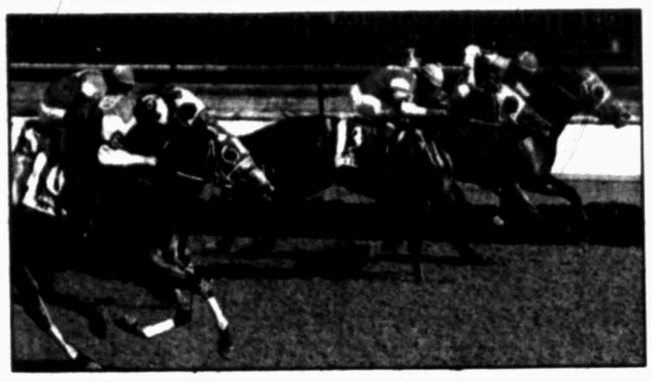


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Sprint to victory

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Revenue loss led to YMCA closings, officials say

By Ian Heald
Staff Writer

It was the Northeast and Alamo facilities' inability to generate a profit that ultimately led to the closings of those YMCAs on Sept. 1, according to local YMCA officials.

"The Alamo and Northeast had always reflected expenses in excess of revenues," said YMCA Board member Tracy Elms. "We've always lost money with those two. There were some years where we may have broke even, but overall we've always lost money running them."

What kept those facilities running, Elms added, was the revenue strength of the Central YMCA.

"Traditionally, the Central branch had always had revenues in excess of expenses, which subsidized the losses of the other two. But then we started experiencing membership loss at the Central location because a lot of people just left town. Major oil employees left town and that directly affected our membership numbers. In addition to that, there's been an increase in competition with other fitness organizations."

YMCA spokesman George Fierro agreed, saying that within the past 18 months, the three facilities had lost a total of 253 members.

"The numbers have just continued to decrease," Fierro said. "I came here in 1994 and at that time the Central had over 2,200 members. Now it's a little under 1,800."

Elms pointed out that at one time the YMCA was the only place for organized sports.

"Now there are all kinds of options," Elms said. "There are many activities offered in Midland that at one time were only offered by the 'Y.' The decline of a membership base has prevented us from having the resources to subsidize the Alamo and Northeast. Over the past two years, each branch has experienced a decrease in membership revenue, and in the Alamo program it was a reduction in service revenue — gymnastics specifically. We've cut expenses to the furthest extent that we could, but at this point we just couldn't do it anymore."

Members of the board became less hopeful when total Alamo revenues for 1999 were 20 percent below the budgeted amount and Central revenues had fallen 10 percent. Northeast's 1999 revenues remained consistent, but the YMCA maintains that another problem was occupancy cost — utilities and maintenance on the three facilities — and with a perpetual decline in overall revenue, it just wasn't possible to keep all three running.

Before the closing, Northeast had 200 members, Alamo 400 and Central 1,800.

Elms indicated that while looking for solutions they compared their situation with those of other cities.

"For a town this size, one YMCA is typically all that's needed. When we told people of our situation, they were amazed that a town the size of Midland had three YMCAs."

Former members of Northeast and Alamo will be allowed to pay their respective rates while utilizing Central's facilities. Rates vary based on age and program. The typical adult membership at Northeast was $19 a month. At Central that same membership is $36 a month.

"All Northeast and Alamo members can use the Central at the same rate for the remainder of the year," Fierro said. "If they choose to stay on as members, they will have to then pay the Central fees."

And while Central has tried to retain most of its programs, the girls' gymnastics program will no

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Labor Day festivities

Workers turn out for 42nd annual basin celebration

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

Ice tea, barbecue and potato sack races wouldn't seem to be a good mixture with work. Work, however, or specifically the working class, was the top topic at Monday's Labor Day Celebration in Odessa.

Approximately 75 representatives of the Permian Basin's work force, several unions and at least one congressional hopeful turned out for the 42nd annual celebration hosted by the Permian Basin Central Labor Union.

Emceed by D.L. Willis, president of the Permian Central Labor Union, the celebration featured Isidro Garza Jr. as the keynote speaker. In August, Garza threw his hat into the race for the 23rd congressional seat, presently held by Rep. Henry Bonilla (R-San Antonio).

"We're here to honor the American working party," said Willis, a 42-year veteran of the union movement. "We're here to honor the working people in the Permian Basin."

Willis further extolled the virtues of the union's role in honoring working people and advancing the quality of their lives.

"Unions created the American middle class and this country has grown because of the

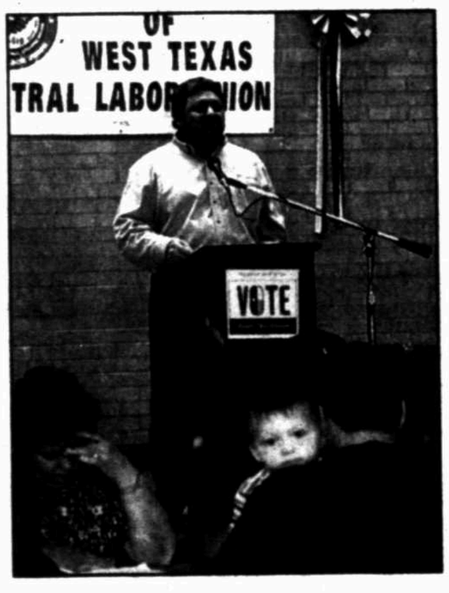
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The band, "Collective Bargain," left, played pro-union songs at the 42nd annual Labor Day Celebration hosted by the Permian Basin Central Labor Union Monday in Odessa. Band members include Wendell Smith, left, Gene Nix, right, and his son, Daniel Nix, middle. Children enjoyed sack races, below left, and cookie decorating while the adults pitched horse shoes. Jesse Soto, below right, secretary treasurer for TWU Local 555, with Southwest Airlines, spoke to the crowd.

Photos by Tim Fischer/ Reporter-Telegram





Telethon raises $200,000 locally

Instead of spending the Labor Day holiday vegetating on the couch, some of Midland's faithful exchanged their day off for public service.

Their efforts paid off with $203,016 locally for the Muscular Dystrophy Association. The telethon was shown on KWES-TV, Channel 9.

The nationwide effort paid dividends, as well, raising a record $53.1 million toward the defeat of neuromuscular diseases.

The 34th annual Labor Day Telethon ran 21 and a half hours and was broadcast to more than 75 million viewers.

"I'm thrilled and grateful for the support of our viewers, and filled with hope that the dollars we've raised will translate into new research breakthroughs to help us conquer the muscle-wasting diseases," said MDA National Chairman Jerry Lewis, who was unusually absent from portions of the telethon because of a bout with viral meningitis.

Lewis has been battling the illness since early August.

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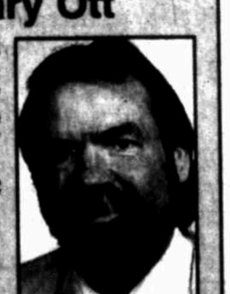


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Partly cloudy with high in low 90s. Weather on 2A

Gary Ott

I hate it when people say 'Hey, you're paranoid'

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2nd Amendment-gun control case sparks debate

By Chris Newton
Associated Press

LUBBOCK — A judge's landmark ruling that the Second Amendment gives individuals, and not just organized militias, the right to bear arms has legal scholars sparring about the constitutionality of gun-control laws.

Earlier this year, gun-control opponents inundated U.S. District Judge Sam Cummings with scholarly treatises, encouraging him to overturn an arcane law that prohibits someone from owning a gun while under a restraining order.

In response, 52 legal scholars who support gun control filed an amicus brief last week denouncing Cummings' interpretation of the Second Amendment.

"That decision and the opinion were a major shot across the bow," said Bruce Hay, a Harvard University law professor who signed the brief. "Forthe most part, federal courts have taken a hands-off approach to federal statutes regulating use of guns. This is the first decision to say the Second Amendment prohibits Congress from imposing special laws concerning gun ownership. That is why his decision is so worrisome."

The debate began unfolding last year after Timothy Joe Emerson of San Angelo was arrested and charged with violating a restraining order for allegedly brandishing a handgun in front of his wife and her daughter.

Defense attorneys argued that any law infringing on Emerson's right to own guns was unconstitutional.

Cummings agreed, ruling in April that the right to bear arms is a protected individual right — and not just a right belonging to an organized militia, as federal prosecutors had argued.

Prosecutors are appealing to the 5th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals but could not comment because of the judge's gag order.

Meanwhile, scholars say the decision sets the stage for the challenge of almost any law infringing on a citizen's right to possess a gun. And they say the expected appellate battle is crucial for both sides.

"Growing public sentiment for a final decision on the issue is high because of school shootings and office shootings," said David Yassky, a Brooklyn Law School professor who wrote the brief. "The time is right for a serious decision to be made."

The brief criticizes Cummings for misinterpreting the Second Amendment, which Yassky writes was meant to "preserve organized, state-based militias," and not intended to "empower individuals or small groups of disaffected citizens to take up arms against the established order."

Yassky said Cummings' opinion reinforces the misconception that most legal scholars believe gun-control laws are illegal.

"The vast majority argue that the Second Amendment was intended to protect states'

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today	Wednesday	Thursday
Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 94	High 91	High 85
Low 68	Low 69	Low 58

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms, a high in the lower 90s and a southerly wind at 10-15 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a 20 percent chance of thunderstorms and a low in the upper 60s.

Wednesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a slight chance of afternoon thunderstorms and a high in the lower 90s.

Thursday through Saturday's forecast calls for mostly cloudy days and nights with lows near 60 and highs in the upper 80s.

After an overnight low of 67, Monday's high reached 85, compared to the record high set for that date of 104, set in 1948. The record low of 56 was set in 1973.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday	0.05 in.
Rainfall Sunday	0.70 in.
Total for month	0.75 in.
Total for year	7.07 in.
Normal total (year to date)	9.75 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	85
Low	67
Normal high	88
Normal low	64

Pollen count

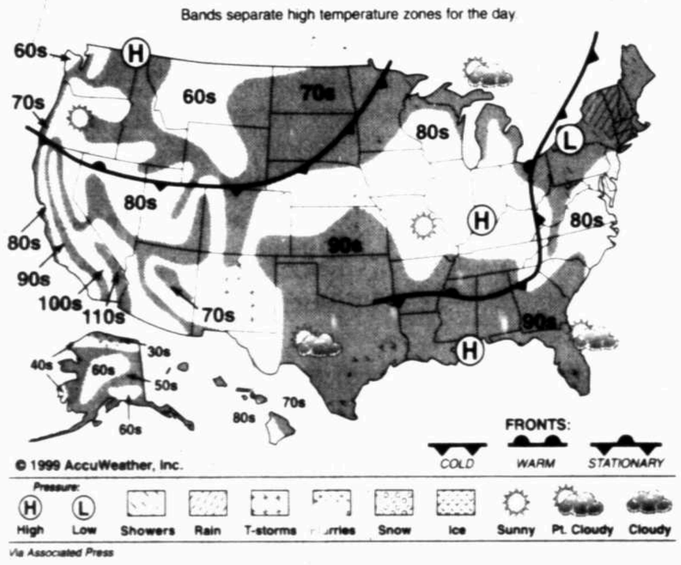
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Grass: NA Molds: NA
Dust: NA

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Sunset ... 8:05 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Tuesday, Sept. 7.



Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	81	70	31	rn
Albuquerque	80	63	clr	
Anchorage	61	46	cdy	
Asheville	85	67	clr	
Atlanta	96	70	cdy	
Atlantic City	rn	rn	rn	
Baltimore	83	75	05	cdy
Billings	89	58	cdy	
Birmingham	99	74	cdy	
Bismarck	84	50	cdy	
Boston	84	67	09	rn
Brownsville	81	75	46	rn
Buffalo	84	70	rn	
Casper	86	50	clr	
Charleston,S.C.	93	75	78	cdy
Charlotte,N.C.	87	68	03	clr
Cheyenne	83	45	clr	
Chicago	76	63	clr	
Cincinnati	93	63	clr	
Cleveland	81	67	04	cdy
Columbus,Ohio	85	68	04	cdy
Concord,N.H.	76	66	34	cdy
Dayton	89	64	clr	
Denver	84	56	clr	
Des Moines	78	55	clr	
Detroit	87	68	clr	
Duluth	71	46	cdy	
Evansville	88	67	clr	
Fairbanks	58	38	cdy	
Fargo	76	48	cdy	
Flagstaff	78	40	clr	
Great Falls	70	55	01	cdy
Greensboro,N.C.	80	68	58	cdy
Hartford Spgfld	83	70	44	rn
Helena	71	52	cdy	
Honolulu	89	57	clr	
Indianapolis	83	66	clr	
Jacksonville	93	77	31	cdy
Juneau	53	46	32	rn
Kansas City	83	55	cdy	
Las Vegas	101	73	clr	
Little Rock	94	77	cdy	
Los Angeles	75	62	clr	
Louisville	97	70	clr	
Memphis	95	77	clr	
Miami Beach	91	79	28	rn
Milwaukee	74	60	cdy	
Mpls-St Paul	78	50	cdy	
Nashville	92	66	clr	
New Orleans	93	77	cdy	
New York City	83	74	05	rn
North Platte	84	58	clr	
Oklahoma City	90	67	cdy	
Omaha	80	54	cdy	
Orlando	90	74	12	rn
Philadelphia	87	75	06	rn
Phoenix	105	78	clr	
Pittsburgh	85	68	cdy	
Portland,Ore.	72	60	clr	
Providence	81	70	06	rn
Raleigh-Durham	83	68	2.17	cdy
Rapid City	91	49	cdy	
Reno	91	52	clr	
Richmond	76	72	2.39	cdy
Sacramento	94	57	clr	
St Louis	85	62	clr	
Salt Lake City	87	53	clr	
San Diego	71	64	clr	
San Francisco	73	54	cdy	
Santa Fe	81	54	clr	
Seattle	68	55	clr	
Sioux Falls	80	53	cdy	
Spokane	69	48	clr	
Syracuse	92	69	04	rn
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	81	78	.51	cdy
Topeka	85	56	cdy	
Tucson	102	72	clr	
Tulsa	92	70	cdy	
Washington,D.C.	83	76	54	cdy

State forecast

Texas temperatures

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

	High	Low	Pcp
Abilene	95	70	1.21
Amarillo	80	60	
Arlington	93	72	1.56
Austin	98	68	
Beaumont	92	73	
Brownsville	86	75	0.29
Burnet	96	71	
College Station	98	70	
Corpus Christi	91	75	0.16
Corsicana	99	72	0.23
Cotulla	95	72	0.02
Dallas	90	74	0.16
Del Rio	95	74	
El Paso	94	68	0.92
Fort Worth90	70	0.41	
Galveston	90	79	
Georgetown	97	70	
Harlingen	90	74	0.05
Houston	97	73	
Houston Intrctnl	98	70	
Junction	95	68	
Kingsville	m	m	
Laredo	91	75	
Longview	97	73	0.07
Lubbock	89	61	0.01
Marfa	84	57	
McAllen	91	78	0.76
McKinney	90	71	0.08
Mineral Wells	98	70	1.20
New Braunfels	97	68	
Palacios	91	77	
Paris	90	72	
Rockport	91	77	0.63
San Angelo	98	70	
San Antonio	96	72	
San Marcos	97	68	
Terrell	94	73	0.27
Tyler	97	72	
Victoria	96	70	
Waco	100	72	
Wichita Falls	91	68	0.16
Wink	97	66	

At least 7 people die when explosion levels Iowa home

RICHLAND, Iowa (AP) — A house exploded during a party Monday afternoon, killing at least seven people and leaving "just a hole in the ground," the sheriff said.

Six other people were taken to hospitals in Iowa City, and three were in critical condition.

The blast destroyed the ranch-style home and cars parked out front. Hours after the explosion, light smoke was still coming from the charred debris.

"There's just a hole in the ground," Keokuk County Sheriff Ron George said. "When I got here, the house was gone."

George said the dead were found in the basement.

The cause of the explosion was unknown. A propane tank behind the house was still intact, the sheriff said.

A couple and their two daughters lived in the home, neighbors said, and they identified the homeowner as Jerry Usovsky.

He survived the blast and was in critical condition. The fate of the rest of his family was unclear.

"We've known them forever," said Maria Reif, who lives in the neighborhood. "They're wonderful people. He built that house himself and it was a beautiful home."

Another neighbor, Marian Dickinson, said she was sitting on her couch when she heard the explosion.

"It jarred our house," she said. "The curtains just swished."

Ms. Dickinson said she went outside to see whether her husband, who was in the garage, had been injured. As she left the house, "I saw a flash and smoke. It was all-consuming. It was just terrible."

YMCA: Some employees transfer to Central

(From 1A)

longer be one of them. The YMCA informed the Alamo gymnastics program there was no room for them at Central. The gymnastics building, across a walkway from the main part of Alamo, is now being rented on a monthly basis by the Sandstormers Gymnastics Booster Club. Once the facility is sold, the gymnasts, after more than a decade at Alamo, will be forced to find a new home.

"We've got a temporary situation at the Alamo," said Lynette Barker, president of the booster club.

"We're there month-to-month until somebody buys the facility. I don't expect being there more than three months. We're currently looking at the viability of the program being run as a business on its own. The booster club is currently running it, but we all have other jobs. We don't have enough time to run a business."

While Northeast and Alamo members can decide whether to stay or go, a large majority of the employees had no choice — most were laid off.

"Some people were retained," Fierro said.

"After-school counselors have come over (to Central) as drivers. We kept some of the lifeguards, but a lot of the part-time staff — a lot of college kids — were let go. As far as I know, there were also four full time that were (laid off)."

'I really had a hand in managing the Alamo (YMCA) the last year and a half and I knew what the financial situation was, so this was inevitable.'

— Deborah Posson, former senior program director at Alamo and now the fitness director at Central

Deborah Posson was the senior program director at Alamo but has now had to switch to fitness director at Central. She didn't want Alamo to close but knew nothing else could be done.

"It's sad, but I'm not surprised (about Alamo closing). I really had a hand in managing the Alamo the last year and a half and I knew what the financial situation was, so this was inevitable. I'd rather have my old job but fitness is right up my alley. I have a business major background but I've always been into fitness, so it's a nice fit."

Ms. Posson said Alamo had 25 employees, most of them part-time, such as gymnastics instructors, lifeguards and child-care counselors. Including her, there were three full-time employees. Those were the four who were offered jobs at Central.

Leaf Saller was one of them. She was aquatics director at Alamo and has retained the same position at Central.

"I've worked for the YMCA for 15 and a half years. Closing the Alamo was a big shock."

She said the biggest adjustments will come in scheduling pool use to accommodate morning users from the other two pools and in getting people to adjust to the wider range in depth of the swimming pool at Central.

Irma Overton, former office manager at Northeast, said five of the eight Northeast employees were laid off and that she had to take a pay cut to move over to Central.

"I'm taking a position that doesn't give me as much pay — it's not a full-time job. I was office manager and now I'll be child-care director at the Central."

Those who have lost their employment with the YMCA won't have any opportunities at the former Northeast, the city-owned Midland Youth and Senior Center. City Councilman Jose Cuevas said the city didn't have the budget to hire extra help and that plans were centered on using existing city personnel to fill any positions.

"We really want everyone to know that we didn't just pull the rug out from under their feet in deciding to close down the two other facilities. We really explored our options and this was the best decision," Elms said.

Elms indicated that YMCA officials have been contacted by three to four different parties interested in Alamo but that no details have been discussed.

"What's important to us," Elms said, "is us not letting the property be abandoned for too long. We want it back in use as soon as possible."

DEBATE: Many feel case is headed to Supreme Court

(From 1A)

militia from the new central government created by the Constitution," he said.

But Scott Powe, a constitutional law professor at the University of Texas whom Cummings cited in his ruling, denounced Yassky's brief, charging that only three of the co-signers were "serious" constitutional law scholars.

"The brief is seeking to suck the meaning out of the words 'the right of the people to keep and bear arms shall not be infringed,'" Powe said. "There are all sorts of things you could add or take away from that if you wanted to, but the meaning is clear. It couldn't be more clear."

Advocacy groups also have taken a keen interest in the case.

Jim Manown, a spokesman for the National Rifle Association, said most Americans support the "traditional understanding" of the Second Amendment as the individual's right to bear arms.

"The road to the Supreme Court is a long one, but the interest this has generated and the fact that it is being appealed will only mean the importance of this case will be heightened," Manown said.

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Nancy Hwa, a spokeswoman for the Center to Prevent Handgun Violence, said Yassky's brief likely will be crucial in any debate that reaches the Supreme Court.

"We view Cummings' ruling as a renegade decision that the gun lobby is trying to hide behind," Ms. Hwa said. "But this time, the gun lobby won't be able to hide. Scholars are stepping forward to make sure the reality of the Second Amendment is clear."

One expert who does not fit snugly into either camp is Laurence Tribe, a noted liberal Harvard law professor who believes in the individual right to bear arms.

Tribe's recently published text, "American Constitutional Law," concludes that the Second Amendment assures that "the federal government may not disarm individual citizens without some unusually strong justification." His position has provoked gun-control advocates and he says he has received "an avalanche of angry mail from apparent liberals."

But he said he also does not agree with Cummings' ruling.

"Judge Cummings went too far with his decision, saying that Congress cannot define categories of people to whom it would be dangerous to allow to bear arms," he said. "The Second Amendment provides individual right, but not an unbounded right."

WORKERS: Organization hosts annual labor celebration

(From 1A)

American working class," he said.

He added that Monday's celebration was held, "to let them know that somebody cares."

According to Willis, Labor Day was first recognized by Oregon in 1887 then later adopted by other states. Texas was one of the last to recognize the first Monday in September as Labor Day.

"It's good to see people get together like this," said C.W. Emerson, adding that, having given up his laboring some 20 years ago, he just came for the fellowship.

"Labor Day gives us the opportunity to recognize all the working people," said Clyde Butter as he lined up for some of the free barbecue being doled out. "I think it's a great time to recognize people who don't always get recognized."

In addition to the speakers, the celebration featured horseshoe throwing contests for adults and potato sack races for children. The crowd was even serenaded by a three-man band, "Collective Bargain."

"Who will take care of you? How will you get by, when you're too old to work and too young to die," crooned Gene Nix in a West Texas twang.

Attendants were also encouraged to vote and become involved in a union, as attested to by a bumper sticker offered to the crowd, "Unions: The folks who brought you weekends."

"It's a great day for labor," said Bill Caruthers, an electrician for Crow Electrical of Midland. "It's the only day we ever had to call our own."

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DEAR ABBY

Hosts struggle to make drop-in guests drop out

DEAR ABBY: My family attends a local church, and we have made many friends within this congregation. However, there is one family in this congregation who wears out the welcome mat at our home, and I don't know how to handle it without making enemies.

Van Buren

For Memorial Day, we were having a picnic in our back yard with some friends. "Mr. Uninvited" drove by and, seeing that we had guests, "stopped in" and invited himself for dinner after asking, "What do you have for me to drink?" When a beer was offered, he responded, "Oh, this cheap brand — don't you have anything else?"

It upsets me that he has the nerve to invite himself when it is obvious that we're having company and he was not invited. I would never do that to him. Then, the insults we hear if we're serving only hamburgers and hot dogs and not having surf and turf, really put the icing on the cake. He always comes "empty-handed," which does not improve the situation.

This is a family of four. The father and son are the worst offenders. They are a middle-class family, like us, so it's not a case of "he won't eat tonight if I don't feed him." In addition, they have never once invited us to their home.

I have on several occasions made remarks, trying to drop the hint that they are not welcome to barge into my home on all occasions, but he just doesn't "get it." I don't want to make an enemy, but I cannot tolerate his rudeness anymore. Any suggestions? — NEEDS HELP WITH THE VISITORS

DEAR NEEDS HELP: I've often said, "If people take advantage of you once, shame on them — if it happens more than once, shame on YOU."

You are being imposed upon, and it will continue until you take a firm stand. The next time the freeloader drops by when you are entertaining, say: "It's not convenient to have you visit us now. We'll see you another time."

If it costs you a friendship, you haven't lost much.

DEAR ABBY: I was very disappointed in the advice you gave "Brokenhearted in Lake Forest, Ill." You advised her to put a rubber band around her wrist and snap it each time she thought about her ex-boyfriend because the pain inflicted on her wrist would distract her from the pain in her heart.

Abby, I work with a population of people who use this approach to the pain in their lives. They cut on themselves to take away their mental pain. It becomes very addictive and they cannot stop doing it.

A snap of a rubber band to remove the other pain is alarmingly close. It can lead to further self-abuse or mutilation.

Please offer the woman better advice: to take a long walk, deep breaths, hot baths, or to count the many things she has to be thankful for! — BRENDA HENDERSON, CORVALLIS, ORE., MENTAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION

DEAR BRENDA: Although the rubber band technique is a very old one for behavior modification, the letters I have received from you and several people who identified themselves as "cutters" were eye-openers. While the majority of people are not masochistic, in the future I'll recommend positive, rather than negative, reinforcement.

To receive a collection of Abby's most memorable — and most frequently requested — poems and essays, send a business-size, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby's "Keepers," P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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

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OBITUARIES



Connell Ashley

Connell D. Ashley, 71, of Odessa, died Sunday, September 5, 1999, at his residence.

Connell was born October 28, 1927 in San Saba to Reuben and Jamye Ashley. On May 30, 1959 he married Janet Reaves in San Saba. She preceded him in death on March 14, 1989. He was a member and elder of First Presbyterian Church of Odessa.

He is survived by his children, Greg and Marla Ashley of Odessa, Steve and Staci Ashley of Odessa, Mark and Juliana Ashley of Houston; his grandchildren, Alexandra Ashley and Jamye Ashley of Odessa, Price Ashley and Reaves Ashley of Amarillo, Janet Rose Ashley and Anthony Ashley of Houston; and his brother, Max Ashley of San Saba.

He began his law practice in Fort Stockton as City Attorney. He then served three terms as District Attorney of the 112th Judicial District in Fort Stockton, before moving to Odessa in 1962 to join the law firm now known as Shafer, Davis, Ashley, O'Leary & Stoker.

He served as Director of the State Bar of Texas, was a member of the Ector County Bar Association, Trans-Pecos Bar Association, Pecos County Bar Association, Texas Association of Defense Counsel, International Association of Insurance Counsel, Association of Insurance Attorneys, American Bar Association, American College of Trial Lawyers, and Texas Bar Foundation. He also received the Community Statesman Award from the Heritage Foundation. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite and a Shriner.

Connell was a loving father and a true friend to many. He never failed to let others know, by example, that he loved and cared for them. He leaves a great void in the lives of those who knew and loved him.

Services are scheduled for 9 a.m. Tuesday, September 7, 1999, at First Presbyterian Church, 1401 N. Sam Houston, Odessa, Texas, and 4:00 p.m. at Howell-Doran Funeral Home, 1901 W. Wallace in San Saba, with Dr. Philip W. McLarty and Rev. Sherry Holloman officiating. Interment will be at the Gray Cemetery in Cherokee, Texas.

Active pallbearers will be Perry Davis, Jr., Paul McCollum, Ray Stoker, Jr., Jim O'Leary, Lucius Bunton, Warren Heagy, John Hundley, and Louis Crump.

The family suggests memorials to American Heart Association, American Cancer Society and First Presbyterian Church of Odessa.

Arrangements are entrusted to Hubbard-Kelly 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.



Albino Jacobo

Funeral services for Albino Ortiz Jacobo, 62, will be Tuesday at 10 a.m. at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

He died Saturday, September 4, 1999, at his home after a lengthy illness.

Before moving to Midland from Hobbs in 1979, he was a longtime building contractor in Hobbs. He owned and operated Aljan's Tile Co. in Midland until his illness. He was a lifelong Catholic. He was preceded in death by his parents, Eleno and Magdalena Jacobo, both of Hobbs.

Survivors include his wife, Janice, of the home; 3 sons, Tony Jacobo and Adam Jacobo, both of Midland; Andy Jacobo of Indiana; a brother, Mauricio Jacobo of Hobbs; four sisters, Rita Olivarez and Amparo Salazar, both of Hobbs, Jane Bara of Lovington, N.M. and Armida Espinoza of Roswell, N.M.; 13 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.



Kermit Wilson

Kermit M. Wilson, Jr., 69, of San Angelo, passed away Sunday, September 5, 1999 in Meadow Creek Nursing Center in San Angelo.

Graveside services will be held at 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 8 in Sunset Memorial Park in Odessa, TX. Arrangements are by Johnson's Funeral Home of San Angelo.

Kermit was born March 28, 1930 in Delta County, TX to Loyce L. and Kermit M. Wilson, Sr. His family moved to Sweetwater, TX in 1941, where he lived until 1971, when he moved to Odessa, TX. He was an integral part of the automobile industry in the Southwest for over 30 years, having worked as General Manager for Jack Arledge Olds.-Cadillac. In 1987, one of his dreams was achieved in San Angelo as the Dealer for Wilson Buick, GMC, and Mercedes.

Kermit was a member of the Confederate Air Force, a non-profit patriotic organization, dedicated to the preservation of flying condition of military aircraft flown during the WWII years. He was squadron leader for the Desert Squadron and the Ft. Concho Squadron of the Confederate Air Force. He owned a WWII BT15 airplane, and flew with the "Flight of Four" in the Confederate Air Force air shows. He was a Sergeant in the U.S. Air Force, having served during the Korean Conflict.

Kermit was married to Peggy J. Webster on October 20, 1984 in Midland, TX.

Survivors include his wife, Peggy Wilson of San Angelo; his children, Jan Longoria of Odessa, Jeff Wilson of Austin, Jennifer Brake and husband, John, of Odessa, Melanie Huff of Midland and Douglas Webster of Odessa; his mother, Loyce Wilson of Sweetwater; three brothers, Don Wilson and wife, Vesta, of Sweetwater, Glenn Wilson and wife, Lavada, of Sweetwater and Charles A. Wilson and wife, Bessie, of Kingsbury, TX; and four grandchildren. Kermit was preceded in death by his father, one brother and one sister.

Honorary pallbearers will be members of the Confederate Air Force.

The family wishes to express their appreciation to Meadow Creek Nursing Center for their loving care of Kermit.

Memorials may be made to the Concho Valley Alzheimer's Family Support Group, c/o Dot Partin, 4717 South Jackson #151, Bldg. 18, San Angelo, Texas 76903.

