherlands, and Mark Woodforde (10), Australia, def. Annie-Gaelle Sidot, and Arnaud Clement, France, 6-4, 7-5.

Els Callens, Belgium, and Chris Haggard, South Africa, def. Patricia Tarabini, and Pablo Albano (14), Argentina, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4.

Cara Black, Zimbabwe, and Patrick Galbraith, United States, def. Virginia Ruano Pascual and Tomas Carbonell (16), Spain, 6-3, 4-6, 8-6.

Rennae Stubbs and Todd Woodbridge (1), Australia, def. Karina Habsudova, Slovakia, and David Macpherson, Australia, 6-1, 2-6, 6-4.

Meghann Shaughnessy, United States, and Fredrik Bergh, Sweden, def. Tina Krizan, Slovenia, and Elis Ferreira (7), South Africa, 6-3, 6-4.

Catalina Cristea, Romania, and Bob Bryan, United States, def. Natasha Zvereva, Belarus, and Sandon Stolle (3), Australia, 7-5, 1-6, 6-4.

Kim Clijsters, Belgium, and Lleyton Hewitt, Australia, def. Katarina Srebotnik, Slovenia, and Piet Norval (9), South Africa, 3-6, 6-2, 6-4.

Elena Tatarkova, Ukraine, and Jack Waite, United States, def. Nathalie Tauziat and Olivier Delaitre (8), France, 6-4, 6-4.

Elena Likhovtseva, Russia, and Jeff Tarango (5), United States, def. Janette Husarova, Slovakia, and David Rikl, Czech Republic, 6-1, 7-5.

Ai Sugiyama, Japan, and John-Laffnie de Jager (4), South Africa, def. Katie Schlukebir, United States, and Brent Haygarth, South Africa, 6-4, 6-2.

Asa Carlsson and Nicklas Kulti (13), Sweden, def. Jelena Dokic, Australia, and Scott Humphries, United States, 6-4, 6-3.

Kimberly Po and Donald Johnson (11), United States, def. Rachel McQuillan and Andrew Florent, Australia, 6-3, 2-6, 6-4.

NBA Playoffs

CONFERENCE FINALS
Western Conference
Sunday, June 4

L.A. Lakers 89, Portland 84. L.A. Lakers win series 4-3.

Finals
(Best-of-7)
Wednesday, June 7

Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 8 p.m.

Friday, June 9

Indiana at L.A. Lakers, 8 p.m.

Sunday, June 11

L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, June 14

L.A. Lakers at Indiana, 8 p.m.

Lakers 89, Trail Blazers 84

PORTLAND (84) Pippen 3-10 4-4 12, Wallace 13-26 2-5 30, Sabonis 2-6 2-2 6, Smith 7-17 1-2 18, Stoudamire 2-6 0-0 5, B.Grant 0-2 0-0 0, J.O'Neal 0-0 0-0 0, Wells 2-7 3-3 7, Schrempf 3-3 0-0 6, Anthony 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-77 12-16 84

L.A. LAKERS (89) Rice 4-10 1-1 11, Green 0-1 1-4 1, S.O'Neal 5-9 8-12 18, Bryant 9-19 6-12 25, Harper 4-6 1-2 9, Horry 4-7 3-6 12, Fisher 1-3 0-0 2, Fox 0-2 0-0 0, Shaw 4-6 0-0 11, Salley 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 31-63 20-37 89.

Portland	**23**	**19**	**29**	**13 — 84**
L.A. Lakers	**16**	**23**	**19**	**31 — 89**

3-Point Goals—Portland 8-15 (Smith 3-4, Wallace 2-2, Pippen 2-6, Stoudamire 1-1, Wells 0-2). L.A. Lakers 7-19 (Shaw 3-4, Rice 2-5, Horry 1-4, Bryant 1-4, Fisher 0-1, Fox 0-1). Fouled out—Sabonis, Pippen. Rebounds—Portland 41 (Pippen 10), L.A. Lakers 57 (Bryant 11). Assists—Portland 15 (Sabonis, Stoudamire, Pippen 3), L.A. Lakers 25 (Bryant 7). Total fouls—Portland 32, L.A. Lakers 25. A—18,997 (18,997).

WNBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	1	0	1.000	—
Orlando	2	1	667	—
Washington	2	1	667	—
Cleveland	1	1	500	1/2
Indiana	1	1	500	1/2
Miami	1	1	500	1/2
New York	1	3	250	1 1/2
Charlotte	0	2	000	1 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	2	0	1.000	—
Phoenix	2	0	1.000	—
Houston	3	1	750	—
Portland	1	1	500	1
Sacramento	1	1	500	1
Minnesota	1	2	333	1 1/2
Utah	1	2	333	1 1/2
Seattle	0	3	000	2 1/2

Sunday's Game

Washington 79, New York 67

Monday's Games

Cleveland at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Orlando, 7 p.m.
Miami at Indiana, 7 p.m.
Detroit at Minnesota, 7 p.m.

Major League Baseball

Interleague

RANGERS 7, DIAMONDBACKS 6

ARIZONA	ab	r	h	bi	TEXAS	ab	r	h	bi
Wmack ss	4	1	1	0	Alicea 2b	1	0	1	1
JBell 2b	5	0	2	1	Greer lf	3	1	1	1
LGnzlz lf	5	1	2	1	IRdrgz c	4	2	2	3
MtWms dh	5	1	2	0	RPlmo 1b	2	2	1	1
SFinley cf	5	1	1	2	Segui dh	4	0	1	0
Cunsell 3b	4	2	4	1	Curtis rf	4	0	1	0
TWard rf	3	0	1	0	Lamb 3b	0	0	0	0
AFox 1b	4	0	1	1	Clayton ss	3	0	0	1
Stinnett c	4	0	0	0	Sheldn 3b	4	0	1	0
					JAMDd rf	0	0	0	0
					SGreen cf	3	2	2	0
Totals	**39**	**6**	**14**	**6**	**Totals**	**28**	**7**	**10**	**7**
Arizona					**110 001 300 — 6**				
Texas					**200 110 30x — 7**				

E—Daal 2 (3). DP—Arizona 3, Texas 2. LOB—Arizona 10, Texas 4. 2B—Counsell (2), TWard (2), AFox (4), 3B—JBell (3), HR—LGonzalez (12), SFinley (20), Counsell (1), IRodriguez 2 (18), RPalmeiro (17). SB—SGreen (3). CS—JAMcDonald (4). S—Alicea, SF—Alicea, Clayton.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Arizona						
Daal	6	8	5	4	3	3
BKim L,2-3	1	1	2	2	1	0
Springer	1	1	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Loaiza	5 1-3	10	3	3	1	3
FCordero	1	3	3	3	1	0
Perisho W,1-0	2-3	0	0	0	2	2
JRZimmerman	1	0	0	0	0	1
Wetteland S,15	1	1	0	0	0	0

Daal pitched to 1 batter in the 7th. Perisho pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.

WP—Perisho. Balk—BKim. T—3:11. A—46,366 (49,166).

WHITE SOX 7, ASTROS 3

CHICAGO	ab	r	h	bi	HOUSTON	ab	r	hbi
Dtham 2b	5	2	2	1	Lugo ss	3	0	1 0
JAVltn ss	5	1	1	0	Biggio 2b	4	0	0 0
Knerko 1b	4	2	3	2	Bgwell 1b	3	0	0 0
MOdnz rf	5	0	2	1	Cmnitti 3b	3	0	0 0
Snglton cf	5	2	3	1	MWides p	0	0	0 0
CNLee lf	4	0	1	0	Hidalgo cf	4	1	2 1
Perry 3b	4	0	1	0	Brkmn rf	4	1	1 0
MLdsn c	4	0	0	0	DWard lf	4	1	1 2
Sirotka p	2	0	0	0	Esebio c	3	0	0 0
JAbbott ph	1	0	0	0	Dotel p	0	0	0 0
Howry p	0	0	0	0	Slsrski p	0	0	0 0
					Mieske ph	1	0	0 0
					DHenry p	0	0	0 0
					Bogar ph	1	0	0 0
					YPerez p	0	0	0 0
					Spiers 3b	0	0	0 0
Totals	**39**	**7**	**13**	**6**	**Totals**	**30**	**3**	**5 3**
Chicago					**113 020 000 — 7**			
Houston					**010 200 000 — 3**			

E—Eusebio (1). DP—Chicago 1, Houston 1. LOB—Chicago 8, Houston 4. 2B—JAValentin (14), Konerko 2 (14), CNLee (11), Hidalgo (15). HR—Durham (8), Singleton (5), Hidalgo (18), DWard (11). SB—MOrdonez (5).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Sirotka W,4-5	7	5	3	3	3	6
Howry	2	0	0	0	1	4
Houston						
Dotel L,1-4	4 2-3	8	7	5	2	7
Slusarski	1-3	1	0	0	0	1
DHenry	2	2	0	0	1	5
YPerez	1	0	0	0	0	1
Myaides	1	2	0	0	0	0

WP—Dotel. DHenry. T—2:45. A—41,117 (40,950).

MARINERS 6, PADRES 4

SAN DIEGO	ab	r	h	bi	SEATTLE	ab	r	hbi
Owens rf	5	1	1	0	Hndrsn rf	4	1	1 0
AMartn ss	5	1	1	2	Cmeron cf	3	1	0 0
Gwynn dh	5	1	1	0	ARdrgz ss	4	2	3 2
Nevin 1b	4	1	1	2	EMartz dh	4	0	2 1
Dunstn ss	0	0	0	0	Olerud 1b	1	1	0 1
Klesko lf	4	0	0	0	DJaver rf	2	1	0 0
BBrkr 2b	5	0	0	0	Lampk c	3	0	0 0
RMrtnz c	4	0	1	0	DeBe 3b	3	1	1 0
WGnzlz ph	1	0	0	0	Mrnny 2b	3	0	0 0
Gomez ss	2	0	0	0				
Mgtan ph	1	0	0	0				
Totals	**37**	**4**	**10**	**4**	**Totals**	**27**	**6**	**5 4**
San Diego					**000 100 003 — 4**			
Seattle					**302 000 10x — 6**			

E—AMartn (6). DaBell (5). DP—San Diego 1, Seattle 1. LOB—San Diego 11, Seattle 7. 2B—ARodriguez (11), EMartinez 2 (11), 3B—Owens (3), ARodriguez (1). HR—AMartn (8), SB—Hendrson (3). S—Gwynn (11), Olerud.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Diego						
Meadows L,6-6	4 1-3	4	5	5	3	6
Kolb	2 2-3	3	1	1	0	4
Whiteside	1	0	0	0	0	1
Seattle						
PAbbott W,2-0	6	7	3	3	1	2
Parraguirre	2	1	1	0	0	0
Rhodes	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	0
FRdrguez	1	1	0	0	0	1
Sasaki	2	3	1	1	1	2

Parraguirre pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.

HBP—by Meadows (DaBell). T—3:11. A—42,074 (47,145).

ANGELS 8, DODGERS 7

LOS ANGELS	ab	r	h	bi	ANAHEIM	ab	r	hbi
Gbsnlt lf	4	0	0	0	Erstad lf	5	1	2 0
Grdzln 2b	4	0	0	0	Ehrser ss	3	1	0 0
Green rf	5	1	1	0	MVghn 1b	4	1	1 0
Stnfield dh	4	1	0	0	Salmon dh	2	3	2 2
Karros 1b	4	1	3	3	GAndrsn cf	5	2	2 0
Elder 3b	2	1	0	0	Glaus 3b	4	0	1 2
Kreuter c	3	2	2	1	BMlina c	4	0	2 2
Vzcno ss	4	1	2	0	CFinly rf	0	0	0 1
Snthrs p	2	0	0	0	CFinly rf	3	0	0 0
					Spiezio ph	0	0	0 0
					WBeck c	0	0	0 0
					AArndy 2b	4	0	0 1
Totals	**37**	**4**	**10**	**4**	**Totals**	**34**	**8**	**9 8**
Los Angeles					**400 201 000 — 7**			
Anaheim					**102 002 021 — 8**			

Two outs when winning run scored.

DP—Anaheim 2. LOB—Los Angeles 6, Anaheim 9. 2B—Karros 2 (14), Kreuter (5), Erstad (12), GAnderson (11). HR—Karros (16), Kreuter (4), Salmon (13), SFinley (20), Glaus (11). CS—Karros (2). S—Gilbert, SF—Grudzielanek.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Los Angeles						
CPerez	6	5	5	5	4	3
Herges	1	3	4	2	2	0
Osuna L,0-2	1	2	0	0	1	1
Anaheim						
Washburn	6 1-3	6	3	3	1	5
Fyhrie	2	3	2	0	0	4
Percival W,3-2	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Osuna (Salmon), by Washburn (Santangelo).

Umpires—Home, Guccione. First, Winters. Second, Welke. Bill. Third, Froemming.

T—3:37. A—40,489 (45,050).

GIANTS 18, ATHLETICS 2

SAN FRAN	ab	r	h	bi	OAKLAND	ab	r	hbi
Benard cf	4	1	1	1	Christns ct	4	0	1 0
CMurry rf	1	0	0	0	Velarde 2b	2	0	1 0
Mueller 3b	6	3	2	2	Mchno 2b	1	0	0 0
Bonds lf	3	2	2	3	JaGmb 1b	3	0	0 0
Rios lf	3	1	1	1	Chavez 3b	1	1	1 0
Kent 2b	6	3	4	5	Saenz 3b	4	0	1 0
Burks rf	4	2	2	1	Grieve lf	3	0	1 1
Lowery lf	1	0	0	0	Grace 1b	5	0	1 0
Snow 1b	3	1	0	0	Stairs rf	2	0	0 0
Crespo 1b	2	0	0	0	GueGmb rf	2	0	0 0
RDavis dh	4	2	1	0	Tejada ss	4	0	1 0
REMrtz ss	4	3	3	2	Fasano c	3	1	2 1
Estella c	4	0	1	2				
Totals	**45**	**18**	**19**	**17**	**Totals**	**32**	**2**	**7 2**
San Francisco					**400 260 501 —18**			
Oakland					**000 010 001 — 2**			

E—Service (1). DP—San Francisco 2, Oakland 1. LOB—San Francisco 6, Oakland 6. 2B—Benard (6), Kent 2 (18), RDavis (2), REMartinez 2 (4), Velarde (4). HR—Mueller (4), Bonds (23), Kent 2 (16), Burks (5), Fasano (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
San Francisco						
Estes W,5-2	9	7	2	2	3	8
Oakland						
Olivares L,3-7	4 1-3	10	8	8	0	3
Service	2	4	7	4	4	4
Rich Sauveur	2	2-3	5	3	3	1
PWR—Olivares. PB—Estella. T—2:53. A—48,128 (43,012).						

BLUE JAYS 7, MARLINS 2

TORONTO	ab	r	hbi	FLORIDA	ab	r	hbi
Stewart lf	4	2	2 1	Kotsay rf	4	0	2 0
Grbeck 2b	3	2	2 1	Berg 2b	4	0	1 0
Mndesi ss	5	0	0 0	Floyd lf	4	1	1 0
CDiggs 1b	5	2	2 3	PWlsn cf	3	1	1 1
Fltcher c	2	0	1 0	Lowell 3b	4	0	2 1
ACstillo c	3	0	1 0	Millar 1b	4	0	1 0
JoCruz cf	5	0	2 1	AGnzlz ss	4	0	0 0
ASGnzlz ss	4	1	2 1	Bako c	3	0	0 0
Wdwrd 3b	3	0	0 0	VNunez pr	1	0	0 0
Escbar p	4	0	0 0	Mahay p	1	0	0 0
				BBrwn ph	1	0	0 0
				Strong p	0	0	0 0
Totals	**38**	**7**	**12**	**7**	**Totals**	**33**	**2**	**8 2**
Toronto					**302 000 110 — 7**			
Florida					**200 000 000 — 2**			

E—Fletcher (3), Floyd (4). DP—Toronto 2. LOB—Toronto 8, Florida 5. 2B—Stewart (10), JoCruz (9), ASGonzalez (10). HR—CDelgado (20). SB—Stewart 2 (6), Floyd (11), PWilson (7).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Escobar W,5-6	9	8	2	2	1	10
Florida						
VNunez L,0-6	3	6	5	5	1	4
Mahay	4	4	1	1	1	4
Strong	2	2	1	1	1	2

HBP—by VNunez (Stewart). PB—ACastillo. T—2:44. A—11,007 (35,521).

PHILLIES 6, RED SOX 5, 12 inn.

BOSTON	ab	r	hbi	PHILA	ab	r	hbi
DLewis lf	5	0	1 0	Glnville cf	6	0	0 0
TNixon rf	5	1	1 1	Gant lf	6	2	3 1
Frye 2b	4	1	1 1	Abreu rf	6	0	2 0
Dubach 1b	5	0	0 0	LBirtha c	5	2	3 1
CEvntt cf	5	1	1 3	Burrell 1b	5	2	2 2
Httlberg c	4	0	1 0	KJordn 3b	5	0	2 1
DLowe p	0	0	0 0	Mrndn 2b	5	0	0 0
Grcpnr ph	1	0	1 0	Rlaford ss	4	0	2 1
Pichardo p	0	0	0 0	Schilng p	2	0	0 0
Stanley ph	1	0	1 0	Holzemr p	0	0	0 0
Crmier p	0	0	0 0	Gomes p	0	0	0 0
WVeras 3b	6	0	0 0	Ducey ph	1	0	0 0
Sadler ss	5	1	1 0	Brntley p	0	0	0 0
Fssero p	1	1	0 0	Boyd p	0	0	0 0
OLtry ph	1	0	0 0	BRHntr ph	1	0	0 0
Garces p	0	0	0 0	BWard p	0	0	0 0
Varitek c	1	0	0 0	Schrnk p	0	0	0 0
Totals	**44**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**Totals**	**46**	**6**	**12 6**
Boston					**005 000000 000 — 5**			
Philadelphia					**002 020010 001 — 6**			

Two outs when winning run scored.

E—Relaford (14). LOB—Boston 11, Philadelphia 10. 2B—Hatteberg (4), Burrell (1), KJordan 2 (8). HR—CEverett (19), Gant (9), Lieberthal (8), Burrell (3). S—DLewis, Fassero, Schilling.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Fassero	6	8	4	4	2	1
Garces	1	0	0	0	0	0
DLowe	2	2	1	1	0	3
Pichardo	2	0	0	0	1	0
Crmier L,2-1	2-3	2	1	1	1	2
Philadelphia						
Schilling	7	1-3	5	5	5	3
Holzemer	1	1-3	0	0	0	1
Gomes	1	1-3	0	0	0	0
Brantley	2	1	0	0	2	2
Boyd	1	1	0	0	0	3
BWard	2	2-3	0	0	1	0
Schrenk W,2-1	1	1-3	1	0	0	0

WP—Cormier. Gomes. T—4:03. A—27,382 (62,363).

TIGERS 3, CUBS 2, 12 innings

DETROIT	ab	r	hbi	CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi
Asmus c	6	0	0 0	EOYng 2b	5	0	1 1
Fick 1b	5	0	0 0	DMntz ct	5	0	2 0
JEcrcn cf	5	0	0 0	Vn Ppl p	0	0	0 0
JGnzlez rf	2	1	1 0	Grace 1b	5	0	0 2
Becker rf	3	0	0 0	SSosa rf	5	0	1 0
Hggnsn lf	4	2	2 2	RIrdgez lf	5	0	1 0
Palmer 3b	5	0	0 0	WGrne 3b	5	2	2 1
Easley 2b	5	0	1 0	Girardi c	4	0	0 0
Halter ss	5	0	2 1	Reed ph	1	0	0 0
Mehler p	2	0	0 0	Ojeda ss	4	0	1 0
Polonia ph	1	0	0 0	GHill ph	1	0	0 0
DPttsn p	0	0	0 0	Lieber p	3	0	1 0
Blair p	0	0	0 0	Worrell p	0	0	0 0
Magee ph	1	0	1 0	Buford cf	1	0	0 0
MJAsn p	0	0	0 0				
Macias ph	0	0	0 0				
TBJons p	0	0	0 0				
Totals	**44**	**3**	**7**	**3**	**Totals**	**44**	**2**	**9 2**

Tampa Bay (Lidle 0-1) at Philadelphia (Ashby 2-6), 6:35 p.m.

Chicago White Sox (Baldwin 8-1) at Cincinnati (Parris 2-7), 6:35 p.m.

Toronto (Wells 9-2) at Atlanta (Burkett 4-2), 6:40 p.m.

Cleveland (Burba 5-1) at Milwaukee (D'Amico 2-3), 7:05 p.m.

Minnesota (Radke 3-6) at Houston (Elarton 3-1), 7:05 p.m.

Kansas City (Suzuki 2-0) at St. Louis (Hentgen 4-5), 7:10 p.m.