DEATH NOTICES

Lula Tryon

Lula Mae Tryon, 56, died Wednesday, Sept. 1, at her residence.

Funeral services are to be 2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 8, at Mt. Rose Baptist Church with the Rev. William Palmer officiating. Burial is to follow in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

She was born May 15, 1943 in Pittsburg.

She worked for Texas Instruments for 28 years.

She was preceded in death by her parents.

Survivors include two daughters, Dolly Hooks of Midland and Priscilla Washington of Houston.

Warren Rowe

Warren G. Rowe died Monday, Sept. 6, at a local nursing home.

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A financially secure future is a goal all of us share. A solid financial plan is a good starting point. Information to help you separate fact from fiction is important. But one key towards seeking financial security is identifying a trusted professional who can help you achieve your financial goals.

You might ask, "Do I really need to work with a broker?" It is a fair question. Many individuals try to invest without the help of a professional, and that may be fine. But look at it this way: Do you perform surgical procedures on yourself? If the answer is "no," you should at least consider enlisting the help of an investment professional.



Daniel Watts

Getting professional help does not mean that you have to turn control of your finances over to someone else. You should be in control of your own money, and you should not do business with anyone who tells you otherwise.

To make informed decisions, you need current, accurate information as well as someone with the knowledge and patience to guide you through the investment maze and explain your choices.

1 How do you find a financial professional? The best way to find a qualified professional is to attend seminars or get recommendations from friends or colleagues who are in the same financial situation as you. Do not be afraid to ask questions. Check references and make sure you are comfortable with the professional's investment approach and philosophy. Chances are, you want someone who will give you prudent recommendations.

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2 Once you find a professional you are comfortable with, you have an obligation to yourself to find out as much as you can about the investment you are about to make. Here are some questions you should ask your investment professional about any recommendations made:

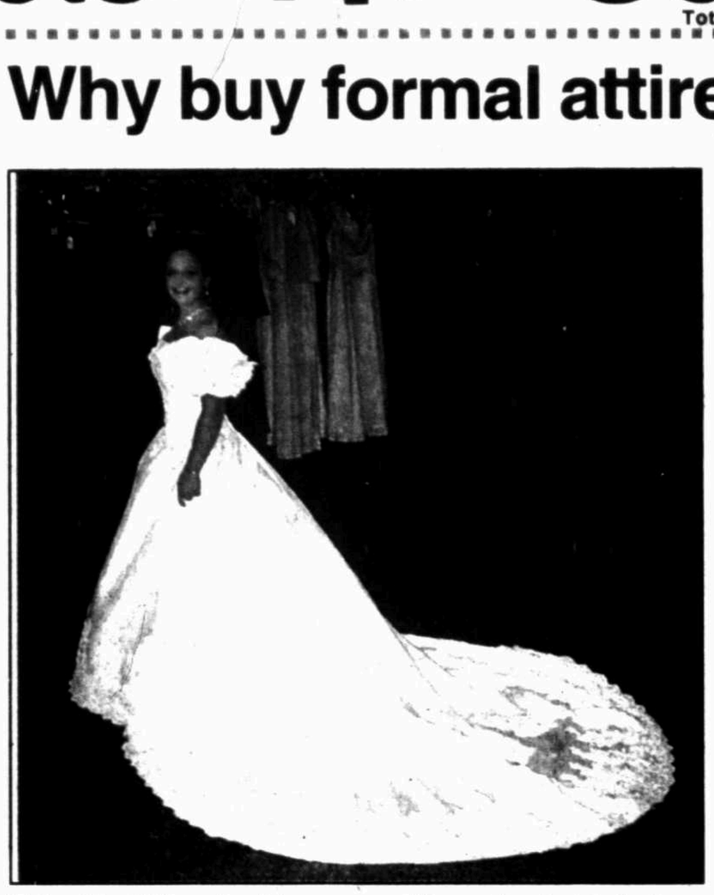
- How does this investment fit into my portfolio?
- How does it compare with my other investments?
- How does it help me meet my investment objectives?
- What are the risks involved?

Never invest in anything you do not fully understand, or take advice from someone you do not trust. The only way to implement a financial plan is to lay out a sensible strategy that takes into consideration your financial goals and personality and couples these with what is going on in the financial marketplace.

3 How can you reduce risk in your portfolio? One of the best ways to help you reduce risk inherent in any investment portfolio is to allocate a portion of your savings to a variety of asset types, a practice known as diversification. Since stocks, bonds and cash-equivalent investments often react differently to changes in the economy and the financial market, diversification helps reduce the effect of any individual underperforming market can have on your entire portfolio. You want to invest with the confidence that you are making the right decisions to help reach your ultimate goal: to build and preserve the wealth you have worked so hard to achieve.

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Jib's adds senior citizens' menu

Slim sat quietly at Jib's on a recent Saturday as Earl downed a full order of—chicken strips? Steak fingers? Barbecue? It disappeared so fast that Slim realized he couldn't remember which of Jib's flavorful servings Earl had ordered.

"Don't you ever slow down and enjoy your food?" Slim asked.

"Wouldn't enjoy it if I slowed down," Earl replied as he finished his last bite of Texas toast. "I want to eat it while it's as hot and fresh as possible."

"Well, I guess you've got that down to a science," Slim observed.

"But you know, I realize there are other points of view," Earl allowed.

Slim said, "You mean, people who like pizza?"

"No, no, *that* I would never understand," Earl said, quickly. "No. I mean, I like a full order anytime I can get one. Now that they're open on Saturdays, I can get them even more often. But not everyone has as big an appetite as me."

"That's why Jib's serves half orders," Slim noted.

"Well, but I mean even smaller than that."

"They offer kid's meals, too."

"Okay, here's my point. My dad and mom were in here the other day..."

"They came here, where people know *you?*" Slim asked, in mock amazement. "Did they let on they were related to you?"

"Very funny. Of course they did. But then, they did sit near the back and left through the back door. That was after I asked if I could finish their leftovers. I don't know why that embarrassed 'em. I used to do that all the time growing up."

"Do what—embarrass them or ask for leftovers? You know, sometimes you treat Jib's a little too much like home," Slim said.

"Well, MY POINT IS that senior citizens can't always eat a half order, and it's too embarrassing to be 65 and order a kid's meal."

"They could just say they were in their second childhood," Slim joked. "Actually, Earl, I've heard that Jib's has added a senior citizen's order to their menu. It has those smaller portions you're talking about. That way, your mom and dad can save a little money and still get all they want to eat. The only problem is, you'll have to get your leftovers off Effie's plate."

"My wife—she takes her leftovers home to the dog."

"Well, when you name your dog Texas Toast, what do you expect?" asked Slim.

Located at 3316 W. Illinois, just north of Dunlap's, Jib's features steak fingers, chicken fried steak, chicken strips, deep-fried pork chops, catfish, shrimp, barbecue, smoked sausage, St. Louis style ribs and more made-from-scratch Texas fare. Their hours are 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Open until 9 on Fridays. Call ahead for carry out orders at 699-3008.



While Jib's is now open on Saturday and has added a senior citizens' menu, they haven't changed their hot, fresh food and made-from-scratch recipes. In the picture is a senior's steak finger platter with Texas toast, tasty green beans and crisp, fresh salad. Jib's also has other vegetables to choose from like corn, pinto beans, mashed potatoes and fried broccoli.

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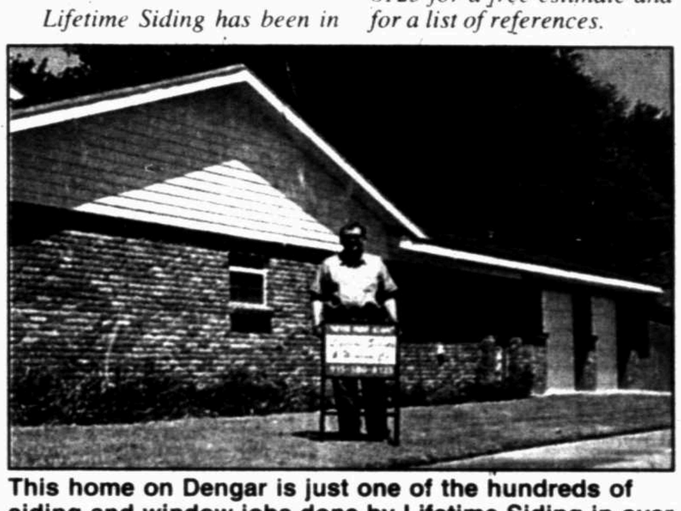
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Attacker shot dead after trying to harm Egyptian president

PORT SAID, Egypt (AP) — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, who has survived a series of assassination plots and attempts, brushed off an attack Monday that left him grazed and the assailant dead.

The afternoon attack came as hundreds of people chanting Mubarak's name and carrying his photograph thronged the streets of Port Said to welcome the presidential motorcade.

Mubarak, riding in a black luxury car, was visiting the northern city to tour industrial projects and deliver a speech ahead of a presidential referendum in Egypt.

"While the president was waving ... through the car's window, a person approached the motorcade holding a sharp tool and inflicted a light wound," said a statement from the president's office. It indicated Mubarak was wounded on the arm.

The special security guards immediately killed the assailant, the statement said. The statement did not explain how the assailant was killed, but gunfire was heard immediately after the man attacked Mubarak.

The attacker was identified as Said Hassan Suleiman, 40, a clothing vendor who "has been known for impulsive behavior and recklessness." The police statement added that he had "no political affiliations."

Later Monday, Suleiman's neighbors, speaking on condition of anonymity, said they believed he was an Islamic fundamentalist. They said he was arrested nearly two months ago for suspicion of belonging to a militant group but was released three days later. He always carried a pocket knife, they added.

Mubarak's wound was treated with a disinfectant. Appearing composed, he spoke as scheduled about an hour after the attack and made no mention of it. He had changed from a brown suit to a dark blue one.

Sources said Mubarak then went to spend the night at the coastal resort of Sharm el-Sheik, where a day before he had presided over the signing of a new Israeli-Palestinian peace accord. He is scheduled to travel to Libya on Tuesday for an Organization of African Unity summit.

A guard was cut slightly on a finger when he tried to stop Suleiman from reaching Mubarak during the attack about 100 miles northeast of Cairo at the northern end of the Suez Canal.

Egyptian television later showed videotape of cheering crowds, but cut away as shots rang out and did not show the attack. The next pictures showed Mubarak at the meeting hall, where supporters clapped and chanted "Mubarak is the people's beloved! We salute you Mubarak!"

The most serious of the attacks on Mubarak came in June 1995, when Muslim militants fired on his limousine as it was driving through Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on the way to an OAU summit.

Hurricane Greg forms in Gulf, heads toward Mexican resort

MEXICO CITY (AP) — Motorists lined up half a mile outside gas stations, and residents and tourists packed supermarkets in the Mexican resort town of Cabo San Lucas on Monday as Tropical Storm Greg became Hurricane Greg and closed in on land.

Greg's winds strengthened Monday to 75 mph over the Pacific Ocean, and the center of the storm was projected to pass just west of Cabo San Lucas, a town on the southernmost tip of the Baja California peninsula that is popular with American sports fishermen.

At 4 p.m. CDT, the center of the hurricane was 145 miles southeast of Cabo San Lucas and drifting northwest. Forecasters expected it to pick up speed later Monday. Tropical storm winds extended 115 miles from the center.

Authorities declared a hurricane watch for the southern part of the peninsula, and the ports of Cabo San Lucas and San Jose del Cabo closed to all traffic, port captain Andres Alberto Ordaz told the government news agency Notimex.

The lines outside gas stations stretched up to half a mile, and supermarkets were filled with both residents and tourists stocking up on emergency supplies, Notimex said.

Municipal authorities declared a red alert, meaning all emergency workers were on call, said city official Antonio Alvarez Acevedo. Representatives of the army and navy were meeting to plan rescue operations.

Meanwhile, a tropical depression in the Gulf of Mexico moved over a sparsely populated stretch of the mainland just south of the Texas border Monday, dropping up to 10 inches of rain, Mexico's National Water Commission said.

The unnamed depression was just east of Ciudad Victoria, about 125 miles south of the U.S. border, the commission said in a statement. The storm had winds of 35 mph, and was moving north-northwest at 8 mph.

Mexico issued a tropical storm warning along a 250-mile stretch of coast from Tampico to the U.S. border.

Already, rain associated with the storms caused flooding across Mexico over the weekend.

In Coahuayana, 290 miles west of Mexico City, about 200 homes were flooded and residents evacuated to a school after a river overflowed its banks because of 10 to 15 inches of rain.

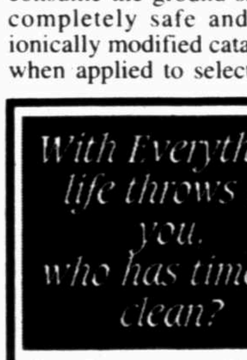
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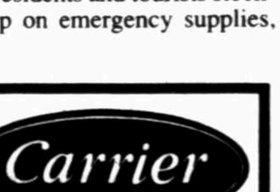

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Don't look now, but fall is almost here

The passing of Labor Day each September has come in recent years to signal the beginning of the fall season although officially, autumn will not begin until Sept. 23rd.

In years past, when schools did not resume classes following the long summer recess until after Labor Day, it seemed to fit the autumnal equinox better. But nowadays with classes starting in mid-August, there is no distinct break between summer and fall for youngsters required to hit the books while temperatures are still blistering.

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Of course, there is ample justification for noting the beginning of fall following Labor Day. Although football and other activities are in full swing before Labor Day, there is a noticeable crispness to the early morning and evening air by the second week of September.

Civic clubs and organizations, many of which have enjoyed a break from their routines over the summer, typically begin meeting again in September or October, and PTA and other school organizations start planning their fall festivals and other projects. There is a briskness not only to the air during the fall, but also to events and activities of the business community in Midland and other West Texas communities.

Those changes are all good because they define, through the activities of people on the Staked Plains, the changing of seasons that this geographic region sadly got shorted on by nature herself. It's seldom that the Permian Basin area gets sufficient rainfall and cool temperatures to bring on autumn foliage colors that tell observers fall is here.

But Labor Day is behind us now and the cooler temperatures in early morning and evening unmistakably tell Midlanders that autumn is fast approaching.

Today in History

Today is Tuesday, Sept. 7, the 250th day of 1999. There are 115 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On this date:

In 1825, the Marquis de Lafayette, the French hero of the American Revolution, bade farewell to President John Quincy Adams at the White House.

In 1892, the first major title fight under the Marquis of Queensberry rules was won by heavyweight James J. Corbett, who knocked out John L. Sullivan in New Orleans.

In 1901, the Peace of Beijing ended the Boxer Rebellion in China.

In 1940, Nazi Germany began its blitz on London during World War II.

In 1963, the NFL Hall of Fame was dedicated in Canton, Ohio.

In 1969, Senate Republican leader Everett M. Dirksen died in Washington, D.C.

In 1977, the Panama Canal treaties, calling for the U.S. to relenquish control of the waterway to Panama by the end of 1999, were signed in Washington.

In 1977, convicted Watergate conspirator G. Gordon Liddy was released from prison after more than four years.

In 1979, the Entertainment and Sports Programming Network (ESPN) made its cable TV debut.

In 1986, Desmond Tutu was installed as the first black to lead the Anglican Church in southern Africa.

Ten years ago: By a vote of 76-8, the Senate approved the Americans with Disabilities Act, forbidding discrimination in employment, public accommodations, transportation and communications.

Five years ago: After a brief meeting, the United States and Cuba temporarily suspended talks on stemming the Cuban refugee exodus. U.S. Marines began training on a Puerto Rican island amid talk in Washington of a U.S.-led intervention in Haiti.

One year ago: St. Louis Cardinal Mark McGwire equaled Roger Maris' single-season home run record as he hit No. 61 in a game against the Chicago Cubs. Russian lawmakers rejected Boris Yeltsin's candidate for prime minister, Viktor Chernomyrdin, for a second time, throwing the country deeper into political turmoil.

CAL THOMAS

Gay activists afraid of radio talk show host?

"Bigotry," like "racism," is one of those bazooka words used by the protected classes to silence people who disagree with them. The prospect of being called a bigot simply because one has a different opinion intimidates television network executives, military commanders, politicians and the medical profession, all of whom have tailored their beliefs and policies to avoid the brand of the scarlet or, in this case, the lavender B.



Thomas

But not radio talk-show host Dr. Laura Schlessinger. Because of her fervent belief that homosexual practice is wrong and that homosexuals, like fornicating heterosexuals, can change their behavior if they want to (and evidence of those who have successfully done so is available for anyone who is not a bigot), gay rights activists are targeting stations that carry her program and its sponsors for special intimidation in an effort to censor her.

What are they afraid of? This fall, a record 28 "gay, lesbian or transgender" characters will be featured on network television. That's not enough for the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (GLAAD), which wants more and wants them acting out their lifestyles and not being "gay in name only." But it's still more than any other minority group that is complaining about lack of representation and surely more than characters practicing monogamy, fidelity and religious faith, who are disproportionately underrepresented in the media compared to their actual numbers in the country.

Why are gay rights activists fearful of a single voice, especially Dr. Laura's voice, in the face of such a huge media barrage? What happened to our cherished freedom to dissent from accepted orthodoxies? Homosexuals have demanded to be heard, and they are being heard. They have complained of efforts to silence them. Why do they now practice the same censorship they deplore in others?

Gay rights activists are using language they have bemoaned when it came from other mouths and pens opposed to their attempts to win full social and cultural acceptance of any conceivable sexual practice. So, Schlessinger is a "bigot" and Paul Harvey, according to the publication Lesbian and Gay New York (LGNY), "has been at the radio hate game for the past half-century." Schlessinger, according to LGNY, also is guilty of subscribing to "rigid Victorian morality and at times sheer madness." Furthermore, says the publication, "she holds the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people in particular contempt."

What, in fact, she holds in contempt are people who call her names rather than engage in rational discussion. Schlessinger was on the fence about homosexuality until the gay rights movement pushed her into opposition when she failed to measure up to their lock-step requirement of unquestioning support for their beliefs, practices and agenda. The slightest deviation can get you branded a bigot, mad, intolerant, nasty and full of hate. She has been linked by activists to Hitler. Given her Jewish beliefs, that is a particularly outrageous insult that reflects more on the character of the insulters.

The future of propagandistic gay TV was examined in the Aug. 19 issue of Rolling Stone. Kevin Williamson, the creator of "Dawson's Creek" and the new ABC show, "Wasteland," said of the prospects for homosexual TV characters: "It's just gonna reach a point where it's no big deal. The ultimate goal is when no one's thinking twice, and they're just enjoying the hell out of it." The article also refers to a new twist — "gay" prime-time-homosexual envy. A male character on the upcoming CBS sitcom "Ladies Man" desperately wants to be a homosexual, saying, "Maybe one day I'll be able to lie naked and stroke another man like a pussycat."

In the face of these goals, Laura Schlessinger may be a voice crying in the wilderness, but she's a loud voice and she isn't going to shut up. Attempts to silence her will have the opposite effect of making her even more popular. That's because she has something that is in short supply in the rest of the country, especially the increasingly gay-dominated media. She tells the truth and is courageous in telling it. We used to give awards and encouragement to such people. Now, as they are smeared as bigots, too many remain silent.

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CHARLEY REESE

The press has no business looking into 2000 candidates' private lives

I don't write columns giving advice to politicians. That's nonsensical and egotistical. But I sympathize with Texas Gov. George Bush for refusing to answer questions about his private life.

If it were me, I'd simply say to the press: "I discuss my private life with family and friends, and you are neither. Therefore, if you have no questions about public policy matters, this press conference is over."

They are only bugging Bush about a purely hypothetical question — has he ever used cocaine — because most of them are partisan liberal Democrats and, in their simple-minded way, think they are getting even for all the troubles their hero, Bill Clinton, had.

Reese

But there is no valid parallel. Clinton's problems were self-inflicted and were not about his sex life — which, I assure you, I had no interest in, given his deplorable taste in women — but about perjury and obstruction of justice. Furthermore, except for one short span, Clinton has never had a private life, having sucked on the public teat virtually his entire adult life.

More importantly, however, the public, saddled with the task of picking the next president, has no need to know anything about any of the candidates' private lives in their distant youth. They need to know what the candidates' record of public service is, if any. And they need to know the candidates' thinking on issues such as trade policy, foreign policy, the federal budget, the military, Medicare, Social Security and other such issues in which the political reporters appear to have zero interest and even less knowledge than they have interest.

My guess is that the public will side with Bush rather than the press on this matter. In the recent unpleasantness in Washington, about the only people who came out looking worse than Clinton were those in the press. The line between what used to be called the legitimate press and the supermarket tabloids vanished. Some polls show that, in terms of public trust, the press is down among the used-car salesmen and the ambulance-chasing lawyers.

As for that politically coined cliche "family values," any politician who uses it should be immediately dismissed from consideration. He's either a deliberate liar or is so ignorant of government that he shouldn't be trusted with a village councilman's job.

There is nothing the federal government can do about the private moral values of the American people. Government has no moral function. It is institutionalized force. It is about levying and collecting taxes. It is about redistribution of income. It is about depriving people of life and liberty (the criminal justice system). It is about military force and its application. It is about trade policies and monetary policies and immigration policies. It is not about preaching morality to private individuals. That's the job of religion and philosophy.

Any politician who stands up and tells you he or she is going to restore or champion family values is insulting your intelligence or displaying his or her own lack of intelligence.

Any journalist who speculates on hypothetical activities by candidates in their youths is wasting your time and failing in his or her own duty to provide the public with useful information on which they can make informed decisions about their public business.

I'm concerned about my trade's future. It's bad enough that public education graduates people who either can't or have little interest in reading. We in the business don't need to alienate the few left who can and do read by imitating the tabloids.

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DAN RATHER

Setting the record straight on Pastrana

Word comes that President Andres Pastrana of Colombia is not pleased with some things written in this space a few weeks ago.

They were written as part of an on-scene report about the battle to prevent Marxist-style revolutionaries, heavily financed by cocaine and heroin profits, from taking over Colombia and spreading their considerable influence even further than it already is in neighboring Venezuela, Ecuador, Peru, Brazil and Panama.

The battle is not going well. The guerrilla army of the narco-revolutionaries is growing rapidly. So is its power. The guerrillas now control at least one-third of Colombia's countryside, and their tentacles reach deep into the larger cities.



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The government of Panama is so skittish over what to do about them that it reportedly no longer sends troops into most of the southern parts of that country. The combined Colombian narcotics and revolutionary forces have spread over, and appear to operate freely in, a wide area across the Ecuadorean and Peruvian borders. They are also in a somewhat smaller, but still considerable, cross-border part of Venezuela and, to a lesser degree, in remote northern sections of Brazil.

Recognition of just how bad this situation is, and how dangerously it is threatening to destabilize northern South America and southern Central America, has come late to the Clinton administration.

The U.S. State Department likes Pastrana, but U.S. diplomats worry about the Colombian army's human rights record and its ties to right-wing paramilitary units, including death squads.

Those are facts. But when those two particular facts were mentioned in this column in early August, Pastrana worried.

Through intermediaries, it was said he considered some of the report "misleading at best." Apparently, what worried him most is that someone might infer that *he*, somehow, supports paramilitary activity.

Frankly, it is difficult to see why he worried on the basis of what was written here. But, from all accounts, he is a good man under excruciating pressure, currently on the losing end of an effort to bring peace to his country.

So, in an extra effort to be fair and accurate with as much context as possible, let it be underscored for the record: So far as can be determined, President Pastrana is not, and never has been, connected with any paramilitary force, or with alleged corruption within the Colombian army. To the contrary, the best available evidence and testimony strongly indicate that he is, and consistently has been, on a campaign to eradicate both.

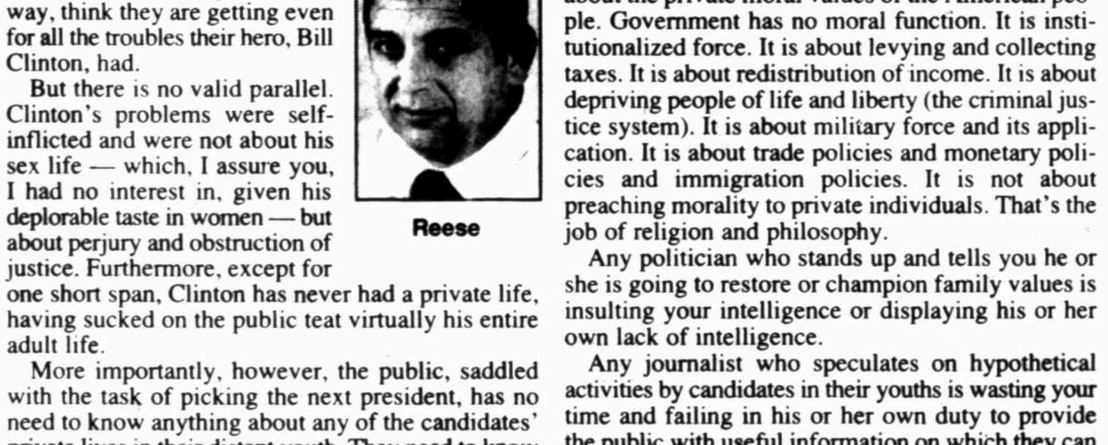
None of that, however, should mislead anyone into ducking the hard realities of Colombia today. The army is, overall, weak and ineffective in the field.

The best fighting by Colombians is being done by the smaller, but more effective, national police force, specially trained and nurtured by the United States all through the 1990s. It is undermanned, underequipped and is suffering great losses. But, based on the record, it's still the best the country has.

So, neither Pastrana nor anyone else should be surprised when the police get the most help in the late-starting Clinton administration drive to slow the momentum of the narco-guerrillas and prevent destabilization of the region.

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Israeli Supreme Court bans torture during questioning

JERUSALEM (AP) — Setting a landmark in Israel's decades-old conflict between democracy and security, between respecting human rights and protecting citizens from terrorism, the Supreme Court on Monday banned the use of torture in interrogations.

The ruling came just one day after two car bombs went off, just the latest of dozens of attacks that have killed hundreds of Israeli civilians in recent years.

Shin Bet security agents will no longer be allowed to tie Palestinian suspects with their hands behind their backs to a rail under an air conditioner in the middle of winter.

They will no longer be able to grab suspects from behind and shake them violently, a practice that led to the death of at least one Palestinian. They will no longer be permitted to force Palestinians into the dreaded "shabeh" position, bent backward over chairs, hands and legs shackled beneath, or be allowed to put a putrid, choking hood over their heads.

For Fatima Hreizat, 65, from the West Bank town of Hebron, the decision came to late. Her son, Abu Samed, died in 1995 while under interrogation. Hanging laundry outside her house, she said simply, "If there wasn't any torture, he would be alive. "

Still, Defense Minister Efraim Sneh worried that the ruling would deprive the Shin Bet of tools it needs to extract the information needed to prevent extremist attacks. Joyce Boim agreed.

In May 1996, a Palestinian shot and killed her 17-year-old son David as he stood in front of his school.

"These things may be torture, they may be horrible, but what did they think ... when they drove by and shot my son," Boim said.

On Sunday, two car bombs were set off in the northern Israeli cities of Tiberias and Haifa. The three men killed in the attacks were apparently the bombers.

Boim, who immigrated to Israel in 1985 from New York with her family, said Israel must use any means necessary to prevent attacks.

"If this is what it takes, how many lives have been saved by getting confessions even with these methods? Hundreds of lives were saved," she told The Associated Press.

Investigating an incident in which Shin Bet agents looking for a bomb beat a Palestinian to death after removing him from a bus he hijacked, an official commission ruled in 1987 that agents may use "moderate psychological and physical force" to extract "ticking bomb" confessions. Human rights groups charged that gave the green light to torture.

The methods banned by the court are not used only to prevent imminent attacks, said Eitan Fellner, director of B'Tselem, a local human rights group. Calling the practices "routine and systematic," he said tens of thousands of Palestinians have suffered from them, and many have later been released without charge.

Abed Ahmar is one of them. Ahmar, 31, told reporters he was arrested three times. He was never charged, but said he underwent all the forms of interrogation now banned by the court. As a result, he said he suffers from permanent damage to his back.

The soft-spoken resident of the Deheishe refugee camp near the West Bank town of Bethlehem smiled bitterly when Fellner handed him a khaki-colored hood. "That's not mine," he quipped, explaining that the hoods the Shin Bet used to cover prisoners' heads for hours at a time smelled of vomit.

Nawwaf Qeisi, 24, from the Azza refugee camp in Bethlehem, demonstrated "shabeh," bending backward over a chair, jamming his legs and arms underneath with his head hanging down. He said he was kept in that position for the better part of three months, and has back problems as a result.

Though they unanimously banned the practices, the nine Supreme Court justices noted that the state still has the right to defend itself. If the Shin Bet believes it must torture a suspect to reveal the location of a "ticking bomb," the torturer would be put on trial, but a court might accept the argument that physical force was necessary.

Routine torture, the court ruled, "does not constitute a reasonable investigation practice" and is banned.

"These prohibitions are absolute," it said.

Albright says MIA issue still top priority in Vietnam

HANOI, Vietnam (AP) — When it comes to Vietnam, trade and economic issues are important, but U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright made it clear Monday that accounting for American MIAs is still the top priority.

Albright, making a two-day stopover en route to the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in New Zealand, began her news conference in Hanoi by expressing gratitude for Vietnamese cooperation in tracking down and recovering the remains of former U.S. soldiers.

On Tuesday, she will witness a repatriation ceremony for four sets of remains that were uncovered during the most recent of the five joint U.S.-Vietnam digs that are held each year.

Cooperation on the MIA issue is one of the bright spots in the relationship between Washington and Hanoi that has developed since normalization of relations began in 1995, 20 years after the end of the Vietnam war.

In addition to excavating suspected plane crash or battle sites, U.S. officials have been providing their Vietnamese counterparts with access to U.S. military records to help track down the remains of the estimated 200,000 Vietnamese MIAs.

U.S. officials traveling with Albright said negotiators also were on the verge of a number of other agreements, including export-import bank assistance, aviation code-sharing, and cooperation in science and technology.

Albright said that she has seen many changes since her first visit two years ago, but later added that much remained to be done to help a country plagued by a debt-ridden financial system, conflicting laws and widespread corruption.