Los Angeles (Brown 4-1) at Texas (Glynn 0-0), 7:35 p.m.

Colorado (Yoshii 1-6) at Seattle (Sele 5-2), 9:05 p.m.

San Diego (Eaton 1-0) at Oakland (Appier 5-3), 9:05 p.m.

San Francisco (Hernandez 4-5) at Anaheim (Schoeneweis 5-3), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Sunday's Games

Colorado 7, Milwaukee 1

Monday's Games

Arizona (Morgan 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Valdes 1-1), 7:05 p.m.

Detroit	**000**	**200**	**000**	**001**	**—**	**3**			
Chicago	**010**	**010**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**2**			

E—SSosa (3). LOB—Detroit 7, Chicago 6. 2B—EOYoung (22), Ojeda (1). HR—Higginson (6), WGreene (6). SB—Higginson (4). CS—Rodriguez (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Moehler	6	6	2	2	0	2
DPatterson	2	3	0	0	0	0
Blair	1	0	0	0	0	0
MJAsn W,3-0	2	0	0	0	0	3
TBJones S,16	1	0	0	0	0	0
Chicago						
Lieber	9	5	2	2	0	10
Worrell	1	1	0	0	0	1
Vn Ppl L,0-1	2	1	1	1	2	3

T—3:13. A—36,749 (38,884).

REDS 3, TWINS 2, 10 innings

MINNESOTA	ab	r	hbi	CINCINNATI	ab	r	hbi
Hcking 2b	4	1	1 0	Reese 2b	5	0	1 1
CGzmn ss	5	0	0 0	Larkin ss	4	0	2 0
Lawton lf	4	0	1 0	Grf Jr cf	4	1	1 0
Coomer 1b	3	1	2 1	Bchette rf	4	1	2 2
Koskie 3b	4	0	1 0	DYong 1b	4	0	1 0
Hwkins p	0	0	0 0	Stynes lf	3	0	1 0
Bchnan rf	4	0	1 0	Tucker lf	1	0	0 0
JJones cf	4	0	3 1	Boone 3b	4	0	0 0
Lecroy c	2	0	0 0	Graves p	0	0	0 0
Cmngs ph	1	0	0 0	BSntigo c	4	0	0 0
Jensen c	0	0	0 0	OFrdz p	1	0	0 0
Rdman p	2	0	0 0	Dssns p	0	0	0 0
DOrtiz ph	1	0	0 0	Cromer ph	1	0	0 0
BWells p	0	0	0 0	Sllivan p	0	0	0 0
Grdado p	0	0	0 0	HMorrs ph	1	0	0 0
Cnzaro 2b	1	0	0 0	Wllmsn p	0	0	0 0
				JCastro 3b	1	1	1 0
Totals	**35**	**2**	**9**	**2**	**Totals**	**37**	**3**	**9 3**
Minnesota					**000 110 000 — 2**			
Cincinnati					**000 002 000 — 1**			

One out when winning run scored.

DP—Cincinnati 1. LOB—Minnesota 7, Cincinnati 6. 2B—Hocking (11), Lawton (20), JJones (11), JCastro (3). HR—Bichette (9). SB—JJones (2). CS—Hocking (4).

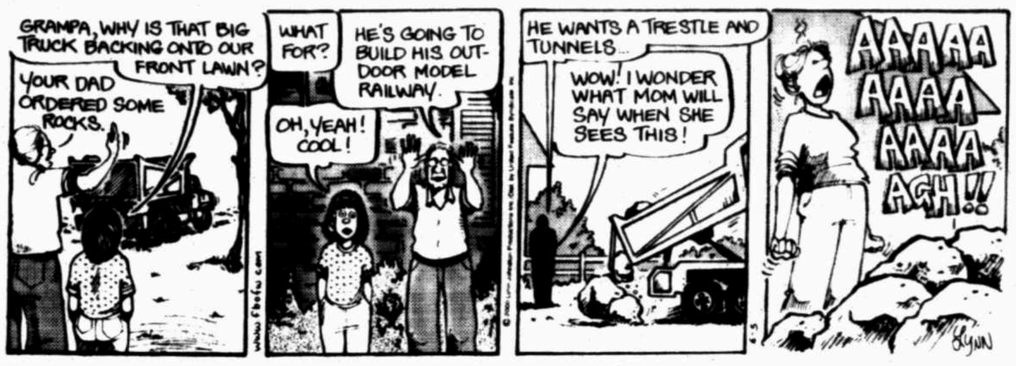
	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Redman	6	6	2	2	0	9
BWells	1 1-3	1	0	0	0	3
Guardado	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Hawkins L,1-2	1 2-3	2	1	1	0	1
Cincinnati						
OFernandez	3	2	0	0	1	0
Dessens	2	4	2	2	2	2
Sullivan	2	1	0	0	0	3
Williamson	2	2	0	0	0	1
Graves W,8-0	1	0	0	0	1	1

WP—Redman. T—3:25. A—40,169 (52,953).

ROYALS 7, PIRATES 5, 11 inn.

| KANSAS CITY | ab | r | hbi | PITTSBURGH | ab | r | h

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, June 5, 2000:

You have an unusual opportunity to travel and grow this year. Break barriers, both mental and emotional. Be willing to go that extra step. You have an uncanny sense of what works. Don't let others influence your gut instincts. You'll need time to pursue your own interests and beliefs. If you are single, romance could easily put you in seventh heaven if you allow it to. You certainly meet someone very special and unique. If attached, your relationship benefits from sharing more of yourself. LEO helps you visualize more of what you want.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ You charge in and get results. Obstacles need not stop you in the present astrological climate. A full-fledged Houdini, you solve the impossible. Others admire your ingenuity. Stay in control. Don't get too carried away! Tonight: Opt for fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Honor a present agreement, even if takes extra energy or endurance. You are a sign that is known for commitment and caring. Don't step back at a critical moment. A boss might not be seeing the whole situation clearly just yet. Tonight: Happy at home.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Recognize your limits. Understand that others aren't as strong or as bouncy as you. Intuition guides you in saying and doing the right thing presently. Trust your judgment. Allow your imagination to reign. Make notes on your ideas. Tonight: Relax with a movie.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Deal with financial matters carefully. Reveal more of what you want from others. Discuss long-term objectives. Just because someone can't get a grasp on money concepts now doesn't mean that he or she can't change. Tonight: Your treat.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Your personality helps you make an impression, especially on those who count most. Take charge and move a project in the direction you have been eyeing. A schism in thinking might be insurmountable for now. Tonight: Whatever makes you happy.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ The less said, the better off you are. Recognize your limits carefully when dealing with associates. You cannot change someone's self-perception, nor should you try. Walk past an obstacle. Remain sure of yourself. Do needed research. Tonight: Take some time for yourself.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Recognize a project's limitations. Enlist a partner's or close associate's help. Ultimately, you gain. You're viewing a situation through rose-colored glasses. Though this might be fun, ultimately you might be causing yourself a problem. Tonight: Make an important meeting.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★ Defer to authority figures. Honor boundaries when dealing with another. Your sense of humor comes out as you discuss potential. A family member is uncooperative, but you can't change him. Be more realistic. Tonight: Work late.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Reach out for others. Seek out information. Your ability to transform problems into dynamic opportunities emerges. Do extra research. Make use of your ingenuity. Handle one issue at a time, and you'll get done faster. Tonight: Think vacation!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Build on an established relationship. You succeed beyond your wildest imagination. Review recent decisions. Stay rooted in reality when eyeing a money decision. Getting financing or a loan could be challenging. Tonight: Get together with your best friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Listen carefully. What you want to hear is quite removed from what you are hearing. Your inquisitive nature helps you pinpoint a problem. Opportunity strikes on the real estate front. Use good timing. Tonight: Say yes to a partner.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Dig into work. Worry less about the ramifications of a particular situation. You gain financially and emotionally from your solid communication style and your ability to get the job done. Clear your desk before tackling a new project. Tonight: Stop at the gym.

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BORN TODAY
Journalist Bill Moyers (1934), filmmaker Jacques Demy (1931), performance artist Spalding Grey (1941)

GOREN BRIDGE

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Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ A Q 10 8 ♡ K 6 5 2 ◇ K 5 ♣ K J 5
Partner opens the bidding with three hearts. What action do you take?

A — At one table in a team match, South raised to four hearts and the contract was defeated one trick after a club lead, which allowed the defenders to score the ace and queen of clubs and a ruff, plus the ace of diamonds. At the other table, South chose to bid three no-trump, since any opening lead except hearts would promote a ninth trick. That rolled home in comfort.

Q 2 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ J 8 4 2 ♡ A 10 5 3 ◇ J 8 4 ♣ J 9
The bidding has proceeded:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1♣ Dbl Pass ?
What do you bid now?

A — This is a matter of judgment. If you rate the hand as being worth two bids, and we think it just qualifies, then it is clearly right to respond one spade now, planning to introduce your hearts next, depending on how the auction proceeds.

Q 3 — East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ Q 8 6 4 3 ♡ A 9 4 2 ◇ A 10 5 ♣ 7
The bidding has proceeded:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1♠ 2♡ 2NT ?
What do you bid now?

A — This is no time to count points. Partner has made a two-level overcall and you have a hand with four trumps, two aces and also, probably, a double fit since partner is marked with minor-suit cards. Jump to four hearts.

Q 4 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ A 4 2 ♡ J 7 5 ◇ J 8 7 4 ♣ 8 7 3
The bidding has proceeded:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
1♡ Dbl Pass ?
What do you bid now?

A — Many players would feel compelled to bid one heart as a sign of weakness. However, avoid taking out partner's double into a three-card holding when there is a reasonable choice available. Bid one no-trump. That overstates your strength by a point or two, but it is the lesser evil.

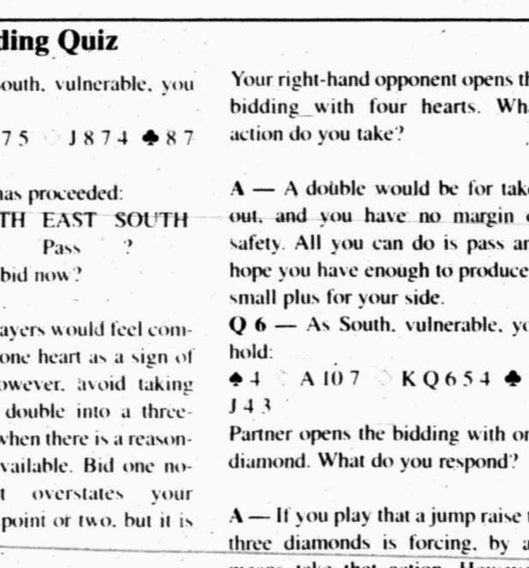
Q 5 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ K 9 5 ♡ K J 8 ◇ A 9 5 ♣ Q 10 4 3
Your right-hand opponent opens the bidding with four hearts. What action do you take?

A — A double would be for takeout, and you have no margin of safety. All you can do is pass and hope you have enough to produce a small plus for your side.

Q 6 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 4 ♡ A 10 7 ◇ K Q 6 5 4 ♣ K J 4 3
Partner opens the bidding with one diamond. What do you respond?

A — If you play that a jump raise to three diamonds is forcing, by all means take that action. However, these days most play the jump as an invitational raise, so you have to take a different route. Temporize with two clubs.

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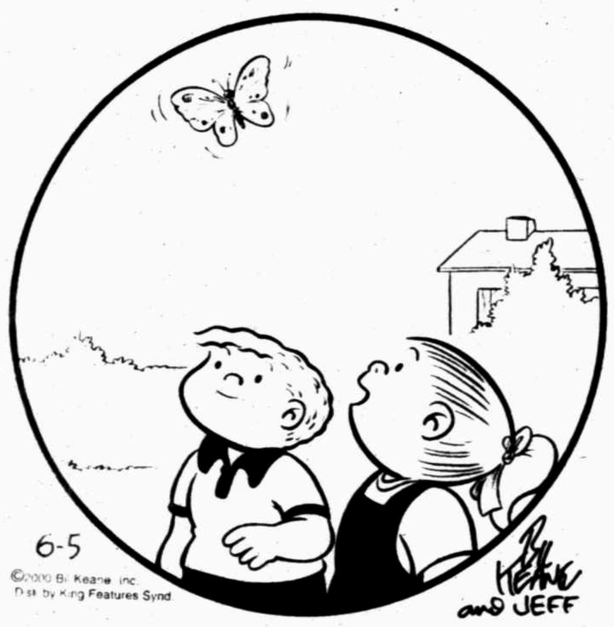


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MONDAY EVENING — June 5, 2000

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(3) KMID	2	3	2	News 308	Wheel of Fortune 360	NHL Hockey: Stanley Cup Final, Game 4 567056						News 5804230	Nightline (10:35)	Politically Incorrect	Maury (11:35) 3245143
(5) KPEJ	24	5	3	Home Improvement	Judge Judy 24259	It's Your Chance of a Lifetime 14969		Ally McBeal: Heat Wave 90389		Mad About You 75582	The Nanny 98263	Jerry Springer 51740		NewsRadio 87327	Unhappily Ever After
(7) KOSA	7	7	7	News 1495	Entertainment Tonight	The King of Queens	Ladies Man 1259	Everybody/Raymond	Becker 3360	48 Hours 96969		News 4117785	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35) 3397921		Late Late Show
(9) KWES	9	9		News 2143	Seinfeld 3495 (TVPG)	20th Tejano Music Awards 95327				Third Watch 30327 (TV14)		News 5454619	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35) 7299563		Late Night With Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	19	News 23679	John Hagee Today	The Light of the Southwest 74563				Richard Roberts 87853		News 51037	Joyce Meyer 60785	Duane Sheriff Ministries	Rebecca Baker 42476
(13) KOCV	36	13		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 603698		Antiques Roadshow (Part 1 of 2) 812259 (TVG)		An Angel in the Village 898679		Matthew Sweet: On the Edge 801143		Charlie Rose 804230		Off the Air	
(8) CNBC		8	27	Business Center (5:30)	Upfront Tonight	Hardball With Chris Matthews 2499785		Rivera Live 2475105		The News With Brian Williams 2495969		Hardball With Chris Matthews 2498056		Rivera Live 6579037	
(10) WGN		10		Full House 999835	Full House 294227	**Wild Hearts Can't Be Broken (G, '91) *** (Gabrielle Anwar, Michael Schoeffling) 896209**				News 894969		MacGyver: Hind-Sight 897056 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night: Accused 991673 (TVPG-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	11	Fresh Prince of Bel-Air	Baseball: (6:35) Toronto Blue Jays at Atlanta Braves 73219476						**Leviathan (9:35) (R, '89) * (Peter Weller, Richard Crenna) 16075124**				**Movie (11:40)**
(14) FAM		14		Early Edition 423414		**Sabrina the Teenage Witch (PG, '96) ** 225969**				Early Edition 372899		The 700 Club 122376		Who's Boss?	Who's Boss?
(20) DISC		20	26	Mimic Octopus: Impostor		City of Steel: Carrier		Blackbeard's Treasure		Treasures of the Earth		City of Steel: Carrier		Blackbeard's Treasure	
(21) AMC		21	26	**The Best of Everything (5)**		Fashion	**Affair in Trinidad ('52) ** 145312**			**Arrowhead ('53) ** (Charlton Heston) 893124**				Fashion	**Movie**
(22) TNN		22	31	The Waltons 619230 (TVG)		**An Eight Is Enough Wedding ('89) ** 404495**				Life of Women of Country		Cagney & Lacey 801124		Bill Dance	In-Fisherman
(23) TNT		23	35	ER 602940 (TV14)		WCW Monday Nitro Live! 497105 (TV14-DL)				**National Lampoon's Loaded Weapon 1 (PG-13) 814698**				WCW Monday Nitro Live!	
(24) BRAV		24		Moonlighting 220360		**Wuthering Heights (PG, '92) *** 496263**				Bravo Profiles 890143		**Wuthering Heights (PG, '92) *** 153124**			
(26) BET		26	33	Docugroove: Mary J. Blige		Sparks	Amen	Comicview 425853		Live From L.A. 412389		Tonight With Tavis Smiley		Midnight Love 682211	
(27) DISN		27	41	**Can of Worms ('99) * (Michael Shulman, Marcus Turner) 3908582**			**Under Wraps (7:35) ('97) ** (Adam Wylie, Mario Yedidia) 78130018**			**Frankenstein and Me (9:15) (PG, '96) ** (Jamieson Boulanger, Burt Reynolds) 17601389**				Zorro 143747 (TVG)	Mickey Mouse Club
(28) CNN		28	22	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today 821655		Larry King Live 526263		CNN NewsStand 421619		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 674211	
(29) ESPN		29	30	SportsCenter	Quest/Cup	WNBA Basketball: Sacramento at Orlando 496495				Baseball Tonight 883747		SportsCenter 886834		Baseball Tonight 492679	
(30) USA		30	38	JAG 885230 (TVPG)		Walker, Texas Ranger 221871 (TV14-V)		WWF RAW 221691 (TV14-DLV)		WWF War Zone 2050105 (TV14-DLV)		Farmclub.com (10:05) 6778582		Silk Stalkings (11:05) 72767360 (TV14-S)	
(31) FX		31		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue 2899563 (TV14)			M*A*S*H	Married	Married	The X Show 2836394		The X-Files 9241124	
(32) A&E		32	25	Law & Order: Born Bad 241872 (TVPG)		Biography: Morgan Fairchild 443143 (TVG)		Investigative Reports: Stalking the Stalkers 429563		City Confidential 449327 (TVPG)		Law & Order: Divorce 442414 (TVPG)		Biography: Morgan Fairchild 721261 (TVG)	
(33) TLC		33		Trauma: Life in the ER 611698 (TVPG)		Paramedics: After Dark 897921 (TVPG)		Police, Camera, Action!: Human Error 813969		Police Force: Highland Homicide 893105		Paramedics: After Dark 896292 (TVPG)		Police, Camera, Action!: Human Error 495747	
(34) NICK		34	37	Hey Arnold! 626389	Rugrats 640969	The Wild Thornberrys	The Wild Thornberrys	Gilligan's Island	Gilligan's Island	Gilligan's Island	Gilligan's Island	Gilligan's Island	Gilligan's Island	Gilligan's Island	Gilligan's Island
(36) LIFE		36	40	Intimate Portrait: Marie Osmond 496360 (TVPG)		Beyond Chance 877489 (TVPG)		**An American Daughter (Christine Lahti, Tom Skerritt) 277245**				Golden Girls 791327	Golden Girls 777747	Designing Women	Weddings/Lifetime XIX
(39) OUTDR		39		Sportsman's Journal	Days of a Sportsman	Surfing 9276582	World Yachting	Canoe & Kayak Mag	Sport Diver Magazine	Surfer's Journal	Surfer Magazine	Surfing 5582834	World Yachting	Canoe & Kayak Mag	Sport Diver Magazine
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(44) COM		44		Daily Show/Jon Stewart	Win Ben Stein's Money	**Popeye (PG, '80) ** (Robin Williams, Shelley Duvall) 2380653**				Strangers With Candy	Upri't Citizens Brigade	Daily Show/Jon Stewart	Win Ben Stein's Money	Saturday Night Live 2386037 (TVPG-LV)	
(46) ANIM		46		Fun. Animals	Lie Like Dog	Borneo: Orangutan Rescue		Call of the Wild		Legends	Twisted Tale	Borneo: Orangutan Rescue		Call of the Wild	
(47) E!		47		Emergency	Homes	Talk Soup	Mysteries	E! True Hollywood Story		Off-Ramp	Off-Ramp	H. Stern	H. Stern	Wild On ... 652105	
(48) TVL		48	24	Andy Griffith	Gomer Pyle	Emergency! 8455327		Dragnet	Adam-12	Andy Griffith	Beaver	Honeymoon.	Bob Newhart	A-Team 4061747	
(49) ODSY		49		Avonlea 617872		Snowy River: McGregor		**The Fire Next Time (Part 1) ('93) ** 820259**				The Young Riders 809766		Lonesome Dove: Outlaw	
(50) HGTV		50	42	Old House	Workshop	At Auction	Collectibles	Bartholomew	Country	If Walls Talk	Dream H se	At Auction	Collectibles	Bartholomew	Country
(51) MSNBC		51		Hardball: Chris Matthews		MSNBC Crime Files		News With Brian Williams		Legends With Matt Lauer		Special Edition 4636376		News With Brian Williams	
(52) TELE		52		Muneca Brava 255056		Pantanal 896327		Dona Flor, Sus Dos Marido		Xica 885211		Noticiero	Laura en America 172679		Ocurrio Asi
(60) TOON		60		Scooby-Doo	John Bravo	Ed, Edd	Powerpuff	Laboratory	Tom & Jerry	Flintstones	Scooby Doo	John Bravo	Powerpuff	Gundam	Dragon Ball
(61) TCM		61		**Split Second (5:30)**		**Intolerance ('16) **** (Lillian Gish, Robert Harron) 2459360**						**Greed ('24) **** (Gibson Gowland, ZaSu Pitts) 9327259**			
(62) HIST		62	32	High Points in History (5)		American History Quiz		Basketball: The Dream Teams 8437921 (TVG)				Escape! 8456056 (TVG)		American History Quiz	
(63) ESPN2		63		RPM 2Night	NFL 2Night	Match Up of/Millennium		Bowling 8770105		Billiards 8790969		Fit Pageant	Fit Pageant	NFL 2Night	RPM 2Night
(64) SCIFI		64	39	The Outer Limits 5732853		The Outer Limits 1165263		The Outer Limits 5860871		The Outer Limits 5765227		Poltergeist: The Legacy		Friday the 13th 5304834	
(53) PLEX				**The Flame Is Love (6:15) ('79) ** (Linda Purl, Shane Briant)**				**Sabrina ('54) *** (Humphrey Bogart, Audrey Hepburn)**				**Truly, Madly, Deeply (PG, '91) **, (Juliet Stevenson, Alan Rickman)**			
(65) FLIX		65	20	**Goodbye, Columbus (5) (PG, '69) *** 7982230**		**If Lucy Fell (R, '96) * (Sarah Jessica Parker, Eric Schaeffer) 7251650**			**Casualties of War (8:35) (R, '89) ** (Michael J. Fox, Sean Penn) 78005360**				**No Looking Back (R, '98) ** (Lauren Holly, Edward Burns) 7769679**		
(66) SHOW		66	16	**Requiem for Murder (5:15) ('99) 73677037**		**A Simple Plan (R, '98) *** (Bill Paxton, Billy Bob Thornton) 687785**				**Strange Justice ('99) ** (Mandy Patinkin, Delroy Lindo) 989218**				**Clay Pigeons (R, '98) ** (Vince Vaughn) 842768**	
(67) TMC		67	15	**The Man in the Moon (6:15) (PG-13, '91) ** (Sam Waterston, Tess Harper) 42722230**				**The Governess (R, '98) ** (Minnie Driver, Tom Wilkinson) 427211**				**The Passion of Ayn Rand ('99) ** (Helen Mirren, Eric Stoltz) 3557230**			
(68) HBO		68		King Gimp 2405969 (TVG)		**Chasers (Jeff Daniels, Jena Malone) 498853**				**Striking Poses (R, '99) * (Shannen Doherty, Colm Feore) 8621230**			**The Color of Money (10:40) (R, '86) *** (Paul Newman, Tom Cruise) 62787037**		
(69) HBO 2		69		**Cocktail (5:15) (R, '88) ** (Tom Cruise) 28728281**		**Beaches (PG-13, '88) ** (Bette Midler, Barbara Hershey) 3145308**				Sex and the City	Art!$$ 5169230 (TVMA)	Oz: Legs 6228018 (TVMA)		Dennis Miller Live	**The Road Killers**
(70) HBO 3		70		**How Stella Got Her Groove Back (R, '98) ** (Angela Bassett, Taye Diggs) 6235308**				**Titanic (PG-13, '97) *** (Leonardo DiCaprio, Kate Winslet) 8551308**							**Great Gatsby (11:20)**
(71) MAX		71		**Escape From Alcatraz (5:05) (PG, '79) *** 11228230**		**True Crime (R, '99) *** (Clint Eastwood, Isaiah Washington) 7370056**				**Heartbreak Ridge (9:05) (R, '86) ** (Clint Eastwood, Marsha Mason) 81188560**					**Sudden Impact (11:20)**
(72) MAX 2		72		**Turner & Hooch (6:15) (PG, '89) ** (Tom Hanks, Mare Winningham) 53720360**				**Slums of Beverly Hills (R, '98) ** (Natasha Lyonne, Alan Arkin) 8426598**		**Blue Chips (PG-13, '94) ** (Nick Nolte, Mary McDonnell) 2686018**					**Bad Dreams (11:20)**

PEOPLE TODAY

Hope optimistic about his recovery

RANCHO MIRAGE, Calif. — **Bob Hope** was optimistic about his recovery Sunday, just days after being hospitalized in critical condition.

"Tell them I'm winning," Hope told his doctor in response to the many people asking about his health.

Doctors expect the 97-year-old comedian to be moved out of the critical care unit Sunday and to continue to increase his activity, said Lea Goodsell, a spokeswoman for the Eisenhower Regional Medical Center.

Hope's condition was upgraded to stable Saturday, and he is scheduled to be released sometime this week.

"He's very awake, very alert," Goodsell said.

Hope received many faxes, cards, and flowers from well-wishers around the world. Former President **Gerald Ford** paid a visit to the entertainer's wife, **Delores**, on Sunday, and Hope was expected to be able to receive visitors other than family soon.

He was hospitalized in Palm Springs Thursday after experiencing abdominal pain. He was later transferred to Eisenhower Regional with gastrointestinal bleeding.

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KANSAS CITY, Mo. — And that's the way it was on Kansas City's 150th birthday: **Walter Cronkite**, singer **Oleta Adams** and **Little Richard** headlined to salute the city on its sesquicentennial.

Cronkite, the famed newsman who grew up and later worked as a wire service reporter in Kansas City, introduced his cousin, Kansas City Mayor Kay Waldo Barnes, during a celebration Saturday night at Arrowhead Stadium.

"It's great to be back home here in Kansas City," Cronkite told the crowd of about 42,000. "Thank you all so much for inviting me to a celebration I wouldn't have missed for the world."

Later, Adams performed a brief set, as did Little Richard, who sang "Tutti Frutti" with his trademark yowls.

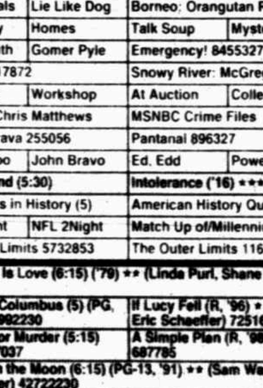
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LONDON — Images of **Sir Winston Churchill,** from the age of 4 when he had long reddish curls to his lying-in-state after his death in 1965 at age 90, are on display in a dealer's gallery in London.

"Despite his fame, there hasn't been such an exhibition before," said Peter Johnson, owner of the Ackermann and Johnson gallery, which has assembled paintings, drawings, bronzes and ephemera of Britain's World War II leader.

Churchill is depicted in a variety of moods: a contemplative painter with palette in hand in his self-portrait of 1920, absorbed in his papers as prime minister, and dejected after his post-war electoral defeat in 1945.

A drawing by **Graham Sutherland** from 1954 survives to echo the most notorious portrait, commissioned by the two Houses of Parliament for Churchill's 80th birthday, but which the subject himself hated. Hailed by many as a masterpiece, it was secretly burned on the instructions of Churchill's wife, **Clementine**.



Paintings, drawings and other images of Sir Winston Churchill are on display at a London gallery.

The exhibition, opened by **Lady Soames**, Churchill's daughter, is on view this month.

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EATONTON, Ga. — **Wesley Snipes'** plan to convert a 300-acre farm into a training camp for security guards has hit a snag.

The Putnam County Planning and Zoning Board upheld an inspector's rejection of an application to build a training camp on the farm, which is now owned by local contractor Stanley Bishop and zoned for agricultural use.

Bishop's attorney said Friday he would appeal the decision to the County Commission, saying his client's application should be judged on its own merit, not on the plans of a potential buyer.

"Wesley Snipes' involvement is irrelevant with regard to these proceedings," David Cooper said.

Spokesmen for Snipes have confirmed that the actor is negotiating with Bishop to buy the land. Snipes' half brother, Rudy Snipes, attended Thursday's appeal hearing but did not participate, Marianne Tanner said. Victor McGauley, vice president of the actor's Los Angeles-based film production company, Amen Ra Films, said Snipes wants to reassure people that "this is a good company and a good project."

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DAILY CROSSWORD

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16 Red tag event
17 Exceeding planned spending limits
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23 Hall of "The Tonight Show"
24 Shopper's carryall
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40 Stereo components
41 Cosmonaut Gagarin
42 Align the cross hairs
47 Certain Sooner
48 Reveal, in verse
49 Acceptable
50 Visceral prefix
51 Teed off
55 Copy, for short
56 Beer glass
57 Summoned the butler
58 Conglomeration
59 Not — snuff: unsatisfactory
60 Brontë's governess
62 Karmann —: old Volkswagen
65 Sculler's implement
66 Frat letters

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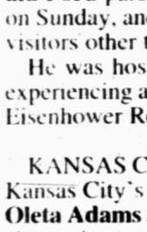


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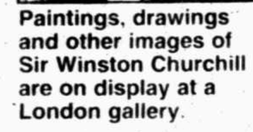
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Listen Up!

LHS students win annual essay contest

EDITOR'S NOTE: The following is the first in a five part series of the essays written by Lee High School students that made it to the regional level in the Barbara Jordan Historical Essay contest. Each of the students was required to interview local business and community leaders.

Greater Ideal Baptist Church: Reaching out to Create Harmony

By Heidi Toomsalu

Since the beginning of its history, the Christian church has been a communal foundation; it has fanned the flames of every great human endeavor and has provided world leaders with answers and inspiration. The church stands as a moral plumbline for society and has filled people of every culture with hope and strength. Even Martin Luther King Jr., a great African-American freedom leader, portrayed himself as "a minister of the gospel, who {loved} the church; who was nurtured in its bosom; who {was} sustained by its spiritual blessings and who {would} remain true to it (King 5)."

Many of today's churches have followed in King's steps and attempted to create a sense of brotherhood and unification among the diverse races, cultures, and ethnicities of America. One of these African-American churches is Greater Ideal Baptist Church, whose strong foundation, continuing act of involvement in the community, and visions for the future have allowed the church to instill the values of family and equality in its home city of Midland, Texas.

Greater Ideal Baptist Church was built upon the idea of love in the community and the family. Founded on Oct. 8, 1949, under the leadership of I.M. Woodard, Ideal Baptist Church was a church of the people. In the beginning there were only 13 members; each took on a different task, ranging from church clerk, to deacon, to Sunday school chairman. On the night of its founding, six new members were accepted. Three months later, the membership had increased to 80 (Bell, "Jubilee" 4), and today the congregation numbers almost 200 (Bell, Interview).

A.C. Sanders was responsible for the naming of the church; he suggested "Ideal Baptist Church" (Bell, "Jubilee 4"), a name which remained until the early 1960s when it was renamed "Greater Ideal" (Bell, "Jubilee" 5). One of the charter members, James Roberson, donated an empty lot at the intersection of Tyler and Washington streets. His charitable contribution came to host the 30x30-foot frame building of the church.

Elder Amos Taylor, a Midlander, preached the very first sermon in the building; the first man converted was Jim Whims (Bell, "Jubilee" 4). In the May 1950, Rev. Woodard began to preach at the church. On the very first Sunday that he delivered a message, $3,000 were contributed by the congregation. Soon after, the back of the church was extended an additional 30 feet. Blessings were still in the making as the church added a five-room parsonage on an adjoining lot (Bell, "Jubilee" 5). At the same time that the parsonage was being built, the frame building of the church was replaced with a tile one. In order to raise funds for the new building, the congregation was given two options: donate a flat sum of money or buy a tile a week. Contributions came pouring in from all over Midland, even from community members not directly involved in the church. Dorothy Helen Ceastrunk Dias, who currently lives in California, was asked to create blueprints for the new building.

Rev. Woodard wanted the church to play an important role in the town's society. His wish was for a steeple so tall that it could be viewed by anyone in any part of Midland, whether they were coming or going. After the new building was finished, God continued to bless the people at Greater Ideal; in the early 1960s, the church was able to include further additions to the internal decor, such as new choir stands and two balconies (Bell, "Jubilee" 5). Marie Crumpton headed up a funding project which allowed the church to display a $3500 sign on the front lawn. In the early 1990s, enough money was gathered to install stained glass windows and ceiling fans. Air conditioning was also added (Bell, "Jubilee" 7). The church's positive transformations are just an outward example of God's blessings.

In the last 50 years, Greater Ideal has made numerous advancements, overcoming difficult obstacles and withstanding considerable racial oppression. The strong leaders of this church have helped Martin Luther King Jr.'s dream that the "radiant stars of love and brotherhood {would} shine over {America} with all their scintillating beauty" become a reality (King 7). In fact, Rev. Woodard led Ideal Baptist to be the first African-American church to broadcast over the radio in Midland between 1952 and 1964 (Bell, "Jubilee" 6). He and the other pastors have been setting goals of communal unification since the founding of the church and are achieving them through ministry and a loving attitude. George Bell, the current pastor, believes God placed the church in Midland to help its citizens through dark spots in their lives. God has called him to lead Greater Ideal into a brotherhood of love and faith, not color (Bell Interview). In other words, it is Greater Ideal's strong leaders and founders that have transformed the once small group of worshippers into an active public force.

Just like its strong foundation, Greater Ideal Baptist Church's current activities are a reflection of their desire to increase community unification. Walking into the church, a person is nearly overcome by the friendly atmosphere (Toomsalu). Everyone makes it a point to let newcomers know that they are welcome, regardless of past history, race, or culture (Graham). After experiencing the initial warm and friendly welcome, every guest is invited to join in the worship songs of "Lord, prepare me ... to be a sanctuary" and "God is real for I can feel him in my soul" floating through the air and giving a harmonious glow to the entire room. It is an extremely "free and enthusiastic" form of worship (Toomsalu), which comes "from the soul" and gives a lot of "praise {to} the Lord" (Graham).

Rev. Bell is seeking God's directions concerning missions for the congregation and the church. Currently, he is delivering a series of sermons on "Kingdom Citizenship," which outline the responsibility that every person has to be more than a church-goer and to take his or her place as a citizen of heaven (Bell, Interview). The people of Greater Ideal believe that God has five specific purposes for their church: celebrate His presence through worship, celebrate His word through ministry, incorporate His family into the church, educate people about Him through discipleship, and demonstrate His love through service (Greater Ideal 6).

Ministry within and without the church is a very important part of the Christian way of life. Greater Ideal has a total of about 12 individual ministries (Bell, Interview). They include both inreach and outreach, and every member of the church is involved in some way. Sometimes they go to nursing homes and visit the sick. Other times they provide food for the elderly or contribute their time to those in need of company (Bell, Interview). The church has even hosted drug awareness programs once or twice in order to support Midland's youth. Helping people find jobs and tutoring students are additional ways in which the church evangelizes to the community (R. Nelson). For the holiday season, each individual ministry adopted a family in the community that was in need of help or had nowhere else to turn. The church was deeply blessed by this ministry and the response from both the congregation and the families involved (Bell, Interview).

Greater Ideal Baptist Church's youth program is filled with smart, hard working young people (White). The youth director, Carolyn Nelson, believes that the one way to have a successful youth group is to make it interesting. She says that it is all about changing the scenery every now and then, such as going to McDonald's to have Sunday school or going outside to read the Bible. And the key point that Greater Ideal portrays to its own youth and to kids everywhere is "that serving Christ will pay off. It is an honor and a privilege to have someone to walk {next to} through everything," Ms. Nelson said. As a result, Greater Ideal is currently one of the most active churches in Midland; every member is eager and willing and ready to help those in need.

If past and present are any indication, then Greater Ideal Baptist Church stands to have a long, thriving future. This year the congregation plans to build a Christian Family Center that will focus on serving the needs of the community and allow the church to reach out in new ways. The new building will house a library, gym, chapel, restaurant, and at least six computers with Internet access (Bell, Interview). These additions will let the community know that "God is still alive and well and still blessing {the} community (Bell, Interview)." In addition, Ideal Baptist will supply a day-care to improve Midland's childcare and a retirement complex to meet the needs of the elderly (Bell, Interview).

As for money matters, $44,000 has already been raised, and that amount is steadily increasing. Donations are flowing in from friends, family, congregation members, and other supporters in the community (Bell, Interview). In other words, the church's visions for the future are for the benefit of Midland as a city and a society, and they are helping to reach the goal of friendship between the many town's many cultures.

Greater Ideal Baptist Church is one of Midland's finest assets, not just for the African-American community, but for the city as a whole. Their visions and goals are planned for the benefit of every citizen and will improve the quality of life for the entire area. As a strong communal model, they have succeeded in reaching out and helping to create harmony in Midland. As a church, they have been truly blessed by God in their ministries and other actions, and as an African-American organization, they have acted as a positive and important influence amid the diverse traditions and beliefs that have helped form Midland's culture. Truly, their love and care for the community has helped to shape Midland into a city of fellowship and brotherhood.

Winners learn from contest

By Matt Josefy

School may be over, but the work of several students in the Annual Barbara Jordan Historical Essay Competition will continue to pay lasting dividends.

"This is one of the best classrooms going on in our community," said James Fuller, director of the contest's Midland-Odessa region. "I've seen it in their faces that they learn a lot and that the contest made a significant impression on them. They come to learn that their community is rather complicated and diverse but has a tremendous wealth of information about people, places, things."

The Lee High School English department swept the top five places at the Regional Level, with Heidi Toomsalu, Laura Atkinson, Amy Haines, Amber Ramirez, and Don Ho taking first through fifth, respectively.

"It thought it was a really good experience for us to do something for our community and show appreciation to the African-American community in Midland," said Ms. Toomsalu.

The competition encourages students to research and write history about their communities throughout Texas. This year's theme was "The African American in Texas: Past and Present." High school students found topics relevant to their community and analyzed events and environment over a given time period by conducting one-on-one interviews with individuals active in the community.

"I wrote about a very small organization and put it out there to share that they're doing something. I think it allows you to be interactive with everything that's going on and gets information about different organizations and people out to the community," Ms. Toomsalu said.

"I've been working with the contest ever since it started five years ago," said Robbyne Fuller, CEO of the Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs. Barbara Jordan was instrumental in getting the contest started, but groups of people enabled it to take hold.

"We were asked to find some people to work with us and that's how the NAACP became a cosponsor," Ms. Fuller said. "We felt that this was something that our chamber could do for the community and it certainly turned out to be one of the best events that we sponsor during the year."

"We created and sponsored various regional divisions, with the Black Chamber of Entrepeneurs setting up the Midland-Odessa region," Fuller said.

Fuller's involvement did not stop there, as many students have interviewed him through the years. "Several students have chosen to develop papers based on the role of the chamber in the contribution of African-Americans in Midland to various economic and cultural initiatives," he said.

"First of all, it's a history lesson that you don't get in the classroom. As a result of the contest, the students learn so much more about their community than they probably ever would."

According to Fuller, "They come to understand the important reality that there is a diverse community in which African-Americans are a part and have contributed to the evolving process of Midland politically, socially, economically, professionally, and educationally."

Swimming, studying, service propel student to scholarship



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Greg Strauss, swim teacher and recent Lee High School graduate,has received a full scholarship to Emory University.

EDITOR'S NOTE: The school year may be over, but this area still has plenty of outstanding students. This is the first in a series of Student Spotlights. To nominate a student for this recognition, send his or her name, telephone number and description to mattj@basinlink.com

By Matt Josefy

It's not everyday that you meet a student who gets paid $32,400 per year for doing what he loves, but that is the situation Gregg Strauss, a recent Lee High School graduate, will be facing this fall at Emory University.

The highly-accoladed scholar will be able to pursue his eventual goal of becoming a lawyer at the prestigious Division III private school, located near Atlanta. His scholarship — earned on the basis of academic achievements ranging from a 1500 SAT score to being ranked number 12 in his class of 740 — will cover tuition, room and board, as well as books.

"I had always expected to be going to school on a swimming scholarship, but Division III does not give sports scholarships," Strauss said of beating out hundreds of other applicants.

That does not mean that the 11-year swimmer will be getting out of the water just yet. "I wanted to go someplace with really good academics, but also where I could get better in swimming. Last year, they placed third at NCAA nationals for Division III," Strauss said.

Strauss, this year's LHS swim team captain, was also a Wendy's High School Heisman Nominee in recognition of his athletic ability, academic prowess, but also the time he devotes to community service.

"I like kids," he said of his involvement in the Peer Assistance Leadership and Service program, where he was able to mentor students at several elementary schools. Strauss considers his participation in the program to be one of his highest accomplishments.

"As you get involved and the more things that you dedicate yourself to, the more you learn about yourself," he said. "That doesn't necessarily mean to just show up. If you actually get involved you figure out who you are, where you want to be, and where you want to go."

He further embodies his own advice as a Meals on Wheels Volunteer and the lead attorney at Teen Court, not to mention participating in the National Spanish Honor Society and LHS debate team.

Of course, he does not always freely give up his time, but even then he has the opportunity to help people through his job as a swim lesson instructor.

"It's a lot harder to teach kids how to swim because when it's yourself you focus on minor changes in your stroke, but with them you're having to start with absolutely nothing," Strauss said.