"The pace of economic reform is not as rapid or as steady as we would like," Albright said.

She said she also had raised contentious human rights issues, pressing the need for improvements in Vietnam's labor rights, media freedom, freedom of assembly, treatment of dissidents and religious freedom.

Russian peacekeepers kill Serbs in Yugoslavia

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia (AP) — In the bloodiest incident of the three-month peacekeeping mission in Kosovo, Russian soldiers Monday killed three Serbs who fired on them after refusing to stop beating two ethnic Albanians wounded in a gunbattle.

Russian peacekeeping soldiers rushed to the largely Serb village of Korminjane early Monday after reports of a firefight, according to NATO spokesman Maj. Roland Lavoie. One ethnic Albanian was killed and two others were wounded.

The Russians ordered Serbs to stop beating the two wounded ethnic Albanians. Instead, the Serbs shot at the Russians, who returned fire, killing three of them, Lavoie said. There were no Russian casualties.

Lavoie said the incident was under investigation but it appeared the Russians acted properly under regulations allowing the 40,000 NATO-led peacekeepers to use deadly force to defend themselves.

Ethnic Albanians say Russian troops here favor the Serbs, fellow Slavs who share the same Orthodox traditions. They say Russian mercenaries fought with Serbs during the 18-month crackdown against ethnic Albanians, during which an estimated 10,000 people were killed.

Despite the allegations, U.S. and NATO commanders have said Russia's troops have been even-handed since arriving in Kosovo.

It was the deadliest incident so far involving peacekeepers and Kosovo civilians.

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ACLU worries about tough security at nation's schools

WASHINGTON (AP) — As America's children head back to school, security-conscious school administrators are also having to think about students' rights.

Bloody tragedies, especially last April's incident in which two students at Columbine High School in Littleton Colo., gunned down a dozen classmates and a teacher before killing themselves, left an indelible mark. As a result, police officers, metal detectors, student ID cards and surveillance cameras are part of life in schools across the nation. So are routine backpack searches, increased use of drug tests, stricter dress codes and less tolerance for schoolyard taunts or threats.

All of this worries Nadine Strossen, national president of the American Civil Liberties Union. "We're seeing the equivalent of Fortress America, and students' privacy rights and freedom of speech are under attack from within," she said.

But the ACLU, aggressively challenging policies in many public school districts, may be fighting an uphill battle.

"In the wake of increasing violence, courts seem to have become more deferential to school districts' genuine concern for student safety and security," said Cynthia Prettyman, general counsel for Palm Beach County, Fla., schools. "Students still have rights and I'm sure the ACLU will stay on top of this, but any legal challenge will face a high hurdle."

Still, some students have won.

In Allen, senior Jennifer Boccia is back in school after having last spring's suspension expunged from her record.

'The school district just would not acknowledge that the First Amendment applies to students.'

— Diana Philip, ACLU regional director in Dallas

She and nine other students wore black armbands to class to mourn the Columbine victims and to protest new rules imposed in their school as a result. Jennifer, an honor student, was suspended after ignoring an order to remove the armband.

"The school district just would not acknowledge that the First Amendment applies to students," said Diana Philip, an ACLU regional director in Dallas. "We had to take them to court before an agreement could be reached."

Ray Vasvari, the Ohio ACLU's legal director, cited two "invasions of student rights" that were challenged successfully. In one, a Stow boy was suspended from classes for a personal Web site entitled "Stow High School Sucks." In another, a Youngstown area high school sought to administer drug tests for all students participating in extracurricular activities.

In Mississippi, the Harrison County School Board rescinded a policy that barred a Jewish boy from wearing his Star of David pendant after the ACLU sued on his behalf. School officials had considered it a gang symbol.

Julie Underwood, general counsel of the National School Boards Association, says school districts are well-served by programs emphasizing "culture and climate — how people treat each other; whether a respectful learning environment exists.

"We routinely get called for advice after a problem arises, after some policy is challenged," she said. "We would like to field such calls earlier on."



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A Washington, D.C. police officer, assigned to patrol the area around the school, stands guard outside Woodrow Wilson High School prior to the end of the school day on Friday, in Washington. Police officers, metal detectors and student identification cards are becoming a way of school life but as schools become more security conscious officials consider students' rights.

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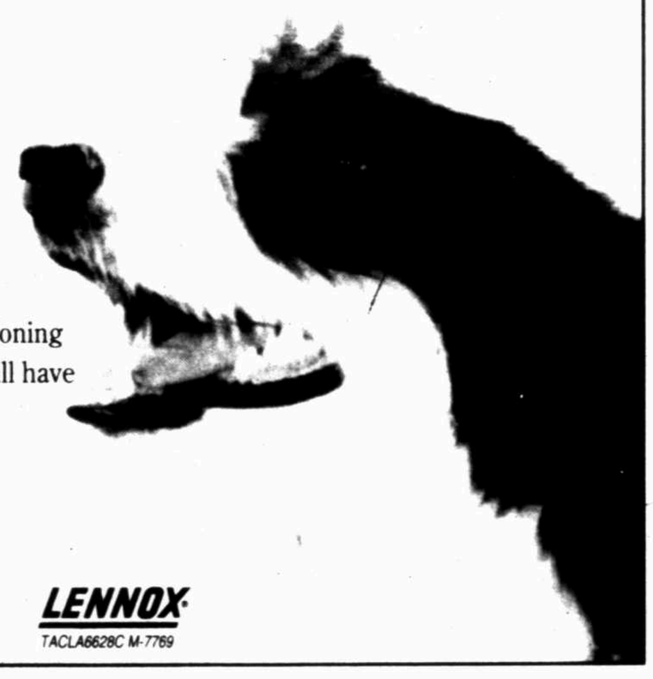
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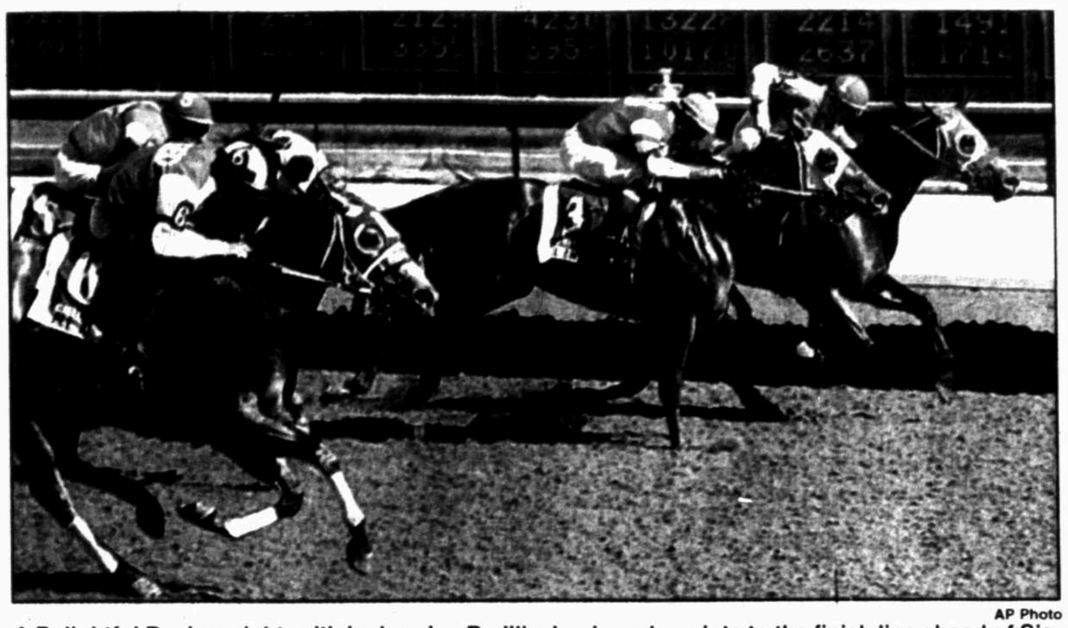
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A Delightful Dasher, right, with jockey Joe Badilla Jr. aboard, sprints to the finish line ahead of Significant Speed, second from right, for the finish of the All-American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs, N.M., Monday. The horse is owned by Midland's Gwendolyn Eaves.

A 'Delightful' win for Midland horse owner

■ Eaves takes home $1 million with A Delightful Dasher's win in All-American Futurity.

By Pete Herrera
AP Sports Writer

RUIDOSO DOWNS, N.M. — The outlaw horse with an attitude stole the biggest sprint in quarter horse racing.

A Delightful Dasher, who reminds his owner of "a teen-age boy with a black leather jacket," prevailed in a stirring three-horse match race Monday to win the 41st running of the $2 million All American Futurity at Ruidoso Downs.

Midland's Gwendolyn Eaves is the horse's owner and the win was worth $1,040,145 to her. Eaves, a retired horse breeder and bridge player, had the fourth place finisher in the 1998 All American with Hes My Dasher.

That horse was undefeated going into the futurity, but Eaves said she felt much more confident this time.

"He's kind of a half-way outlaw, but he's got so much heart," she said. "We saved him for this race and it paid off."

The 2-year-old gelding with a penchant for kicking and biting anyone within range, ran down the filly Significant Speed and the previously undefeated Chicks Call Me.

A Delightful Dasher took the lead in the final strides and finished a head in front of Chicks Calls Me, who also caught Significant Speed just before

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Cooper's debut was tough one

■ Quisenberry wanted his team to have an easier time in win over Killeen.

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

Randy Quisenberry's debut as the head coach of the Abilene Cooper Cougars went just like he wanted. Kind of.

■ **4-5A Report**

He wanted to win. He just didn't want to win the game against Killeen with a 26-yard field goal with no time remaining.

"(Killeen) tried to freeze him (Cooper kicker Jared Peel) with back-to-back time outs," Quisenberry said. "I tried not to talk to him. In a situation like that, he knows what he had to do."

Then Quisenberry added, "I was the one who was nervous (not Peel). I didn't want to get near him."

Quisenberry could have done without the theatrics.

"A fitting beginning for me would have been a 42-0 win," Quisenberry said. "I am happy to get that first game behind me. We needed to do that. We are surely at the bottom of the (District 4-5A) pile. We didn't beat anyone 49-0, nothing like those teams in Midland or Odessa did."

Taking a page out of the John Parchman quotebook, Quisenberry downplayed what is going on over at Cooper, "At least we know we are ranked No. 1 in the South side of Abilene."

It has been that kind of a beginning for Quisenberry, who left Odessa High to replace Randy Allen at Cooper. Allen left Cooper to take over the head job at Class 4A Highland Park.

Quisenberry seemed by many to be the perfect coach for Cooper. He was a hot commodity in the Texas high school coaching scene while Cooper has made the playoffs for eight consecutive seasons, the longest streak in 4-5A.

Waiting for Quisenberry were two offensive starters (both linemen) and seven on the defensive side, and Friday's win came thanks to a defense that was solid.

Cooper allowed 114 yards, the lowest total allowed by a 4-5A team last week. The one score by Killeen came after Cooper turned the ball over deep in its own territory.

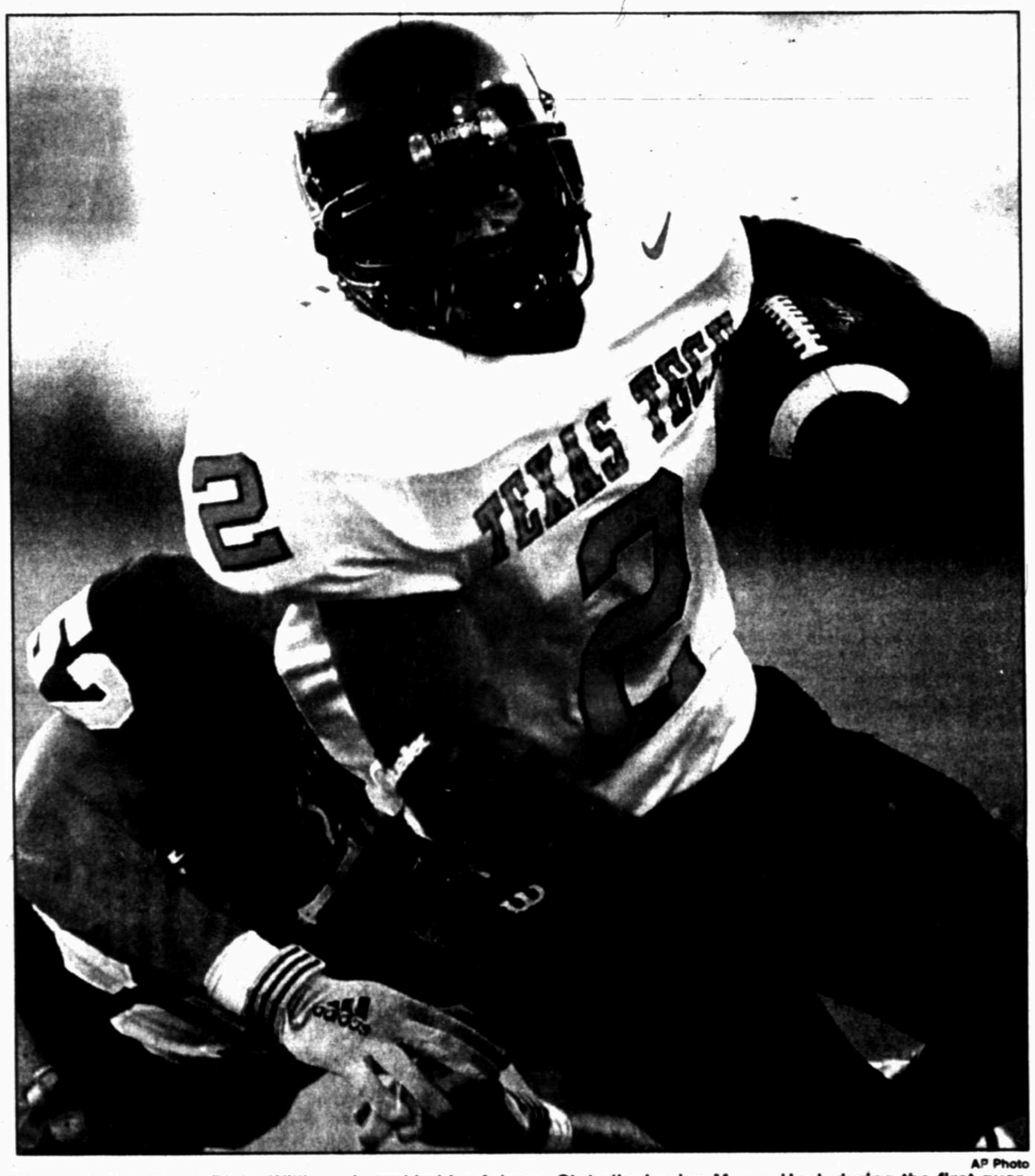
Offensively, Cooper appeared inexperienced. The Cougars totaled 228 yards and turned the ball over twice. However, the offense came through in a pressure situation.

With five minutes and 30 minutes to go and the game tied 7-7, Cooper started what turned out to be the game-winning drive on its 21. On that drive, Cooper ran the ball well, passed well and converted on some crucial third-down conversions.

"They did the things they had to do to win," Quisenberry said. "Hopefully, it is a confidence builder."

The offense then gave Peel, a JV receiv-

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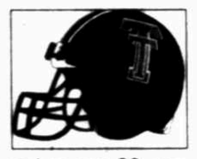
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Texas Tech tailback Ricky Williams is tackled by Arizona State linebacker Mason Unck during the first quarter Monday in Tempe, Ariz. Williams suffered a sprained left knee in the game which Tech lost to the Sun Devils 31-13 to open its season.

Devils run over Tech in opener

By Mel Reisner
AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — J.R. Redmond ran for 157 yards and two touchdowns and was the decoy to spring Delvon Flowers on a 40-yard scoring reverse that helped No. 25 Arizona State beat Texas Tech 31-13 in the first Monday night game for either team.



Redmond won the duel of touted tailbacks handily, piling up more yardage on a 56-yard scoring run 23 seconds into the second quarter than Red Raiders counterpart Ricky Williams had in the game.

Williams, the top returning rusher in the Big 12 Conference, sprained his left knee twice in the third quarter. The second time, he was carried off the field after gaining a career-low 33 yards on 13 carries and scoring on a 1-yard run.

Williams' TD gave the Red Raiders a 7-0 lead 3:18 into the game.

The Sun Devils played the last three quarters without quarterback Ryan Kealy, who sprained his right knee dropping back to pass late in the first period. But they compensated with sophomore John Leonard, who was 7-of-17 for 117 yards, big defensive plays, including five sacks, and Redmond, who also had a 3-yard scoring run.

Stephen Baker kicked field goals of 40, 35 and 34 yards to help deny Red Raiders coach Spike Dykes his 77th win, which would have made him the winningest coach in school history. Dykes record dropped to 0-6 in road openers against ranked teams since 1987.

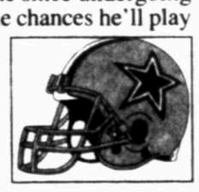
Flowers' TD broke the Red Raiders' back

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Deion finally works out, could play in opener

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — Deion Sanders worked out in pads and a helmet Monday for the first time since undergoing toe surgery in April, increasing the chances he'll play for the Dallas Cowboys in Sunday's season opener.



Sanders moved at only half-speed during his hour-long workout and didn't make any hard cuts that would have forced him to push off on his rebuilt left big toe.

He went through individual drills and 7-on-7 work, then called it quits midway through full-squad action.

"He did work against receivers, so I guess you can call it an official return to practice," coach Chan Gailey said. "I had a feeling of optimism that he'd be back soon, but this gives me even more of that feeling."

After an off day Tuesday, Sanders will test himself further Wednesday and Thursday. The final decision of when Sanders returns is solely up to him and probably won't be made until just before kickoff.

If he doesn't play Sunday against the Washington Redskins, he could return the following Monday night at home against the Atlanta Falcons, one of his former teams.

"Really, he's going to be the judge of how much pain he can tolerate, how much pain there is and whether he can do further damage," Gailey said. "If we can't do further damage, then it's a question of whether it's too painful to do the things he needs to do."

Sanders has a monetary incentive to be back soon: He must play 70 percent of Dallas' defensive snaps and make the Pro Bowl to get a $1.5 million bonus on top of the $3.5 million in bonuses he's already made and his $3 million base salary.

Sanders has said he wants no limitations when he returns, meaning he would play cornerback and return punts. He was a Pro Bowl selection at both spots last season and played in the February game despite the toe problem.

"We'll see how it feels when he catches and turns it up," Gailey said. "If he can, he can."

Sanders was injured Nov. 15 and missed five full games and parts of two more. He returned for a playoff loss to Arizona, then underwent surgery April 28.

The closest Sanders came to practicing at training camp was simulating cornerback moves 40 yards downfield from the action. On Monday, he lined up several yards off receivers and moved gingerly with them. He intercepted one pass, but didn't run with the ball — a very uncharacteristic decision.

"I watched him from time to time and it looked like he was moving OK to me," Gailey said. "Obviously he wasn't going at full speed.

"I don't think he's in game-playing condition, but he's probably in good enough condition to play some significant snaps."

The former two-sport star has proven previously that training camp is for other people. He's even played baseball and football on the same day.

In 1997, Gailey was the Steelers' offensive coordinator when they opened against the Cowboys. Sanders joined the team that day and defended two passes, made four tackles and returned two punts for 45 yards in a Dallas victory. He rejoined the Cincinnati Reds the next day.

"I didn't think the guy could not practice a snap then come in and play against us in Pittsburgh," Gailey said. "But he played pretty good."

STEWART DOREEN

One game not enough for judgement of Midland High's backs

Think Midland High has found its replacement for Shemond Davis? Think again — for the mean time.

"It is probably too early," said Midland High head coach David Browning.



Doreen

Too early? Jimmy Smith rushed for 148 yard and two TDs. Courtland Cook scored three times, and sophomore Tony Joseph totaled 214 yards (16 higher than the total first reported) and visited the end zone three times.

"There are guys who did well and showed some promise, but to be honest, we need to play better opponents before we make that determination," Browning said. "Austin is not to the caliber of the teams will have to beat in this district."

OK, it is too early, but there was some excitement with this group. At least on one night, Smith was a powerhouse, Cook showed terrific moves and Joseph played beyond his years.

Will they continue? Maybe. Either way, remember this: There probably isn't one person outside the MHS fieldhouse who thought Friday's season opener would be so grand. Of course, last year all the know-it-alls didn't predict the success of Davis, who won the District 4-5A rushing crown in 1998.

So maybe these "Maybe Backs" will be more than a one-night wonder. If they aren't, MHS will not be a factor come district. No maybes about it.

TAKE IT TO THE TV STARS: Did anyone see High School Extra this week on Fox Sports Southwest? This week, the show did a segment on El Paso Andress, MHS' next opponent.

The TV time was another pat on the back for Andress. The Eagles are being called the best football team in the Sun City although that is kind of a backhanded compliment. Someone has to be the best, even in El Paso — the city filled with mediocre football teams.

So here comes Andress, a 26-6 winner over El Paso Socorro last weekend. Andress carries the TV star status, top billing in its city and a 1-0 record. The Eagles also have Cheron Figgs and Matt Rushbrook, two very good players. While that is a lot of stuff to consider, MHS would just as soon look at the other thing Andress owns — an upset win over the Bulldogs last year.

"This sucker means something to us," said Browning of Friday's home opener. "Last year, we stunk up the place. We had a lot of opportunities to win that game and didn't play very well. We had lots of mistakes on both sides of the ball, and we have something to prove because of that."

Will Midland High win? You bet. The records will show that 4-5A teams can occasionally be snakebitten in the Sun City. They will also show that El Paso teams don't come to the Permian Basin and beat good 4-5A teams.

A BONE TO CHEW ON: Browning called the trip to El Paso the best one since he's been at MHS. "We changed up the itinerary (from previous trips), but they were ready to play," Browning said... Watch for Randy Gardner, an all-district prospect at tight end, to get more time on the other side of the ball. Gardner should play more defensive end. Against Austin, Gardner registered two sacks in limited time on defense.

Stewart Doreen is assistant sports editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

LOCAL SPORTS

McGee wins Match Play

Mac McGee defended his title at the Midland Country Club Match Play Championship, defeating five-time champion Steve Whiteside 3 and 2.

McGee won his third match play championship.

Results from the MCC Match Play Championship held this weekend at Midland Country Club.

Championship Flight: Championship - Mac McGee def. Steve Whiteside 5 and 3; Consolation - John Staub def. Paul Page 5 and 3.

President's Flight: Championship - Mark Hardwick def. Craig McDonnold 1-up (18); Consolation - Eddy Ohlenburg def. Joe Gifford 7 and 6.

First Flight: Championship - Buddy Redden def. Red McKeller 2 and 1; Consolation - John Kennedy def. Harry Graham 1-up.

Second Flight: Championship - John Ochsner def. John Millwee 2-up; Consolation - Will Hill def. Bob Riek 1-up.

Third Flight: Championship - Bill Reinert def. Timber Floyd 1-up (20); Consolation - Jack Byrd def. Chaires Perry 3 and 2.

36-Hole Stroke Play: 1. Ron King 69-70—139; 2. Rick Davis 70-70—140; 3. Charles Ray 70-70—140.

18-Hole Stroke Play: 1. Larry Murphy 68; 2. Timber Floyd.

Chavez wins Big Tootsie

Trey Chavez won the open bracket division of the Big Tootsie Labor Day Invitational Tennis Tournament held Monday at Midland College.

Chavez defeated Hans Hoffman, Justin Hicks and Schine Patel to win the open bracket division. The next event will be held on Oct. 30.

Results from the Big Tootsie Labor Day Invitational Tennis Tournament held Monday at Midland College. The tournament was round robin.

Open Bracket: 1. Trey Chavez, 2. Hans Hoffman, 3. Justin Hicks, 4. Sachin Patel.

A-1 Bracket: 1. Heather Hughes, 2. Wendy Navarrete, 3. Mandy Hutchinson, 4. Kayla Hicks.

A-2 Bracket: 1. Minnie Stayavada, 2. Tracy Hughes, 3. Candace Joyce, 4. Dutch Hoffman.

B Bracket: 1. Lali Satyavada, 2. Sarika Patel, Brittany Rodawalt, 4. Chad Joyce, 5. Alexandria Gonzales, 6. Charisma Alur, 7. Linsey Chavez.

Dortch, Eng win scramble

Darren Dortch and Kelly Eng teamed to win the Labor Day Scramble held Monday at Hogan Park.

Dortch and Eng combined to shoot 66, which was one shot better than Jeff Munden and Coy Stribling in second place.

Results from the Labor Day Scramble played at Hogan Park.

First Flight: 1. Darren Dortch-Kelly Eng 66, 2. Jeff Munden-Coy Stribling 67, 3. Bob Mishler-Carl Monday 67.

Second Flight: 1. Frank DeCampli-Mark Varner 72, 2. John Bates-Jay Bates 73, 3. Floyd Jarnagin-Ray Lindsey 74.

McNaughton aces West No. 8

D'Anne McNaughton recorded a hole-in-one on the eighth hole of the West course at Green Tree Country Club Monday.

The 5-wood from 135 yards was witnessed by Bobby Welborn, Jon Epley, Bob McNaughton, Rolly Hughes and T.J. Greenwood.

Freshman football

Midland White 17, Bonham 6. White: Olie Fitts 108 yards rushing, one TD; Casey Zachery 82 yards rushing; Jake Valderama TD catch from Ryan Rowland; Ryan Bose two interceptions; Randy Gonzales and Jason Crownover recovered fumbles.

Midland Purple 28, Crockett 8. Purple: Kevin Murphy 128 yards rushing, two TDs; T.J. Barber 92 yards rushing, two TDs; Herb City 99 yards passing; Ty Seeker and Pete Dominguez had interceptions.

4-5A: Abilene defenses look strong

(From 1B)

er a year ago, a chance to deliver a win. Peel did.

Quisenberry's team will play Waco High this week, and even with a win in his pocket, Quisenberry believes things will not get easier.

"I get nervous when I see a bunch of single digit (jersey numbers) on the defensive line," said Quisenberry referring to the Waco High's team speed. "I think they have a defensive end that was fifth in the state in the 200 meters."

ELSEWHERE IN THE DISTRICT: The No. 1 team in the state and nation — Midland Lee — won by 42 points despite committing five turnovers and the five other teams never trailed in the second half.

In other words, just another hohum Friday night in District 4-5A, which went 6-0 for the week and raised its record to 8-0 in 1999.

When looking at the first week that all six 4-5A schools were in action, there were many performances to make a note of.

THERE APPARENTLY IS A "D" IN ABILENE: All but one defense allowed single-digit point totals. Abilene High was the only team in the district not to allow a touchdown and hasn't allowed a team in the end zone for six consecutive quarters. Cooper allowed the fewest yards.

THE "O" WAS ELSEWHERE: All but two (the Abilene schools) put 30-plus points on the board. Midland High led the way with 55.

Two backs topped the 200-yard mark. One has been a fixture on the 4-5A rushing list for three years now — Abilene High's Arturo "Sneezy Beltran. He rushed for 203 yards. The other played in his first varsity game — Midland High's Tony Joseph. He rushed for 214 yards.

EXCUSE ME REF, YOU DROPPED SOMETHING: Three 4-5A teams — Odessa High, Permian and MHS — have played in El Paso. They have averaged 12.3 penalties a game for 108.3 yards. Their opponents have averaged 4.6 for 31.6.

4-5A SCHEDULE: Midland Lee at El Paso Franklin, Midland High vs. El Paso Andress, Odessa High at Lubbock Coronado; Odessa Permian vs. Allen High; Abilene High at Temple; Abilene Cooper vs. Waco High.

District A-List

Rushing
(100 yard or multiple touchdowns)

Tony Joseph, MHS	214 yards and three TDs
Arturo Beltran, AHS	203 yards and two TDs
Jimmy Smith, MHS	143 yards and two TDs
Cedric Benson, Lee	117 yards and 2 TDs
Allen Griffith, Lee	91 yards and 2 TDs
Courtland Cook, MHS	81 yards and three TDs
James Curry, OHS	63 yards and two TDs

Passing
(200 yards or multiple touchdowns)

Jon Rogers, Lee	7-10, 162 yards and 2 TDs
Justin Whitaker, Permian	9-17, 145 yards and 2 TDs

Special Teams

Roy Williams, Permian	87-yard kickoff return for a TD
T.J. Glover, Lee	15-yard fumble recovery for a TD
Jared Peel, Cooper	26-yard winning FG vs. Killeen.

Record Watch

Two 4-5A players — Abilene High running back Arturo "Sneezy" Beltran and Permian wide receiver Roy Williams — have career 4-5A records in their sights and will need big-time seasons to get the records.

Beltran and the all-time rushing record

Total yards as a sophomore and junior: 2,700.
Record for career yards set by PHS: John Williams: 4,847
Yards needed by Beltran before the season started: 2,148
Number of yards by Beltran in Game 2: 203
Number of yards by Beltran this season: 359
Current number of yards needed to pass Williams: 1,789.
Average per game needed if AHS doesn't make the playoffs: 223.6.

Williams and the all-time receiving record

Total yards as a sophomore and junior: 1,879
Record for career yards set by PHS' Lloyd Hill: 3,429
Yards needed by Williams this pass Hill before the season started: 1,551
Number of yards by Williams in Game 1: 84.
Number of yards by Williams this season: 84
Current number of yards needed to pass Hill: 1,467.
Average per game needed if PHS doesn't make the playoffs: 163.0

City MVPs
Midland High
Offense

MHS Offensive Line — Frank Lewis, Robert Covington, Cotey-Joe Cswaykus, Matt Neu, Patrick Hinshaw — paved the way for 464 yards rushing and two backs with more than 100 yards. The group also also combined for 15 pancakes.

"They controlled the line of scrimmage from the first play on, more so than any (other line) we have ever had at any time in the past," Midland High head coach David Browning said.

Defense

Matt Bose: The junior linebacker fired out of the blocks in his first season as a full-time starter. Bose, who stands 5-foot-10, 186 pounds, recorded five unassisted tackles, six assisted tackles, three tackles for a loss and a caused fumble. He also played as a backup fullback.

"He is going to have to have a good year for us to be successful," Browning said. "As a linebacker, he will leave his mark before he is out of here. He will be a very good player."

Midland Lee
Offense

Andy Brewster: The senior center was a force for an offensive line which paved the way for Lee's 426 yards rushing and two 100-yard backs. Brewster graded out at 95 percent and recorded seven pancakes in the 49-7 win over El Paso Coronado.

"He is coming off an injury. He had a bad ankle and is getting back to full speed," Lee head coach John Parchman said. "We are glad to see him play a full game."

Defense

Joe Norman: Returning one starter from last year's state championship team, Lee needed a leader and Norman stepped into that slot. The 6-2, 210-pound senior defensive lineman stepped back onto the field after recovering from a cracked pelvis to record 10 tackles and a caused fumble.

"He has been the leader of the defense and we are as pleased as we can be with how he is playing," Parchman said.

Compiled by Stewart Doreen.

Comets celebrate and mourn

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

HOUSTON — Three for 10.

The numbers said everything about the Houston Comets this season. They won their third straight WNBA title and dedicated it to Kim Perrot, the point guard who wore jersey No. 10 and died of brain cancer last month.

As the seconds ticked down in Sunday's championship game, Cynthia Cooper raised her hands. She showed an index finger with her right hand and a fist with the other — the referee's signal for No. 10.

Tears welled in the players' eyes and the sell-out crowd of 16,285 began chanting "three for Kim, three for Kim."

"This championship was the hard one because of everything going on," forward Janeth Arcain said. "It's been a very emotional season watching Kim fight her battle. We won this championship for her, and we know she was watching us today."

Cooper had one of her worst shooting games Saturday. She went 1-for-10 and watched in disbelief as New York's Teresa Weatherspoon hit a 52-foot shot at the buzzer to give the Liberty a 68-67 victory and force the deciding game.

The Comets and Cooper came back Sunday even more determined. Cooper and Sheryl Swoopes scored 20 of Houston's first 22 points and the Comets took a 33-25 halftime lead. Cooper finished with 24 points, including 13 of 15 free throws.

"I was not going to go down 1-for-10, I was going to go down fighting for my team to win a third championship," she said.

When New York drew to 38-31, the Comets took off with a 10-0 spurt to take control. Tina Thompson had seven of the 10 points.

TECH: Raiders suffer from turnovers

(From 1B)

2:57 into the third quarter. Redmond ran to his right, then handed off to Flowers running left for a sprint to the end zone.

Coach Bruce Snyder opted for a 2-point conversion, and Leonard passed to Tariq McDonald to make it 21-7.

The next two Sun Devils scores came after spectacular catches by Todd Heap, who threw off the coverage by pulling up for a 41-yard, over-the-shoulder grab at the Tech 3-yard line that set up Redmond's second TD with 8:49 left in the third quarter. Minutes later, Heap pulled in a 22-yard throw from Leonard that led to Baker's last field goal and a 31-7 lead with 4:34 remaining in the quarter.

Tech scored on defense in the fourth, when Leonard lost the ball and defensive end Aaron Hunt returned it 53 yards.

Williams scored after Arizona State's Nick Murphy fanned on a punt and was charged with a fumble. Although the Sun Devils covered the ball, they lost it on downs.

After a Texas Tech penalty, Rob Peters threw a 37-yard strike to Sammy Morris at the 1.

It took two big plays by Arizona State safety Willie Daniel to keep the Sun Devils from falling farther behind. Three plays after Peters took the Raiders to the Arizona State 9 with a 55-yard scramble, Daniel jolted the ball loose from Morris after a catch, and Al Williams recovered on the 1-yard line with 6:19 left in the first quarter.

And, on the first play of the second quarter, Daniel had a 17-yard interception return that put Arizona State in position for Redmond's long run to tie it 7-7.

Redmond ran 10 yards before hitting Tech safety Kevin Curtis. Linebacker Reagan Bownds moved over to help, but only knocked Curtis off Redmond, who kept his feet and outran the rest of the secondary.

No. 25 Arizona St. 31, Texas Tech 13

Texas Tech	7	0	0	6—	13
Ariz. St.	0	13	18	0—	31

First Quarter
TT—R.Williams 1 run (Birkholtz kick), 11:42.
Second Quarter
ASU—Redmond 56 run (Baker kick), 14:37.
ASU—FG Baker 40, 5:40.
ASU—FG Baker 35, :25.
Third Quarter
ASU—D.Flowers 40 run (McDonald pass from Leonard), 12:03.
ASU—Redmond 3 run (Baker kick), 8:49.
ASU—FG Baker 34, 4:34.
Fourth Quarter
TT—Hunt 53 fumble return (pass failed), 14:06.
A—65,091.

	TT	ASU
First downs	11	19
Rushes-yards	33-107	45-210
Passing	139	179
Comp-Att-Int	9-27-2	13-27-0
Punts-Avg.	9-38	6-41
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	4-2
Penalties-Yards	11-86	7-60
Time of Possession	27:07	32:53

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Texas Tech, S.Williams 5-40, R.Williams 13-33, Peters 6-22, S.Morris 3-11, Easterling 2-3, Hunter 1-1, Kingsbury 3-(minus 3). Arizona St., Redmond 20-157, D.Flowers 6-59, Green 11-43, Smith 2-6, Hightower 1-2, Murphy 1-(minus 11), Kealy 2-(minus 16), Leonard 2-(minus 30).

PASSING—Texas Tech, Peters 7-22-2-124, Kingsbury 2-5-0-15. Arizona St., Leonard 7-17-0-117, Goodman 4-5-0-47, Kealy 2-5-0-15.

RECEIVING—Texas Tech, S.Morris 3-68, Dorris 3-21, Jones 2-43, Jackson 1-7. Arizona St., McDonald 5-47, Heap 3-78, Bates 3-22, R.Williams 1-29, Moore 1-3.

Serena powers way through

By Steve Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK — Serena Williams flexed her rippling muscles as she stepped up to serve the final game against Conchita Martinez, showing the weary Spaniard and everyone else the strength she had left.

Closing out her biggest win in a major tournament at the U.S. Open on Monday, Williams took a moment to peer at Martinez standing far behind the baseline, then promptly served her 12th ace far out of Martinez' reach for a 4-6, 6-2, 6-2 victory. At 17, Williams had the energy to stay with Martinez through long rallies and three tough sets, to keep going after her no matter how hot and muggy the weather had become.

Jets roared incessantly, the wind blew hot air through the stadium, and the sun burned through the clouds. It was the kind of day that wears down players, distracts them, makes them lightheaded, but Williams didn't let any of that bother her.

Williams, seeded No. 7, played sloppily at times, whacking backhands wildly, missing too many easy shots. But she endured through a combination of persistence and talent and youthful vitality to reach her first major quarterfinal with the victory over No. 16 Martinez.

Now another older champion stands in Williams' way, No. 4 Monica Seles, who won the U.S. Open for the first time in 1991 when she was the same age Williams is today.

"I love playing Monica," said Williams, who has served more aces than any woman so far in the tournament. "Whenever we play, it's always very intense and very fun. I don't have anything to lose. She's ranked higher than what I am. It gets me more psyched up and pumped up. I tend to play better. I'm really looking forward to it."

Their matches haven't been so much fun for Seles, who lost to Williams on carpet in Chicago two years ago and on the hard-court of Key Biscayne this year on Williams' way to the final she lost to sister Venus.

RACE: Dasher rallies on inside rail

(From 1B)

the wire. Significant Speed, breaking from the No. 3 post, left the gate so fast, that she quickly opened up a length lead on the rest of the field.

"She made it look like we all got a bad start," said A Delightful Dasher's jockey, Joe Badilla.

The filly stretched her lead midway through the race and looked like a winner. But Badilla, running next to the inside rail, switched his whip from his right hand to his left and his horse responded.

"I switched sticks about midway and got within three-quarters of her," Badilla said. "Then I switched back to the right and then there was no doubt I was going to catch her. It was a matter of when and how."

Trainer John Bassett said Badilla's decision to switch from his right hand to his left got the winner rolling.

"He didn't break like he can, but that mare (Significant Speed) left so fast ... we had to make up some ground. I saw Joe whipping him right-handed. We weren't doing a whole lot. All of a sudden he switched sticks and hit him left handled and it just shot him out of a rocket," Bassett said.

A Delightful Dasher covered the 440 yards in 21.60 seconds and as the second choice in the betting behind Chicks Called Me paid $7.40, $3.20 and $2.80.

Chicks Call Me, owned by the Tulsa, Okla., partnership of C.E. Tuggle and W.R. Anglin, earned $291,240 and lost for the first time in seven races this year. He paid $3 and $2.80.

Jacky Martin, the jockey of Chicks Call Me, said his horse got off to the worst start this season.

"He was standing perfect, and he just didn't break," Martin said. "He just kind of hopped in the air when the gates opened. It took 50 to 75 yards to get heads up with the other horses and the filly still had us beat a length. He ran a super race once he left the gates. No excuses, he just didn't leave running."

Significant Speed, owned by the Scarlett Hill Farm of Weatherford, got the third place purse of $124,817 and paid $5.40 to show.

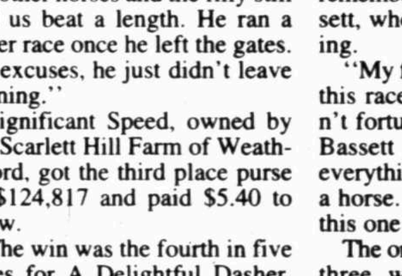
The win was the fourth in five races for A Delightful Dasher, who also won the $525,000 Rainbow Futurity over the same track in July. It also was the first win in the futurity for Eaves, Badilla and Bassett.

In the winner's circle celebration, Bassett took a moment to remember his late father, Joe Bassett, who got him started in racing.

"My father qualified a horse to this race in the 1960s, but wasn't fortunate enough to win it," Bassett said. "He taught me everything I know about training a horse. Dad, wherever you are, this one's for you."

The order of finish after the top three was: Tiny First Down, Southern Cash Man, He Rocks, Familiar Faces, Moolah Memories and Tell Her More. Snappy Dragon was scratched from the race because of a chipped bone in his left knee.

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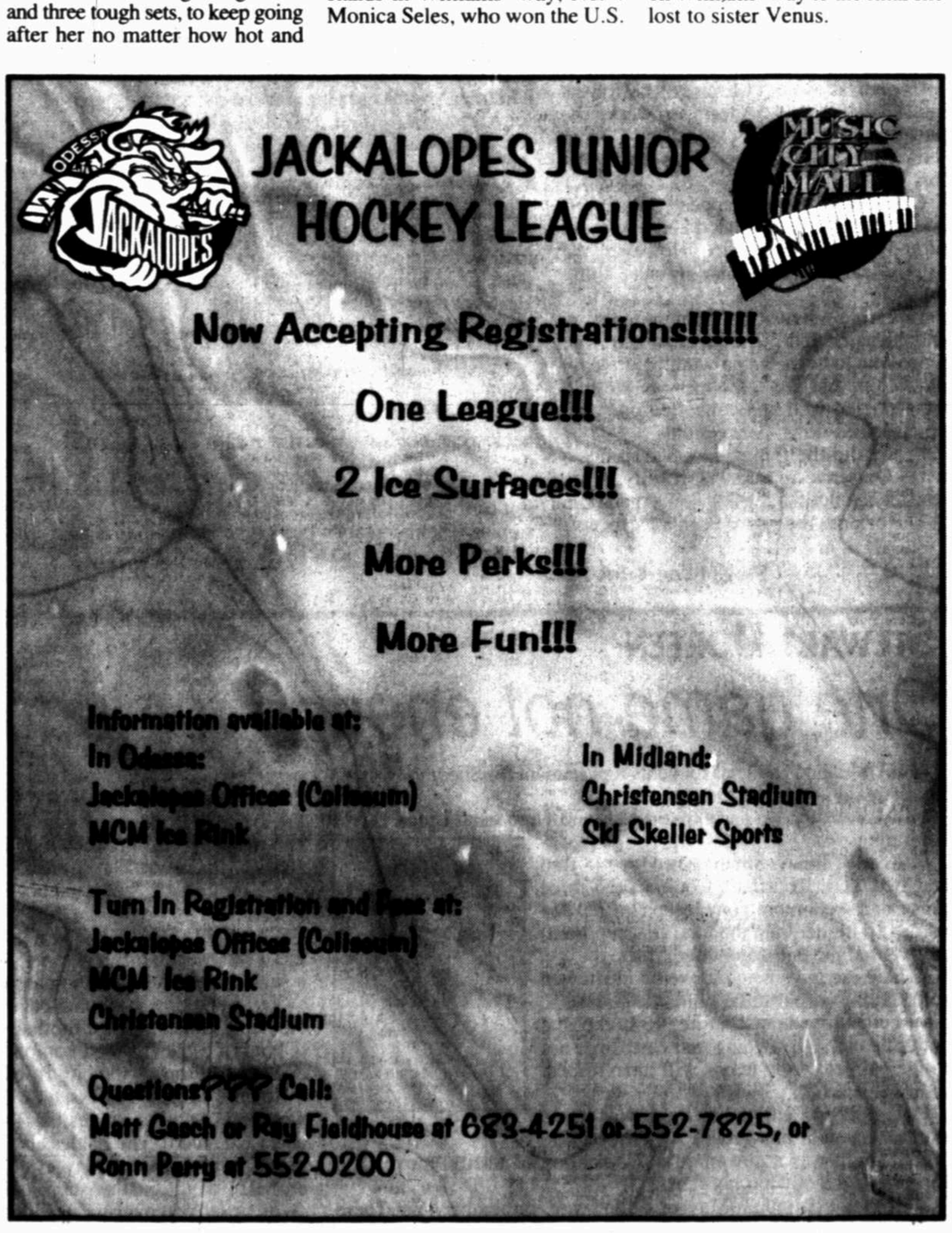
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RANGERS 8, WHITE SOX 6

CHICAGO	ab	r	h	bi	TEXAS	ab	r	hbi
Cruso ss	4	0	0	0	Alicea 2b	4	1	2 0
LRdrgz 2b	4	1	2	0	IRdrgz c	4	1	2 2
CLee lf	4	2	1	2	Greer lf	4	0	0 0
MOrdz rf	4	1	2	0	JuGnlz rf	4	1	0 0
Knrko dh	3	1	1	2	RPlmo 1b	1	1	0 0
Sngltn cf	4	1	1	1	Zeile 3b	4	1	1 4
Norton 1b	4	0	2	0	RKelly cf	4	1	1 0
Wilsn 3b	3	0	1	1	Stvns dh	4	0	1 0
Thmas ph	1	0	0	0	ScGrn dh	0	0	0 0
MLJhn c	1	0	0	0	Clyton ss	3	2	2 1
Frdyce c	2	0	0	0				
Totals	**34**	**6**	**10**	**6**	**Totals**	**32**	**8**	**9 7**
Chicago					**000 010 320 — 6**			
Texas					**510 002 00x — 8**			

E—Clayton (20). DP—Chicago 1, Texas 2. LOB—Chicago 3, Texas 4. 2B—Konerko (25), Norton (21), Alicea (9), IRodriguez (24). 3B—LRodriguez (1). HR—CLee (12), Singleton (13), Zeile (21), Clayton (9). SB—RKelly (6). SF—Konerko.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Parque L,9-12	5 1-3	7	8	7	2	5
SLowe	1 2-3	1	0	0	1	1
Simas	1	1	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Hilling W,13-7	6 2-3	7	4	4	1	5
Venafro	2-3	1	1	1	0	0
JeZimmerman	2-3	1	1	0	0	0
Wetteland S,38	1	1	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Parque (RPalmeiro). PB—MLJohnson. T—3:04. A—0 (49,166).

RANGERS 6, WHITE SOX 3
Second game

CHICAGO	ab	r	h	bi	TEXAS	ab	r	hbi
Cruso ss	4	1	2	0	Gdwin cf	3	1	1 1
Rdrgz 2b	4	0	0	0	MLmr 2b	5	0	0 0
CLee dh	5	1	1	0	Greer lf	2	2	2 3
MOrdz rf	4	1	3	1	JGnlz rf	3	1	1 2
Knrko 1b	3	0	0	0	Plmo dh	4	0	1 0
Jckson lf	4	0	1	0	Zeile 3b	4	0	1 0
Frdyce c	4	0	2	2	Stvns 1b	3	1	1 0
Smns cf	4	0	1	0	Clytn ss	3	0	0 0
Wlsn 3b	4	0	2	0	Zaun c	2	1	1 0
Totals	**36**	**3**	**12**	**3**	**Totals**	**29**	**6**	**8 6**
Chicago					**001 002 000 — 3**			
Texas					**003 120 00x — 6**			

DP—Texas 2. LOB—Chicago 9, Texas 8. 2B—MOrdonez (30), CWilson (6), RPalmeiro (26), Zeile (38). HR—Greer (19), JuGonzalez (33). S—LRodriguez, TGoodwin, Clayton. SF—TGoodwin.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Snyder L,9-11	4 1-3	8	6	6	3	0
CCastillo	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Pena	1 2-3	0	0	0	3	0
Foulke	1 1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Texas						
Fassero W,5-14	5	6	2	2	2	2
Kolb	2-3	4	1	1	0	1
Munoz	1 2-3	1	0	0	0	1
Crabtree	2-3	0	0	0	0	0
Wetteland S,39	1	1	0	0	0	1

Fassero pitched to 1 batter in the 6th.

T—2:56. A—31,443 (49,166).

RED SOX 3, MARINERS 2

BOSTON	ab	r	h	bi	SEATTLE	ab	r	hbi
Buford cf	5	0	2	0	Gipson lf	2	0	0 0
DLewis rf	4	0	0	0	Jcksn 1b	1	0	0 0
Grcprr ss	4	0	1	0	Tmmns lf	1	0	0 0
Stnley 1b	4	1	2	0	Lmpkin c	1	0	0 0
Hskey dh	4	1	1	1	DBell 2b	5	0	0 0
OLeary lf	3	0	1	0	Grfy Jr cf	3	0	0 0
Varitek c	3	1	2	2	Rdrgz ss	4	0	0 0
Veras 3b	4	0	1	0	Mrtnz dh	4	0	1 0
Sadler 2b	4	0	0	0	Buhner rf	1	0	0 0
					BLHntr lf	0	0	0 0
					Blwers 1b	1	0	0 0
					Ibanez 1b	3	1	1 0
					Davis 3b	3	1	2 1
					DWilsn c	3	0	1 0
Totals	**35**	**3**	**10**	**3**	**Totals**	**32**	**2**	**5 1**
Boston					**010 002 000 — 3**			
Seattle					**000 011 000 — 2**			

E—Stanley (10), DaBell (14), BLHunter (4). DP—Boston 1, Seattle 1. LOB—Boston 7, Seattle 11. 2B—Stanley (20), Huskey (14), EMartinez (29). HR—Varitek (16). SB—Buford (9), Griffey Jr (23), RDavis (3), DWilson (5). SF—Varitek.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Mercker	3 1-3	3	0	0	2	3
Florie W,3-1	2 2-3	2	2	1	2	1
Cormier	2-3	0	0	0	1	0
Beck	1 1-3	0	0	0	2	1
DLowe S,12	1	0	0	0	0	0
Seattle						
Halama L,11-6	8	9	3	3	1	5
Mesa	1	1	0	0	0	0

Halama pitched to 1 batter in the 9th.

HBP—by Beck (Buhner). WP—Florie. T—3:08. A—44,246 (47,145).

TWINS 13, DEVIL RAYS 7

MINNESOTA	ab	r	h	bi	TAMPA BAY	ab	r	hbi
JJones cf	6	2	2	3	Cairo 2b	5	2	2 0
Hckng ss	6	2	3	0	Lowery lf	4	1	0 0
Lawton rf	6	1	2	3	Perry 3b	5	1	1 1
Stnbch c	3	2	2	1	McGrf 1b	3	1	2 2
Walkr 2b	5	1	2	2	Grfnno 3b	0	0	0 0
Comer dh	4	0	0	1	Flherty c	4	1	1 1
Mntkw 1b	5	0	2	1	Trmll dh	4	1	3 3
THuntr lf	4	2	1	0	JGuilln rf	4	0	1 0
Kskie 3b	4	3	2	2	DMrtnz cf	4	0	1 0
					Lsma ss	3	0	0 0
					Lamb ss	1	0	0 0
Totals	**43**	**13**	**16**	**13**	**Totals**	**37**	**7**	**11 7**
Minnesota					**002 316 100 —13**			
Tampa Bay					**003 040 000 — 7**			

E—Mientkiewicz (3), DMartinez (4). DP—Minnesota 2. LOB—Minnesota 8, Tampa Bay 5. 2B—Hocking (17), TWalker (35), THunter (12), McGriff (27), Trammell (14). HR—JJones (7), Koskie (10), Trammell (11). CS—TWalker (8). SF—Coomer.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Minnesota						
Milton	4 2-3	8	7	7	2	6
Carrsco W,2-2	3 1-3	3	0	0	0	1
BWells	1	0	0	0	0	0
Tampa Bay						
Wheeler	3 2-3	6	5	5	2	5
Duvall	1-3	1	1	1	1	1
RWhite L,5-3	1 1-3	2	2	2	0	2
Charlton	1-3	4	4	2	0	0
Newman	2 1-3	3	1	1	1	6
ALopez	1	0	0	0	0	0

Duvall pitched to 2 batters in the 5th.

WP—Wheeler, Duvall, Newman. PB—Steinbach 2. T—3:42. A—16,929 (42,531).

INDIANS 7, ORIOLES 6

CLEVELAND	ab	r	h	bi	BALTIMORE	ab	r	hbi
Roberts cf	4	1	0	0	BAdsn cf	5	0	0 1
Vizquel ss	4	0	0	0	Brdick ss	4	1	1 0
RAlmr 2b	4	1	2	1	Surhoff lf	4	1	0 0
MRmz dh	3	2	3	0	Belle rf	3	2	2 4
Thome 1b	3	1	0	0	Cnine 1b	2	0	1 0
Sexson lf	4	1	1	1	Rpken 3b	4	0	1 0
ARmrz rf	4	1	2	5	May dh	4	0	1 0
Frymn 3b	4	0	0	0	Kngsle pr	0	1	0 0
Wilsn 3b	0	0	0	0	Hrst jr. 2b	4	1	1 0
ElDiaz c	4	0	0	0	Figga c	3	0	1 0
					DShlds ph	1	0	1 1
Totals	**34**	**7**	**8**	**7**	**Totals**	**34**	**6**	**9 6**
Cleveland					**000 000 340 — 7**			
Baltimore					**003 000 012 — 6**			

E—Thome (4). DP—Cleveland 3. LOB—Cleveland 4, Baltimore 6. 2B—MRamirez 2 (31), Bordick (28). 3B—ARamirez (1). HR—ARamirez (2), Belle 2 (32). SB—Roberts (10), RAlomar (33). CS—Figga (1). S—Vizquel.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
Burba W,13-7	7	5	3	3	4	3
Shuey	1	1	1	1	1	1
MJackson S,35	1	3	2	2	0	0
Baltimore						
Johns L,4-3	7 1-3	5	4	4	2	5
Orosco	0	1	1	1	0	0
AReyes	2-3	2	2	2	1	1
GMolina	1	0	0	0	0	0

Orosco pitched to 1 batter in the 8th.

PB—Figga. T—2:52. A—40,540 (48,876).

ANGELS 5, YANKEES 3

NEW YORK	ab	r	h	bi	ANAHEIM	ab	r	hbi
Knblch 2b	3	1	0	0	Erstad lf	4	1	1 0
Jeter ss	4	0	1	1	Edmnd cf	3	2	2 2
O'Neill rf	4	0	2	0	Salmn dh	3	1	0 0
Davis dh	4	1	1	1	Vghn 1b	3	0	0 0
Lyritz 1b	3	0	0	0	Glaus 3b	3	1	1 3
TMrtnz ph	1	0	0	0	Adrsn rf	4	0	1 0
Brsius 3b	3	0	0	0	Huson 2b	1	0	0 0
Ledee ph	0	0	0	0	Wlbeck c	3	0	0 0
ShSpcr lf	3	1	1	1	DSrna ss	3	0	1 0
Strwbr ph	1	0	0	0				
Curtis cf	3	0	0	0				
Girardi c	2	0	0	0				
Totals	**31**	**3**	**5**	**3**	**Totals**	**27**	**5**	**6 5**
New York					**000 010 110 — 3**			
Anaheim					**300 020 00x — 5**			

DP—Anaheim 1. LOB—New York 4, Anaheim 4. HR—CDavis (17), ShSpencer (7), Edmonds (3), Glaus (25). CS—Edmonds (2), Huson (1). S—Huson.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Clemens L,12-8	4 2-3	6	5	5	4	3
Watson	3 1-3	0	0	0	0	5
Anaheim						

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
New York	84	53	.613	—	z-6-4	L-1	44-27	40-26	9-9
Boston	78	60	.565	6 1/2	z-8-2	W-3	43-28	35-32	6-12
Toronto	74	65	.532	11	5-5	L-1	39-33	35-32	9-9
Baltimore	61	76	.445	23	4-6	L-2	34-34	27-42	11-7
Tampa Bay	61	77	.442	23 1/2	4-6	L-2	30-37	31-40	4-14

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Cleveland	86	51	.628	—	z-8-2	W-2	44-26	42-25	9-9
Chicago	63	75	.457	23 1/2	2-8	L-2	32-37	31-38	9-9
Minnesota	58	78	.426	27 1/2	z-5-5	W-2	29-36	29-42	10-7
Detroit	56	81	.409	30	z-6-4	W-2	32-38	24-43	8-10
Kansas City	53	84	.387	33	2-8	W-1	26-40	27-44	6-12

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Texas	83	56	.597	—	z-6-4	W-2	42-25	41-31	10-8
Oakland	75	63	.543	7 1/2	z-5-5	L-2	46-24	29-39	12-6
Seattle	68	69	.496	14	5-5	L-3	36-34	32-35	7-11
Anaheim	53	84	.387	29	2-8	W-1	27-40	26-44	6-12

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Atlanta	87	52	.626	—	z-7-3	W-1	47-23	40-29	9-9
New York	84	54	.609	2 1/2	z-6-4	W-3	42-28	42-26	12-6
Philadelphia	68	69	.496	18	1-9	L-3	35-34	33-35	11-7
Montreal	57	80	.416	29	4-6	L-4	32-41	25-39	8-10
Florida	55	82	.401	31	z-5-5	W-1	29-42	26-40	11-7

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Houston	83	56	.597	—	6-4	W-4	42-29	41-27	12-3
Cincinnati	79	57	.581	2 1/2	z-5-5	W-3	36-34	43-23	7-8
Pittsburgh	68	70	.493	14 1/2	z-5-5	L-1	40-33	28-37	7-8
St. Louis	67	72	.482	16	4-6	L-1	32-35	35-37	7-8
Milwaukee	60	76	.441	21 1/2	4-6	L-1	23-41	37-35	8-6
Chicago	55	81	.404	26 1/2	2-8	L-4	27-40	28-41	6-9

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Arizona	81	56	.591	—	z-6-4	W-2	40-25	41-31	7-8
San Francisco	75	63	.543	6 1/2	z-8-2	L-2	43-26	32-37	7-8
Los Angeles	65	72	.474	16	z-7-3	L-1	30-37	35-35	8-7
San Diego	64	74	.464	17 1/2	z-7-3	W-2	39-29	25-45	11-4
Colorado	62	77	.446	20	z-5-5	W-1	33-33	29-44	4-8

z-first game was a win

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Monday's Games

Cleveland 7, Baltimore 6
Minnesota 13, Tampa Bay 7
Boston 3, Seattle 2
Anaheim 5, New York 3
Detroit 9, Oakland 7
Texas 8, Chicago 6, 1st game
Texas 9, Chicago 3, 2nd game
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Baltimore (Erickson 11-11) at Minnesota (Mays 5-7), 7:05 p.m.
New York (Cone 11-7) at Kansas City (Rosado 7-13), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Nagy 15-9) at Texas (Sele 15-7), 7:05 p.m.
Chicago (Sirotka 8-12) at Anaheim (Cooper 0-0), 9:05 p.m.
Boston (Wakefield 4-9) at Oakland (Heredia 11-6), 9:05 p.m.
Toronto (Wells 13-9) at Seattle (Meche 5-4), 9:05 p.m.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Monday's Games

San Diego 4, Pittsburgh 3
Colorado 5, Montreal 3
New York 3, San Francisco 0
Cincinnati 6, Chicago 3
Atlanta 4, St. Louis 1
Florida 8, Los Angeles 6
Houston 6, Philadelphia 5
Only games scheduled

Tuesday's Games

Cincinnati (Villone 7-5 and Tomko 4-7) at Chicago (Trachsel 5-16 and McNichol 0-0), 2, 4:05 p.m.
Colorado (Thomson 1-6) at Montreal (Hermanson 6-12), 6:05 p.m.
Houston (Holt 3-13) at Philadelphia (Grace 1-1), 6:05 p.m.
Los Angeles (Gagne 0-0) at Florida (Dempster 6-7), 6:05 p.m.
San Diego (Hitchcock 11-10) at Pittsburgh (Schmidt 11-9), 6:05 p.m.
San Francisco (Nathan 5-3) at New York (Reed 10-4), 6:10 p.m.
St. Louis (Oliver 7-8) at Atlanta (Mulholland 8-7), 6:40 p.m.
Arizona (Stottlemyre 5-2) at Milwaukee (Eldred 2-7), 7:05 p.m.

Washburn W,1-3 7 2-3 5 3 3 2 3
Magnante 1-3 0 0 0 0 0
Percival S,27 1 0 0 0 1 2

HBP—by Clemens (MVaughn). WP—Washburn. T—2:44. A—31,749 (45,050).