"But when you have to explain the basics — that freestyle means one arm over the top — you see little things that you haven't thought about in 10 years. It wasn't for me really, and that's what made it so much more fun."

Strauss started swimming at age 4, following in the footsteps, so to speak, of his older brother.

"I played baseball, tried to play soccer and basketball, took art lessons, sang in a choir, but it came out that swimming was my best thing, and that's where I ended up staying," he said.

But Strauss has plans to stroke his way towards bigger and better things.

"I would say I am pretty ambitious. I know I'm probably going to law school. Hopefully after that I will get into politics. My ultimate goal would be to senator," Strauss said, explaining that being President would require "dealing with a lot of staff. I'm not sure I want to have to deal with."

"Senators deal with people's interest more than just putting on a show. They directly represent people. Plus, I wouldn't have the military experience I think you should have to be president," he said.

"I think I have to give some of the credit to my mom. Not only did she drive me around to all of this stuff for 10 years, she's the reason I did a lot of it. She supported me all the time and instilled the values that I needed. I guess she just had the right programming," Strauss said, while beginning to spend the summer preparing to dive into a whole new atmosphere.

Student Winners

Students qualify for talent program

The following students qualified for the State Recognition Ceremony of the Duke University Talent Identification Program, a program that allows seventh grade students to take the Scholastic Aptitude Test. Those recognized scored as well or better than the average college-bound high school senior. This year's state ceremonies required a SAT math or verbal score of at least 510 or an ACT qualifying score of 21 or greater on English, 22 on reading, or 22 on science reasoning.

ABELL JUNIOR HIGH

Brent Bennett, Katie Benton, Chesna Bowman, Rachel Campbell, Anthony Corson, Matthew Edwards, Amanda Fly, Elise Hilgemeier, Zachariah Peterson and Landon Wright

ALAMO JUNIOR HIGH

Jordan Ingram, Rebecca McEwen, Daniel Meysing and Joshua Southerland

GODDARD JUNIOR HIGH

Jennifer Carrillo, William Cooper, Deeann Fandlay, Thomas Frisbie, Megan Haynes, Emily Hudson, Amanda Martin, Elizabeth Rowan and Colin Rust

MIDLAND CHRISTIAN

Nicole Davis and Colby Holmes

SAN JACINTO

Grant Derigo, Collin Fleming, Timothy Guenthner, Candace Koehl, William Krause, Alexandra Thomas and Brxne Ulmschneider

TRINITY

Jessica Cohagan, Kalin Harvard, Mary McLaughlin, Matt Norwood, Jordan Person, Andrew Price, Taylor Rutter, Jenny Torres and Jordan Torres.

DAR chapter announces award winners

Staff Reports

Lt. William Brewer chapter, National Daughters of the American Revolution, has announced the winners of its Good citizen Awards, which are presented each year to students in Midland area schools.

This year's award winners are: **Katheryn Eby**, Midland High School, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Carl Eby; Michele Kennerly**, Lee High School, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Dan Kennerly; and Bradley Bishop**, Greenwood High School, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Billy Bishop.**

Also named winners are: **Michael Flores**, Midland Christian School, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Mike Flores; Michael Midkiff**, Trinity school, son of **Mr. and Mrs. Greg Midkiff; and Jennifer Bartholomee**, home-schooler, daughter of **Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bartholomee.**

MHS grads share memories...

Part III of these poetic memories were written by members of Midland High School's Class of 2000:

THE WHALE WATCH
by Kristen Hill

The seas were rough that very day.
And the sky was a lovely gray.
The people on the other land.
Were four shades of green
Once out of sight of the land.

I alone was up on deck
With spray in my face I say, "what the heck."
As I look out soon I see
A whale in the distance
Unleash that tell-tale "V."

Then the spotter called my name.
Up to the top I soon came.
Once up on top I was filled with glee
For on the day I turned 10
Some Minke and Fins I did see.

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HEAD WOUND
by Dan Partain

Her name is gone
And her face disappeared long ago
The only thing left is the long brown hair

And a good arm

In the caliche alley, behind the big rock in the corner
She and I found the prize
A foot-long sleek and sexy, shiny shank of stainless steel
From the pipe the sun blinded me

It was great
Just the thing for my 6-year-old imagination

I sat on the back of her dad's white pickup
She struggled with the gate to her backyard
"Gimme the pipe so I can trip the latch."
"Uhhh...un-kay"
Deftly she lifted the gate's lock and
Threw,
Nonchalantly.

The evil metal twirled,

(I swear that time stopped with the pipe mid-flight and poised for attack)

And twirled
Toward my small body
God what a horrible sound
The resonating twang of
Rusty metal meeting skull

Only her brown hair
Her good arm
And that semicircle scar in the middle of my forehead

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UNFORGETTABLE SUMMER DAY
by Natasha Oliver

Sunny, windy day
Near the beach
Wind whipping through my hair
Big puffy clouds
Animals, planes, cars
The airs so crisp
Skywriters spelling
Will you marry me?
Watching as it disappears
In the windy summer day
Hair whipping their faces
In their little convertible cars
Rollerblading on the broad walk
Little teeny bikinis and
little Speedos.
Life in L.A. is not half bad.

Part IV will be published next week.

Dave Barr

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MONDAY MORNING

DAVE BARRY

What's a summer trip without seeing yams or zucchinis?

It's summer vacation season, and this year, according to the American Automobile Association, 37 million Americans will be hitting the road. Literally.

Every few miles along the interstate, you'll see a car pulled over and a man on his hands and knees, pounding his forehead into the highway. That's Dad. He's been driving for seven hours in a car with four children, so he's trying to work out some tension by banging the old noggin on the concrete. Mom would be out there with him, but she's busy inside the car trying to untangle little Jessica, whose brother Christopher put her hair into the car's jack and playfully wound it around several dozen turns.


Barry

They'll drive for five more hours before they check into a motel, where Mom and Dad will spend a fun evening trying to locate a pharmacy where they can replace little Brendan's asthma medicine, which little Courtney flushed, along with little Brendan's special blanket, down the motel toilet. Later that night, when everybody is finally asleep, there will be a pounding at the door. This will be the police, come to check on a report that the family checked in with a crying child who had a heavy metal object attached to her head.

There is no vacation fun quite like a family car trip. The question is: Where should you go? You'll be excited to learn that I've prepared an itinerary for you.

You'll begin by driving to Jefferson City, Mo., to visit is the Veterinary Museum, which, according to a brochure sent in by alert reader Bill Hopkins, is "the only museum in the United States devoted solely to veterinary medicine." There you can "touch and explore materials, such as bones, animal skins and hairballs" and see "specimens showing stages of a calf embryo and various animal diseases."

Talk about family fun!

After a stop at McDonald's for an educational lunch ("Kids, those hamburgers you're chewing come from the exact same kind of animal that you saw in those jars!") you're off to your next stop, which is Marilla, Mich. There, according to an article from the Aug. 8, 1999, edition of the Traverse City Record-Eagle written by Mike Norton and sent in by alert reader Judy Sutton, you might see ... racing zucchinis!

The article ("Excess Gourds Provide Amusement for Family, Friends") states that last spring Herb Seamons, 79, and his daughter, Karen, 50, planted several rows of zucchini, and — as any experienced gardener could have predicted — they wound up with too many zucchinis (*one* is too many zucchinis). So now, for sport, they "take some of their biggest, longest zucchinis down to the Manistee River, drop them off the bridge, and then watch to see which ones float downstream the fastest."

"It's a hoot," observes Herb.

The article states that "the sport has gradually caught on with other members of the local zucchini-growing community."

If this isn't an activity that will keep your kids enthralled for 45 to 50 seconds, then I don't know what is. My only concern is that, if the Manistee River ultimately flows to the Atlantic Ocean, we could have a situation where a zucchini — which is the densest vegetable on the planet, aside from guests on The Jerry Springer Show — winds up in the path of a cruise ship ("Full starboard rudder — zucchini dead ahead!")

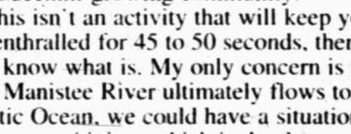
Then it's time to head for your next vacation stop. ... Nigeria! Sure, it's a long drive, but consider the attraction: According to a March 23 article in USA Today, "Hundreds of curious Nigerians flocked to the police station in the northern town of Maiduguri after reports that a schoolboy had been turned into a yam by witchcraft." The article states that the police had the yam in custody and were trying to "unravel this mystery."

The Yam Boy! What a fun finale for your family vacation, as well as a chance to teach the kids an important moral lesson ("If you spit on your sister again, *you* will turn into a yam").

But now, sadly, your vacation has ended; it's time to make the 12,000-mile drive home. Better use the bathroom now, because Dad is not stopping.

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Humor to start your week ...

The Reporter-Telegram is seeking good, clean jokes that will be published on the Monday Morning page. If your joke is selected for publication, you will receive $10. Your submission should include your name, mailing address, work phone and home phone. Jokes should be submitted to Mary Dearen, P.O. Box 1650, Midland 79701; fax, 570-7650; or e-mail, purple@basinlink.com.

Person to Person

With Johnnye Montgomery





■ This is the first in a series of personality profiles on teachers and graduates in anticipation of the Midland Independent School District's Ultimate Reunion scheduled for June 24.

"Sweet" Millie Howard began teaching at Midland Independent School District in the 1940s and taught in the public schools for 30 years. She is now an adjunct English professor at Midland College.

**U. Frank Williams Jr.
Reporter-Telegram**

MISD and MC English teacher

'Sweet' Millie Howard

What started as a hacking cough that wouldn't go away has escalated to a wild ride on a life-and-death merry-go-round for Millie Howard. But if you think she wants to talk about cancer or aches and pains or any other evils of the world, forget it. That's not what Sweet Millie is all about.

She'd rather discuss the goodness of the people she's met and the things she's learned through teaching for 30 years at Midland Independent School District and now at Midland College, where she's adjunct English professor. She knows about that goodness first-hand.

When her illness forced her into the hospital recently, former students gathered around. They brought flowers until, according to Millie, "there was no room to put any more anywhere."

She had mentioned some weeks before that she needed to paint her house. Millie was hardly out of the house before they sprang into action with brushes and rollers. All the time she was at Midland Memorial Hospital, until 30 minutes before she checked out (and headed to Arlington for therapy), she held court for former students, associates and fellow members of 12-step programs.

Her admirers span four generations, some going back as far as the 1940s, when she consented to teach a half day at Midland High School. Her husband, Ray, was fighting overseas.

"During the war, they had a hard time finding teachers," she remembers. "I had two big study halls and there were about 45 students in there. Some of them were even sitting in the windows.

"I had recently returned from a trip to Mexico, so I asked Frank Monroe if I could teach Mexican history. ...The kids just kept bringing me stories — nearly all of them had at least been to the border — and we had a fascinating class."

The next thing she knew, Monroe came to her house one night and asked if she would teach at De Zavala Elementary. Those were the days of segregation, not only black from white, but brown from black and brown from white.

"There were four rooms and the desks for those little kids were some old ones that had come from the high school," she said. "The kids had to sit on their (crossed) legs to write. I put cardboard over the tops of the desks to smooth over the pits.

"I had some really bright kids — Manuel and Rudy Carrasco, who later became assistant principal — and Valentin Reyes, Marcelino Moreno and others whose names I can't remember, but who taught me a lot.

"I never met a kid I didn't learn from, and I always said I'd quit when I couldn't love them."

She had left teaching for a while, but in 1961, when Lee High School opened, the new principal, Leslie Hinds, called to ask if she would teach one semester "just long enough to get the first graduating class out. I had two classes of brilliant freshmen, and then I had these goof-offs, real rebels.

"To justify paying me full time, (Hinds) had gone to the other teachers and said, 'If you have any troublemakers, just send them to Millie Howard.'"

She said teaching was the medicine she needed to get her through one of the lowest points of her life: the painful aftermath of a divorce. She said that the people she dealt with daily, including troublemakers, were "one of the first of many miracles, what I call 'love beyond love.'

"When my world fell apart, I had to teach," she recalls. "I didn't have a thing — no house, not even any cooking utensils. I had moved into a one-bedroom apartment and after the final divorce decree, I had custody of my daughter, Nancy. We moved into a two-bedroom upstairs apartment across the street, and about 11 o'clock that night ... a group of teachers rang my doorbell.

"They had gathered up furniture and linens to furnish two bedrooms, kitchen and living room, right down to the sheets on the bed and towels in the bathroom. I could cry, thinking about it.

"People have been far better to me than I deserve. My 'outlaws' took care of me. They put up shelf paper, kept my air conditioning running, ran errands for me. The father of one of them had a tire store and he sold me tires at a discount.

"In my classes I asked them to keep journals and told them they could show them to me if they wanted to, but they didn't have to. My department head had a fit — this was before the days that journaling was accepted.

"To start out, I gave them two topic suggestions, and I said, 'You can write what you want, but please don't write about other teachers.' They would write and bring their journals to me, and I would write comments in the margins. They would come up to me and say, 'Ms. Howard, do you remember what I wrote?' and I'd say, 'Honey, God blessed me with a good forgetter. I don't remember what anybody writes.' We established a wonderful rapport."

Millie said it was years before she learned the extent of the effects of the journals.

"I had hoped that my notes in those journals might be of some help to them. Then in 1980, I'd gone to a teaching workshop in North Carolina and while I was gone, three of my students died accidentally. Later I ran into the mother of one of the boys, and she said, 'I want to thank you for having my boy keep that journal.' He had had a spiritual experience at a youth camp one summer and he had written about it. His mother had never known about it until she read his journal after his death."

She said the criteria she set up for writing assignments was simple.

"I encouraged them to study the issues and to form their own opinions. I said, 'Don't try to figure out what kind of politics I like, or what church I go to, or what I want to read. Learn to think for yourself, and then it won't matter what anyone else thinks. And anything you write that you can back up with facts, will be fine.'"

Somewhere along the way, she picked up the moniker "Sweet Millie."

Her students call her that when they see her on the street and run to hug her. Many of them recall the times of trouble when she would open her doors to them when nobody else would.

She said that once, two boys had come to school drunk just before the Christmas holidays and had been expelled. "The principal had told them that if they could get a teacher to let them take midterm exams, he'd give them credit for their grades, and I said I would let them do that," she said.

She had just moved into a house and the movers had left everything in the middle of the floor. The boys showed up at her doorstep and said, "'Ms. Howard, we have time on our hands, and you have a lot of things to do around here. We'd be glad to help.'

"So I made a list and left them some money and when I came back at noon, they had moved the furniture into place and put up curtain rods and even put latches on the back gate. The money was still where I'd left it."

One of her hot buttons is the First Amendment and book burning — literal or figurative.

"A woman called me up one day while I was teaching at Midland High and said she was not going to let her boy read that trash I was teaching. I said, 'What are you referring to?' She said, 'Catcher in the Rye.' I said, well, we don't teach trash at Midland High, but I'll send your son down to the library to read some other book, like 'Deerslayer,' or something. But have you read 'Catcher in the Rye?' She hadn't. 'Then I guess you can't tell me what it is that you're objecting to.' I said."

Millie said in the end, the woman changed her mind and had decided to trust her son's good sense and upbringing.

Millie said another thing she hates to see is the practice of putting all children of like abilities in a class together.

"Kids inspire one another. They learn from one another. One year, I asked Rudy Carrasco to let me put two of my kids who were having a hard time learning into my regular classes, and later one of them wrote me a note, telling me how much he had loved that class. 'It was like I had a light bulb turn on in my head,' he said."

Minutes before Sweet Millie left her room at Midland Memorial, she was still receiving admirers from long-ago MISD classes, and a couple from Midland College. They hugged each other and hugged Millie and listened to her as she shrugged off the doctors' prognoses.

"I'm not afraid of dying, but I do believe in the power of prayer. Whatever happens is in God's hands and I'm thankful for that," she said. "I've seen miracles before."

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Today's Agenda

Clogging, basic & intermediate levels, 7 p.m., 2800 W. County Road 130 (Cotton Flat Road and S. Midkiff Road).
Midland Area AIDS Support, for family and friends of people with AIDS, 7 p.m., 684-6161 or 684-7821.
West Texas Singles dance class/lessons, 7:30 p.m., 550-6960.
Midland Rape Crisis support for incest survivors. For group information call 682-7273.
Compassionate Friends support group, Hospice, 911 W. Texas Ave., 7:30 p.m., 685-1566.
The 12 Step Group of Al-Anon, 6 p.m., 206 N. Midkiff Road, Suite 1-C, 699-2005.
Permian Basin Parkinson's support group, 6:30 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital, Loop 250 and Thomason Drive, 682-4100.
Permian Basin Chapter of TAPA, 7 p.m., Midland Holidome, 332-0466.
Rebekah Lodge No. 91, 8 p.m. 610 E. Florida St.
East Side Lions Club, 7:30 p.m., El Rancho Grande.
Wall Street Toastmasters Club, 5:30 p.m., Midland County Library, 697-2084.
Support group for persons with hepatitis, 7 p.m. Immanuel Baptist Church, 4020 E. University Blvd., Odessa, 366-4439.
La Leche League, 7:30 p.m., Grace Presbyterian Church, 694-2018.
Barbershop Singing Society, Permian Basin Chapter of SPEBSQSA, Our Savior's Lutheran, 7 p.m., 685-1831.
Midland Assembly No. 193, Order of Rainbow, 7:30 p.m., 1600 W. Wall St.
Midland Chapter American Association support group, 7 p.m., Abell Hanger Medical Pavilion, 682-0314.
A support group for military personnel and their families, 7:30 p.m., Midland County Chapter of the American Red Cross, 2306 Elizabeth Ave., 684-6161.
Civil Air Patrol, adults and cadets, 7 p.m., CAP building at Midland Air Park, 685-3384 or 694-2035.
Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, 7 p.m., Dot, 683-3775 or Kim, 580-HELP.
Civil Air Patrol, cadets, 7 p.m., Midland Air Park, 682-6776.
Midland AARP Chapter 256, 6 p.m., Senior Citizens Center at Kingsway Center, 682-1770 or 694-1447.
The Midland Assembly No. 193, Order of Rainbow for Girls, 7:30 p.m. Masonic Temple, 1600 W. Wall Ave.
Wallstreet Toastmasters Club, 5:30 p.m., Midland County Public Library second floor meeting room, 697-2084.
Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, Dot, 683-3775 and Kathy, 580-HELP.
West Texas Harmony, 7 p.m., Memorial Christian Church, 694-2035 or 333-5838.
Compulsive Eaters Anonymous, noon, First United Methodist Church, 694-2860.

Trial set for millionaire

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — More than 2 1/2 years after the mother of quadruplets was shot and stabbed in her Florida home, her ex-husband, a San Antonio millionaire, goes on trial Monday, accused of arranging her murder.

Allen Blackthorne has a wealth of financial resources at his disposal, as well as a legal team that started prepping for this trial two years before he was even indicted. His trial is expected to last three to five weeks.

A two-count federal indictment charges Blackthorne with interstate conspiracy to commit murder for hire, which carries a mandatory life sentence, and interstate domestic violence.

Blackthorne's ex-wife, Sheila Bellush, was shot and stabbed in her Sarasota, Fla., home in November 1997, shortly after she moved from the San Antonio area. Her 2-year-old quadruplets from her second marriage, were found wandering in blood near their mother's body.

Blackthorne was indicted by a federal grand jury in January. A day later, a Bexar County grand jury returned state charges. The federal case is the first to go to trial.

"He is innocent, not just 'not guilty' innocent," said Richard Lubin, the West Palm Beach, Fla., lawyer who defended famed defense attorney F. Lee Bailey before representing Blackthorne.

First Assistant U.S. Attorney John Murphy said prosecutors won't "shock anyone with any of our evidence."

One suspect in the case, Samuel Gonzales, has already pleaded guilty to solicitation of capital murder. Gonzales' cousin and the alleged triggerman, Jose Luis Del Toro, escaped into Mexico but was returned by Mexican authorities last year. He faces trial next month in Florida.

Gonzales testified against his friend, Daniel Rocha, an accomplished amateur golfer, who was sentenced to life in prison last year. Gonzales claimed Rocha told him the money for the murder, like the plan, came from Rocha's frequent golf and gambling partner, Blackthorne.

Legal experts told the San Antonio Express-News that Blackthorne's best bet is to focus on Rocha, who has been inconsistent with his statements about the case.

GOP governors rally to Bush's defense on Sunday talk shows

WASHINGTON (AP) — Two Republican governors and political allies of George W. Bush said he has not compromised his support of the death penalty by blocking a condemned murderer's execution in Texas so potential DNA evidence can be reviewed.

"I think it was very appropriate that he did it, and I don't think it anyway undermines his commitment to the death penalty," GOP Gov. Tom Ridge of Pennsylvania said on "Fox News Sunday."

Ridge, being considered as a running mate to Bush, the likely GOP presidential nominee, added, "At the end of the day we have to be concerned about the administration of justice."

Last week, Bush blocked an execution for the first time in his career as Texas governor to allow DNA tests, approving a 30-day reprieve for Ricky McGinn.

"Any time DNA evidence used in this context can be relevant as to the guilt or innocence of a person on death row, we need to use it," Bush said Thursday. He hoped the review would be done "expeditiously."

A Newsweek poll released Saturday showed that six out of 10 Americans think Bush acted only for political reasons.

Bush's likely Democratic opponent, Vice President Al Gore, said last week Bush had a difficult decision but that it should not be viewed in terms of politics.

For Bush, a strong supporter of the death penalty, the reprieve could be perceived as allowing him to soften an image and attract more moderate voters.

Bush also received support Sunday from Oklahoma's Frank Keating, another potential vice presidential contender.

"Every one of us, police officers, prosecutors, presidents and governors, if we're responsible and moral, want to make sure the guilty and the guilty alone are executed or imprisoned," Keating said on CBS' "Face the Nation."

Meantime, Sen. Patrick Leahy, D-Vt., tried to make the case for his "Innocence Protection Act." It seeks stronger guarantees of adequate legal help for capital defendants. The measure also provides for DNA testing of inmates who seek to prove they did not commit the underlying crime for which they were condemned.

One opponent, GOP Rep. Bob Barr, R-Ga., said death penalty foes are looking for "the holy grail" with DNA testing.

"You're looking for perfection and you're not going to find perfection," he said.

But Illinois Gov. George Ryan said perfection is what he wants from his state's death penalty system or there will not be any more executions while he is governor.

Ryan, a death penalty supporter, started the current national debate by ordering a moratorium on executions while Illinois's death penalty procedures are examined for fairness. Since 1987, the state has released 13 from death row after their convictions were overturned.

"We need to have 100 percent accuracy or I don't want any part of the system," Ryan said on ABC's "This Week."

DEATH NOTICES

Sandie O'Neal

Sandie Hyatt O'Neal, 35, died Saturday, June 3, at a local hospital.

Graveside services will be 10 a.m. Tuesday, June 6, at Fairview Cemetery with Eddie Elliott officiating under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home. Visitation will be from 6 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Monday, June 5, at the funeral home.

She was born Sept. 6, 1964 in Tucson, Ariz.

She lived in Utah, and moved to Midland 15 years ago. She was a homemaker.

Survivors include her husband, Ronnie O'Neal of Midland; four sons, L.P. O'Neal, David O'Neal and Ronnie O'Neal, all of Midland, and Frank O'Neal Jr. of San Angelo; three daughters, Laron O'Neal and Tracy O'Neal, both of Midland, and Karen O'Neal of Burlington; four brothers, Paul E. Hyatt Jr. of Thornton, Colo., Corkey Hyatt of Austin, Roger Hyatt of St. Cloud, Minn. and Timothy Hyatt of Austin; two sisters, Vickie Wedge of Childresberg, Ala. and Darla Mason of Tucson, Ariz.; her parents, Lois and L.P. Taylor of Swan Lake, Okla., J.B. and Shirley O'Neal of Midland, and Jacqueline Wilson of Austin; 12 grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Ella Small

Ella Louise Small died Saturday, June 5, in San Angelo.

Funeral services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Cleola Boyd

Mary Cleola Boyd, 90, died Sunday, June 4, at a local nursing home.

Services are pending with Pipkin Funeral Home.

Margaret Funk

Margaret Funk, died Sunday, June 4, in Midland.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Vada Folger

Vada Folger, died Saturday, June 3, in Stanton.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

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

DEAR ABBY

Indolent neighbors cast pall on busy family's summer fun

DEAR ABBY: I am having problems with our neighbors and their child.

My husband and I are energetic, outgoing and like to get things done — yard work, gardening, etc. These neighbors are the exact opposite. They hold down the couch most weekends and are proud to boast how lazy they are.

If they see we are out playing with our children, they send their child over uninvited and unwanted. I've never disliked a child before in my life, but she is rude, disrespectful, has no manners, and quite honestly, is not the kind of kid I want my children playing with.

I know that she has no parental supervision, so I can't help but feel sorry for her — but I don't want her at my house.

I don't know what to say to the parents because I don't want to start a "hate thy neighbor" relationship. My husband is able to tolerate it to keep the peace, but with summer coming, I know it will only get worse.

Last summer, the parents and the kid would come over and stay past midnight. They never took the hint to go home! I don't want to get into last year's routine, and I'm tired of keeping my kids quiet and not answering the phone. What should I do? — "HAD IT" IN HOUSTON


Van Buren

DEAR "HAD IT": The child is saddled with poor role models and desperately needs a friend. Make it clear to her that while she's a guest in your home, there are rules; then explain what they are. If she disobeys, send her home.

Do not tolerate the adults coming over uninvited even if you have to be blunt.

DEAR ABBY: In 1996, I purchased the most wonderful dress for my daughter's wedding. It was originally priced at more than $400, but I bought it on sale. I looked great in it. My sister called it the perfect mother-of-the-bride dress.

My son and his fiancee are planning their wedding for early next year. I'm now retired and couldn't possibly afford a dress to equal this one. His fiancee and one or two of his friends have seen the dress, but no one in her family has seen it.

Would it be the world's greatest faux pas for me to wear this dress for my son's wedding? — MOTHER OF THE GROOM THIS TIME

DEAR MOTHER: No, it would not be a breach of etiquette. There is no reason why you shouldn't wear a dress that's been worn on only one other special occasion. It would be a shame for such a perfect dress to go to waste. You looked lovely in it once, so wear it to your son's wedding and look lovely in it twice.

DEAR ABBY: In a recent column, Dennis J. Eichelbaum wrote that his grandmother, Elizabeth Eichelbaum, is receiving her Ph.D. in art therapy from the University of Tennessee — and she is 90 years old!

How remarkable! I started looking further and found an incredible list of people from all walks of life who never stopped creating, giving and thinking.

Goethe was past 80 when he completed "Faust"; Judge Learned Hand had served a record 52 years on the federal bench when he died in 1961 at age 89; Amos Alonzo Stagg was still coaching football when he was 100 years old! Not to mention Winston Churchill, Pablo Picasso, Albert Einstein, Vladimir Horowitz, Frank Lloyd Wright, and on and on and on. — ARTHUR H. PRINCE, LOYAL READER FROM MEMPHIS, TENN.

DEAR ARTHUR: Let's not forget Georgia O'Keefe, George Burns, George Abbott, and a lot of others NOT named George!

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

Heavy rains spur flash flooding, high-water rescues

DALLAS (AP) — Storms barreling across North Texas this weekend dumped more than half a foot of rain in several areas and an estimated 15 inches in an isolated area of Parker County, driving people from their homes, flooding roadways and contributing to at least three deaths.

"It has been a while since I've seen this," National Weather Service meteorologist Roland Nunez said Sunday, adding storm systems stretched from Hamilton 130 miles northwest to Terrell and also from Bowie 150 miles southeast to Coleman.

The hardest hit areas appeared to be Parker County, where radar estimates showed as much as 8 inches had fallen over a 12-hour period from Saturday evening to Sunday; Johnson County, which had reports of more than 7 inches, including 7.6 inches in Joshua; and Tarrant and Burleson counties, which reported as much as 6 inches of precipitation, weather officials said.

A flash flood watch remained in effect for North Texas through Sunday night.

Flooding kept the 12-person volunteer fire company in Joshua up all night, said firefighter Cindy Klopfenstein.

"Our assistant chief, who has been here forever and a day, said he has never seen flooding like this in Joshua. It came on quite rapidly," Klopfenstein said. "We had a number of cars that ran into ditches. Luckily no one was swept away by the rapids or anything."

A mobile home park in the city had to be evacuated as water rose 4 inches every 20 minutes, and Texas Highway 174, the main road through the city, was shut down after being flooded under 2 feet of water, Klopfenstein said.

Rescue crews also had to help bring two sick children and their families across fast-moving water so they could reach waiting ambulances, she said.

Flood waters started receding around 6:30 a.m. Sunday, but rains kept flash floods warnings a frequent occurrence during the day.

Red Cross representative Anita Foster told reporters that at least 25 families sought refuge from flood waters and damaged homes at shelters in Joshua, Godley and Burleson in Johnson County and White Settlement in Tarrant County.

"The situation all throughout Johnson County is pretty bad right now," Foster said Sunday morning. "There was a lot of flooding overnight and there were a number of families that went to shelters last night."

The Red Cross was bringing in two emergency relief trucks that can feed and provide supplies to 1,000 people a day to patrol hardhit neighborhoods, she said.

John Reed of the Burleson Fire Department said six people and a dog spent the night at a makeshift shelter in one of the city's fire stations, but by midmorning was empty of displaced residents and Red Cross workers.

While relief workers may have come and gone from shelters, Foster said the Red Cross will stay put.

"We feel we are going to have a lot of homes that are going to have damage and a number of families coming to us for help," she said.

The National Weather Service received various reports of flooded roadways in Hopkins, Bosque, Ellis and Palo Pinto counties. In Hopkins County, a portion of Interstate 30 was reported closed west of Sulphur Springs due to high water. Johnson County officials reported several bridges washed out on county roads and several farm-to-market roads closed.

The weather service also had reports of water in homes in Midlothian, Mineral Wells and DeSoto.

Meanwhile in Parker County, dispatchers said 30 roads were closed due to flooding Sunday afternoon. Radar estimates showed most of the county was inundated with 6 to 8 inches of rain, but some isolated areas got as much as 15 inches of rain, Nunez said.

Soaking weather and flood watches in that county came after a tense night Saturday that included five reports of tornados or funnel clouds in the Weatherford area. Minor damage and no injuries were reported.

A 26-year-old man also drowned in Parker County during the heavy storms when swift waters swept him away as he was walking across a spillway trying to convince his wife it was safe to drive across, a sheriff's dispatcher said.

Fort Worth firefighters were kept busy Sunday with water rescues in various parts of the city. Saturday night in east Fort Worth, police said a one-car traffic fatality was weather-related.

The driver lost control of the vehicle on a slick road and skidded into tree about 10 p.m. Saturday, according to dispatchers. The driver died at the scene.

In Flower Mound, a 14-year-old girl died in a two-vehicle accident caused by a car fishtailing on wet pavement and crashing into a truck, police said.

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WEBZONE

Surfer of the week

Mike Landrum

By Pauline Williamson
MRT Webmaster



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Mike Landrum teaches computer science and programming classes at Midland High School. Student teams from his classes placed first and second in TCEA Web design competition last year.

Most Midlanders know that our local high school students excel in athletic competitions. But did you know that Midland students also are among the best in some academic competitions as well? For example, this year, two teams from the same class at Midland High School won first and second in the state in the category of Web page design. This is not an isolated incident either. MHS has sent teams to state to compete in computer science every year since 1992. The teacher who has led these students to victory is Mike Landrum.

The path Landrum followed to become the coach of such champion teams has been a long and interesting journey. It started out in the small farm town of Flevana, near Snyder. He grew up on a cotton farm, and graduated from high school in a class of four. "The top ten percent of my class was from my bellybutton up," he jokes.

From there, he went to McMurry University in Abilene. He joined the social club HEI, and while there met his wife, then Kathleen Moore, a member of Theta Chi from Andrews. They both graduated from McMurry with teaching degrees in 1970, and moved to Sweetwater to begin teaching and take upper level courses at Angelo State University.

In 1980, they decided the only way to improve their standard of living was to either get involved in administration, or move to Midland. Since neither one of them were cut out for administration, they decided to move to Midland, where teachers pay was several thousand dollars higher than in Sweetwater.

In the spring of 1982, the world of computers was very small. "Probably only about one person in fifty was interested," Landrum says. He had taught for two years in Midland, and was looking into getting a degree in accounting so he wouldn't have to teach any longer. "Which is kind of funny," he says, "considering that I've now taught for 25 years."

He started taking courses at Midland College. One of the classes was in computer programming, in the language basic. His life would never be the same. "I fell in love with the idea of taking something inanimate — circuits and stuff — and making it do what I wanted it to do," he says. He took four more courses in computer science. Even though they didn't have much contact with the actual machines — in those days, much of the work was done with punch cards — he decided he wanted to work with computers for the rest of his life.

In order to work with computers, however, you must own one. About the same time he came to this conclusion, his wife came to another one: their house needed to be painted. She insisted that if he wanted to buy a computer, he would have to find a summer job. He was already familiar with a store called Computer Technology Associates, located in San Miguel Square in Midland. After some persuasion, they gave him a job.

He started in June of 1982. That July, the home office of CTA offered him the manager's job, at a salary substantially higher than that he had been making. So, Landrum quit teaching, and went to work full-time with computers.

He worked there four years, learning in-depth how computers were used in business, and how they were used in school, and continuing to learn programming. Then, in 1986, the oil bust came.

The company that ran CTA was sold - to a bankrupt company. "Probably not on purpose" Landrum says. One morning soon thereafter, he woke up and realized three very important things.

The first was that he didn't like what he was doing anymore. Life had become a grind. The second, was that his daughter and his family needed him. He had been working long hours, and barely ever got to spend time with those closest to him. The third realization was just as important, at least to many of the children who would grow up to attend Midland High School. Landrum found that after four years away, he missed teaching.

So, he got a job at MHS in 1986. They wanted someone to teach computer science and programming, to teach students how computers work. It turns out, Landrum was just the man for the job.

He took additional hours at UTPB and the University of North Colorado to keep up with the ever-changing technology scene. He was also one of the first telecommuters. In 1987-88, he took a graduate course from the University of Oregon in telecommunications. His teacher lived in New York State, and he took the class from the computer in his bedroom.

They taught Pascal programming at that time, and everything rocked along for the next four years, with students learning programming, and taking AP courses for college credit.

In 1992, one of Landrums students, his first real computer 'geek', was riding back from Dallas, sitting beside a teacher from Fort Stockton. They got to talking about computers, and she asked him why they didn't participate in the UIL computer competition. The student was astonished. "When he got back from the trip," Landrum says, "He came in and said, 'Mr. Landrum, she said we could compete in a contest in 2 weeks!'"

Two weeks later, the first team from MHS to compete in the UIL computers division showed up at Permian High School in Odessa, not quite knowing what they were doing. They went to state. Every year since then, MHS has had a team go to the TCEA state level competition. Last year they were second and third place at the state TCEA Web design competition, and this year, they had both the first and second place teams. Landrum feels they've definitely started a good tradition.

"The winning is exciting for me," he says, "but for me as a teacher, though I love the technology, programming, and doing the computer thing, I love it more when kid after kid calls or e-mails me and tells me that what we're doing here at MHS is right on track with what they need in their schools and jobs." Of course, you only hear from the successes, but, he says, "I think the records speak for themselves."

Not all these success stories have been computer geeks, the type of person who lives, eats and breaths computers. "I have found that kids who are more wholistic in their thinking are more successful than kids who just want the answer," Landrum says. The kids who are good in his courses — besides the 'geeks' — fall basically into two categories. The first are kids who are in fine arts, band, and drama — creative kids. "If they ever scheduled my second year computer science course against band, I doubt I would have a class," he says. The second are students who are disciplined: swimmers, basketball players, baseball players, and football players.

"What it comes down to," Landrum says, "is if you are in something that before you do it, you know the outcome, you'll probably be good at computers. There are people who can never see an outcome, all they want to know is 'what steps do I take to get there.' These are the people who have problems in computers. It has nothing to do with intelligence, some of them are the smartest people in the world, but they aren't always as good with computers."

These days, "everything that has any commerce value is done thru computers. If you don't have some beginning understanding of how a computer works," says Landrum, "you won't be prepared for the future." By teaching his students about how a computer works, Landrum is working hard at getting MHS students well prepared for what lies ahead.

COWABUNGA

Stop chatting and deal, Grandpa: Online gamers span generations

By David Kushner
N.Y. Times News Service

Online gamers have been sensationalized as social misfits, juvenile delinquents, even aspiring sharpshooters. They have been the subjects of psychological studies, including one reported last month in The Journal of Personality and Social Psychology that linked exposure to violent video games to aggressiveness and delinquency.

But the portrait of the online gamer as a young incipient sociopath is inaccurate, game industry experts say. Although fans of ultraviolent first-person shooter games like Doom and Quake helped establish the culture of online gaming, there now is an entirely new ruling class. These days, Internet gamers are not some clan of elusive teen-age demons. More likely, they are Mom and Dad.

Across the Net, sites like Uproar, Pogo.com and Mplayer and portals like Excite and Yahoo are scoring big with casual adult gamers. Card and board games, most of which can be played free, have become a sensation among middle-aged adults and retirees.

According to Media Metrix, a company that measures Internet and digital media use, nearly 50 percent of Web site gamers are over 30 and prefer killing time with classics like hearts, bridge, checkers, backgammon and bingo. Nearly half of all online gamers are women, the company says.

Helen Frederick, 59, of Huntington Beach, Calif., says she spends three to four hours a day playing puzzle games like Overflow and Poppit on Pogo.com.

"I used to watch TV," she said. "But now I play these games. I like them better than TV because they make me think."

Donald and Laura Bergstrom, a middle-age couple in Saddle Brook, N.J., have given up prime-time television for online bingo. "It's competitive and addictive," Bergstrom said, "and we don't have to go to some smoky bingo hall."

Bruce Ryon, senior vice president and general manager of the new-media group at Media Metrix, said that much of the appeal of these games was their simplicity. "People want games that don't require a great learning curve," he said. "People don't want to think that much. They just want to have some fun."

With these kinds of games, fun does not require the latest technology. High-end multiplayer PC games like Unreal Tournament and Ultima Online work better with faster chips and speedy Internet connections. But online board of card games, cobbled together as quick and easy Java programs, do not require complicated installations, computers equipped with the latest multimedia technology or even the hijacking of a company's lightning-fast T-1 Internet connection. Within minutes of visiting a site like Pogo.com or Yahoo, gamers can be tossing the dice, going head-to-head in a game of backgammon.

For the sites offering these games, low-end programs mean low start-up costs. A typical high-end PC game, like those that can be played online, costs about $4 million to produce, according to an estimate by the Interactive Digital Software Association. By contrast, a tiny Java-based parlor game like hearts or spades can be made for less than $100,000.

To lure players, casual gaming sites like iWin and Uproar offer prizes like cruises, theater tickets or cash. Brenda Lesack, a 50-year-old artist from Brandon in Manitoba, Canada, won $2,320 by playing Blowout Bingo on Uproar. Lesack said she typically spent two to three hours a day playing online.

Though the cash payout was nice, she said, it is not the only reason she plays. "I like to meet people around the world," she said. "It's nice to chat with people while you're playing."

Karen McCarthy, of Fredericksburg, Va., has formed offline relationships with other adult gamers on Mplayer. com. "I play for friendship, not prizes," she said.

The social atmosphere often seems to be the biggest draw. Casual games not only offer free and fast competition but also inspire small talk. Instead of going to the water cooler, people can shoot the breeze online while they shoot the dice.

"These games combine all the great elements of the Web: community and entertainment," said Michael Latham, senior director of production for Yahoo's entertainment and media group. "We see this community as something that's as important as having e-mail or a calendar."

In the gaming communities within portals like Excite and Yahoo, players mingle throughout the day looking for quick pick-up games. In a typical round, a gamer might be carrying on three different games at once, chatting simultaneously with the various opponents.

With so much online activity, it is no wonder the dot-coms have been clamoring for the family gaming pie. Pogo.com abandoned its hard-core gaming roots for that reason. Just a couple of years ago, Pogo.com, which is based in San Francisco, was known as Total Entertainment Network, one of the pioneering pay-to-play services aimed at connecting fans of high-end games. But the company quickly realized that serious gamers had no need to pay someone else to facilitate their online battles.

The model broke down, said Erick Hachenburg, Pogo.com's president and chief executive. "When we looked at market, it didn't make sense," Hachenburg said. "Hard-core gamers are very much a niche market."

The company jettisoned Quake for checkers and several other low-end games in 1998 and changed its name the next year to evoke a more traditional family toy: the pogo stick. Visitors to the site now have a choice of matching their skills at everything from euchre to crosswords.

The gamble has paid off. Since the makeover, Pogo.com's usage hours have doubled every quarter, with 25,000 new members joining every day.

In January, Neilsen/Net-Ratings ranked Pogo.com as the second-most "sticky" site on the Web for its ability to keep visitors on the site for long periods.

But not all the earliest online gaming sites have abandoned their hard-core roots. Half of the users of Mplayer.com, based in Mountain View, Calif., play high-end games like Quake III Arena. Those games have loyal followings, said Chris Early, a vice president and the general manager of Mplayer.com, so the company has no need to do without them. To woo the more sophisticated players, the site offers features like voice chat, which allows players to talk to each other online via a microphone.