TIGERS 9, ATHLETICS 7

DETROIT	ab	r	h	bi	OAKLAND	ab	r	hbi
Plonia dh	5	2	4	2	Bcker cf	5	1	1 0
Asmus c	4	1	0	0	Vlarde 2b	4	0	1 1
TClark 1b	3	3	3	4	JaGbi dh	5	2	2 3
Easley 2b	5	0	2	2	Stairs rf	4	1	2 1
Encrnc lf	5	0	0	0	Grieve lf	4	1	1 1
Ctlntto 3b	3	0	0	0	Spizio 3b	3	1	2 0
Plmer 3b	1	0	0	0	Tejada ss	1	0	0 0
DCruz ss	4	1	2	0	Saenz 1b	3	1	1 1
Kapler cf	2	0	0	0	RaHrdz c	3	0	2 0
KGrcia rf	3	2	2	1	MDnld pr	0	0	0 0
Bartee cf	1	0	0	0	Hinch c	0	0	0 0
					Mchno ss	3	0	1 0
					Jaha 1b	1	0	0 0
Totals	**36**	**9**	**13**	**9**	**Totals**	**36**	**7**	**13 7**
Detroit					**300 020 211 — 9**			
Oakland					**212 000 020 — 7**			

E—Encarnacion (8). DP—Detroit 3, Oakland 1. LOB—Detroit 5, Oakland 6. 2B—TClark 2 (23), KGarcia (6), RaHernandez (5). 3B—Polonia (6). HR—TClark (26), KGarcia (9), JaGiambi 2 (28), Stairs (33), Grieve (23), Saenz (9). SB—Polonia 2 (14). CS—Kapler (4). SF—TClark.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
JWeaver	3 2-3	8	5	5	2	4
Brkwski W,1-4	2 1-3	2	0	0	1	0
MtAnderson	1	0	0	0	0	0
FCordero	1	3	2	2	0	2
ToJones S,24	1	0	0	0	0	1
Oakland						
Olivares L,13-10	6	8	6	6	2	4
Kubinski	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
McMichael	1-3	1	1	1	0	0
Harville	2-3	2	1	1	1	1
Groom	2-3	1	0	0	0	1
DJones	1	1	1	1	0	0

Olivares pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.

HBP—by JWeaver (Saenz), by Olivares (Ausmus). Balk—Harville. T—3:16. A—30,541 (43,012).

NL Boxes

ASTROS 6, PHILLIES 5

HOUSTON	ab	r	h	bi	PHILA	ab	r	hbi
Biggio 2b	5	0	0	0	Glnvile cf	5	0	1 0
Javier cf	4	0	0	0	Gant lf	5	0	0 0
Bgwell 1b	4	0	1	0	Abreu rf	4	1	1 1
Cmniti 3b	2	1	1	0	Jordn 3b	4	1	1 0
DeBell rf	4	1	1	1	Brgna 1b	5	1	2 0
Mieske lf	4	1	1	0	Lbrthal c	4	0	1 1
Cbrera p	0	0	0	0	MAdn 2b	4	1	2 0
JPowll p	0	0	0	0	Arias ss	4	1	2 2
Wagner p	0	0	0	0	Wolf p	1	0	1 0
Esebio c	4	1	1	2	Ducey ph	1	0	1 0
Gtrrez ss	2	1	0	0	Tlmaco p	0	0	0 0
Lima p	1	0	0	0	Lovullo ph	1	0	0 0
RJhsn ph	1	1	1	3	SMttgy p	0	0	0 0
BnWms p	0	0	0	0				
Spiers lf	1	0	0	0				
Totals	**32**	**6**	**6**	**6**	**Totals**	**38**	**5**	**12 4**
Houston					**000 006 000 — 6**			
Philadelphia					**011 110 100 — 5**			

E—Caminiti (13). LOB—Houston 6, Philadelphia 10. 2B—Bagwell (34), Mieske (5), Glanville (33), Brogna (29), Lieberthal (28), Ducey (8). 3B—Caminiti (1), MnAnderson (3). HR—RuJohnson (5), Abreu (19). SB—Caminiti (6). S—Lima, Wolf.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Lima W,19-7	5	8	4	3	1	2
BnWilliams	1	3	1	1	1	2
Cabrera	1	0	0	0	0	2
JPowell	1	1	0	0	0	0
Wagner S,34	1	0	0	0	0	2
Philadelphia						
Wolf L,5-7	6	6	6	6	4	4
Telemaco	1	0	0	0	1	3
SMontgomery	2	0	0	0	0	3

BnWilliams pitched to 3 batters in the 7th.

HBP—by BnWilliams (KJordan), by Wolf (Caminiti). T—3:13. A—12,223 (62,363).

REDS 6, CUBS 3

CINCINNATI	ab	r	h	bi	CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi
Reese 2b	4	1	2	0	LJhnsn cf	4	1	2 1
Larkin ss	5	1	1	2	Myers 2b	3	0	0 0
Casey 1b	2	1	0	0	RoMyr p	0	0	0 0
DYung rf	4	1	2	4	JReed ph	1	0	0 0
Tucker rf	0	0	0	0	Guthrie p	0	0	0 0
GVghn lf	4	0	0	0	Ayala p	0	0	0 0
Boone 3b	3	0	1	0	Sosa rf	3	1	1 1
Hmnds cf	4	0	0	0	MaGrc 1b	2	0	1 1
LaRue c	4	1	1	0	GHill lf	4	0	0 0
JGzmn p	2	1	0	0	Nives ss	3	0	0 0
Sllivan p	0	0	0	0	Bluser ph	1	0	1 0
Lewis ph	0	0	0	0	Liniak 3b	3	0	0 0
MSwy ph	1	0	0	0	Alxndr ph	1	0	0 0
Graves p	0	0	0	0	Molina c	3	1	2 0
					Gaetti ph	1	0	0 0
					Bowie p	1	0	0 0
					SSndrs p	0	0	0 0
					Mrndni 2b	2	0	0 0
Totals	**33**	**6**	**7**	**6**	**Totals**	**32**	**3**	**7 3**
Cincinnati					**100 050 000 — 6**			
Chicago					**101 000 100 — 3**			

E—LaRue (2). DP—Cincinnati 1. LOB—Cincinnati 5, Chicago 5. 2B—Larkin (26), LaRue (6), Molina (1). HR—DYoung (11), Sosa (58). SB—Reese (31), ABoone 2 (15), LJohnson (13). S—Reese. SF—MaGrace.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cincinnati						
JGuzman W,5-2	7	6	3	2	2	6
Sullivan	1	0	0	0	0	1
Graves S,19	1	1	0	0	0	0
Chicago						
Bowie L,1-5	4 1-3	6	6	6	3	5
SSanders	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
RoMyers	2	1	0	0	1	1
Guthrie	1	0	0	0	0	1
Ayala	1	0	0	0	0	0

WP—JGuzman. T—3:02. A—35,832 (38,884).

ROCKIES 5, EXPOS 3

COLORADO	ab	r	h	bi	MONTREAL	ab	r	hbi
Perez ss	4	0	1	0	RWhte cf	3	1	1 0
Shmpt 2b	3	0	1	0	Mota p	0	0	0 0
Barry cf	4	1	2	0	MMrtz cf	1	0	0 0
Bchette lf	4	1	1	2	WGrro 2b	4	1	0 0
KAbbtt 2b	0	0	0	0	Merced lf	3	0	2 1
Helton 1b	4	1	1	0	VGrero rf	3	0	1 0
Cstilla 3b	4	0	2	0	Stkind p	0	0	0 0
Gibson rf	4	0	0	0	Ellmer 1b	4	1	1 0
LWlkr ph	1	0	0	0	Barrett c	4	0	1 0
Clmnte cf	0	0	0	0	Blum ss	2	0	1 0
Blnco c	4	1	1	0	MBatsa p	0	0	0 0
Astacio p	4	1	1	2	MGire cf	2	0	1 1
Veres p	0	0	0	0	Mrdcai 3b	3	0	0 0
					Widger ph	1	0	0 0
					Thrmn p	1	0	0 0
					Andws 3b	3	0	1 0
Totals	**36**	**5**	**10**	**4**	**Totals**	**34**	**3**	**9 2**
Colorado					**032 000 000 — 5**			
Montreal					**101 000 001 — 3**			

E—Gibson (1), Fullmer (6), Blum 2 (6). DP—Colorado 2, Montreal 1. LOB—Colorado 11, Montreal 7. 2B—Castilla 2 (23), Fullmer (31), Blum (4). 3B—Astacio (1). HR—Bichette (29). SB—NPerez (11), Shumpert (9). S—KAbbott.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Colorado						
Astacio W,15-10	8	8	3	2	1	8
Veres S,28	1	1	0	0	0	0
Montreal						
Thurman L,6-11	4	7	5	2	1	3
MBatista	3	2	0	0	1	2
Mota	1	1	0	0	1	0
Strickland	1	0	0	0	3	0

Astacio pitched to 2 batters in the 9th.

HBP—by Astacio (RoWhite), by Astacio (VGuerrero). T—2:53. A—7,698 (46,500).

METS 3, GIANTS 0

SAN FRAN	ab	r	h	bi	NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi
FPSglo cf	4	0	2	0	Hndrsn lf	4	1	2 2
Muller 3b	4	0	0	0	Mora lf	0	0	0 0
BaBnds lf	4	0	0	0	Alfnzo 2b	2	0	0 0
Kent 2b	4	0	2	0	Olerud 1b	3	0	0 0
Burks rf	3	0	0	0	Piazza c	3	0	0 1
Snow 1b	3	0	0	0	Vntra 3b	3	0	1 0
Aurilia ss	3	0	0	0	DHlton cf	4	1	1 0
Mrbelli c	2	0	0	0	Cdeno rf	3	0	0 0
Hayes ph

FOR BETTER OR WORSE



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PEANUTS



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CATHY

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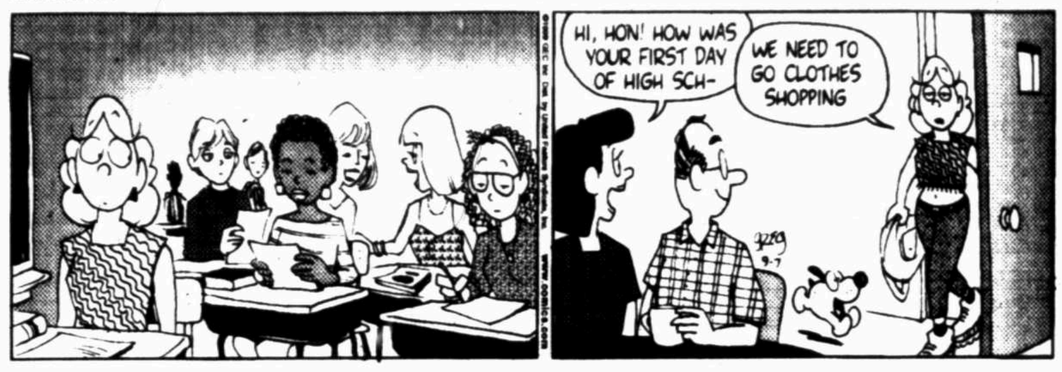
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HAGAR THE HORRIBLE



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MARY WORTH



JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll have: 5-Dymanic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Tuesday, Sept. 7, 1999:

Your feelings run high this year, though you might often choose not to share them. You keep a lot to yourself. Be realistic about expectations. Don't listen to gossip. You might have a difficult time getting a perspective. Your nerves are frequently fried. Sometimes you wonder why you do what you do. Get into a heavy exercise program to keep stress to a minimum. If you are single, you might not want to share a potential relationship with the world. Be sure that a paramour is emotionally available. You could meet someone who is very desirable yet unable to relate on the level you would like. If attached, you'll gain from frequent getaways together. LEO values you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Unexpected monetary pressure causes you to revise plans. You might feel like another is pushing you beyond your limits. Express caring; another hears you loud and clear. Finding solutions becomes a specialty right now. Tonight: Do only what you think is fun.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★ You can make something harder than it is. Your mental attitude has everything to do with how you view events. Work on seeing the glass as being half-full as opposed to half-empty. Bosses and those you put your trust in are challenging at best. Tonight: Do something very nice for yourself.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ You know how to talk your way through the worst of problems. Listen carefully to another's feedback and get key information. Your ability to understand what others are feeling helps you work with a difficult situation. Don't take anyone's comments or actions personally. Tonight: Indulge a little!

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ Expenses could put the kibosh on plans. Though you might be put out by recent developments involving a friend, don't make a big deal of it. If you must buy a gift, choose a card and treat another to a special experience instead. Tonight: Keep costs down.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★ Beam in what you want, but don't count on others. If you blaze your own trail, a boss will come down on you. Listen and evaluate what is said. It is quite possible that another is having a "bad hair day." Your charisma works magic in difficult situations. Tonight: Whatever makes you smile.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★ You have reason to smile, though you might not be up for sharing the news with everyone. In fact, being discreet will ultimately serve and help you. Getting your message across could prove to be difficult. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Another feels strongly about what is right for you, though you might not agree. You know your goals and long-term desires. Don't let a child or loved one pull the wool over your eyes. Make time for a key meeting. Tonight: Enjoy a special friend.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Responsibilities are demanding. The unexpected occurs at home. You might have mixed feelings about a personal matter. Isn't it time to take action? You could be a bit jolted by news that comes your way. Tonight: Take charge; another appreciates your efforts.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Reach out for others. Creative and dynamic thought marks your decisions, though others are challenging. Let go; work with present tensions. Be especially grateful for a relative or contact at a distance. Tonight: Play a favorite CD.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Tensions revolve around spending, your limits and another's thoughts about work. You can count on a co-worker's good intentions. Meanwhile, indulge yourself. Make that special purchase. Let it pass. Tonight: Let a partner treat you.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ Others need you and seek you out. Establish limits, knowing full well what you want and what you can do. Take the lead at work. Be careful with a touchy family matter. Popularity peaks, but you are especially appreciative of one special person. Tonight: Out and about.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★ Build better relationships with those in your day-to-day life, both at work and in your neighborhood. By taking time with these people, you acknowledge all the efforts they make. Communication is stilted; you might not be sure of what you are hearing. Tonight: Relax at home.

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BORN TODAY
Actor Corbin Bernsen (1954), singer Chrissie Hynde (1951), actress Julie Kavner (1951)

GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Play it Safe

Both vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
♠ A J 10
♡ A J 10
◇ A J 9 4
♣ 7 5 2

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

EAST
♠ 7 6 2
♡ 9 8 6 4
◇ K 8 5 3
♣ Q 4

SOUTH
♠ K 8 4 3
♡ K Q 5
◇ Q 10 2
♣ K J 9

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	2NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Six of ♣

It is a natural instinct to win a trick when the opportunity presents itself, especially when there is still the chance of winning another trick in the suit. But if we all gave in to our basic instincts, anarchy would result.

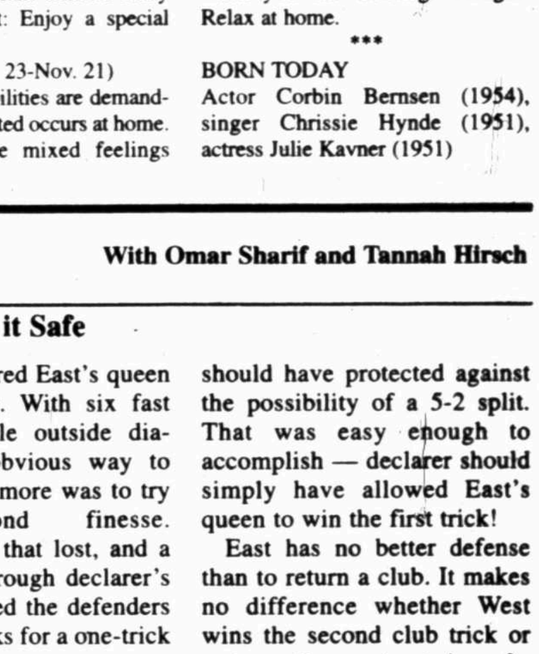
The auction was straightforward, except for North's opening bid. Even playing a 16-18 range for opening one no-trump, North's hand with its good intermediates and tenaces clearly merits that action. That would not have changed the final contract except that, as the cards lie, North would have received a friendlier lead.

After a club opening lead, declarer captured East's queen with the king. With six fast tricks available outside diamonds, the obvious way to develop three more was to try the diamond finesse. Unfortunately that lost, and a club return through declarer's jack-nine netted the defenders four more tricks for a one-trick set.

Declarer had the right idea, but the timing was wrong. Since the contract was safe if clubs were 4-3, declarer should have protected against the possibility of a 5-2 split. That was easy enough to accomplish — declarer should simply have allowed East's queen to win the first trick!

East has no better defense than to return a club. It makes no difference whether West wins the second club trick or not — the contract is safe. Declarer can now take the diamond finesse in complete safety, and he will be rewarded with at least nine tricks.

CLOSE TO HOME



Wade finds a simple alternative to raking leaves.

ZITS



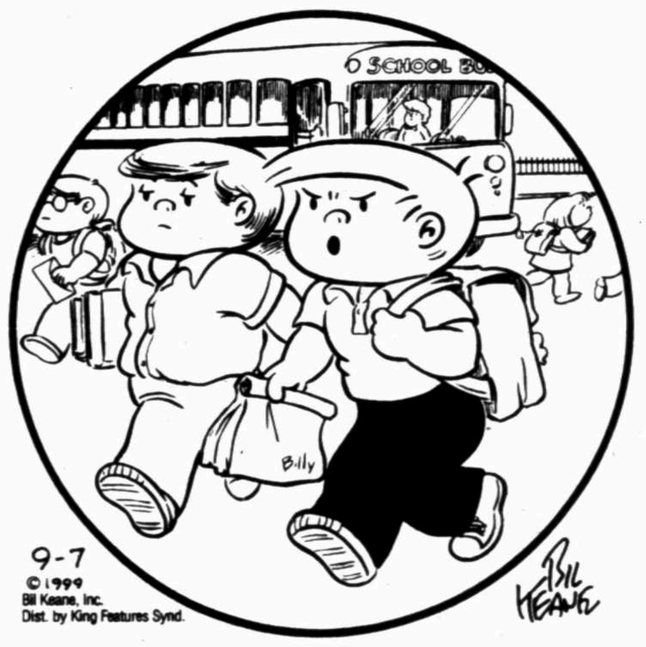
BABY BLUES



DENNIS THE MENACE



FAMILY CIRCUS



"We're being scammed. Summer doesn't end until September 23rd."

TV TONIGHT

TUESDAY EVENING — September 7, 1999 — For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	O	C	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	2	3	News 939	Wheel of Fortune	Spin City 1026	It's like, you know	Dharma & Greg	Spin City 9281	Latin Beat 5571		News 5576842	Nightline (10:35)	Politically Incorrect	Cheers (11:35)
(5) KPEJ	24	5	Home Improvement	Judge Judy 27571	The Craft (R, '96) *** (Robin Tunney, Fairuza Balk) 92668				Judge Judy 87026	Mad About You	Jerry Springer 15397		The Nanny 82571	NewsRadio 56378
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 3945	Entertain. Tonight	JAG: Nobody's Child 45910 (TVPG)		60 Minutes II 34858		60 Minutes II 41194		News 2016281	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Tennis (11:35)
(9) KWES	9	9	News 4649	Seinfeld 1129	Just Shoot Me	3rd Rock From Sun	Will & Grace 9754	Will & Grace 2129	Dateline NBC 70674		News 6961465	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	News 12216	John Hagee 30668	The Light of the Southwest 78026				Richard Roberts 81378		News 99674	Joyce Meyer 82674	Faith Pleases God Church 67910	
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 414858		The Life of Birds by David Attenborough		Nova 444484 (TVG)		Pete Peterson: Assignment Hanoi 424620		Telecourse 893216			
Cable	**O**	**C**	**6:00**	**6:30**	**7:00**	**7:30**	**8:00**	**8:30**	**9:00**	**9:30**	**10:00**	**10:30**	**11:00**	**11:30**
(8) CNBC		8	Business Center	Upfront Tonight	Hardball With Chris Matthews 4770945		Rivera Live 4883465		The News With Brian Williams 4776129		Hardball With Chris Matthews 4779216		Rivera Live 2713823	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Family Matters	Buffy the Vampire Slayer 845910 (TV14-LSV)		Felicity: The Force 934858 (TV14-D)		Baseball: Chicago White Sox at Anaheim Angels 335910					
(11) WTBS		11	Roseanne 268026	Baseball: St. Louis Cardinals at Atlanta Braves 914755						Cahill, U.S. Marshal (PG, '73) ** (John Wayne, George Kennedy) 6880378				
(14) FAM		14	Animals	Show Me	Life	Life	Brady's on the Move 873587 (TVG)				The 700 Club 789194		Show Me	Show Me
(20) DISC		20	Gator! 950620 (TVG)		Submarine Disasters 844246 (TVG)		New Detectives: Studies in Forensic Science		The FBI Files: Above the Law 949610 (TVPG)		Submarine Disasters 294787 (TVG)		New Detectives: Studies in Forensic Science	
(21) AMC		21	Sailor Beware (5:05)		Making/Remember		A Night to Remember ('58) **** 2086197				Titanic (10:15) ('53) *** 63439007			
(22) TNN		22	The Waltons 671397		Mary Chapin Carpenter		Prime Time Country		George Jones Show		Dallas 780484		Dukes of Hazzard	
(23) TNT		23	ER 664007 (TV14-L)		The Breakfast Club (R, '85) ** 4139113				National Lampoon's Senior Trip (9:15) 6749194				Breakfast Club (11:15)	
(24) BRAV		24	Inside Actor's Studio		The Plague (R, '92) ** (William Hurt) 287587				Naked Nashville		Miles From Home (R, '88) * 834761			
(26) BET		26	Planet Groove 375736		Amen	Sparks	Comicview 478262		Hit List 498026		Tonight W/Tavis Smiley		Sparks	227
(27) DISN		27	P.U.N.K.S. (PG, '99) (Tim Redwine, Randy Ousid) 6701789				Beetlejuice (7:45) (PG, '88) *** (Michael Keaton) 67854533			Spellbreaker, Secret of the Leprechauns (G, '96) ** 335858			Zorro 206587	Mickey Mouse Club
(28) CNN		28	Moneyline	Crossfire	CNN Late Edition		Larry King Live 617378		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 586674	
(29) ESPN		29	ESPN's 20th Anniversary 735200						Baseball Tonight 439552		SportsCenter 449939		Baseball Tonight 222484	
(30) USA		30	Warrior Princess	Tennis: U.S. Open, Women's Quarterfinals and Men's Fourth Round 453842							New York Undercover 625397 (TV14-V)		Silk Stalkings 408842 (TV14-S)	
(31) FX		31	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue 2189007		The X-Files 2198755		Dick/Paula	Food Films	The X Show 2188378		The X-Files 8920007	
(32) A&E		32	Law & Order: Deadbeat 769736 (TVPG)		Biography 549674 (TVG)		Investigative Reports 244282		City Confidential: Wilmington 149638 (TVPG)		Law & Order: Point of View 999115 (TVPG)		Biography 868200 (TVG)	
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PEOPLE TODAY

Streep stars in Wes Craven's latest film

VENICE, Italy — **Meryl Streep** in a movie by the man who gave us "Scream"?

Look for her in the lead role of **Wes Craven's** "Music of the Heart," a sentimental story about a violinist who teaches music in a Harlem school.

"I think that Craven's young fans who love blood and horror will be shocked by this film," Streep told RAI state TV.

She was in town Monday for a screening of the movie at the Venice Film Festival, which runs through Saturday.

Known for being a perfectionist, Streep said she studied violin for two months before shooting began.

"I am much less attentive to detail in my work than I was in the past. I don't consider this positive but this way I am able to spend more time with my children," Streep told the Italian news agency ANSA.

Madonna was originally going to star. The movie was several months into pre-production last year when she quit, citing creative differences with Craven.

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NEW YORK — **Sarah Michelle Gellar** put down her stake and picked up a shovel this summer, helping Habitat for Humanity build houses in the Dominican Republic.

"My mother taught me that whatever you have when you're in a condition to give back, you have to give back," Gellar said in the October issue of Teen People.

Gellar, the 22-year-old star of "Buffy the Vampire Slayer," flew to the Dominican Republic because she "wanted something I could feel I was a part of."

She helped build a house for a single mother and her four children.

"There's something nice about the hope that this gives you, the way everyone worked together. It restores your faith in humanity."



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LONDON — **Steven Spielberg** may be lined up to direct what would have been **Stanley Kubrick's** next film project, a newspaper reported.

Kubrick, who died in March just days after completing "Eyes Wide Shut," had planned to make a futuristic film called "AI," about a young "robot" boy adopted by a childless woman, The Sunday Times said.

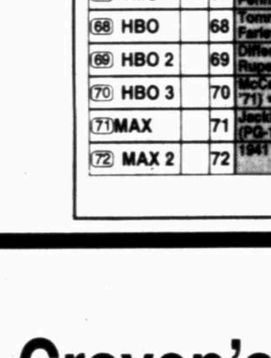
Warner Bros., the studio with which Kubrick worked for many years, and the director's family appear enthusiastic about Spielberg possibly seeing the project through, the newspaper said.

Before his death, Kubrick had lengthy and detailed talks with close friend Spielberg about the film, the paper said. Spielberg confirmed that he has read "the very long treatment" as well as seen the storyboards for "AI," but the newspaper did not say whether he has agreed to take on the project.

Spielberg is working on the third Jurassic Park movie and an adaptation of the book "Memoirs of a Geisha."

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TRIPOLI, Libya — Wondering what **Moammar Gadhafi** was up to during all those years of sanctions?



Moammar Gadhafi has invented a high-tech car shaped like a rocket.

He was busy inventing a high-tech car shaped like a rocket.

A green prototype was unveiled Monday. It holds five passengers and has air bags that deploy all around the interior. It also has a collapsible bumper and a system of anti-roll panels.

The vehicle is meant to highlight the Libyan leader's concern for humanity and human life, said **Al-Dukali Al-Mugaryef**, general commissioner of the Libyan Arab Domestic Investment Co.

Those eager to take a spin in one will have to wait until it hits the market in a couple of years. As for its price, al-Mugaryef said it will be quite affordable.

"We're going to have it for every man and every woman and they'll all be James Bond," he said.

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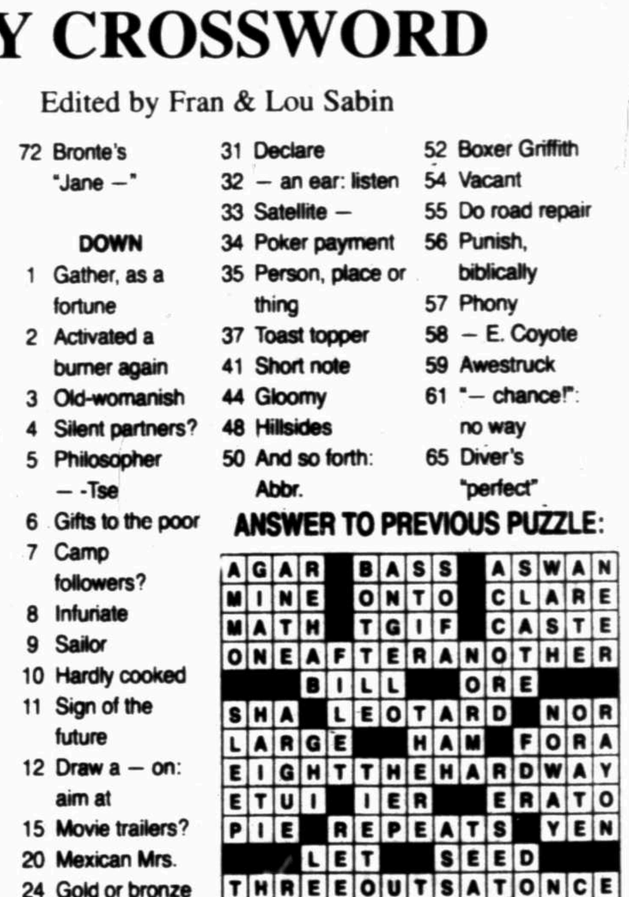
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It isn't pretty, but Lima wins No. 19 to lead Astros over Phils

Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA — It wasn't quite what Jose Lima had in mind for his 19th victory. Maybe No. 20 will be better.

Lima became the National League's first 19-game winner Monday night as pinch-hitter Russ Johnson hit a three-run homer in the sixth to give the Houston Astros a 6-5 comeback victory over the Philadelphia Phillies.

Johnson was pinch-hitting for Lima (19-7) with the Astros trailing 4-3 in the sixth. With two on and three outs already in, Johnson hit a 1-1 pitch from Randy Wolf (5-7) that barely cleared the wall in left for a 6-4 lead.

"I'll take it," said Lima, who left trailing 4-0. "I didn't have my best stuff tonight, brother. I can't complain."

Lima allowed three earned runs and eight hits in five innings. He struck out two and walked one as the Astros maintained a 2 1/2-game lead over Cincinnati atop the NL Central.

Billy Wagner pitched a perfect ninth for this 34th save in 37 chances. He threw 23 pitches, nearly all of them 98 mph or faster.

"The only way to beat him is to not have him out there," Phillies manager Terry Francona said.

The Phillies, battered by a major league-record 14 homers in the last two games against the Reds, have lost 10 of 11 and 21 of 28. One month to the day after being a season-high 13 games above .500, Philadelphia fell below .500 for the first time since May 3.

On a night when Lima was shaky and their big bats were quiet, the Astros got a boost from Johnson.

"We call him Stumpy," Lima said. "Stumpy Ice Cube, because he's the man tonight."

Whatever that means, Johnson got a hanging curve from Wolf and knew what to do with it despite having only 34 pinch at-bats in his career.

"I had never pinch hit in my life before I got to the big leagues," Johnson said.

The Astros also protected their one-run lead with a great relay to throw out Doug Glanville, who was trying to stretch a double into a triple leading off the eighth. Derek Bell threw to Craig Biggio, whose throw to third pulled Ken Caminiti off the bag.

Glanville slid past the bag, and Caminiti appeared to slap the glove on Glanville's arm.

"We got lucky on that play," Astros manager Larry Dierker said.

Wolf allowed six runs and six hits in six innings, walking four and striking out four.

Reds 6, Cubs 3

CHICAGO — Sammy Sosa hit his major league-leading 58th home run but the Reds got a three-run homer from Dmitri Young and beat the Cubs.

Mets 3, Giants 0

NEW YORK — Kenny Rogers (4-0) pitched a four-hitter to win his 18th straight home decision and struck out a season-high nine.

Padres 4, Pirates 3

PITTSBURGH — Tony Gwynn hit his second go-ahead, three-run homer in four days and Andy Ashby (14-7) limited Pittsburgh to five hits.

Rockies 5, Expos 3

MONTREAL — Dante Bichette hit his 29th homer and Pedro Astacio (15-10) hit a two-run triple, allowing three runs.

Braves 4, Cardinals 1

ATLANTA — Greg Maddux (18-6) pitched a three-hitter to win his eighth consecutive decision.

Marlins 8, Dodgers 6

MIAMI — Mark Kotsay hit the first grand slam of his career as Florida took a 5-0 lead.

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Rangers sweep pair from Chisox

Associated Press

ARLINGTON — Jeff Fassero won for the first time since July 5 in his starting debut for Texas as the Rangers completed a doubleheader sweep of the Chicago White Sox with a 6-3 victory Monday night.

Rick Helling won his seventh consecutive decision and Todd Zeile hit a grand slam in the first inning as the Rangers won the opener 8-6.

Fassero (5-14) gave up two runs and six hits in five innings, ending a six-game losing streak. He was acquired from Seattle in a trade Aug. 27, and had allowed five runs and seven hits over two innings in two relief appearances for the Rangers.

John Wetteland pitched the ninth in both games, giving him 39 saves.

Texas came back against John Snyder (9-11) in the third on a three-run homer by Rusty Greer, his 19th.

In the opener, Helling (13-7) took advantage of a five-run first highlighted by Zeile's sixth career grand slam and remained unbeaten since June 21.

"It's nice to be on a roll in the middle of a pennant race," Helling said. "I'm throwing the ball really well right now. I think I give the team a chance to win each time I go out there."

Indians 7, Orioles 6

BALTIMORE — Rookie Alex Ramirez homered and had a career-high five RBIs, and Roberto Alomar drove in the tiebreaking run in the eighth inning.

Twins 13, Devil Rays 7

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. — Matt Lawton and Todd Walker had two RBIs each during a six-run, sixth inning.

Red Sox 3, Mariners 2

SEATTLE — Jason Varitek homered for the third time in two games and drove in two runs.

Angels 5, Yankees 3

ANAHEIM, Calif. — Jarrod Washburn scattered five hits over 7 2/3 innings.

Tigers 9, Athletics 7

OAKLAND, Calif. — Karim Garcia hit a tiebreaking home run in the seventh inning.

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When I was hired by Casa in 1971, our annual operating budget was $4,000, consequently we depended on volunteer efforts:
•What would we have ever done if it weren't for the invaluable assistance of W. C. Wilson and the Manpower Program? Through W. C. we were able to hire my assistant, Margaret Hernandez and virtually all of my staff thereafter..
•St. Nicholas Episcopal Church provided our very first van and W. C. saw to it that we had drivers to provide much needed transportation for our clients.
•In 1972 Melvyn Goffigon chaired Rap on Race, a two month multicultural dialogue for the youth. Mel has been a dear friend and mentor for me and so many others through his commitment to Casa for over 25 years.
•Through the efforts of President Don Hellinghausen, Casa continued to expand by obtaining special funding for PACE, an innovative program to prevent high school dropout—and we continued to expand from our three room house to a spacious building across the street.
•Romeo Canales provided invaluable assistance by helping to develop our tutoring program which was held initially at De Zavala where he served as principal. This program was greatly expanded through the efforts of Helen Cronenberg and Florence Mailey.
•One of the first people I met as a new director was Dr. Viola Coleman, who was always available for consultation. She was instrumental in the formation of our first health screening clinics.
•Board member Jimmy Allison (MRT) observed first hand the serious medical dilemmas confronting our clients and thus chaired the drive to form the Midland County Hospital District. He subsequently was vital to the effort to acquire our present facility by arranging an anonymous donation.
•Before government grants were available, meals were provided to our senior citizens by such generous individuals as Lou Hochman at Luigi's and Johnny Hackney of Johnny's BarBQ and by our supporting churches.
•Ruth Lutrick and her sidekick Bea of First Methodist Church were regulars for years overseeing our sewing lessons.
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Swing your partner round and round

Square dancing is 'friendship set to music'



By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Folk music or contemporary upswing, and, at times, down-home rhythm, square dancing is vogue if you are at the right places in town or country.

It's all in the timing, in Midland and environs, in the caller's cues, and in the square dancers' swinging foot action all the way up to smiles and grins and even a yippee to celebrate camaraderie and fun.

"Isn't it nice," says Midland square dancer Pal Smith, "to go somewhere where you see people smiling or even grinning sometimes?"

Oh, yes, indeed.

Square dancing is a dance of courtesy.

"Bow to the partner," sings square dance caller Dave Davis, whose father called before him.

Fiddle music or piano chiming, the dancers bow, wheel and deal like a full-dress carousel at the State Fair of Texas, or turn like a Ferris wheel, which is a call.

"Rattle that fiddle, turn that girl," calls Davis. "Pass and roll, boys ... swing that girl around ... scoot and weave."

There are, unlike in days of old, as in America's legendary Old West, thousands of calls, such as the "scoot and weave," which tells the seasoned dancers the moves to perform, and "cycle and wheel," "pass the ocean," "swap around," "scoot and dodge," "peel and trail," "acey-deucey," "chain reaction" and "pass and roll your neighbor."

Community dancing is "a hoot" for youngsters to oldsters, cotton heads to white (or, silver) heads.

It's a recreation associated with petticoats and bow ties, though dress can be as informal as shorts and blue jeans. Take your pick: boots or penny loafers, oxfords or sandals, tennis shoes or patent-leather wear.

"Well, I love all the people, all the fun we have, all the exercise," says Midlander Wilma Fulton. The turns-and-whirls action "keeps you in shape."

In her youth in the Texas Panhandle dancing "wasn't allowed," at least by her church. "Absolutely not." That was then. It's change, perhaps. "We hope," she says. "I wish I had started 20 years before that" — when she started square dancing about 15 years ago.

Mrs. Fulton, like her spouse, Tommy, is an advanced dancer among complex tiers from basic to far reaches.

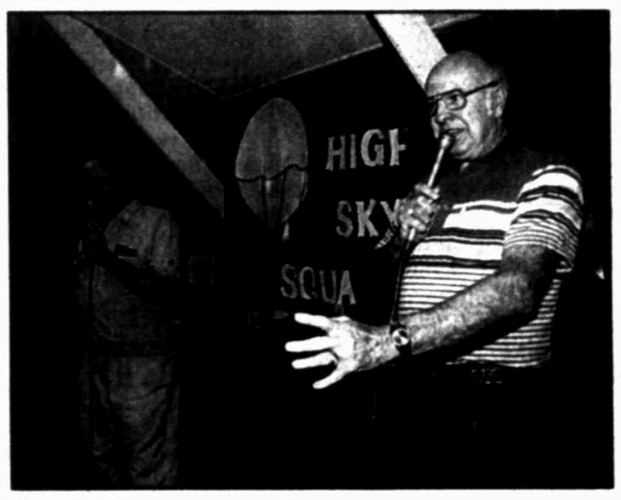
During the routine, the dancers smile and beam and exude joy and straightforward fellowship and a fondness reserved for people who delight in common activity. Simply, they like one another.

"You can do all the hugging you want on anybody's husband, and nobody cares," says Marjorie Halbrook of Odessa. "There's lots of love, and there's music, exercise, and friendship. Lots of times there's food," she said.

"Wonderful fellowship."

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Pat Greetan and his wife Kathy, above, dance at the High Sky Square Dance Club.

Tommy White and Dave Davis, right photo, call the dance moves.

Dorella Shaefer, left, spins during a dance.

Brian Adamcik/ Reporter-Telegram

HISTORICAL MARKER

George Ratliff was early success story

Editor's Note: Information for this article came from the files of the Midland County Historical Museum, a paper about Ratliff's life by Marjorie A. Rector, the book "The Pioneer History of Midland County, Texas 1880-1926" and other documents.

By Bill Modisett



In a land long known for success stories, there is one that should not be forgotten, even with the passage of time, which can dim even the most glowing memories. It is that of George Fisher Ratliff.

Ratliff, who came to the Midland area in 1902 and filed a claim on four sections of land in Andrews County two years later, lived to become a highly respected cattleman and rancher, a community leader, and a philanthropist and benefactor.

He was well-thought of by his friends, neighbors and acquaintances throughout West Texas. In fact, shortly after his death in 1965, a resolution was passed in the Texas Senate honoring Ratliff for his many achievements and contributions to the state.

That resolution noted that Ratliff "gave money very generously to Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas; Bright College of the Bible; Juliette Fowler Home for the Aged and Orphans; and ... did many things of this nature, of which the general public were not aware, to further the welfare, health and happiness of the people of this state... ."

George Fisher Ratliff was quite an extraordinary man.

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Born on Sept. 10, 1871 in Bell County, that north central Texas land from which so many of the state's earliest settlers sprang, to Richard Ratliff and Candis McCollum, young Ratliff attended school at Belton and later at Lampasas.

During that era, settlers were pushing westward in Texas and soon the Indian threat had been removed from the Staked Plains, opening a

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Odessa's Presidential Museum moving from downtown to UTPB

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

ODESSA — A one-of-a-kind museum in Odessa will soon shut its doors at its downtown location to start anew on the campus of the University of Texas of the Permian Basin.

Thanks to a $2.5 million bill approved in the recently concluded legislative session, the Presidential Museum will relocate from its downtown Odessa location to UTPB early next year.

Carey Behrends, executive director for the museum, said a committee had been working on the move for a number of years and members "are glad the project will finally get under way."

"Being able to build next door to the Ellen Noël Art Museum of the Permian Basin will give the area a cultural row in Odessa," Behrends said.

The museum, founded in 1965 as part of the former Ector County Library, has "simply grown beyond the limits of the current building," Behrends said, adding that the museum is the only one of its kind in the United States specializing in presidential campaigns.

With the new building, Behrends expects to be able to expand the exhibits to included a time line on each president so visitors can see the historical influence each had on the country.

Behrends noted that the new location would help the museum generate more tourism dollars. The new location is between Business I-20 and Highway 191, which makes it easily accessible to passers-by, Behrends said.

Behrends said a big reason the money came through was the work of George "Buddy" West, (R—Odessa). West said the museum had earned a new building and had little trouble getting the money for it.

"We got the money from a similar program that allowed the Airpower Heritage Museum to get its money," West said. "The museum has been part of the Permian Basin for a long time. It's an important educational tool for West Texas."

The building will be a welcome addition to the grounds of a campus that is already building a new art building and library, said Kathy Miller, vice president for business affairs.

"We knew the museum committee was wanting to build on campus," Ms. Miller said. "It came as a pleasant surprise to hear that they did receive their money and that they're coming here."

Ms. Miller said that with the Presidential Museum being built directly east of the Ellen Noël Art Museum, the two facilities can pool resources to bring bigger and better shows for the area.

The $2.5 million will help build the first part of the museum, according to Behrends. To complete the project, Behrends said the museum will have to raise an additional $2 million. Construction is scheduled to begin in the early part of 2000.

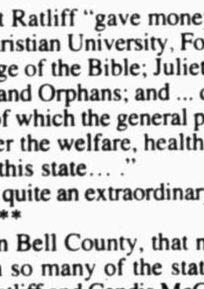
GARY OTT

I hate it when people say, 'Hey, you're being paranoid' — no I'm not

More rambling thoughts ...

— Did you know? The Empire State Building, the world's most famous skyscrapper, was constructed in just over a year's time.

— Always remember these words from Thomas Fuller: "Anger makes a rich man hated and a poor man scorned."



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— Just a hunch: The older a person gets the more he tends to identify with the victims of violent crimes rather than the accused perpetrator.

— I hate it when people say, "Hey, you're being paranoid." No, I'm not. I'm just happen to be a very cautious individual.

— Does anyone still refer to the police as, and I quote, "the heat"?

— Or, how about "the fuzz"?

— Childhood Memory: Gathering in front of the television set with the rest of the family to watch the Miss America pageant ... and trying to predict the winner.

— Miss Mississippi was always a good choice.

— No matter how much I may consider myself a down-home kind of guy, which I do, there is no way I can work up an appetite for "ham hocks and collard greens."

— I mean, yuk!

— Do the words — "Just wait 'til your father gets home!" — still strike fear in the hearts of kids?

— I didn't think so.

— Does anything strike fear in the hearts of kids today?

— One man's opinion: The most important news event of the 20th Century was the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

— Machiavelli once pointed out, "It is not titles that honor men, but men that honor titles."

— Is there a particular age when a mischievous child goes from being cute to downright irritating?

— A person is truly famous when the entire world knows him, or her, by a first name only ... Elvis, Madonna, Cher, and, to a lesser extent, Willie, as in Willie Nelson.

— Is it just me or does it seem like John Grisham has lost a bit of his appeal?

— I miss those days when an usher, using a flashlight, would help you find an empty seat at the movie theater.

— Overheard: "If a nine-year-old can find a drug dealer why can't the FBI?"

— Bumper sticker: "Getting old is inevitable. Growing up is optional."

— Sad though it may seem, the news you see on TV or in the newspaper really just reflects society as a whole. In other words, if you don't like what you read, you probably don't like what's going on in the world around you.

— I'm looking forward to that first autumn morning when it is brisk enough to require a sweater be worn.

— It was on this date in 1936 that rock 'n' roll legend Buddy Holly was born just up the road in Lubbock.

— Call me dense, but I've never understood the hatred directed against the Jewish people, be it in Nazi Germany or Small Town, America.

— I mean, what have they done to deserve such disdain?

— Interesting question: "Why is a nude person said to be wearing his birthday suit?"

— Actually, as I think about it, the better question might be, "When was the last you heard anyone use the phrase birthday suit?"

— What the world needs today is another Winston Churchill, a wise stateman with a wicked sense of humor.

— And today's final quote comes from journalist Deborah Mathis, who once said, "No set of professional ethics is better than your own personal ethics."

Gary Ott is city editor of the Reporter-Telegram.

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Today's Agenda

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

Midland Chess Club, 7 p.m., Memorial Rehabilitation Hospital.

Battered Women's support group, 6:45 p.m., 683-1300 or 1-800-967-8928.

American Lung Association's Better Breathing Club, 11:30 a.m., Westwood Medical Center lecture hall, 522-2273.

Tx TOPS Morning Chapter, 8:30 a.m., Grace Presbyterian Church.

Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, Dot, 683-3775 and Kathy, 580-HELP.

45-Plus Dance Club, 7:30 p.m., Downtown Lions building, 694-8442.

La Leche League, 7:30 p.m., Grace Presbyterian Church, 694-2018 or 697-0539.

Morning Lions Club, 6:45 a.m., Carrows Restaurant, 2201 W. Wall St.

Pop-Up Toasters, 6:30 a.m., Kay Sutton Realtors, 702 Andrews Highway, 694-4271 or 694-3716.

Adult Children of Alcoholics; From Survival to Healing, 7:30 p.m., Our Savior's Lutheran Church

Midland West Rotary Club, noon, Furrs Cafeteria.

Midland Outreach Aglow Fellowship, 6:30 p.m., Rodeway Inn, 756-3688 or 332-9151.

Fraternal Order of Eagles No. 2982 Auxiliary, 8 p.m., VFW hall, 1306 E. Taylor.

Alcoholics Anonymous closed step-study, 8 p.m., 111 E. Michigan Ave., 684-9430 or 687-3427.

Norman Read Chapter No. 1010 OES, 7:30 p.m., 1600 W. Wall St.

Palmer Drug Abuse Program Parent Group, 7 p.m., second floor First Baptist Church, 685-3645.

Midland AARP Chapter 256 meets at 6 p.m. at Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois Ave. For more information, cll 682-1262 or 682-1700.

Police Reports

Midland Police Department Sunday

Vandalism: A man reported that the right rear door of his 1998 Nissan Sentra was damaged while parked at E. Golf Course Road and N. Ft. Worth. The door was dented and scratched, causing $200 in damages.

Vandalism: A resident of 103 W. Cowden reported vandalism to a 1992 Pontiac Grand Am parked at the residence. A tire was cut and salt was poured into the gas tahk resulting in $75 damage.

Vandalism: A resident of 1112 E. Hamby reported that the back window was broken out of a 1994 Chrysler LeBaron parked at the residence. The damage was estimated at $150.

Theft: A tailgate was reported stolen from a 1994 Ford F-150 pickup parked at 1110 E. Scharbauer.

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

Bush dismissive of NAACP push on Confederate flag issue

SIMPSONVILLE, S.C. (AP) — Declaring outsiders should "butt out" out of the issue, George W. Bush was dismissive Monday of an NAACP effort to push for a national tourism boycott of South Carolina to force down the Confederate flag from its Statehouse.

Campaigning in the state, Bush said the NAACP's boycott plans were initiated by "some people who don't live in South Carolina, evidently" and he reiterated his position that "I think the good people of South Carolina can" settle the issue.

When asked if the civil rights group should back off, Bush said, "That's up to the NAACP."

In a separate appearance later in the day, Bush said "my advice is for people who don't live in South Carolina to butt out of the issue. The people of South Carolina can make that decision." That prompted cheers from holiday festival-goers in Simpsonville, S.C.

"I didn't particularly like it when people came in to tell me what to do in Texas," Bush added.

Bush should show more concern about the flag dispute, state Rep. Leon Howard, a black Columbia Democrat, said.

"It's an issue that it takes leadership to address," Howard said. "And (when you) find people waffling and dancing around and not wanting to take the issue head-on, then it's a lack of leadership."

Bush's stance shows he "is wooing the white voters of South Carolina to support his candidacy," the Rev. H.H. Singleton, president of the Conway branch of the NAACP, said.

Bush and other candidates are courting South Carolinians for the Feb. 19 Republican primary, which is considered an important early barometer for how candidates will do in the conservative South.

The flag controversy has embroiled South Carolina for several years. The state is the only one in the nation to fly the Confederate flag over its Statehouse, although Georgia and Mississippi incorporate part of the design into their state flags.

Campaign 2000

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Democratic candidate Bill Bradley said in April that "I wouldn't fly it. I think that it sometimes offends a large part of the population."

Walking in a Labor Day parade and attending another Labor Day festival in Simpsonville, Bush also said "it's up to the people of South Carolina to figure out how best to fund their schools."

South Carolina residents will vote next year about whether they want a lottery to fund education improvements. South Carolina's schools lag behind others in Scholastic Assessment Test scores.

DANCE: Co-presidents of square dance club say it is a positive alternative to aerobics and jogging, fosters mental alertness

(From 1C)

The belles and the beaus revel.

"It's good activity," says Midland dancer Jim Brusenhan. "You meet a lot of good people. It's a lot of exercise. And it keeps you mentally sharp" in keeping pace with the caller, the partners, and the other dancers who, if things go right, click like a fine, mechanic time piece.

"Square dancing is more fun than any program on television," says Brusenhan's wife, Sue. "You can sing and laugh as you go around the square."

Pat and Ron Larson, who are co-presidents of the High Sky Square Dance Club, praise the "health benefits from square dancing" in which 375,000 people nationally and 20,000 in Texas take part. It is, they say, a "positive alternative to aerobics and jogging" and "fosters mental alertness."

To Midlander James Faulkner, the dancing affords "good exercise" and camaraderie with a "wonderful group of people" who enjoy "good, clean entertainment.

"You have to plug your movements into a phrase that he (the caller) gives," Faulker says. The "ocean-wave" call, for example, is "four people holding hands and alternating, facing the opposite direction."

Traveling from Crane to Midland to square dance, J.B. Pairish, who claims that he is "24 and holding," says that "I like it all. I like the fellowship and the whole business."

Pairish has been 24 and holding many times longer than Karen Sigle who says she has been "29 and holding."

Square dancing is "friendship set to music," notes Mrs. Sigle who, in dancing, "started out single and went to Sigle.

"I met my husband (Leo) out there (square dancing) two and one-half years ago."

"I like to stay active," her husband said.

The dancers stay active to various beats, contemporary or cajun, country and western, old-style romantic songs, including "In the Good Old Summertime," or the 1950s upbeat "Honeycomb."

There's a fun tune, "Gone to Wal-Mart," of which Odessa dancer Carolyn Camp says, "Oh, yes, that's a good one."

The lyrics go something like this: "The more that she buys, the more that I cry. When I die, bury me down at Wal-Mart's so my darling will visit me everyday."

Some of the old square dance calls took in "Red River Valley," "Red Wing," "Darling Nellie Gray," and just about any hoedown tune, such as "Buffalo Gal," "Hens and Chickens," "Boil Them Cabbages Down."

But they are getting more "modern" now, more contemporary.

Faded or fading is "the old 'do-si-do" walk-around call.

It goes like so: "Do-si-do and a little more dough. Chicken in the bread pan, pecking out dough," Davis sings. "They don't call that anymore. They never call that, never."

There is the sweetness of promenading on the dance floor with your dearest one as is suggested in the hopeful words, "There will always be that certain one."

What is also unchanged is the camaraderie and the hurrahs and the goodwill, which Davis imparts after a good round of square dancing: "Bow to your partners. Give yourself a hand."

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Midland-Odessa square-dancing lessons are to be held weekly from September through March under sponsorship of the following clubs and at the following places and the start-up times:

• **High Sky Squares** (Midland), 7 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 14, at the M Square Arena at 2800 S. County Road 130 between Midkiff Road and Cotton Flat Road south of Midland.

• **Rainbow Squares** (Midland), 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 23, at the Midland Senior Center at Kingswood Mall, Illinois Avenue and Midkiff Road.

• **Allemanders** (Odessa), 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 21, Northside Senior Center, 1225 N. Adams St., Odessa.

Square dancers or wannabe dancers may telephone square dancers at 683-0888, 550-7663, or 550-5634 for additional information.

RATLIFF: Rancher grew from a cowboy to a cowman in Texas

(From 1C)

vast new area to settlement. George Ratliff's oldest brother, Bud, had filed on four sections of land in Ector County in 1902 and the following year George joined him at his camp. In fact while there, he lived for a time in a half-dugout until he could get a structure built to live in. But the move to the plains put him in what was to become the cow country during the first half of the 20th century.

That suited George fine. He "had started as a 'cowboy' during his youth and in his maturity on the Western frontier became a 'cattleman' or 'cowman' of the first order."

In fact, Ratliff's brother-in-law, J.O. Jones, who was himself a fine cattleman, once wrote:

"It is a long process — becoming a cowman. Some people who handle cattle all their lives never become cowmen. There is a difference between being a cowboy and a cowman — like the difference between a boy and a man. It's very hard to tell when a boy becomes a man, but the man knows when he has left the boy behind. Just so, the cowman knows when he has passed from a cowboy to a cowman."

George Ratliff was living in the middle of a great proving ground for cowboys — and cowmen.

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Ratliff was married to Annie Rebecca Bedford in 1906 at Benjamin. Annie's brother was Hilory G. Bedford who came out west from Benjamin in 1916 and went to work in ranching. Bedford became partners with Ratliff and they operated the Ratliff-Bedford Ranch "which was noted throughout the world for its fine purebred cattle." It was also noted that the two men "were not only brothers-in-law but the best of friends."

Ranching was difficult in that era, but the difficulty was starkly different from the problems that plague the rancher today as evidenced by the following story related in "The Pioneer History of Midland County, Texas 1880-1926."

It occurred during the hard times of 1910, "There was a moratorium on money and only one five-dollar check could be written per day. There was no means of communication on the ranch and the Ratliffs did not know of this. Upon arriving in town they learned of the situation for the first time. They were in a terrible predicament as they had to have their supplies but could not stay away from the ranch a long time to cash enough checks to pay for six months' supplies.

"Luckily, George had several good friends who offered to help him. Judge Whitaker came to his rescue. George wrote out enough five dollar checks to pay all his bills and dated them ahead of time. He then gave them to the judge who cashed them as he could and paid off the bills."

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The Ratliffs moved to Midland in 1950. George Ratliff was a philanthropist in much of his later life. According to an article in the Midland Reporter-Telegram, "The Ratliffs contributed heavily to many charitable and educational institutions. In 1948 the couple gave Texas Christian University $50,000 and donated $50,000 to the university's Brite College of the Bible. The gifts also include $25,000 given to the Juliette Fowler Home for the Aged and Orphans."

George Ratliff was an outstanding cattleman with a heart of gold who used the wealth that he accumulated to help others.

He died on April 3, 1965.

France to give medal to WWI veteran from Texas — 80 years later

GRANBURY (AP) — It's 80 years late, but Roy Crittenden Sr. is getting a medal for his service during the world war — the first one.

Crittenden, 99, is to be named a chevalier of the National Order of the Legion of Honor — France's highest national award.

"It is conferred on you by the French government as a sign of the high esteem my country has for you who personally contributed to the decisive support the United States gave to French soldiers in the defense of their country during World War I," French Ambassador Francois Bujon de l'Estang said in a letter to Crittenden.

The consul general of France in Houston is scheduled to travel to Granbury next Monday to present the medal.

Crittenden's granddaughter Cherry Nowell told the Fort Wort' Star-Telegram that dozens of family members are coming from all across the country for the event.

Crittenden, who lives with his son and daughter-in-law in Granbury, said the honor has taken him by surprise.

"The only thing I came back with before was a hide full of shell fragments," Crittenden said with a laugh.

He said he also suffered throat and lung damage from gas warfare.

Crittenden grew up in Rockdale, a town near Austin. In 1917, he was working at Imperial Sugar in Sugar Land, but found himself drawn by the war fever that swept the country.

Three months after the United States entered the war, he said, he was on a troop ship bound for France.

He said his war experiences were too difficult too describe.

"I can't talk about what I saw," he said, close to tears.

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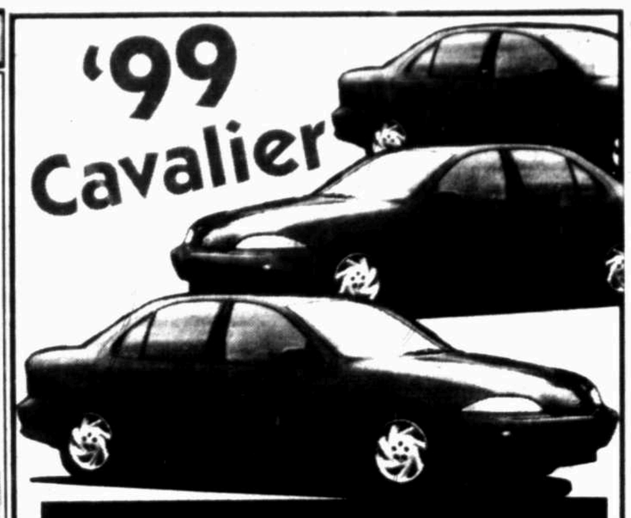
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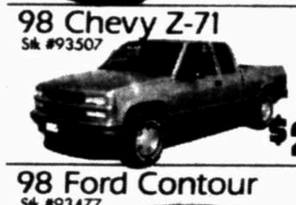
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PIPE AND Equipment company hiring truck driver. CDL required. Send resumes to: Box 05021, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

SHOGUN STEAKHOUSE hiring cooks, trainees, prep, waitstaff and drivers. 5- 6 pm daily. Loop 250 & Garfield.

SHOPPERS' HOTLINE has a part time position available. Requirements include great communication skills, a real people person, independent worker, creative thinker, dependable transportation, valid drivers license and proof of insurance. Must be able to work flexible hours, days, evenings and weekends. This job will require you to work in our participating stores to recruit new members into the Shoppers' Hotline program. Come by 15 Byron Rd. or call 694-8240 Monday- Friday 9- 4.

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WANTED EXPERIENCED alterations person to work part time leading into a full time position. Must have excellent sewing and fitting skills. Call Rachael's Fabrics at 520-7717 for an appointment.

STUDENTS/ YOUNG PEOPLE
And Others
Ages 14 and Up

NEED CASH?

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You can earn $25- $150 commission per week working some evenings and weekends getting new subscribers for the Midland Reporter- Telegram. We have exciting programs for neat and dependable Jr. High, High School students and other interested persons to earn good money. Transportation from your home and return is available. No newspaper delivery is involved. No experience necessary. Parents welcome at interview.

Call Mr. McCormick, District Sales Manager at 687-8899
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TRUCK DRIVER needed for local run. Home 300 plus nights a year. Must have 3 years over the road experience, clean driving record, and be able to operate a fork lift. DOT drug screen required. See Barbara at 605 South Marienfeld, Midland, TX weekdays between 8:00AM and 5:00PM.

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WANTED MUFFLER and Brake Technician. Competitive wage and insurance package. Apply in person at Car Werks, 3000 W. Wall, Midland.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

ARE YOU A Go- getter Hygienist that would like to relocate? The beautiful town of San Angelo is looking for a top- notch hygienist to work in the largest cosmetic and crown & bridge office. Unbeatable pay, 4- 4 1/2 day weeks and bonuses. Contact Parish at Dr. Boudreaux's office. 915/942-6631.

CNA
1 position 10- 6
1 position 2- 10
Best pay and staff in the area! Come join our town. Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main.

FULL TIME DENTAL Hygienist needed, must be licensed. Apply in person or send resume to: 3303 N. Midkiff, Ste 166, Midland, TX, 79705.

FULL TIME RN Needed. Surgery experience preferred. Mail resume to PO Box 9520, Midland, TX 79708.

INSURANCE/ BILLING/ clerk for Doctor's office. Send resume to: P.O. Box 4935, Midland, Texas 79701.

LAUNDRY: Applicants should have at least 3 years experience and be able to read and speak English. Prefer experience in hospitals or nursing home. Apply in person. Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main.

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Full- Time positions available on all shifts on the Mabee Health Care Unit. Must be licensed in Texas.

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Full- time position available for an individual that possesses one- year experience with medical records or in the medical field and use of a computer.

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PEDIATRIC NURSE
Needed to work for a Home Health Agency.
For further information please contact
Martha Ortiz, DON at 570-7587
or come by
501 Andrews Hwy, Midland, TX.

311 Medical Help Wanted

Licensed Respiratory Therapist
Needed on PRN basis; weekends and on call. Contact Kelly Voyles at Medical Arts Hospital, 1600 N. Bryan, Lamesa, Texas 79331; 806-872-2183 or fax 806-872-7943

LOCOMOTION THERAPY PART- Time and PRN Speech Therapist needed for Big Spring, Texas. If interested, please call Jodi Daniels at 915-263-0739.

OCCUPATIONAL THERAPIST, full time position for experienced OT. Rehab company needs OT in Midland and Odessa locations. Fax resume to Alliance care of Texas. 561-368-4322 or call 1-888-783-4300.