Surprisingly, Early said, many of the younger, more stereotypical gamers often cross over into the low-end arena. "Every time we launch a new casual game," he said, "we get a rash of traditional hard-core gamers coming to try them out. It's a little unusual for Martha from Wiscogee to play hearts with someone with a nickname like I'm Gonna Kill You."

Then again, with the way onling games are going, all bets are on Martha.

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1000 Upland
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Mike Pipes, W.M.
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130 Personals

BEAUTICONTROL PRODUCTS. Shirley Whitehead, Senior Consultant. 520-0416. Lisa McNerlin, 915-758-6250, Consultant 570-1611. All products on sale.

150 Lost & Found

LOST FROM Kennels on Fairgrounds Road: Jack Russell Terrier, six month old, female, Brown and white. Missing since 5/24. Reward offered. Please call owner of dog. 697-0187, 505-537-1638.

LOST: Large white female Great Pyrenees dog from 5100 FM 715. Call 683-8722.

REWARD OFFERED. Set of keys lost in Mall area on 6/01. Please call 683-7019.

LOST FEMALE Shih Tzu. Gold and white from 4111 Harlowe. Call 520-3200.

LOST Bulova Watch at Fannin Elementary Playground, last day of School. Given to my son by his father- sentimental value. Reward. 694-6505.

LOST black toy poodle named Willie. Sunday night, Tanner area. Young daughter very sad. Call 520-8914.

LOST- Small Old Pekinese dog, last seen near East County Rd 120. Friday Morning, June 2nd. Reward. Please call 687-4221.

LOST SIBERIAN Husky puppies. With green & purple halters. Ten weeks old. Both female. 620-8644. Pager 495-6029. Reward!

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210 Autos Imports

✔ LEXUS 1993 GS300, V-6, A/T, 4 door, leather seats, sun roof. Luxury car. 51K. Asking $14,995. Call 697-6447 or 683-6432.

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TOYOTA 1996 Camry LE. 84,000 miles, excellent condition. $9,500. Beeper 563-7458, home 520-7478.

TOYOTA 1996 CAMRY- Must sell! Low mileage, new tires. Clean! $12,800 or best offer. 697-2083.

VOLVO 1997 850- Pewter with gray leather. Excellent condition! 43K miles with transferrable warranty. $19,000. Call 570-6879 after 6PM.

VOLVO 1998 S70 T-5. White/ tan leather, new tires, chrome wheels, spoiler. Service records, 35K. $25,900. See at Britt Imports.

215 Sport/Utility Vehicles

FORD 1995 Explorer XLT, red/ gray cloth, 44K, CD changer, running boards, excellent condition, $14,000. See at 4105 Dawn Circle, 694-0905.

JEEP 1999 Cherokee 4x4, still under factory warranty. Must see to believe. Priced to sell. Call Mike Pinter at 697-3293.

CHEVROLET 2000 Blazer Sport, 2 door, all power, CD, champaign/ tan cloth, nonsmoker owned, 55K, $19,999. Call 520-9922 evenings.

CHEVROLET 1996 S10 for sale by owner. Forest green/ brown, five speed, 62K miles. Excellent condition. $8,000. 683-5116 days- Cliff. 520-3981 evenings.

CHEVROLET 1998 BLAZER- Power locks and windows. Copper with gray interior. 29,500 miles. Excellent condition. $20,000. Call 687-3831.

FORD 1998 EXPLORER XLT- Loaded, red, gray interior, rear A/C, CD. Excellent condition. Pay off $19,800 obo. Call 688-5830- 699-0680.

CHEVROLET 1996 Blazer. Excellent condition. 44K miles. Take over loan 520-7259.

TOYOTA 1995 4RUNNER. Low miles, all power, moon roof, cruise, AM/ FM CD, rear heater. Excellent condition. $18,000. Call 694-0328.

CHEVROLET 1986 BLAZER- Good condition, 4WD, tinted windows, blue with blue interior, alarm system, 77K actual miles. $5,000. Call 683-0862.

DODGE 1998 DURANGO- 4X4, Blue, 23K miles. Excellent condition, CD player, gray leather interior, all power, towing package. $26,000 Call 687-1875.

GEO 1993 TRACKER- White with pink trim, power steering, air conditioning, rear folding seat, looks/ runs great. $4,000. Call 683-0957.

TOYOTA 1998 4-RUNNER- White- tan, 30K, 4 cylinder,cold A/C, loaded. $20,000. Call 349-7000.

JEEP 1985 GRAND Wagoneer. Good condition, 360 V8, leather, electric windows/ locks, new tires, air conditioning. Runs great. $3,500. 683-4570.

GMC 1997 YUKON SLE, 4X4, White with blue interior. Fully loaded. Excellent condition. 46,000 miles. $23,000. Call 684-5401.

FORD 1997 Expedition XLT, power windows-locks, tilt, cruise, $19,995. Call for appointment. 498-0200.

SEWELL Of Midland

FORD 2000 EXPLORER Sport, two door. Medium Wedgewood blue with sport and tow package, keyless entry, CD, cassette. Under 7,000 miles. $23,500. 520-6625, leave message.

JEEP 1997 GRAND Cherokee TSI- 4X4, 48K miles, loaded, leather seats, CD player, $21,000. Call 520-8213.

JEEP 1988 Wrangler. 6 cylinder, 5 speed, red with gray hard top, big wheels and tires. Call Tommy- 559-0744.

FORD 1991 Explorer XLT. Excellent condition. 114K, maroon with grey interior. Garaged, and carefully maintained. $5,150. 697-1358, 664-6801.

JEEP 1999 Grand Cherokee 2 wheel drive, all power, still under factory warranty. Save thousands over new. Please call Mike Pinter at 697-3293.

FORD 1993 EXPLORER XLT, four wheel drive, 70K, alarm, CD, new transmission. Great school car. 684-8113, 683-9551.

FORD 1996 EXPLORER Sport. Hunter green, 72k miles, loaded, excellent condition, new belts and tune-up. $12,500. Must see 522-2439.

220 Trucks

FORD 1983 F150 XLT Supercab, shortbed, 302 V8, no air, no radio, 155K miles, $1,600. Call 694-4134 evenings.

FORD 1995 F150 regular cab, long bed, like new, 68K miles, new tires, automatic, am/ fm, a/c, bed liner. Cost $6,995. See at 1700 N. "D" or call 570-1449.

DODGE 1997 Dakota Sport. $10,500. 32K, like new. Please call 683-6357.

GMC 1990 1/2 ton Sportside pickup. 67K original miles, SLE package, automatic, 350 V8, new tires. Excellent condition. $8,800. Call 683-9234.

220 Trucks



CHEVROLET 1988 Silverado Ext Cab Longbed Overhauled motor & transmission. Asking $5,000. Call 570-8347.

FORD 1981 F-100- REBUILT engine, automatic, power windows, tool box, chrome wheels. $1,800. See at 5113 Sunnyside. Call 520-9595.

FORD 1981 F-250 4WD Club Cab. Holley carburetor, new clutch, new steering column, MSD ignition system, chrome wheels. Call 697-3563.

FORD 1985 F250 XLT Diesel 5 speed. Supercab, fully loaded, tinted windows. Excellent condition. $4,000. Call 682-3524.

FORD 1995 Ranger XLT Supercab. 33,500 miles, two-tone white/ beige, upgraded wheels/ tires, air, 5 speed, cruise. $9,400. 697-5549.

FORD 1996 Ranger, air conditioner. Flareside. Low miles, 40K. $8,800. Financing available. Call for appointment. 498-0200.

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FORD 1999 F250 Crew Cab Lariat 4x4. White with leather interior, V10. $27,500. 699-0909.

FULL SIZE Ford cab sleeper, fits late 80's/ early 90's, flat gray, $100. 522-2794.

GMC 1996 Single Cab. Custom wheels, tool box, bed liner. 60K miles. $11,700. Call 697-1518 after 5 pm.

RUNNING BOARDS set for 1994 Dodge and up Flat black. $100. 522-2794.

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CHEVROLET 1997 SILVERADO extended cab, V8, 60K miles, fully loaded. Extremely clean. $15,500. Call 686-0207.

FORD 1995 F150 XL, 6 cylinder engine, bed liner, storage box. Great condition. $7,250. Call 694-2381 for appointment.

FORD 1997 F250 XLT, 4x4, crew cab, power stroke, cd, loaded, 33.7K, white, chrome, leaving country. $27,900. 699-4286,leave message.

CHEVROLET 1992 Pickup extended cab 4.3 ltr., 5 speed. Excellent condition. $5,300. 520-0567.

DODGE 1997 PICKUP Sport. SLT extended cab short bed. Excellent condition. Trade in $15,400, list $19,700. Asking $16,250. 686-0641.

FORD 1996 250 4X2 Supercab. 32K miles, 7.5 liter 4.1 rear axle, 4 speed automatic, short bed, driver electric seat, tow package, power windows/ door locks, tilt steering, air, cruise, running boards, bed liner, cap. $17,000. 915-682-9928.

GMC 1993 PICKUP- Extra cab, A/C, new paint, excellent condition! $7,000 OBO. Call 686-8816.

FORD 1970 Winch Truck- 1 ton, dual tires, 390 V8, chrome wheels, power steering, headers, clean, mechanically sound. $1,700. 682-7587.

FORD 1992 F150 Supercab. One owner. AM/ FM, CD. Black/ gray. Very clean. $6,200. Call 699-7558.

FORD 1993 F150 Flare side, extended cab, white/ gray, garaged, non- smoker, 82K miles. Excellent condition. $10,800. 682-6782 or 694-6540.

FORD 1999 F250 CREW CAB Powerstroke 4X4 XLT. Grill guard, goose neck hitch. $32,500. Call 570-5616.

DODGE 1997 1500 Magnum V8 Club, short bed, chrome rails, bed liner, 71K, am/ fm/ cassette, cruise, tilt, power windows, remote entry. Color- dark brown excellent condition. $14,000. 684-8866.

CHEVROLET 1999 S10 V6, automatic, extended cab, original owner, looks new, non-smoker, garage kept, loaded, chrome, 3rd door, 16K. $14,995. 520-3263.

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222 Suburbans & Vans

CHEVROLET 1986 Suburban one owner. 83K miles. Excellent condition. $7,000. 561-9828.

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FORD 1984 E150 EXTENDED cargo van. 350 V8. Runs great, $2,500. 697-5701, 694-4892.

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CHEVROLET 1997 Suburban LT, power windows, power locks, tilt/ cruise, TV, VCR, dark green. Great transportation for summer vacation. Call Mike Pinter at 697-3293.

FORD 1995 Windstar for sale $5,550. 114K miles. Blue/ tan interior. Call 522-7452 for information.

CHEVROLET 1991 SUBURBAN Conversion Package. Excellent condition! Blue with blue interior, 150K. $7,500. 567-5077 (pager) or 694-7765.

DODGE 1989 RAM 350 Extended cargo van. New sticker and plates. Runs great! $2,850. (915)352-8026.

FORD 1995 WINDSTAR LX- Loaded, clean, low mileage. $10,250. Call 699-0637.

GMC 1997 SUBURBAN SLE- Perfect for family & vacation! V8, towing package. Brand new tires. New transmission, CD, Cassette, Alpine Alarm system, Running boards, 50K miles. Excellent maintenance records. Can be seen at 301 S. Glenwood in Midland. To test drive call (915)557-0008.

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HONDA 1995 Odyssey EX. 65K, most options, excellent condition. $13,900. Call Joe at 697-8222 days, 699-6438 evenings and weekends.

CHEVROLET 1991 Lumina Van. Excellent maintenance record, runs like new, drive to appreciate. $3,995, or best offer. 686-0732 after 6PM.

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CHEVROLET 1998 SUBURBAN- 28K Miles. Loaded, excellent condition, selling for pay off $25,800. Call 520-2712.

DODGE 1992 Grand Caravan, one owner, quad seating, dual air/ heating, power windows- locks, 96K. Great condition, $6,400. Call 694-3544.

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GMC 1991 Suburban Conversion. Well maintained, runs great. 113K miles, good condition. $8,500. Call 686-9627/ 661-5985 for information.

TOYOTA 1992 PREVIA LE Van. Pearl white with grey interior. CD/ cassette. Priced to sell! $8,000. Call after 5. 685-0838.

PLYMOUTH 1991 Grand Voyager. One owner, silver/ dark grey, power windows, locks, etc. New air, struts, tires, brakes, more. $3,975. 694-8354.

CHEVROLET 1995 SUBURBAN- 4X4. Red/ gray interior, excellent condition, custom wheels. New a/c, CD, and tow Package. $17,950. 570-5104/ 634-2277.

GMC 1997 Suburban. Excellent condition. Loaded, custom paint- rims and new tires. Cherry ice and burgundy. 35K miles. $26,000. 520-7182.

CHEVROLET 1991 Lumina mini- van. Excellent running condition. Very clean. Individual removable seats. New tires and battery. AM/ FM cassette. $4,000. 694-8599.

GMC 1992 Suburban SLE, custom conversion, 4X4, new GM motor with 3 year 50,000 warranty. New transmission and tires, fully loaded, green. $11,975. Call 366-9322.

GMC 1993 Suburban SLE. One owner, 102K, excellent condition, new Michelins, front and rear air, champagne, full loaded. $11,500. Call 694-6028 or 683-6033.

CHEVROLET 1999 EXPRESS, Regency conversion. 8 Months old, paid $31,000, will sell for $24,500 or best offer. 522-2644.

FORD 1993 CONVERSION Ready for vacation! Family van very roomy & comfy- VCR, & TV. $7,800. 699-2166. Please leave message.

FORD 1994 E150 Conversion van. Excellent condition. 69K miles, captains chairs, rear air, towing package, cassette CD, white. $8,900. 699-7275.

225 4x4 Vehicles

JEEP 1999 Wrangler Sahara. Fully loaded, air, automatic. 5,500 miles, like new. $20,500. 520-3587.

FORD 1982 Bronco- 4x4, excellent condition. 78K, CD, cruise. $3,750. Call Chris, 570-5375.

225 4x4 Vehicles

FORD 1994 F250 XLT, V8, standard, 85K, long bed, Rhino liner, bucket seats, electric windows/ doors. $11,500. 684-9640.

DODGE 1997 DAKOTA- Extended cab, 4X4, V8, loaded, sport package, premium stereo, keyless/ security system. $16,500 negotiable. Call 638-3221.

FORD 1992 Bronco -XLT, 4x4. One Owner. Black. Very good condition. $9,990. Call 694-1142.

FORD 1988 RANGER- 4X4, V6. Fuel injected, A/C, 5 speed, black, red interior, roll bar, lights. 127K. $3,450. 694-8426.

GMC 1990 SIERRA SLX, 4 X 4. Better Hurry! 62K miles. Loaded. New tires. Great truck. $7,500. Call 522-2439.

FORD 1983 Broncho- 351 V8 Windsor, 4x4, engine needs work, $1,750 or best offer. 689-8688.

FORD 1984 Bronco. New engine, new transmission, Holly carburetor, Edlebrock high rise, Headman headers, mags. $3,995. 689-2123 after 6 pm.

FORD 1985 F250 XLT- 460/ 4 speed, red and grey, extended cab, long bed. $4,200. Call 683-0957.

TOYOTA 1997 TACOMA LX Extended Cab, 4X4, V6, 5 speed, P/ S, power brakes, A/C, cruise, tilt, AM/ FM cassette & CD player, power windows, keyless entry & security system, bed liner, receiver hitch. 11,700 miles on Powertrain warranty. $16,500. 697-1597 after 5:30 PM.

235 Vehicles $3,000 & under

FORD 1987 Broncho II, 4 X 4, new tires and wheels. Runs good. $2,600 or best offer. Call 689-8703.

HONDA 1985 ACCORD Loaded, air, power steering, cruise, 5 speed, tinted. $2,500 neg. 699-6273.

BUICK 1982 LE SABRE Limited, two door. As is- $1,100. 2403 McDonald. Call 520-2945.

FORD 1988 T-BIRD Turbo Coupe, 4 cylinder, dark blue, loaded, new tires and battery last year. A good car. $2,700 obo 699-2451.

NISSAN 1984 MAXIMA wagon. Runs great. $1,050 or best offer. Call 686-7362 after 6 pm.

BUICK 1988 LE SABRE- Excellent condition! Beautiful silver exterior and gray interior. $2,500. Call 694-6458.

CHRYSLER 1986 NEW Yorker- Rebuilt motor, 80K miles, leather interior, good tires. $2200. Call 520-5287.

DODGE 1986 1/2 Ton Cargo Van. V8 automatic, runs good, good body. $1,750 Cash. 697-2678.

HONDA 1989 ACCORD LXI- White, burgundy interior, 5 speed, sun roof. Very clean and in excellent condition. Great school car. $2,500. Call 520-0570 or pager 888-422-1925 and leave message.

LINCOLN 1991 TOWN Car, loaded, 23 miles per gallon, interior excellent. $2,995. Call 458-3568.

MITSUBISHI 1991 Mirage. Good condition, new 1.5L motor, tires, tags, inspection. $2,000. 687-4209.

NISSAN 1987 STANZA GXE, automatic, A/C, JVC radio with CD changer, security system, alloy wheels, starting at $1,750 OBO. (915)682-7428.

PONTIAC 1987 BONNEVILLE- Runs great. $1,250. Call 522-1166 for more information.

CHEVROLET 1986 Astro Window Van. Good body, interior and tires. Seats 5. Needs motor. $700 or best offer. 522-1030.

OLDSMOBILE 1985 Calais. 2 Door, new air conditioning, new tires, 82K, drives great, rear damage. $1,000 obo. 684-6290 week days.

NISSAN 1985 Stanza- $600. Good condition needs new engine. Please call 694-6652.

VOLVO 1986 740 Turbo. 4 door, power windows, 164K miles, medium blue, tan interior, sunroof, turbo inoperative. $3,000. 520-5723.

DODGE 1985 Ram 1500 Pickup. 318 engine, good condition. $2,000. New water pump, rebuilt radiator, new belts/ hoses. 694-6652.

LINCOLN 1979 TOWN-CAR Classic, blue, loaded. Runs excellent. Complete 1979 shop manuals included. $1,450. Please call 915-689-4109.

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240 Motorcycles

KAWASAKI 1998 BAYOU 220, four wheeler. Great Fathers Day gift. $2,400 o.b.o. 694-0328.

HONDA 1995 CBR F3 Red & Black, 5,300 miles. $4,000 o.b.o. Free Helmet. Call 915-352-6386.

HONDA GOLDWING 1985- Excellent condition with trailer painted to match. Intercom system. 15K orignal miles. $5,500. Call 631-2492.

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1998 HARLEY DAVIDSON- Sportster, custom paint (black with flames.) 10K miles, fully chromed, beautiful bike. $9,000 o.b.o. Call 689-3180.

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14 FOOT FISHING Boat- 78 Steury, 25 hp, live well. $1,400. Call 694-5342.

1988 SKI SUPREME, 351 Ford, red/ gray/ white, Barefoot boom, prop guard, cover. Very clean, 353 hours. $7,000. Call 697-7844 after 6:00 pm.

1974 16' CARAVEL walk through. Excellent condition, lake ready, 85 horse Johnson, easy load driveon trailer. $1,800. Call 682-6615.

SPI AND GTS Seadoo Jet Skis on one trailer, $8,500, serious inquiries only, both sold together, call 694-2096 after 5:00.

1978 18' GLASSTRON, 225 HP, Berkeley jet pump, Eagle sonar, down riggers, life jackets, skis, $2,250. Call 687-4536.

1977 INVADER 15' boat. Walk through windshield, 70 HP Mercury motor, new seats, tri- hull, $1,500. 697-2094.

1996 LARSON 194 SEI, V8, low hours, extra clean, loaded and lake ready with all equipment. $11,500. Call 557-8644.

DELMAGIC SKI Boat- 16', 135 HP Johnson, new seats and carpet, skis, knee board. $2,500 OBO. 694-0545, (cell) 631-4728.

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1992 CAJUN Bass boat, 16', 88hp Johnson motor, trolling motor, fish finder, Wilson trailer, one owner, like new. $8,000 will negotiate. 682-1388/ 685-3851.

1986 18' Statos Bass boat, 150 Evinrude, runs good. $3,700. Test drive at Colorado City Lake. 570-9903.

1998 LARSON 17' Edition. New condition, blue with white interior. $8,800 o.b.o. Call 915-263-0033, after 6 pm 915-267-2941.

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290 Parts & Accessories

RANCH HAND Grill Guard- black, good condition, fits 1996 Ford. $200. Call 699-4706.

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Seeking RN, MDS, Medicare Coordinator for Parks Methodist Retirement Village, a non-profit, 90 bed Medicare, Medicaid and private nursing facility. Successful candidate will have a minimum of 1 year LTC experience, be knowledgeable of MDS, Care Plans and Medicare SNF. Commitment to geriatric nursing, team work and the highest quality and life for residents is required. Salary DOE, paid health insurance, dental plan, 403 B plan, vacation, sick leave benefits. Send resume to Director of Nursing, PMRV, 111 Parks Village Drive, Odessa, TX 79765 or fax to (915)563-0430. EOE.