PRN NURSE- Physician Group recruiting nurses to work PRN day/ evening and weekend shifts. Please send resume to Human Resources, 4808 SCR 1310, Odessa, 79765 or call Sylvia at 563-1540 if you are interested in joining our registry.

280 Parts & Accessories

I NEED Inexpensive front end parts for a Ford Aerostar. Please call 520-8099 and leave message.

TWO VOLKSWAGEN Engines $125. Please call 620-0202.

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BEWARE Of Anyone who tries to sell you information about Government & Postal Job Vacancies. This info. is free... call 210-805-2402 (24 Hours) or 210-805-2406 (To request application forms). A public service message from the Midland Reporter-Telegram & the FTC.

310 General Help Wanted

Attention Readers:
See other opportunities under Classification 170, Schools and Instruction.

*HOUSEKEEPER Full-time position available for an individual with one year of housekeeping experience and enjoys working with the elderly. Manor Park, Inc. offers competitive salaries, uniform allowance, 13 days time off with pay per year, credit union membership, and 401K. Applications may be completed at 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79707. No phone calls please. Equal Opportunity Employer.

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Needed Immediately.
12 Hour Shifts- days & nights. Apply at
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Odessa, Texas 79762
915-550-0270

APARTMENT COMPLEX needs AC Certified person to service AC units after hours of off time. 682-2423.

APARTMENT COMPLEX needs experienced Maintenance person. References required. Send resume to: Box N-4159, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

310 General Help Wanted

ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE position available immediately. Must have a minimum of 2 years experience in all phases of Apartment Maintenance, including make- ready. Must have reliable transportation vehicle for hauling equipment, lawn mowers, and supplies. Vehicle compensation available. Salary DOE. Send resume/ application to 211 North Colorado, Midland, TX 79701.

AVON; CHOOSE Hours, income, rewards. For opportunity or products call Kippy Rogers, 687-5857, Independent Rep.

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WE NEED WORKERS
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310 General Help Wanted

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When replying to a blind box number listed in an advertisement, address your reply to:
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c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram
P.O. Box 1650
Midland, TX 79702

Readers who are interested in a position offered, but do not want their resume to go to certain companies, can simply address the reply to the specific box number and place it in another envelope addressed to: "Classified Supervisor" & the address above. Include a list of the companies that you do not want your resume to reach. If the advertiser is anyone on your list, we will shred your resume without opening it. If you have any questions please call 682-6222.

We do not open or screen any mail that has a blind box number on the envelope. The Midland Reporter- Telegram shall not be responsible for any disclosures of information, loss of responses or misdirection of responses.

CARE GIVER NEEDED- Must have at least 2 years experience in a Day Care. Great benefits, health insurance, college scholarships Earn up to 12 days off if you qualify, teacher of the month incentive. Nonsmoking environment. Apply 1007 Austin or call 689-6309.

FULL-TIME Contract Laborer for lawn company. $7.00 per hour. Call 694-2228, leave message.

MARTY'S MARKETPLACE

Leading you to the best bargains in Midland and the area!

Do you need to get rid of some of your extra goodies around the house?



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*Marty's Weekday Special

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1 Item Priced $300 or Less
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Call or Fax Classifieds today to schedule your special Marketplace ad!

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410 Miscellaneous Sales

YOU CAN WIN BY LOSING!
Join the contest to win a trip for 2 to Cozumel, Mexico. Call to find out how you can win by losing. 915-570-6313 or e-mail lparks@apex2000.net.

WEDDING DRESS- Long and straight. Short sleeved, size 10. With detachable train. Asking $350. 689-0349.

2 SPACES Garden of Hope Resthaven Park, $1,200 for both. 684-7300.

PAID $400, asking $300 or best offer both. 2 Southwest Round trip tickets for 9/9/99- 9/11/99 From Midland to Las Vegas. Call 687-5891 leave message.

BLACK LEATHER Sofa & Loveseat, $400. Sofa Table, Dining Table & chairs $100. Bedding set, $60. Treadmill, $150. Call 686-3510, 699-6384.

BOOKS- 65 HARDBACK Recent releases, most fiction. $175. 620-0202.

FOUR 15"X8" Ford Chrome spoke wheels. $125. 689-6704.

EVAPORATIVE COOLERS, mowers, washers/ dryers, refrigerators/ stoves, antiques, dining, furniture, BBQ grill, hide-away couch. 570-4851.

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BINGO, American Legion, 501 Airpark Road. Friday nights, games start at 8, Food, Refreshments. 682-5511.

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432 Household Furniture

NICE OAK desk- $100. Please call 694-7840 for more information.

BLACK BUNK Bed, $125. GE Profile side by side refrigerator, $600. Whirlpool washer and dryer, $400. RCA 32" color TV, $350. Toshiba VCR with remote $100. 694-7357/ 522-5280.

BABY BED; White, spindle style includes mattress- $75. Please call 697-2545, ask for Cindy.

ARMOIRE- Wardrobe, Dark Oak, Good condition. $350. 684-6129.

SOFA- Printed yellow and brown, good condition, $200. Call 520-2667.

435 Household Appliances

KITCHENAID WASHER/ Dryer- $100 each. 684-6223.

SMALL CHEST type freezer- $100. Please call 694-7840 for more information.

FREE REMOVAL OF Appliances, evaporative coolers, TV's. Pick-up in 45 minutes or less. Call 631-3920.

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GE REFRIGERATOR- Double door, ice & water dispenser, $150. Call 699-5179.

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WHEELCHAIR; ELECTRIC Jazzy Chair 1120. With all accessories. Nearly new in top condition. Call 694-9847.

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USED- MOTORIZED Scooter for sale. $995. Call 683-8774 or 694-4712, ask for Joe.

2 LARGE JUNGLE Gyms, one has 4 large slides. $700 for both. Call 570-1075.

415 Miscellaneous Wanted

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BOWFLEX With Leg extensions, $700 o.b.o. Free weight with bench, $50 o.b.o. 697-7328.

460 Antiques & Arts

BEAUTIFUL MAHAGONY desk- 62"X31"X291/2" tall. Owned by Arthur Godfrey, purchased from Arthur Godfrey's Estate by Bobby Burns, and purchased from him 5 years ago. Please call for appointment to see. Daytime, 687-5256, or 528-8816. Evening 694-8816. No "reasonable" offer refused.

THE FACTORY, 212 N. St. Peter Street, Stanton, Thursday- Saturday 1- 5. 915/756-2455. Reasonably priced antiques.

THE CATS MEOW- 4000 sq. ft of fine merchandise- we buy and sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway. (915)687-2004.

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH'S. Let our experienced team liquidate your estate. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

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470 Musical Instruments

SILVER HOLTON French Horn, used 1 year, excellent condition. Must sacrifice $2,000. Call 684-9825/ 664-7171.

BALDWIN CONSOLE piano. 9 years, mint condition. $1,500. Please call 522-1981.

WURLITZER upright piano. $1,000. Call 620-0643 after 5:30 pm.

CASH FOR your pianos or clocks. Jones Piano, Organs, Clocks. 428 Andrews Hwy, Midland. 682-7533.

470 Musical Instruments

PIANOS- new and used- buy, sell trade. Financing available. Tuning, repair, moving. Caldwell Music. 697-0652.

LOCAL BAND looking for a lead Guitarist and a Keyboardist with vocal abilities. Must be willing to play all types of music with major emphasis on Rock, Pop, Country Rock and original material. Call for more information and audition times. Ron 915-682-3782, pager 915-499-4797 or Shawn 915-689-4984.

480 Computers/ Accessories

SERVICE AFTER THE SALE Computers- New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers, 10am- 8pm, 1015-B N Midkiff. 520-5917, 686-6835.

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CUTE KITTENS- Looking for a good home. Call 687-1208.

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BREEDING PAIR Of Yellow Anacondas. Male 7 1/2 foot long, Female 8 1/2 foot long, beautiful color, dog tame. $400 or best offer. Inquire about other snakes. 683-2545.

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SHETLAND SHEEPDOG Puppies. Sable and white, registered, first shots, championship pedigree, parents on premises. $350. 367-9994 evenings.

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FLUFFY AND Adorable part Persian kittens, $25. 682-8586.

AKC REGISTERED Yellow Lab puppies- males and females. Excellent family history. First shots and wormed. $325. Call 550-5409 - Odessa.

CHIHUAHUA/ DACHSHUND Mix Puppies. Cute and sweet, 8 weeks, $35 each. Call 694-6213.

BEAUTIFUL AKITA Puppies- 9 weeks old. Both parents on premises. AKC registered. $200 (each) firm. 687-6701.

55 GALLON PLUS aquarium with stand, $150. 50 gallon aquarium with stand; $125. 520-3488/ 631-4438.

125 GALLON Aquarium with everything, paid $1,500 will sell $500. Call 683-7803 evenings, cell 553-2838, 684-6900 days.

AKC MINIATURE DACHSHUND puppies. 6 weeks, first shots. $150. Phone 694-4930.

505 Livestock & Poultry

FRESH CUT; Hay grazer and Coastal Bermuda round bales. Please call 570-6980 or 682-1121.

505 Livestock & Poultry

1991 BRUTON Gooseneck 3 horse slant load trailer $5,700 or best offer. Excellent condition ($12,000 new). 398-5478/ 263-9498 leave message.

HORSEBOARDING; North west area, arena, telephone, tack closets, stalls, $85. I will feed your feed twice daily. 694-4978.

14' X 32' Red Barn, some damage, delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

550 Portable Buildings

We move, buy, sell and rent portable buildings. MORGAN (915) 563-1860

FOR SALE- 14'X26' heavy duty built. Portable field office, tandem axles, bathroom, coffee bar with sink, storage closet. $12,000. 694-7603.

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies

FOR SALE- 2 3/8" structural tubing. Call 684-4243 or 556-3803.

580 Farm Equipment

1952 F-CUB International one row tractor with blade and disk, excellent condition, $2,700. 686-9777 leave message.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

ENGINEERING ASSISTANT

Spirit Energy 76/Unocal Corporation has an immediate opening for an Engineering Assistant in its Permian Basin Profit Center. Responsibilities include technical data preparation and input, oil and gas reserve documentation, preparation of presentation material and other duties related to the petroleum engineering function.

The preferred candidate will have strong organizational, communication and interpersonal skills, as well as analytical ability. A good understanding of mathematics and finance and some college-level coursework would be a plus. A minimum of 3 years experience, preferably in the oil and gas industry, and proficiency in PowerPoint, Excel, Word, PI & ORM databases is necessary. High school diploma or equivalent required.

Qualified candidates should send resume and salary history to: **UNOCAL Corporation, Human Resources, Attn: 090499, P.O. Box 3100, Midland, TX 79702.** EOE.

UNOCAL 76

312 Professional Help Wanted

*CUSTOMER SERVICE

Do You...

consider your self #1 at customer service? Do you know how to make customers happy? Do you go that extra mile to make sure the job gets done? Do you love talking to people on the phone? If you possess these qualifications plus have basic computer skills then read further.

We're looking for a person who can make 60+ outbound calls per day to existing customers. The main focus will be to encourage customers to make payment, thereby continuing their service with our company. This position is mostly customer service/ sales.

We would like applicants with a friendly and outgoing nature, but aggressive enough to ask for payment. The applicant should have at least 3+ years experience in an office and be able to work on his or her own with light supervision. Bilingual preferred. This is a temporary position with a strong possibility of turning into a permanent position for the right person. The successful applicant will work 40 hours per week, Monday through Friday. You must be able to work from 11AM - 8PM daily (after training). The hourly rate of pay will be $7.00- $8.00 per hour depending on experience.

If you really are #1 in customer service and have the skills, attitude and desire for longevity that this job requires, fax your resume to: **CUSTOMER SERVICE at 682-3793**. Make sure to include daytime and evening phone numbers. (We will contact only those chosen for interviews). No phone calls please.

316 Sales Help Wanted

STUDENTS/ YOUNG PEOPLE
And Others
Ages 14 and Up

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Call Mr. McCormick, District Sales Manager at 687-8899
(All messages will be returned)

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

FWA PETERSON DRILLING
A UTI Company

The leading contract drilling company in the Permian Basin is seeking experienced candidates for the following positions:

Drillers • Derrickmen • Motormen • Floormen
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Complete benefit package including Health Insurance, Paid Vacation & 401K plan.

Qualified applicants should apply in person at 640 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, TX 79702
Pre-employment drug screen required.

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320 Skilled Trades

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Now Accepting Applications for the position of

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Class "A" CDL With HAZMAT (preferred)

Must have telephone and be available for 24 hour call
Good ten and

EQUAL OPPORTUNITY EMPLOYER

Applications are being taken at

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Odessa, Texas 79763
915/550-0270

320 Skilled Trades

CABINET MAKERS needed: Must be reliable and hard working. North Austin area. 512-846-1998.

GOLF COURSE Mechanic: Small engine and or hydraulic experience preferred. EOE. Ad paid for by employer. Apply at Texas Workforce Commission in Midland or Odessa.

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY
Forklift Drivers
Apply at
Express Personnel
111 S. B. Street
Midland, Texas 79701
915-570-8666

ROTO ROOTER now accepting applications for licensed plumbers and drain cleaners. Good driving record required. Apply in person at 1410 Carter.

WANTED: OILFIELD painter and coater. 5 years minimum experience, references required, salary DOE. Call 699-9220.

320 Skilled Trades

***MECHANICS**
Need hard working, dependable, individuals with 3- 5 years experience with heavy construction equipment. Must have own tools, need valid drivers license. All applicants must pass physical and drug test. Benefits include: Medical, Dental, 401K, Profit Sharing, Vacation and Sick leave. Call Steve or John at 550-9181.

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EXPERIENCED PUMP TRUCK OPERATORS
(Experienced with Class A CDL/ Hazmat)
Benefits Include:
Uniforms
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Hours Guaranteed
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915-563-1299
Monday- Friday
8:00 AM to 5:00 PM

ASPHALT PAVING Superintendent & experienced Operators needed immediately. Excellent pay/ benefits for qualified individuals. Only seasoned asphalt persons need apply. Send resume to P.O. Box 849, Cedar Park, TX 78630-0849. EOE.

320 Skilled Trades

350 Business Opportunities

Attention Readers
Occasionally, ads found in this section come from distant points & the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract/ or giving out your credit card or bank information.

*MOTHERS DREAM- Stay home, lose weight, make money. $500- $1,500 part- time, Call 570-6313 or e- mail lparks@apex2000.net.

LOCAL BUSINESSES for sale. Small and large. Some have low down payments and owner financing. Call for a free confidential interview- Sunbelt Business Brokers, 520-1515.

CHRISTMAS AROUND The World: Now hiring. Free kit, training provided. Also booking parties. Judy 915-943-5660.

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Residential rental locators are required to be licensed by the Texas Real Estate Commission (P.O. Box 12188, Austin, TX 78711. 1-800-250-8732 or 512-465-3960).

600 For Rent

RENTALS 600

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630 Houses Furnished
635 Condo/Townhome Furnished
640 Condo/Townhome Unfurnished
650 Mobile Furnished
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665 Business Office Property for Rent
667 Comm'l Prop
670 Warehouses/Storage
675 Rec./Resort
680 Out of Town
685 Hunting Leases
690 Oil/Gas Leases
695 Oilfield Misc.

600 Rooms for Rent

NICE FURNISHED bedroom. Nice home- nice area. Please call 689-0571.

601 Hotel Rooms

ALL UTILITIES PAID. HBO, Phone $75/ week and up. Kitchenette available. Budget Inn. 689-0880, 694-0360.

605 Apartments Furnished

→NEWTODAY←
ALL BILLS Paid, Furnished, 1 & 2 Bedroom, downtown, quiet complex. To see apartments call 682-3589.

1210 COLLEGE. Efficiency Bills paid. $225 monthly, $50 deposit. Inquire at rear apartment C.

AVAILABLE NOW- 1 or 2 bedrooms, pool, laundry, carports, all utilities paid. Imperial Apartments, 405 Sunset. 694-9978.

EFFICIENCY: ALL electric, frost free refrigerator, two large closets. Clean, quiet, marked parking. Call 687-4855.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

2 BEDROOM BRICK duplex. 300- A Mariana, $300/ monthly, $200/ deposit. 684-7535.

610 BURLESON; Clean one bedroom duplex, water paid, $250 monthly, $100 deposit. 689-7107.

WESTPARK APARTMENTS
2928 WEST Louisiana
687–4514
- 1-2 & 3 Bedrooms
- Mini-Blinds Throughout
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☞ TOTAL MOVE IN
Special only $229 on our beautiful 1 and 2 bedrooms. Fully equipted with washers/ dryers in 2 bedrooms. Renaissance Condos. 520-3238.

311 Medical Help Wanted

REHAB CARE Group is seeking therapists for the following positions: FT- SLP, FT- OTR, PRN- PT, PTA, OTR, COTA, SLP. Please fax resume to (915)570-8373. New graduates welcome.

WE ARE LOOKING for a dedicated person to join our team at Andrews Healthcare Center. We have a full time position for a Dir of Nurses, must have a R.N. license. Please come by 620 Hospital Drive, Andrews Texas or call 523-4986.

312 Professional Help Wanted

✝ NEW, BUT growing Tall City Community Church of God needs a pianist for Sunday mornings. Interested call evenings 520-2373.

ACCOUNTANT- Looking for a reliable, dependable hard working individual that is experienced in all levels of accounting. Must be familiar with DR, CR, A/P, GL, JE and some Microsoft Excel. Heavy data input and some overtime required. Please send resume and salary requests to: P.O. Box 2969, Odessa, TX 79761 or Fax to: 915-332-4220.

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319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

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MOBILE HOME and/ or RV spaces. Large shade trees, laundromat, convenient location. 332-4976.

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GRAHAM BUILDING; 601 N. Marienfeld, nice offices. MRO Management, 687-0148.

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RESTAURANT for rent fully equipped for $1,200 per month or using your own equipment- negotiable. 685-3905 or 570-8101 after 3 pm.

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Gatlin

Chamber's 'song' builds Midland

The Midland Chamber faces the millennium with a history of building the community, and a keynote speaker who has a song in her heart. Taking up the theme "We're Building Midland," the Chamber will outline its plans for the next fiscal year, while offering brief reports on this year's achievements at its annual meeting. The Chamber's Annual Meeting and Dinner is Sept. 23 at Midland Center. A 6:30 p.m. reception precedes the 7-9 p.m. event.

The inspirational LaDonna Gatlin will give the keynote address entitled "The Song in You." As the sister of country music's famous Gatlin Brothers, LaDonna literally "grew up on stage" singing with her family. She is the honored recipient of both a Grammy and a Dove award. Her presentation includes lots of singing as well as LaDonna's own story of triumph when she took a giant step of

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Photo: Bruce Partain

Vision 2000 and Beyond task force chairs convene at the Midland Chamber boardroom to report their progress. From left, Mike Conaway, Ken Burgess, Richard Jolly, Karen Nicholson and Julia Vaughn.

Vision 2000 ready for more public discussion

By Dr. Warren Gardner
Project Coordinator
Midland Vision 2000 and Beyond

Reports from the Midland Vision 2000 and Beyond task forces are in and are being prepared for public viewing and discussion.

The community vision project — organized by the Midland Chamber of Commerce — has resulted in many great ideas.

Thirty-eight goals have been identified for Midlanders to consider for the next decade. These range from the well-publicized effort to build a new sports complex, to new educational facilities, to public transportation. These goals will be published in the Sunday, Sept. 26 Midland Reporter-Telegram, and will be discussed at community meetings on Sept. 28 (see sidebar on page 2 for details).

Nine task forces have been meeting since May to determine the directions they think Midlanders should go by the year 2010. More than 450 people from across the city met in March to express their ideas. The task forces then took these hundreds of suggestions and reduced them to goals that can be put into action.

More than two hundred citizens participated in these task forces and in the process donated thousands of hours of valuable time and expertise to help identify these goals. The survey, published June 20 in the Midland Reporter-Telegram, was of great assistance to these groups in helping to target more specifically what a thousand Midland citizens thought was most appropriate for the city's future.

"Rather than look back ten years from now and say, 'Why didn't we plan bigger and do better?' We want to look forward

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now and direct our goals," said Mike Conaway, planning committee member. "Without a plan or vision, it is difficult to control the direction of the boat."

As meetings and planning have progressed, ideas have emerged and thoughts have been organized.

"Much of what was discussed confirmed what we knew," said planning committee member Joan Baskin. "For example, there are transportation problems for older folks, our youth and those in lower economic groups. Also, many of us know we have wonderful youth and community services, but we need a central information source so people can find the events, programs and schedules. There were no real surprises on education. It's our future. Many people want to get the secondary facilities up to par. The Education Task Force recommended paying teachers more."

The ideas are important, but the way people get involved is also crucial.

"The main benefit of the process of goal-setting is it helped band the city together," Baskin said. "Midland has always been a can-do city. We set our sights on what needs to be done and then we do it. This vision process is an opportunity for all of us to be empowered and work together."

It will surprise no one that the Economic Development Task Force is recommending more diversification and expansion of the business base of Midland. In fact, the highest positive percentage of any survey response was for economic diversification.

Also noteworthy is that this task force endorses "superior education opportunities" as one of its three top goals for the future. Education rates high on the list of more than one task force. The Educational Task Force wants Midland to "be known as the community with the best schools in the state" and as "a community whose highest priority is education."

The educational theme also runs through the goals identified by the Facilities Task Force, the Youth Task Force, the Fine Arts Task force and even the Sports/Parks Task Force.

No group of citizens is left out in these goals. Programs centering on the young people of the community as well as the special needs of retirees and seniors are addressed. A wide variety of sports goals have been set out and facilities as varied as a multipurpose performing and cultural arts center, an expanded Midland Center, more affordable housing, a larger branch library, and airport and highway improvements are being considered.

Transportation scores impressively in this listing of goals. Three task forces — Seniors and Housing, Health and Social Services, and Transportation — identified some form of public transportation as one of their top goals. If public transportation has had limited success in the past, it has not deterred present-day task force discussions. All three groups see transportation from more than one angle. All offer several solutions to this significant gap in community services.

The public discussion of these Midland Vision 2000 and Beyond goals will continue in a series of community meetings at various junior high schools across the city on Sept. 28, at 7 p.m.. Suggestions coming from these meetings will help refine these goals for a final submission to the community in December. Please be a part of these community meetings and help Midland Vision 2000 and Beyond develop the finest goals for our future.

"No one is on the outside unless they choose to be," Baskin said. "If they think their ideas and opinions are unimportant, they are wrong. We want the individual citizen's voice to be heard. It's important for your future, your children and grandchildren. Don't just be a spectator. Don't just read about it. Get involved!"

Vision 2000 and Beyond Community Meetings

The public is invited to hear preliminary reports from Vision 2000 committees, and to offer suggestions for final goals. The same program will be presented at each location.

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Tuesday, Sept. 28 • 7 - 9 p.m.

Locations
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3800 W. Storey Ave.
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Woman-owned businesses featured at Networking Breakfast

Looking for an inexpensive way to promote your business? Try setting up a display at the Sept. 21 Networking Breakfast. "Our theme this month is Spotlight on Woman-owned Businesses'," said Chamber spokesman Bruce Partain. "We're encouraging woman-owned businesses to set up displays or simply attend. But we also encourage all business people to be here to benefit from the networking."

The Networking Breakfasts provide a special way for business people to meet and learn about one another's products and services. Cost is only $5, and the breakfasts are held from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. in the Roadrunner Room of the Midland College Student Center. The breakfast includes time for business people to identify themselves, meet purchasers and talk about their business.

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 Mr. Smith at rsmith@Midland.cc.tx.us.

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faith to follow her heart and sing her own song. She has appeared with her brothers Larry, Steve and Rudy as well as Tammy Wynette, Charlie Pride, Neil McCoy, Johnny Cash, Tim McGraw and LeAnne Rimes.

Annual meeting individual tickets are $25 in advance or $30 at the door.

Tables are $300 for ten persons.

Outgoing chair Linda Foster will summarize the 1998-99 year's activity. Incoming chair Buddy Sipes will introduce the board of directors for the 1999-2000 fiscal year.

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The Economy

Values hold as home sales slow

By Kevin Skipper

Home sales, especially new home sales, in Midland County plunged, but prices have held up remarkably well since 1997.

Table 1 shows quarterly sales and median prices of new, existing, and total home sales. The data covers the first quarter of 1997 (January, February, and March) through the second quarter of 1999 (January through June). West Texas MLS (Multiple Listing Service) provided raw data of sales and sales prices (Note: Some custom homes, as well as most homes marketed by individuals do not appear in the MLS database). I used median sales prices because they are less affected than the average by a few very low or very high-priced sales and present a more accurate depiction of price patterns.

New home sales declined from 139 in 1997 to 124 in 1998 (Table 1 and Figure 1). I project that they will fall further (to 61) in 1999. This represents a decrease of 56.1% over the past two years. Sales dropped 50.8% between 1998-99. I found corresponding declines when comparing quarter-to-quarter and year-to-date (YTD) sales levels. As noted above, the MLS database does not contain most sales of custom homes and homes sold by individuals. But unless these homes' number and proportion of sales increased dramatically during the study period, their absence will not affect the pattern of weakness.

Existing home sales fell much more slowly compared to those for new homes. Between 1997-99, existing home sales decreased 7.7% (from 1,436 to a projected 1,325). Sales declined 12.7% between 1998-99. Similar patterns occurred for quarter-to-quarter and YTD comparisons.

Since existing home sales comprise more than 90% of total home sales, one should expect the pattern of total home sales to more closely resemble those of existing homes sales than new home sales. Between 1997-99, total home sales fell 12.0% (from 1,575 to a projected 1,386). Sales declined 15.6% during 1998-99.

Nominal (non-inflation adjusted) median home sales prices exhibit mixed patterns of growth. Examination of annual patterns of new median home sales prices reveals slight declines (1997-99=5.4%; 1998-99=4.1%). However, quarterly (i.e., Q2/1999 v. Q2/1997 and Q2/1998) analysis shows that prices increased 14.9% between 1997-99 and slipped slightly (2.6%) during the 1998-99 time period. The figure clearly depicts nominal price strength during the past quarter or two.

Analysis of YTD patterns shows that median prices of new homes declined 6.9% during 1997-99, but increased 1.1% between 1998-99.

Median prices of existing homes exhibit superficial increases on an annual, quarterly, and YTD basis.

Median prices of all homes sold exhibit mostly negligible increases.

Most likely, median sales prices generally increased while sales declined because more high-priced homes sold, not because overall price levels rose.

Table 2 and Figure 2 show an index of home sales and median sales prices with 1997 as the base year. Indexes help us examine the magnitude of growth by comparing sales and price data to a set of base time periods. Total home sales index value rose in 1998 (104), but will decline to 88 by year-end.

Although Midland County exhibited weakening home sales (especially new home sales), real (inflation-adjusted) median sales prices rose in many cases. For example, the index of median total home sales prices increased five points between 1998-99 and rose ten points between 1997-99. This means that inflation-adjusted median sales prices increased 5% between 1998-99

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Table 1
Quarterly Home Sales & Nominal Median Sales Prices
Midland County
1997-99

Time Period	Sales			Median Sales Prices ($)		
	New	Existing	Total	New	Existing	Total
Q1/1997	36	293	329	161,088	70,200	75,000
Q2/1997	35	368	403	127,000	75,250	79,500
YTD/1997	*71*	*661*	*732*	*152,000*	*76,500*	*76,500*
Q3/1997	31	450	481	145,700	82,900	86,000
Q4/1997	37	325	362	150,250	76,000	80,500
Total/1997	**139**	**1,436**	**1,575**	**149,500**	**76,350**	**79,900**
Q1/1998	32	313	345	131,250	76,000	80,000
Q2/1998	43	463	506	149,680	81,500	85,000
YTD/1998	*75*	*776*	*851*	*140,000*	*78,500*	*83,000*
Q3/1998	30	417	447	164,250	83,500	85,400
Q4/1998	19	325	344	134,900	73,500	76,000
Total/1998	**124**	**1,518**	**1,642**	**147,590**	**78,900**	**82,500**
Q1/1999	20	250	270	141,325	72,000	76,400
Q2/1999	14	394	408	145,866	85,750	86,500
YTD/1999	*34*	*644*	*678*	*141,500*	*79,900*	*82,000*
Projected Total/1999	**61**	**1,325**	**1,386**	**141,500**	**79,900**	**82,000**
Change Q2, 1998-99	-29	-69	-98	-3,814	4,250	1,500
% Change Q2, 1998-99	-67.4	-14.9	-19.4	-2.6	5.2	1.8
Change Q2, 1997-99	-21	26	5	18,866	10,500	7,000
% Change Q2, 1997-99	-60.0	7.1	1.2	14.9	14.0	8.8
QCPC Q2, 1997-99	-10.8	0.9	0.2	1.7	1.6	1.1
Change YTD, 1998-99	-41	-132	-173	1,500	1,400	-1,000
% Change YTD, 1998-99	-54.7	-17.0	-20.3	1.1	1.8	-1.2
Change YTD, 1997-99	-37	-17	-54	-10,500	3,400	5,500
% Change YTD, 1997-99	-52.1	-2.6	-7.4	-6.9	4.4	7.2
Change, 1998-99	-63	-193	-256	-6,090	1,000	-500
% Change, 1998-99	-50.8	-12.7	-15.6	-4.1	1.3	-0.6
Change, 1997-99	-78	-111	-189	-8,000	3,550	2,100
% Change, 1997-99	-56.1	-7.7	-12.0	-5.4	4.7	2.6
ACPC, 1997-99	-33.8	-3.9	-6.2	-2.7	2.3	1.3

Source: Desert Analytic, Permian Basin Board of Realtors & West Texas Regional MLS.
Note: Manufactured and mobile homes excluded.
QCPC=Quarterly compound percentage change.
ACPC=Annual compound percentage change.