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Seeking RN, DON for Parks Methodist Retirement Village, a non-profit, 90- bed Medicare, Medicaid, and private nursing facility. Successful candidate will have a minimum of 3 years LTC experience, strong management and nursing systems organization skills. Commitment to geriatric nursing, team work and highest quality of care and life residents is required. Salary DOE, paid health insurance, dental plan, 403 B plan, vacation, sick leave benefits. Send resume to Administrator, PMRV, 111 Parks Village Drive, Odessa, TX 79765 or fax to (915)563-0430. EOE.

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ACTIVITY DIRECTOR

Seeking energetic, creative individual to develop and manage the social and activity programming for Parks Methodist Retirement Village. Successful candidate will be a certified AD with strong leadership, volunteer recruitment, organizational skills, committed to serving needs of older adults, able to create a fun, active and happy atmosphere, willing to be a team player. Salary DOE, paid health insurance, dental plan, 403 B plan, vacation, sick leave benefits. Send resume to Administrator, PMRV, 111 Parks Village Drive, Odessa, TX 79765 or fax to 915)563-0430. EOE.

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In local nursing home. Must be a Registered Nurse. We offer a great place to work with great salary and benefit package. Send resume to: Kraig Turpen, 5224 42nd Street, Lubbock, Texas 79414 Or fax to: 806-796-6744

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319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

ESTABLISHED OILFIELD Service & Supply Company seeks self motivated individual. Mechanical experience, field work and shop service work required. Ignition and controls experience a plus. Wages DOE. Send resume in confidence to: Box N-4224 c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Tx 79702

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Needs experienced Equipment Operators. Must have Class 'A' CDL to apply. Oilfield experience in cementing and or well servicing preferred. Must pass physical and drug test and have a clean driving record. Good benefits. Salary DOE. Apply @ Triple 'N' Services @ 1110 West County Road #114 in Midland. 570-0029

PUMP TRUCK Operator- Must have CDL to maintain and operate oil field service truck. Call 561-5202.

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Or Get 3 Days for Only $24.50!

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CONSTRUCTION LABOR needed must be willing to work out of town. Apply at 4611 Sinclair.

ELECTRICIAN NEEDED with at least 4 years experience in residential. Call 683-5669.

ESTIMATOR/ PROJECT Manager. Immediate permanent position available for an experienced estimator/ project manager for a local construction company. Excellent salary with some benefits for a bright, sharp negotiator. Must have minimum estimating experience of five years. Mail resumes to: P.O. BOX 50653, Midland, TX 79710

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Photo: Bruce Partain

Conference presenters Marla Wills, left, and Craig Morgan, right, adjust a computer with emcee Joan Baskin at the conference State of the Economy 2: Diversification and Growth Through Tourism."

Tourism can be community gold mine

By Bruce Partain
Business Journal Editor

Tourism in Texas — "It's like a whole other country."

Tourism in Midland — It's like a whole other economy.

Texas tourism is on the rise. The state's third largest industry pumps almost $35 billion annually into the economy. And the dollars are growing.

Over the last five years, tourism dollars generated in Texas have risen 26 percent, about 6 percent each year.

In Midland, the travel industry generates more than $150 million each year.

Almost $15 million is spent annually for Midland hotel/motel rooms alone. And this industry is generating $28 million each year in Tall City payroll.

Those dollars are circulating right now in our community's economy.

A great turnout

"Let's get some more of those dollars."

That was the undercurrent at the conference, "State of the Economy 2: Diversification and Growth Through Tourism" May 11 at Midland Center. The event was organized by the Midland Chamber's Convention and Visitors Bureau.

About 200 travel industry representatives, Chamber members and guests gathered to hear how other communities are raking in tourism gold and what kind of investment produces these new dollars.

"We were delighted to see the broad cross-section of attendees," said Shura Lindgren, director of Convention and Visitor Development for the Midland Chamber. "In addition to representatives from hotels, motels and attractions, we had bankers, Realtors, investors and government people in attendance. When one speaker asked how many people thought tourism was economic development, every hand in the room went up."

Two case studies were presented. The first documented the tremendous tourism growth in Grapevine — "Where Dallas and Fort Worth Meet" — and the second discussed how Arlington invested in an expanded convention center to attract more and larger meeting groups.

Low-hanging fruit

Paul McCallum, executive director of the Grapevine Convention and Visitors Bureau,

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GOLD: Bush presidency could generate potential tourism

(From 1)

described the strategic plan that led his community to determine how it could retain its agricultural roots while capturing the tremendous potential of the DFW market.



McCallum

Giving up valuable farm land for the DFW airport and Lake Grapevine had not resulted in any appreciable economic growth, McCallum said.

With the Metroplex knocking on the door, the city devised a master plan that limited suburban sprawl, encouraged tourism and took advantage of the city's name and background. Citizens wanted clean industry, jobs for their youth, a growing tax base and a respect for the community's past.

Development of the historic Tarantula railway and a series of festivals that include GrapeFest and the Butterfly Flutterby have brought in tourism that provides jobs, improved city services and lowered property taxes.

Careful development meant saying "no" several times, McCallum said.

"A 77-acre peninsula extends into Lake Grapevine. Over the years, developers came to the council with plans for an apartment complex, then town homes. Those plans were turned down as just not right in the long-term. And now on that 77 acres will be a $450 million Opryland Hotel, with 1,600 rooms, the largest hotel outside Las Vegas," he said. "We wouldn't have had it if we hadn't said no earlier."

McCallum encouraged Midland to take advantage of the potential tourism that could be generated if George W. Bush is elected president. Inspired by McCallum, local historian Betty Orbeck suggested billboards on I-20 that read, "Now entering Bush country."

A Streetcar Named Convenience

Marla Wills, executive vice president of the Arlington Convention & Visitors Bureau, said her city recently completed a $17 million expansion of its convention center. The addition includes a grand hall, a pre-function gallery and lake-view terrace.

Like Midland, Arlington faced a challenge in booking very large groups. The community has enough hotel/motel rooms, but spreading a group over several accommodation sites created transportation problems. The Arlington CVB and hotels solved the challenge by instituting a 90-cent per room "trolley tariff." The funds from that tax are used to support a fleet of trolley buses that takes visitors to their meetings and attractions. Twenty hotels and motels sponsor the trolleys.

To find more about tourism, Texas and Midland on the Web:
http://www.visitmidlandtx.com
http://www.traveltex.com
http://www.tded.state.tx.us

The program includes these options: regular route service available to all hotel guests of participating trolley hotels; and group shuttle in which convention groups earn free shuttle hours based on room nights or dedicated coach service to area attractions.

Ms. Wills said Arlington's four major attractions created 8,000 jobs and bring in $4.5 million annually in hotel/motel tax revenues. A new water park has attracted the Olympic kayaking trials and is one reason room bookings have increased 64 percent.



Photo: Bruce Partain
About 200 people attended the State of the Economy: Tourism event on May 11.

Catch! Here comes $300

Craig Morgan, a Permian Basin native and now with the Texas Department of Economic Development - Tourism Division (TDED), highlighted a profile of travelers visiting the Midland-Odessa Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Here are some of TDED's figures:

- The average party size was 2.1 people.
- The average length of stay was 2.2 days.
- 58 percent traveled by car.
- 61percent of person-days were by travelers from 250 miles or less.
- Average spending was $73 per person per day.

That translates to almost $300 traveling into town when two people take the typical two-day trip to Midland.

Focus on the Unique

Keynote speaker Paul Serff, president of the Texas Travel Industry Association, recommended that Midlanders consider nature tourism, as well as always focusing on experiences that are unique to this area.



Serff

He said tourism developers have to overcome the "Generica" effect that makes "every place look and feel the same." While local residents want the national chains and all they offer, the tourist is looking for a unique experience that they can "brag about to the folks back home."

Serff encouraged West Texans to think outside the box, and above all, to be determined.

"Whenever you try to develop a product, an image, a goal, you will always find these obstacles: people, time, money and resources.

"There will always be people who tell you the problem can't be solved. I'm here to tell you any problem can be solved."

Chamber anniversaries

The Chamber thanks the following members for their long-term commitment to Midland (years of service indicated beside company name):

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Armstrong Moving & Storage - 16
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Charles Schwab & Co. Inc. - 16
Chase Bank of Texas - 16
Classic Carpets Inc. - 16
Community National Bank - 17
Custom Benefit Services - 17
Dominey & Etheridge Inc. - 16
Drummond Advertising Inc. - 16
Griffin Petroleum Co. - 17
David N. Grimes, geologist - 16
Lamar Advertising - 16
MCI WorldCom - 16
Manor Park Inc. - 17
Metro Inn - 17
Midland RockHounds/Midland Sports Inc. - 16
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Tourism is indispensable tool for diversifying local economy

By Kevin Skipper

Tourists and visitors to Midland inject millions of dollars into our economy each year. Visitors spend money on meals, lodging, recreation, and at various retail establishments. The Midland Convention & Visitors Bureau markets Midland and its attractions throughout Texas and the United States. The Texas Department of Economic Development (TDED) measures tourism's economic impact in the form of dollars spent and jobs created. TDED produces a report each year that contains economic impact statistics. I have summarized some of TDED's finding.

Aggregate (total) travel expenditures in Midland County rose 23.9 percent between 1994-98 (1994 = $132,882,000 and 1998 = $164,665,000).

This represents an annual increase of 4.4 percent.

Figure 1 shows destination spending (DS) levels between 1990-98. DS includes all expenditures (except air transport) made by visitors while in Midland. By definition, DS is one of the most accurate (if not the most accurate) indicators of visitors' economic impact on a geographic area.

During the nine-year time period between 1990-98, destination spending rose from $97,500,000 to $152,800,000 (56.7 percent, or 5.1 percent per year). DS appeared especially strong during 1996-98, when it rose 6.6 percent, 5.6 percent, and 7.5 percent. The highest single-year spending increase occurred during 1993 (7.8 percent). The lowest increase took place in 1994 (3.3 percent).

Midland County's travel-related employment expanded by 11.8 percent, or 2.3 percent per year between 1994-98 (1994 = 1,875; 1998 = 2,096). Note that these employment levels do not include employment by sole proprietors (self-employed); the actual figures would appear higher.

Travel payroll increased from $23,310,090 in 1994 to $28,731,870 in 1998. This represents an increase of 23.3 percent (4.3 percent a year). Like employment, payroll levels do not include persons employed by sole proprietors. Actual travel-related payroll levels would appear higher.

Occupancy tax revenue collected by hotels and motels in the city of Midland rose by 69.2 percent, or 5.4 percent per year during 1990-99 (1990 = $574,417; 1999 = $971,936). Revenue increased each year during the study period except 1999, when it declined by 8.7 percent.

Travel tax revenue, which includes occupancy taxes and state and local sales taxes, increased from $9,099,000 (1994) to $12,145,000 (1998) in Midland County. This represents an increase of 33.5 percent (5.9 percent a year).

Figure 2 displays hotel and motel room revenue during 1990-99. Revenue expanded each year except 1999, when it fell by 10.1percent. During the decade, room revenue rose 55.0 percent,or 4.5 percent a year (1990 = $9,826,000; 1999 = $15,234,148).

Figure 3 depicts room nights sold (RNS) by hotels and motels in the city of Midland. RNS rose each year of the study period except 1999, when the number fell by 10.3 percent. RNS expanded 27.5 percent between 1990-99, or 2.5 percent per year.

Tourism and visitor promotion has proven itself an indispensable tool to help diversify our economy. Although not the complete solution, it must remain one of Midland's primary strategies to help counter the effects of high-paying energy jobs leaving Midland.

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Kevin Skipper is Chief Economist at Desert Analytic, a Midland-based economics and statistical services consultancy.

Figure 1: Destination spending Midland County 1990-98

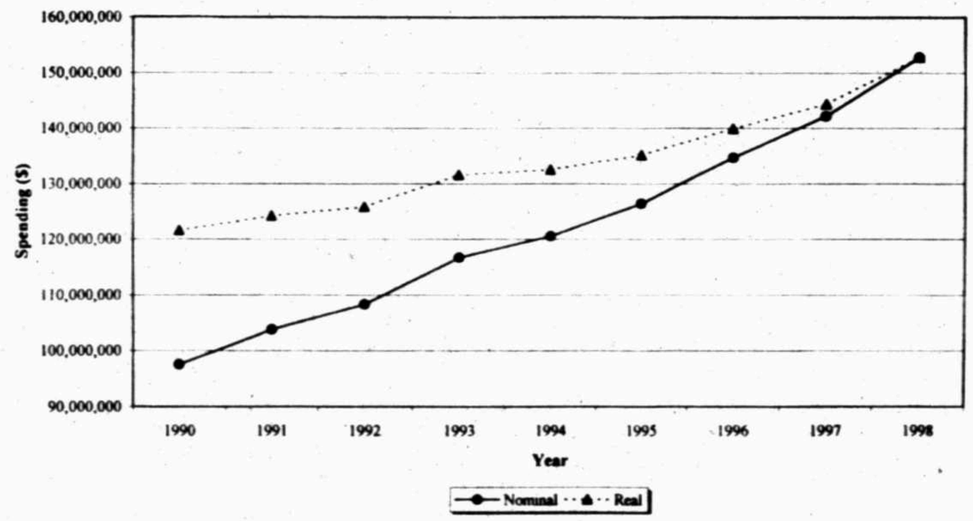


Figure 2: Hotel & motel room revenue city of Midland 1990-99

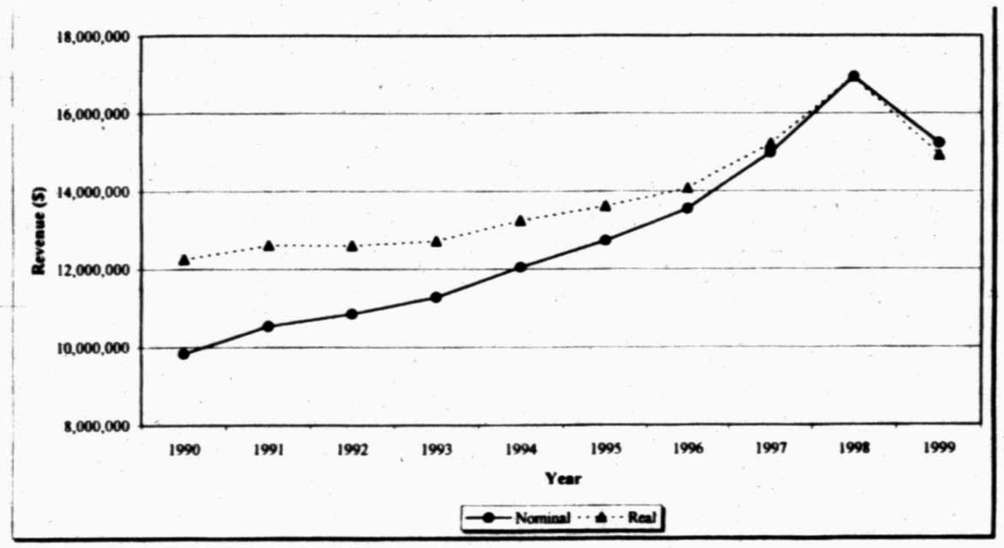
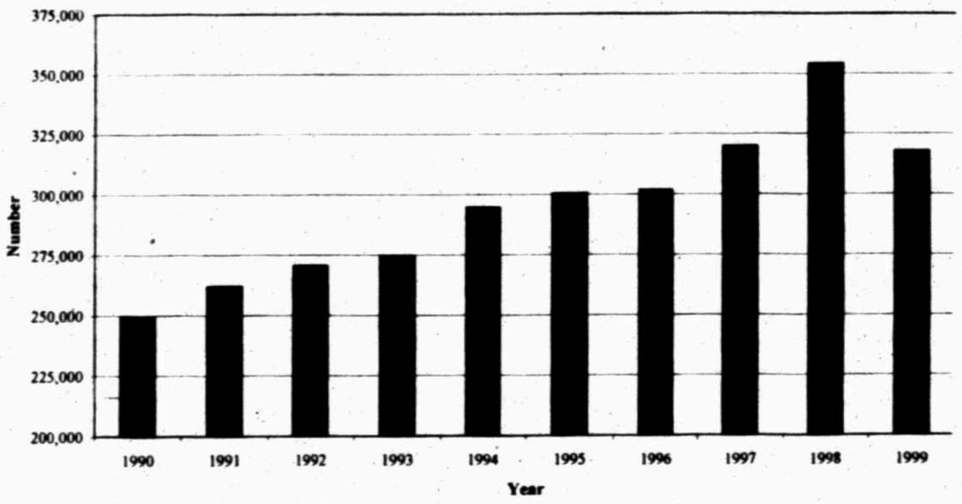


Figure 3: Hotel & motel room nights sold city of Midland 1990-99



Midland economic indicators for April 2000

CITY OF MIDLAND	APR 2000	MAR 2000	APR 1999
Residential Permits	20	19	8
Residential Valuations	$2,035,290	$1,726,740	$ 659,825
Commercial Permits	5	5	5
Commercial Valuations	$2,949,000	$5,568,671	$ 704,000
MIDLAND COUNTY			
Labor Force	59,076	58,938	64,105 ♦
Employed	56,173	55,834	59,794 ♦
Unemployment Rate	4.9%	5.3%	6.7% ♦
ODESSA/MIDLAND MSA			
Labor Force	117,247	117,229	128,729 ♦
Employed	110,428	109,762	117,561 ♦
Unemployment Rate	5.8%	6.4%	8.7% ♦
OTHER			
MAF Enplanements	38,123	35,863	39,352
	City of Midland	**County of Midland**	**Odessa/Midland MSA**
POPULATION	99,186* (Estimate 1-1-99)	121,300** (Estimate 1-1-99)	246,200** (1-1-99)
COMPOSITE CRIME INDEX	71 (U.S. =100)	71 (U.S. =100)	110 (U.S. =100)

Sources: Claritas, Inc., U.S. Census Bureau; Texas Workforce Commission
**City of Midland, **Demographics USA County Edition, ♦ Revised data*
Prepared by: Midland Chamber of Commerce, Economic Development Division

CVB events calendar

Sporting events

June 10-11
Memorial Day Girls Fast Pitch Invitational Tournament
Bill Williams Softball Complex
694-5508

June 10-15
West Texas Women's Golf Association Tournament
Ranchland Hills Country Club
684-0406

June 16-18
Fifth annual Permian Basin 8 Game Guarantee Softball Tournament
MUGS Complex, Ulmer Park
694-7950

June 16-18
Juneteenth Basketball Tournament
Central YMCA
570-4093

June 16-18
Tennis Association of Midland - West Texas Open
Midland College Tennis Facilities
687-4046

July 7-9
ASA Girls 12 & under State Tournament
MUGS Complex at Ulmer Park
694-5508

July 14-16
MUGS All-Star Softball Tournament
MUGS Complex at Ulmer Park
694-5302

July 15
USA Olympic Dive Team Tour
Mabee Aquatic Center
684-7755

July 28-30
West Texas Men's Class D State Tournament
Bill Williams Softball Complex
520-6665

Aug. 4-5
USA Olympic Girl's Softball Team Exhibition Game
MUGS Complex at Ulmer Park
694-5508

Aug. 8-13
ASA 14 & Under B National West Girl's Fast Pitch Softball Tournament
MUGS Complex at Ulmer Park
694-5508

Aug. 21-27
Buy.com Permian Basin Open PGA Event
Club at Mission Dorado
580-4710

Aug. 23-27
ASA Co-ed A Slow Pitch National Tournament
Bill Williams Softball Complex
683-8741

Conventions

June 5-9 Mount Calvary Missionary Baptist Church (300)
June 6-8 T.O.S.S. Special Education Conference - Region 18 (300)
June 7-10 Grand Junior Lodge of I.O.O.F. (180)
June 10 Bradshaw-Kerin Wedding (60)
June 15 Carver Reunion (400)
June 16 Lee High School Class of 1970 Reunion (400)
June 19-23 Demonstration Week 2000 (230)
June 21 Reunion 2000 - Midland High School (105)
June 21-24 Tax Assessors and Collectors Conference (200)
June 24-26 Frank Lane Square Dancers Tours (42)
July 6-9 Stephens-Taylor Family Reunion (300)
July 22 Ford-Streiff Wedding (24)

NOTE: The number indicated refers to the approximate number of individuals attending the convention.

Chamber meetings calendar

(All meetings held in Chamber boardroom unless otherwise noted)

June

6	Midland Manufacturers Association	11:30 am
7	President's Club	11:30 am
9	M-Squad Guidelines	1 pm
13	Executive Committee	11:30 am
14	Economic Development Committee	11:30 am
15	M-Squad luncheon	11:30 am
20	Sports Commission	4 pm
21	Retention/Expansion Committee	11:30 am
27	Leadership Midland Alumni	noon
27	Membership Services	4 pm
28	CVB Advisory Board	11:30 am
28	Board of Directors	3:30 pm

July

3-4	Chamber closed	
5	Midland Manufacturers Association	11:30 am
10	Executive Committee	11:30 am
12	President's Club	11:30 am
14	M-Squad Guidelines	noon
18	Sports Commission	4 pm
19	Retention/Expansion Committee	11:30 am
20	M-Squad luncheon	11:30 am
25	Membership Services	4 pm
26	Board of Directors	3:30 pm

Chamber members to do 'Business at the Ballpark'

It's a family picnic Thursday, June 29, at Christensen Stadium, home of the Midland RockHounds.

Chamber members are invited to bring their families along for the fun.

Called "Business at the Ballpark," the event begins at 6:30 p.m., with complimentary soft drinks, hot dogs and other concession items, courtesy of the RockHounds. Door prizes will also be available, thanks to sponsors Rustic Outpost and First Service.

Just as last year, Joel Ford of Clark's and Winford's Meat Co. will be supplying German sausage for the event.

At 7:15 p.m., it's game time, and guests can either move into the ballpark or stay in the picnic area during a Texas League baseball game with the Tulsa Drillers.

The RockHounds have provided the Chamber with 255 tickets.

These will be available to Chamber members at the Chamber office, five tickets for $5, on a first-come, first-served basis. Additional tickets are available for $8.50 each.

An order form will be mailed to Chamber members.

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President's Club



Bergen

Debbie Bergen, owner of Debbie Bergen Promotional Products, was named Top Achiever of the Chamber's President's Club for April. Ms. Bergen retained one new member and signed up one new member.

Charlie Jeffus of A.G. Edwards & Sons came in second with one new member and one membership renewal. Roy Nelson of State Farm Insurance renewed two members and Robert Curtiss of CMI - Midland had one renewal.

Chamber staff sold nine new memberships in April.

President's Club volunteers spend several hours a month calling on new member prospects, as well as visiting with current members who are 60 days past due.

The Chamber invites these volunteers to a monthly luncheon where they share information on new businesses opening in Midland. Top Achievers are invited to Chamber board meetings to receive awards.

For more information, call Jane Inskeep or Bruce Partain at 683-3381.

M-Squad

Well, it was bound to happen. Dell Hoover and Charlie Jeffus tied for the Ambassador of the Month for April. They have been swapping back and forth since the beginning of the year. The Chamber is truly grateful for their hard work and dedication.



Hoover, left, and Jeffus

Chamber members are encouraged to have a representative on the M-Squad to help market their business. It is a great way to be visible in the community and get your business name known to other Chamber members.

For more information call Dawn Webster at 683-3381.

Annual Expo is a success, chairman says

It was another record-setting Business Expo for the Midland Chamber.

More than 100 exhibitors greeted 1, 818 guests. This total was 90 more guests than 1999 and 343 more than 1998. An estimated $6,500 in door prizes was given away.

Kathy Owens won the $200 cash jackpot. A Personal Touch was chosen as the best-decorated exhibit booth.

Show chairman Charlie Jeffus deemed the exhibition a success.

"We want to thank the exhibitors and sponsors for encouraging customers and friends to attend and helping make the Business Expo continue to be a premier business-to-business trade show. We'll see everyone May 9, 2001, at Business Expo 2001."

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August 7 - August 31, 2000 (M-TH) 4:30pm - 6:30pm & 7:00pm - 9:00 pm	10:00 am - 12:00 pm

Defensive Driving Classes are held on Saturdays 9:00 am - 3:30 pm & on Monday /Tuesday from 6:00 pm - 9:00 Wednesday/Thursday from 6:00pm - 9:00 pm

Employee anniversaries



Rudd



Lindgren



Woody



Greene

The Midland Chamber commends five employees as they reach anniversaries in June and July.

In June, Marvin Wynn, president/CEO, marks his sixth anniversary. Michelle Rudd, office manager for Midland Center, celebrates her third anniversary.

In July, Shura Lindgren chalks up her 12th anniversary, Rick Woody his fourth and Susan Greene her first. Ms. Lindgren is director of convention & visitor development for the Chamber. Woody is operations manager for Midland Center and Ms. Greene is information secretary for the Chamber.



Wynn

Ribbon cuttings

The M-Squad will conduct ribbon cuttings this month at the following Chamber-member location. Contact Dawn Webster for further information.

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Toddler room grand opening
1705 W. Missouri Ave.
683-2882



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689-9500



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Dr. Tulsi Singh chaired the event.

Mayor Bobby Burns, Convention & Visitors Bureau director, Shura Lindgren, and attorney Robert Rendall helped bring the Beatles Band from The Wirral, England, where Midland manufacturer Tomcat USA has its European headquarters.

David Diaz, Rachael Stone and Guillermo Guzman of the Midland Hispanic Chamber brought 15 members of the Tarahumara Indian tribe from the Copper Canyon area near Chihuahua, Mexico.

Greg Dove, landman for Henry Petroleum, and attorney Barry Beck obtained a 70-foot long Chinese New Year Dragon from the Chinese consulate in Houston to illustrate Dongying, China.

Singh hosted Ken Corsbie, a world-renowned storyteller who was born in Midland's Sister City, New Amsterdam, Guyana.

Celebration included three days of art, entertainment and food downtown Midland.

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Oil industry's strength flows into local economy

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

The Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index posted its 10th consecutive increase in April and its strength is flowing into the general Midland-Odessa economy, including in retail sales and construction areas.

The Petroleum Index, led by a 120 percent jump in oil prices this year, rose to 99.6 from 97.2 in March.

Amarillo economist Karr Ingham, who prepares the Petroleum Index and the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index for First American Bank, the Midland Chamber of Commerce and the Midland Reporter-Telegram, said that the regional index took a healthy jump to 102.5, up from 102 in March.

Most indicators are moving in the right direction and all the significant indicators continue to show improvement, such as retail sales, up 4.3 percent for the first four months of the year, he said. They were up 14.1 percent in April over April 1999.

Bobby Norman, president of First American Bank, said the rise in retail sales was good news and he was also pleased with a 21.4 percent jump in motor vehicle sales tax collections for the first four months of the year, to $10 million from $8.2 million last year.

"Things are bright, but it highlights the need for diversification," he said. "The economy is expanding; it's expanding at a reasonable rate. People are talking about diversification, but a lot needs to be done on different fronts. We need diversification to stabilize the economy and avoid these roller coaster ups and downs."

Nancy Bowlin, marketing manager at Midland Park Mall, said that the recovery in retail spending is evident at her shopping center. She said traffic at the mall for the first quarter of 2000 is up 5.8 percent over last year, and April traffic was up 4.8 percent over a year ago.

Sales are also up, growing 5.7 percent from January to April over last year, she said. April sales alone were up 10.7 percent, she reported.

The mall, she pointed out, added six strong new tenants in the last four months of 1999. "That helped draw traffic from the Permian Basin. But shoppers can come and walk the mall — the goal is to get them to spend money. So the increase in spending has to be about confidence in the economy."

Ellen Whitfield, general manager of the Linens-N-Things being built on Loop 250 near Best Buy, said that her company surveys towns across the nation, examining their economic levels before deciding to open a store.

"They pick sites where they think they'd get a lot of enthusiasm," said Ms. Whitfield, who is moving to Midland from a store in Houston.

She said she expects enthusiasm for the store from Midlanders because there hasn't been a store here that sells low-to-high-end household items with the exception of heavy furniture.

"We're looking forward to doing business here. We think it's going to be great," she said.

New stores like Linens-N-Things and Michael's Arts and Crafts and Bed, Bath and Beyond — both of which opened recently in the former Service Merchandise location — help create construction jobs.

According to Ingham, new home permits totaled 25 in April, up 47.1 percent from the 17 issued last April. For year-to-date, 103 permits have been issued, up 45.1 percent from 71 last year. The value of all building permits soared to $13.3 million in April from $4.5 million last April. Year-to-date, building permits total $49.2 million, up 11.3 percent from $44.2 million.

Mike McNally, job site superintendent for the new Linens-N-Things, is a contractor from Houston but he uses local electricians, plumbers, air conditioning workers and other subcontractors.

"It's been pretty good for the past five years," McNally said about the seasonal temperament of construction work.

McNally said the building of commercial outlets like Linens-N-Things has become a year-round project because most of those businesses are driven by the stock market. New stores are built whenever the company's stock is doing well.

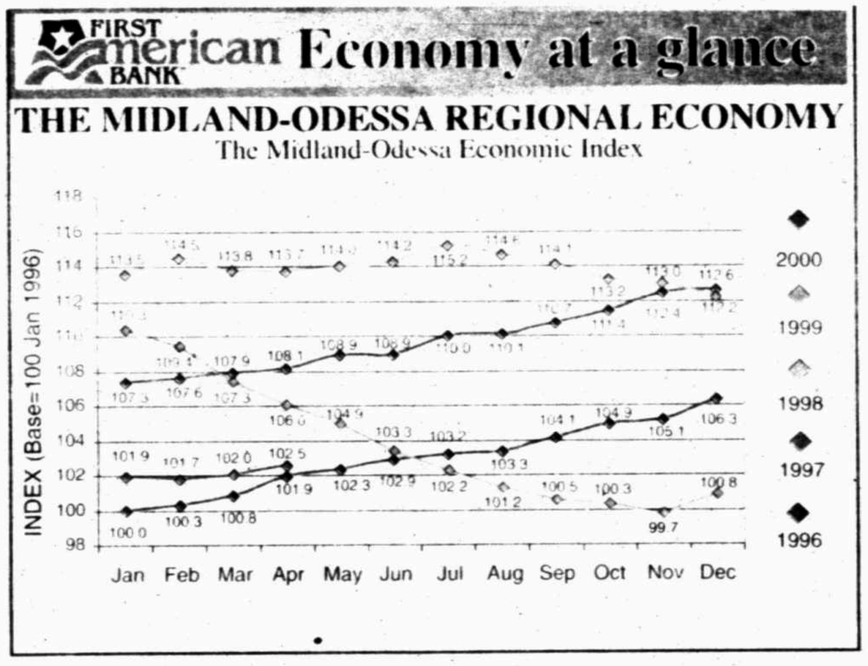
He also said it's harder to find local skilled workers in the summer time because of the increase in building projects, including the construction of new homes.

Employment posted its first increase since November 1998, with wage and salary employment inching up 0.1 percent to 100,100 from 100,000 last April, said Ingham. For the year to date, employment is down 1 percent, to 99,500 from 100,500 last year.

"We had more employed than a year ago, but year-to-date we still have 1,000 fewer jobs than a year ago and that impacts all sectors," Norman said.

Ingham said the oil and gas sector, where employment was up 2.7 percent to 11,400 in April from last April, is feeling the effects of a tight labor market and a lack of qualified workers.

"In the oil and gas sector, it's widely recognized there's a shortage of workers. During the downturn people were laid off. Companies held off as long as they could before they laid off employees but activity went away and they couldn't afford them anymore. So many qualified people didn't want to ride that roller coaster anymore and went away.



"That's put a damper on activity, if you can't staff a workover rig, you can't do the job," he said. " It's a problem seen nationally, statewide, and in different regional economies. The labor market is tight, unemployment is low and it's not easy to attract workers back to the industry," he said.

He said that the area's labor force fell as displaced workers left the area. The jobs that are now being created are being filled by the labor force still in Midland and Odessa and the labor force will have to fill more new jobs before the region begins attracting new workers.

Manpower, in its quarterly Employment Outlook Survey for the third quarter, predicted a dynamic labor market for Midland, with 53 percent of local firms expecting to add workers during July to September. This is up from the second quarter survey, when only 13 percent expected to add staff. Only 3 percent plan to reduce staff and 44 percent expect no change.

Midland led the state in the number of companies expecting to add workers, just ahead of Austin and Killeen.

Lynde Hedgepeth contributed to this report.



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CVB Sports Commission honors golfer Rose, swimmer Stroman

By Tim Manning
CVB Sports Manager

The Midland Chamber's Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) continues to recognize the importance of sports and individual competitors from the community.

Midland College golfer Ernie Rose and Texas A&M swimmer Monica Stroman have been named the Midland CVB Sports Commission Paul C. Rea Athletes of the Year. The announcement was made May 25 during a Midland RockHounds game.

The award is given annually to male and female athletes who not only show great performances on the field of play, but also in the community. The award is named in honor of the late Paul C. Rea, a Chamber board member who was instrumental in forming the Midland CVB Sports Commission.



Rose

Rose, who hails from Fort Myers, Fla., helped lead Midland College to the JUCO National Tournament the past two seasons. He will represent the United States in the World University Games in Ireland in July. He will play golf for the University of South Carolina next fall.

Rose won nine tournament medalist races for MC in his two years and finished sixth in the national JUCO medalist race last year. He is a NJCAA All-America selection and has been All-Region twice. He was an All-Conference choice twice in the Western Junior College Athletic Conference and a WJCAC medalist.

Ms. Stroman graduated from Lee High School in 1996. She recently qualified for the Olympic Trials 2000 in the 200 individual medley, 400 individual medley, and the 200 breaststroke. She is also an honorable mention All-America pick for swimming and has been Academic All-America four consecutive years.



Stroman

She was the District 4-5A swimming MVP for three years (1994-96). Ms. Stroman won three state titles while at Lee — the 200 IM in both 1995 and 1996 and the 500 freestyle in1995. She was also an Olympic Trials qualifier in 1996 in the 400 IM while in high school. Ms. Stroman was also a junior national and senior national swimmer and has been inducted into the City of Midland Swim Team Ring of Honor and was a high school All-American.

Ms. Stroman earned four varsity swimming letters at Texas A&M University and is the freshman record holder in the 400 and 200 IM. She won the Aggie Heart Award for the 1996-97 school year and was named as the MVP Aggie Swimmer in 1998. She has been a NCAA qualifier three times. She is a member of Aggie Athletes Involved and Kappa Delta Phi, an honor society in education. She is a coach/counselor for the Aggie Swim Camp.

CVBs team up promote Midland-Odessa

By Laura Spilman
CVB marketing manager

The Midland and Odessa Convention and Visitors bureaus recently teamed up to promote tourism at the 45th annual Texas Travel Counselors Conference, sponsored by the Texas Travel Industry Association.

More than 100 travel counselors from the Texas Department of Transportation, AAA Texas, Texas Parks and Wildlife Department and convention and visitor bureaus around the state met in Amarillo for a full week of activities.

Texas Travel Counselors staff the many visitor centers around the state. According to the Texas Department of Transportation, more than 60 percent of visitors stopping at Texas Travel Information Centers are influenced to stay longer or return for another Texas vacation. Educating travel counselors from around the state on activities in the Midland/Odessa area enables them to more effectively encourage visitors to explore the area.

Although the Midland and Odessa CVBs compete for conventions and sporting events, they often work cooperatively to promote tourism in the area.

"By sharing trade show costs, Midland and Odessa can reach more consumers and travel industry representatives at a greater number of shows than our budgets would allow independently," said Midland CVB director Shura Lindgren.

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Selling to oil companies is breakfast theme

If you've ever felt intimidated or frustrated when trying to sell to large companies, plan to attend the next Networking Breakfast, "How to Sell to Large Oil and Gas Companies."

Cost is only $5. The breakfast is 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. Tuesday, June 20, in the Roadrunner Room of the Midland College Student Center.

Hiram Hubert of Texaco is chairman of the June event. Buyers from several Permian Basin operators and service companies will be on hand to meet with sellers and discuss their needs and procedures.

"We encourage owners of all businesses to call and discuss setting up a free display booth," said Ralph Smith of Midland College.

Since 1991, the Networking Breakfasts have offered opportunities for buyers and suppliers to meet. "The breakfasts originated when several large companies asked how they could identify minority-owned, woman-owned and other small businesses to contact as vendors," said BrucePartain, Midland Chamber spokesman.

"With the cooperation of several organizations, the Networking Breakfasts helped meet that need," Partain said.

At the breakfasts, any business can set up a small table-top display, and everyone is given 30 seconds to introduce themselves to the group. Before the breakfast, "early birds" can meet one another.

"Purchasing agents can attend and list their upcoming bid items and other products and services for which they are searching. Vendors can meet the buyers, pass out flyers and business cards and set up future appointments," Partain said.

Attendees are encouraged to come early or stay after the meeting for further networking.

The Networking Breakfasts are a joint project of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, the Midland Black Chamber of Entrepreneurs, the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the Citizens Coalition, the Better Business Bureau, the Midland College Business and Economic Development Center and the UTPB Small Business Development Center.

To reserve a display table, call Ralph Smith, 684-4100 by the Thursday before the meeting for last-minute updates. E-mail Smith at rsmith@Midland.cc.tx.us.

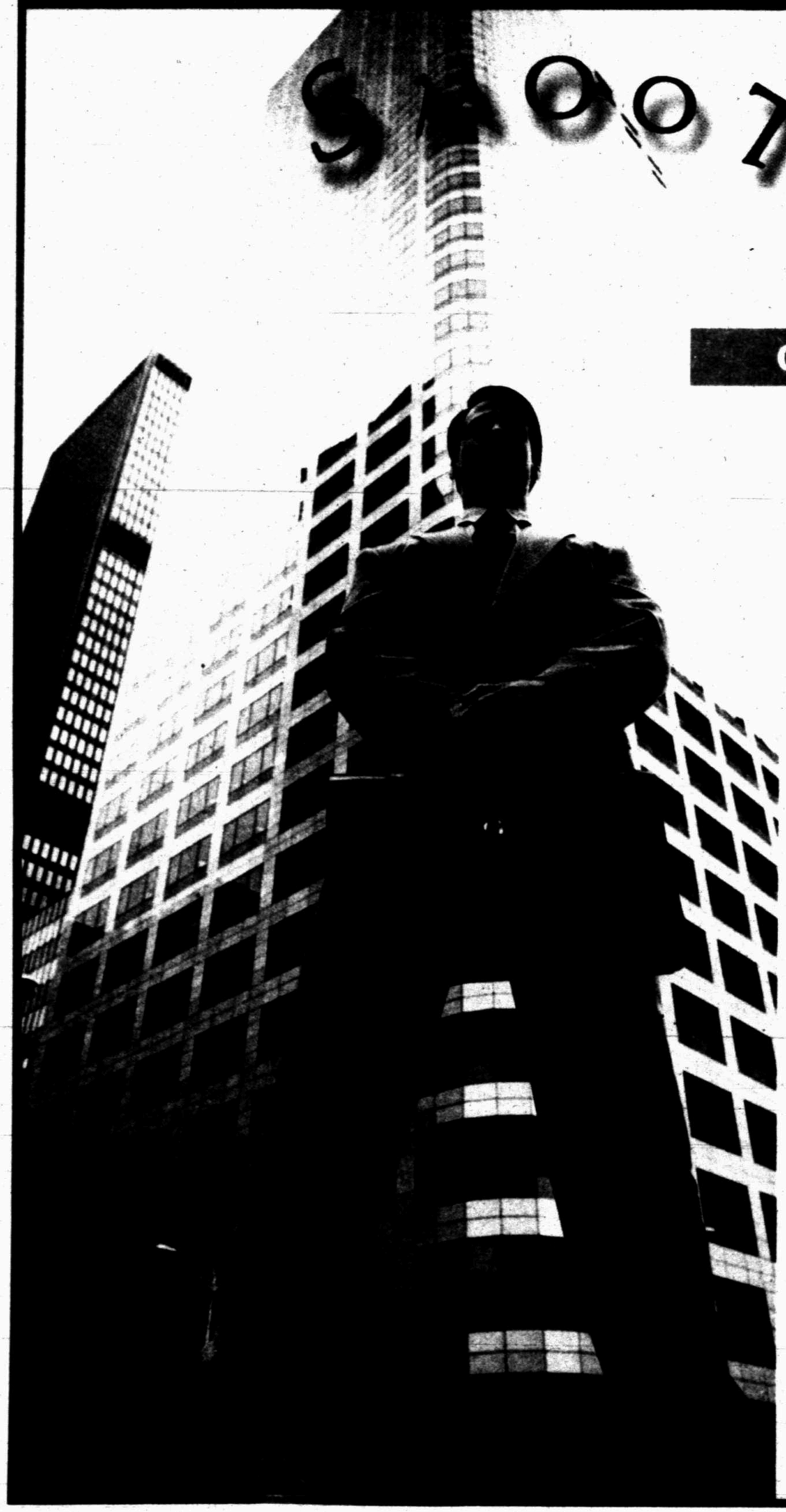
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Aug. 15	Successful E-Commerce Strategies Burton Anderson, Electronic Commerce Resource Center (ECRC)
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