Figure 1
Quarterly Home Sales
Midland County
1997-99

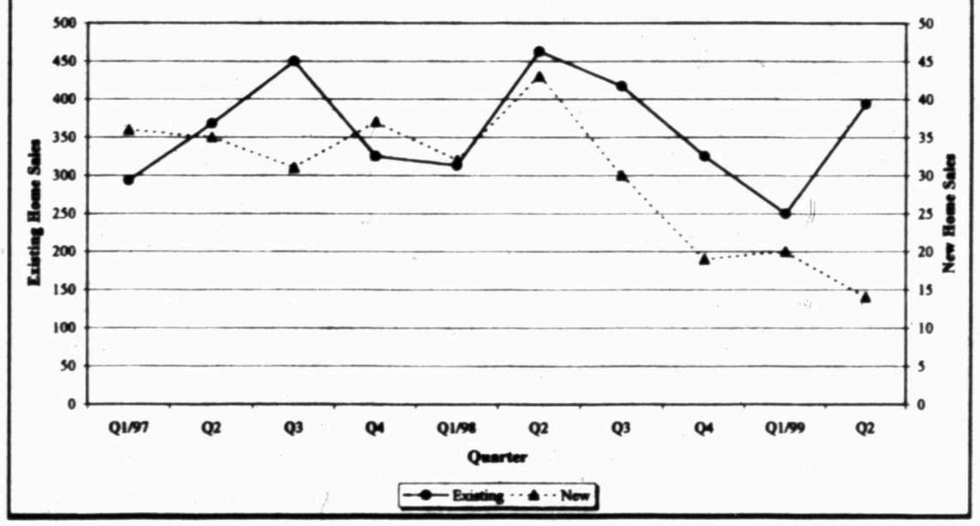
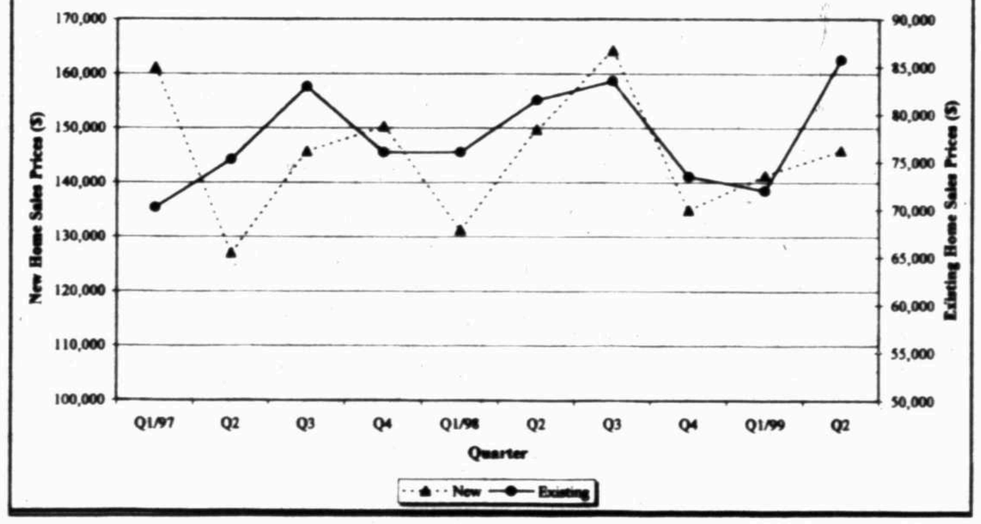


Figure 2
Quarterly Nominal Median Home Sales Prices
Midland County
1997-99



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and 10% between 1997-99.

As projected, new home sales will continue weakening throughout 1999. Custom home construction ameliorates this pattern somewhat. Existing home sales will also fall throughout the remainder of the year, but less (on a percentage basis) than for new homes (individual sales of existing homes-an increasing trend in Texas-will boost this category of sales). Recent mortgage interest rate increases (over one percentage point during the past 18 months) will dampen demand for homes. However, oil price increases (WTI rose 47% during the past twelve months) should — if the price remains relatively high — help us find a bottom in the home market reasonably soon. Midland's homebuilders apparently agree as the City of Midland issued 27 and 37 permits for new home construction during the first and second quarter, respectively, of 1999.

Kevin Skipper is Chief Economist of Desert Analytic, a Midland economic and statistical service firm.

This article waas edited due to space constraints. To obtain a complete version, call Bruce partain at 686-3570 ext. 3558, or email bruce@midlandtxchamber.com.

Table 2
Indexes of Quarterly Home Sales & Real Median Sales Prices
Midland County
1997-99

Time Period	Sales			Real Median Sales Prices		
	New	Existing	Total	New	Existing	Total
Q1/1997	100	100	100	100	100	100
Q2/1997	100	100	100	100	100	100
YTD/1997	*100*	*100*	*100*	*100*	*100*	*100*
Q3/1997	100	100	100	100	100	100
Q4/1997	100	100	100	100	100	100
Total/1997	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**	**100**
Q1/1998	89	107	105	83	110	108
Q2/1998	123	126	126	120	110	109
YTD/1998	*106*	*117*	*116*	*94*	*104*	*110*
Q3/1998	97	93	93	114	102	101
Q4/1998	51	100	95	91	98	96
Total/1998	**89**	**106**	**104**	**100**	**105**	**105**
Q1/1999	56	85	82	90	105	105
Q2/1999	40	107	101	118	117	112
YTD/1999	*48*	*97*	*93*	*96*	*107*	*110*
Projected Total/1999	**44**	**92**	**88**	**96**	**107**	**110**
Change Q2, 1998-99	-83	-19	-25	-2	7	3
Change Q2, 1997-99	-60	7	1	18	17	12
Change YTD, 1998-99	-58	-20	-23	2	3	0
Change YTD, 1997-99	-52	-3	-7	-4	7	10
Change, 1998-99	-45	-14	-16	-4	2	5
Change, 1997-99	-56	-8	-12	-4	7	10

Source: Desert Analytic & U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics.
Note: Index values based on applicable 1997 time period=100.
Price index values based on 1998 dollars.
Manufactured and mobile homes excluded.

CVB Instructs Customer Service Workshop

By Laura Spilman
Marketing Manager

Midland CVB representatives held a Customer Service/Hospitality Workshop on July 29 at the Texas Workforce Center. Attending were 30 individuals employed by state agencies in Andrews, Big Spring, Lamesa, McCamey, Odessa, Seminole, Stanton and Midland. CVB staff members Laura Spilman, and Linda Brown-Phillips prepared an interactive program. Topics included identifying ustomer needs and expectations, creating guest-friendly environments and employees, telephone techniques and handling complaints. Laura and Linda received several requests from attendees to repeat the workshop for their coworkers who were unable to attend the workshop.

The Midland CVB also presents a more comprehensive program, Texas Hospitality Training. In this training, participants receive certification through a program developed by the Texas A&M Agricultural Extension Service and Texas Department of Economic Development - Tourism Division. The Midland CVB's certified trainer instructs a course developed for managers and a course developed for employees in either two or five-hour sessions. Every employee who interacts with customers, whether in person or over the phone, will benefit from this training. If you are interested in arranging Texas Hospitality Training at your business, please contact Laura Spilman at the Midland CVB at 683-3381 .

CVB director chairs international committee for auditorium managers

By Laura Spilman
Marketing Manager

Shura Lindgren, Director of Convention and Visitor Development of the Midland CVB and Director of Midland Center, was recently appointed to Chair the International Association of Auditorium Managers (IAAM) Convention Center/Exhibit Hall committee. Her appointment reflects her respect in the industry as she represents interests of convention centers of all sizes worldwide while directing a relatively small facility in Midland. IAAM is composed of nearly 2,800 members involved in the management and operations of public assembly facilities including arenas, convention centers, stadiums and theaters around the globe. The Convention Center/Exhibit Hall committee is one of twenty-three committees within the organization.

Midland businesses directly benefited from Shura's involvement with the organization as we hosted the 1999 IAAM District VI Operations Seminar on August 20-22. Midland Center hosted around 120 members from Texas, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas, Arkansas, New Mexico and Mexico. The conference offered participants networking opportunities with members from other facilities, opportunities to learn new techniques and informative discussions regarding the latest trends affecting the industry.

The Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau is a division of the Midland Chamber of Commerce.

CVB Partners with Southwest Airlines

By Laura Spilman
Marketing Manager

The Midland Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) continues to build its relationship with Southwest Airlines. CVB staff members Shura Lindgren and Cynthia Button met with Terrie Todd, Southwest Airlines Regional Marketing Director, and her staff in El Paso to discuss working together to bring more conventions, sports and special events to Midland.

Southwest Airlines will offer discounted rates and special incentives to groups booked through the Midland CVB. Southwest will also help promote Midland as a destination for conventions, sporting events and special events through its marketing efforts. The Midland CVB will incorporate Southwest's benefits into proposals presented to groups considering Midland for their events. The CVB will receive reports on arrivals and departures of event attendees. This will also help hoteliers and local meeting planners meet the needs of groups more effectively. The CVB and Southwest discussed expanding the partnership to include ground transportation and tour bus services. As a result, more individuals will receive information about Midland as a great place to meet, and the Midland CVB and Southwest Airlines expect more travelers to fly into Midland, contributing directly to our local economy.

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Midland Center shines with renovations

Although it is 20 years old, Midland Center has a new look.

"If you haven't visited recently, you are in for a surprise!" said Jan Stovall, events manager for the center. The downstairs meeting rooms and offices were recently renovated.

"On New Year's Day we had a flood in our downstairs rooms," Stovall said. "We had to replace carpet, and that brought us a new color scheme, which meant we needed to repaint as well."

Taking the opportunity to continue improving the look of the center, chair rails and presentation rails were also added. The presentation rails allow users to place cards, signs and flip charts conveniently against the wall without using stands.

In the coming months, further renovations will update the look of the entire center.

Fresh paint will improve the look of the exhibit/banquet/meeting space upstairs in the full bay.

Drop-down projection screens and tack strips will be added to the downstairs meeting rooms. "These additions should make meeting rooms much more user-friendly for those groups or individuals planning seminars and conferences at the Midland Center," Stovall said.

When these renovations are finished, the center's staff will host an open house so the community can see the improvements.

"In the meantime, drop by the Midland Center to see the new look," Stovall said. "We're quite proud of the improvements and hope the entire community will enjoy the benefits."

President's club

Miriam Jones earned the Top Achiever of the Month ranking for the Midland Chamber's President's Club in July. She sold one new gold membership. Margaret Alvarez of Sam's Club also sold a new membership, as did Phil Tytanic of Performance Autoplex. Joyce Reaves of Century 21 Kay Sutton Realtors and Robert Curtiss of CMI each assisted a current member with renewal. Staff sold four new memberships in July.



Jones

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 or more 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.

You are invited to take part in this business networking committee.

For more information, call Jane Inskeep or Bruce Partain, 683-3381.

CVB events

CVB Sporting Events

The Midland Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau assists with the booking and servicing of many sporting events held in Midland each month.

September

15-18 **Southwest Oilmen's Tennis Tournament**
Racquet Club & Midland Country Club 682-5371

22-25 **Mens Class "D" Slow Pitch National Tournament**
Bill Williams Softball Complex

October

16 **Judges Cup Gymnastics Meet**
Alamo YMCA 694-2528

23-24 **3rd Annual MUGS Fall Invitational Tournament**
MUGS Complex at Ulmer Park
694-7950

November

6-7 **Turkey Shoot Out Soccer**

13-14 **Tournament**
Various Midland Soccer Complexes 684-5425

Convention Calendar

The Midland Chamber Convention and Visitors Bureau assists with booking and servicing many conventions held in Midland each month. The number indicated refers to the approximate number of individuals attending the convention.

September

17-19 **Civil Air Patrol** (500)

29-Oct. 3 **American Society of Civil Engineers** (150)

30-Oct. 3 **740th Squadron of the 455th Bomb Group** (25)

30-Oct. 3 **Eagle Squadron Reunion** (50)

October

1-3 **OX 5 Aviators Pioneers** (80)

3-5 **8th Fighter Group 5th Airforce Reunion** (100)

4-6 **Texas Homeless Network** (60)

7-9 **83rd Armored Field Artillery Battalion** (50)

14-16 **Sheriff Posse and Riding Club** (150)

18-21 **County Judges & Commissioners Assn.** (600)

22-23 **Midland High Class of 1949 Reunion** (100)

Economic indicators

MIDLAND ECONOMIC INDICATORS
♦ JULY 1999 ♦

CITY OF MIDLAND	JULY 1999	JUNE 1999	JULY 1998
Residential Permits	6	13	23
Residential Valuations	$ 702,410	$ 1,899,890	$2,159,140
Commercial Permits	14	10	5
Commercial Valuations	$ 1,617,410	$ 2,812,866	$ 1,320,919
MIDLAND COUNTY			
Labor Force	64,898	65,678	62,824
Employed	59,923	60,208	61,882
Unemployment Rate	7.7%	8.3%	4.5%
ODESSA/MIDLAND MSA			
Labor Force	129,518	132,063	129,900♦
Employed	117,815	118,376	122,400♦
Unemployment Rate	9.0%	10.4%	5.8%♦
OTHER			
MAF Enplanements	45,078	43,980	49,542
	City of Midland	**Midland County**	**Odessa/Midland MSA**
POPULATION	99,186* (Estimate 1-1-99)	117,300** (1-1-98)	241,600** (1-1-98)
COMPOSITE CRIME INDEX	71 (U.S. =100)	76 (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 Department

Chamber events

Spotlight on Women-owned Businesses
Networking Breakfast
Sept.21, 1999 - 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Midland College Student Center
$5 - Call 684-4100 to set up a free display table

Midland Chamber Annual Meeting
Sept. 23, 1999 - 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Midland Center
LaDonna Gatlin will be our speaker/singer!
Invitations will be mailed to members.
If not a Chamber member, call for info.
683-3381

Export Assistance Loans
Midland Chamber Small Business Luncheon
Oct. 13, 1999 - 11:30 am - 1 pm,
Midland Center
Presenter: Rick Schultz, Small Business Administration
$13 in advance; $15 at the door
Call Midland Chamber, 683-3381 for a registration form

Financing Your Business
Networking Breakfast
Oct. 19, 1999 - 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Midland College Student Center
$5 - Call 684-4100 to set up a free display table

Chamber Night at Midland Community Theatre
Nov. 4, 1999
6-7 p.m. reception; 7 p.m. curtain
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Invitations will be mailed in October to members. If not a Chamber member, call for info.
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International Trade
Networking Breakfast
Nov. 16, 1999 - 7:30-8:30 a.m.
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Ribbon cutting calendar

The M-Squad will conduct ribbon cuttings this month at the following Chamber-member locations. The public is invited.

Contact Dawn Webster for details at 686-3560.

Friday, September 10, 2 pm
CFC Storage - New member
4928 N. Lamesa Rd.
Becky, 620-9900

Friday, September 10, 4:30 pm
Permian Basin Fair & Expo
Ector County Coliseum - Odessa
Karen, 550-3232

Wednesday, September 15, 9 am
Ford Motor Credit - New member
15 Smith Rd. #4300
Dan, 685-3737 x. 200

Thursday, September 16, 11:30 am
Zeno Office Solutions - New Member
4555 E. University Ste. A-9
Odessa
Dale, 550-9366

Thursday, September 16, 5 pm
Sprint PCS - New member
3001 Loop 250 N. G105
Brad, 520-3444

Friday, September 17, 10 am
Head West Salon - New Member
4610 N. Garfield D6
Rick, 682-8299

Wednesday, September 22, 4 pm
Merry Maids - New Member
308 Upland
Jay, 522-2002

Wednesday, September 29, 10:30 am
KCRS - 52 year member
1001 S. Midkiff
Sylvia, 520-5277

Thursday, October 7, 2 pm
Hospice of Midland - Dedication of new building
911 W. Texas
Sandy, 683-2807



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Texas Department of Transportation
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Nike Permian Basin Open Business After Hours Mixer

More than 300 Midland and Odessa Chamber members attended the second annual Nike Permian Basin Open Business After Hours mixer, held at the Club at Mission Dorado August 23. Midland Mayor Bobby Burns announced his intention to keep the traveling Mayors Cup golf trophy in Midland. Odessa Mayor Mike Atkins vowed to even the score at 1-1, and he proved right in his prediction.

Mim Jones served as volunteer chair for the event. She was assisted by the Membership Services Committee of the Midland Chamber, as well as staff from both Chambers.

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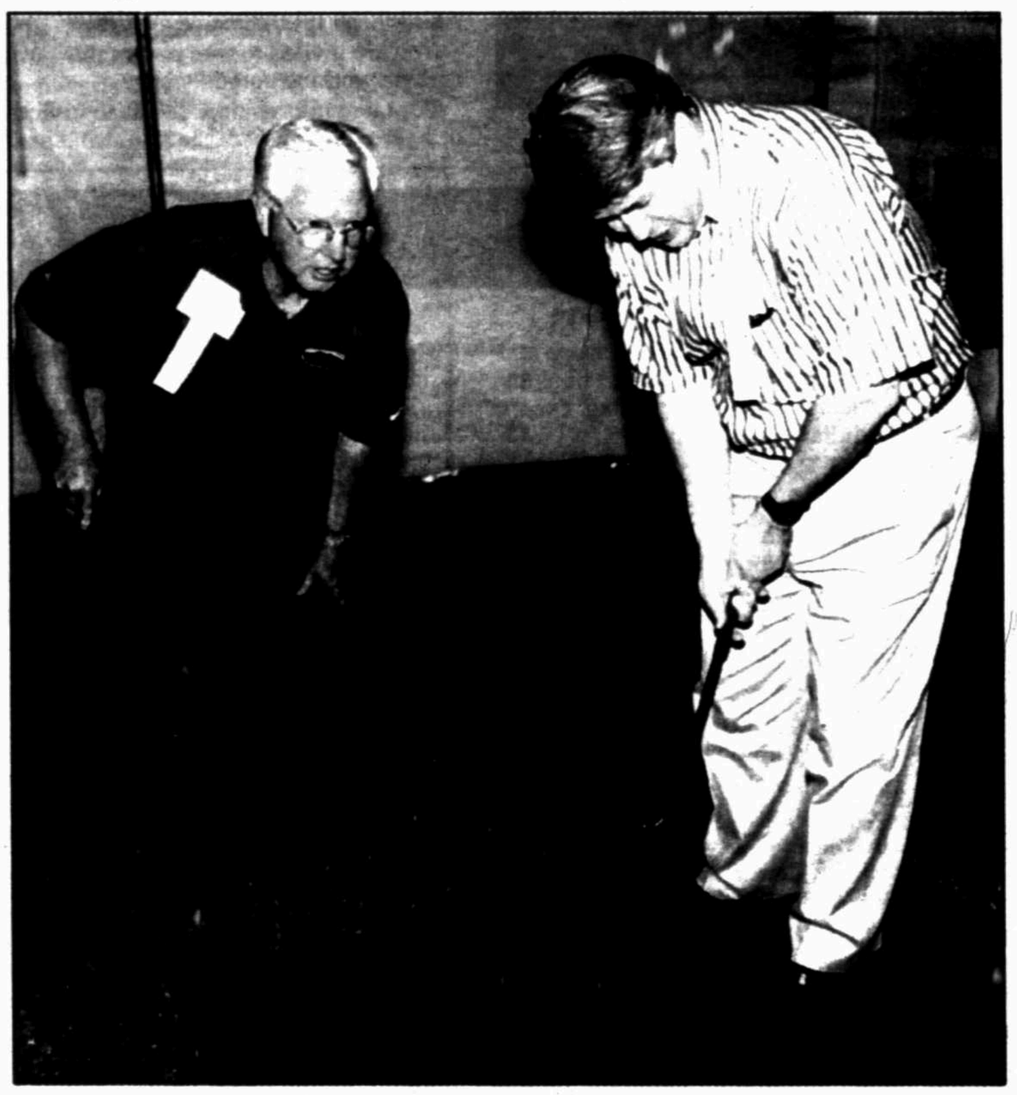


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Midland Mayor Bobby Burns advises Odessa Mayor Mike Atkins on club selection.

FIRST American BANK Midland Economic Update

Regional economy shows signs of improvement

By Mella McEwen
Midland Reporter-Telegram

A combination of higher oil prices and a significant number of new building permits has the Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index pointing skyward again at last.

"What's significant is the Texas Permian Basin Petroleum Index is higher in July than it was in June," the first time since January 1998, said Karr Ingham, the Amarillo economist who prepares the indexes for the Reporter-Telegram, First American Bank and Midland Chamber of Commerce.

"It's a slight upturn but an upturn nonetheless and another step in the progression of things that needs to occur in the recovery of the overall economy in the area," he added.

Bobby Norman, president of First American Bank, called the uptick in the petroleum index good news for the area.

"Oil prices have risen to the point they've helped rig utilization," he said. "The fact that the overall index continues to go lower is probably to be expected. We've known that the petroleum component was the leading economic indicator in this area. Last fall when energy prices fell, the general index continued to rise for several months, so it could be the third quarter or fourth quarter before we see the overall index flatten and perhaps turn upward."

Marvin Wynn, president and chief executive officer of the Midland Chamber, agreed.

"This proves it will take a few more months for the oil and gas prices we've been seeing to make their way into the general economy," Wynn said, adding that he's optimistic the economy is headed for an upturn.

Norman said some of the most striking components of the July index included building permit valuations, retail sales and employment.

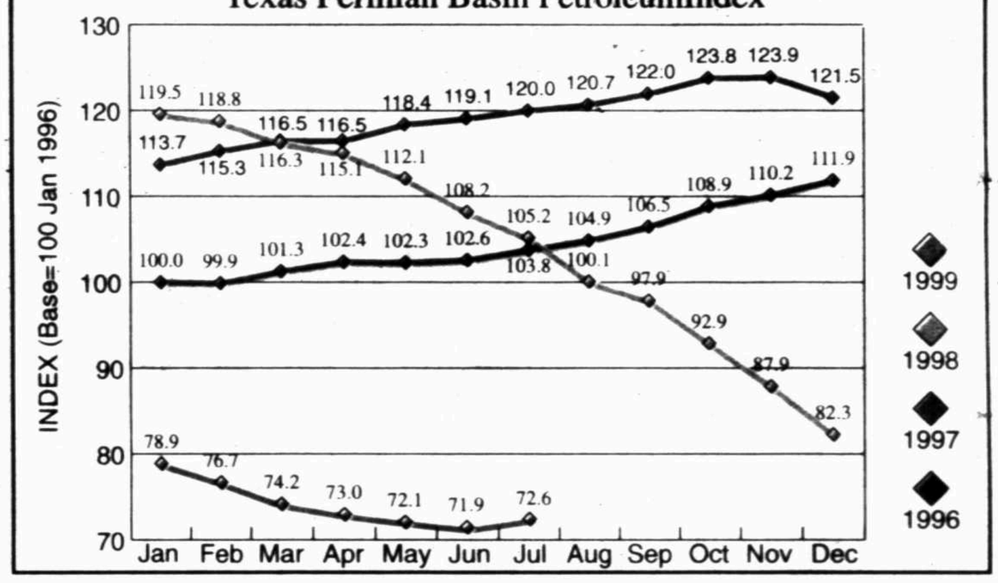
Building permit valuations soared to $20.3 million in July, a 102 percent jump over the July 1998 total of $10 million. Included in that $20.3 million were permits for a $6.5 million apartment complex, $480,000 for the Vision Health clinic on north Midland Drive, $529,000 for the Saturn of Permian Basin dealership, $1.7 million for the O'Shaughnessy dormitory at Midland College and $1.7 million for the new Permian Cardiology clinic. Other permits include the Saddle Club Plaza shopping center, Midland Shell Federal Credit Unit, America's Storage Center storage unit center, Midland Advantage Charter School and renovations to the new Britt Imports Volvo dealership and several Midland Independent School District schools.

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FIRST American Oil and Gas at a Glance

THE PERMIAN BASIN OIL AND GAS INDUSTRY

Texas Permian Basin PetroleumIndex

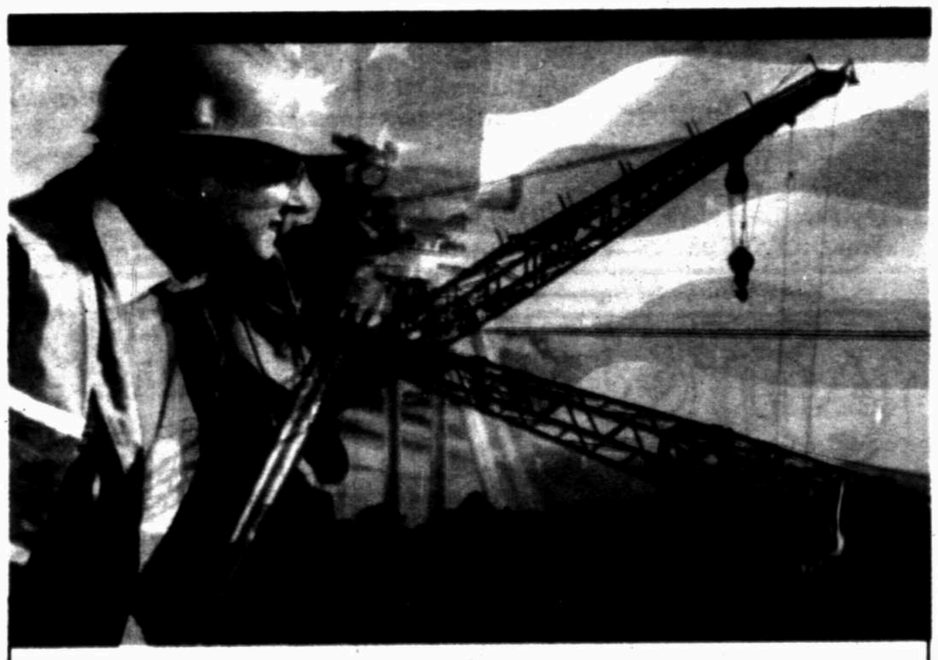


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Midland-Odessa Regional Economic Index

ECONOMIC INDICATORS	THIS YEAR July 1999	LAST YEAR July 1998	% Change 7/98-7/99
Retail Sales (000's - Month)	$144,552	$170,885	-15.4%
Retail Sales (000's - YTD)	$1,241,744	$1,369,122	-9.3%
Hotel Motel Tax (Qtr)	$434,109	$469,812	-7.6%
Hotel Motel Tax (YTD)	$911,092	$901,949	1.0%
Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (Month)	$2,340,478	$2,588,855	-8.9%
Motor Vehicle Sales Tax (YTD)	$15,246,774	$17,695,051	-13.8%
Airline Boardings (Month)	45,078	49,542	-9.0%
Airline Boardings (YTD)	280,951	307,694	-8.7%
Value All Building Permits (Month)	$20,374,25	$10,087,900	102.0%
Value All Building Permits (YTD)	$87,502,007	$82,347,234	6.3%
Permits for New Homes (Month)	10	36	-72.2%
Permits for New Homes (YTD)	143	254	-43.7%
Sales of Existing Homes (Month)	239	211	13.3%
Sales of Existing Homes (YTD)	1,182	1,484	-20.4%
Average Home Sale Price (Month)	$91,578	$101,526	-9.8%
Average Home Sale Price (YTD)	$88,038	$83,886	4.9%
Electric Utility Customers (Month)	105,278	105,820	-0.5%
Manpower Employer Survey (Qtr) *	7%	40%	N/A
EMPLOYMENT			
Wage and Salary Employment (Month)	103,200	106,100	-2.7%
Wage and Salary Employment (Avg YTD)	104,200	107,300	-2.9%
Unemployment Rate (Month)	9.0	5.6	N/A
Unemployment Rate (Avg YTD)	9.2	4.8	N/A
TEXAS PBPI **	**72.6**	**105.2**	**-31.0%**
INDEX (Base = 100 January 1996)	**103.8**	**114.8**	**-9.6%**

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Norman called the continued 10 to 15 percent decline in retail sales over year-ago figures significant.

"Not only does that have to do with the price of petroleum products and the dollars people have to spend, it has to do with employment figures," he said, noting that the July unemployment rate of 9 percent and average year-to-date rate of 9.2 percent were up sharply from the year-ago figures of 5.8 and 4.8 percent respectively.

"Retail sales are also down because they were impacted by residents' attitudes. If they were affected by oil and gas prices, they were hesitant to make purchases like furniture, a computer for the children or remodeling their homes," Norman said. "As people see stability in oil and gas prices, then they'll get comfortable and spend more. And hopefully we'll chip away at the employment rate with the success we're seeing in the oil and gas industry. As companies and business managers see the stability in energy prices, hopefully they'll put people back to work."

Ingham said it was significant that Midland-Odessa was one of the few regions in the state to show a decline in employment, posting a 3 percent decline in wage and salary employment year-to-date over year-ago levels.

He said the figures "represent to me a clear indication that your economy is extricably tied to oil and gas. This is a time in Texas, the last 10 to 15 years have been a time in Texas where cities and regions have tried to make that not be the case. The reason is you're tied to something over which you have no control. There are so many factors that impact petroleum prices and there's not one bit of local control. That's what economic development is about and I suspect it's a high priority for the chamber. It's a tough job but an important one."

Chamber meetings

September

8 President's Club 11:30am
8 Education Committee 4 pm
13 Leadership Midland Curriculum Committee 11:45 am
14 Executive Committee 11:30 am
14 M-Squad Guidelines noon Downstairs Conference Room
15 Retention/Expansion Committee 11:30 am
21 M-Squad luncheon 11:30 am
21 Sports Commission 4 pm
22 CVB Advisory Board 11:30 am
22 Board of Directors 3:30 pm
28 Leadership Midland Alumni noon
28 Membership Services 4 pm

October

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M-Squad Hold-Up:



Teri Scott & her children, Trent & Caitlin, along with her niece, Catherine Miranda, were surprised by the M-Squad while on their way to Dallas from Tucson, Arizona. Their evening's accommodations were provided by the LaQuinta and meal by La Bodega Mexican Restaurant. From left, back row, are Rose Harvell, Bob Price, Teri Scott, Caitlin Scott, Trent Scott, MPD officer Patrick Mayers, Miriam Jones and Charlie Jeffus. In front are Catherine Miranda and Adam Kretschmer.



M-Squad welcomed Bill & Vonna Prater, from Buffalo, Missouri. They were the guests of ClayDesta Inn and Cattleman's Steak House. From left are ClayDesta Inn General Manager John Crosby, Dell Hoover, Bill and Vonna Prater and Charlie Jeffus.

Since 1985 the M-Squad Ambassadors of the Midland Chamber have been welcoming guests from across the country to spend an evening in Midland. Each Thursday night for eight weeks during the summer, the M-Squad heads out, looking for visitors.

The tactics of the ambassadors are unusual, and a bit startling.

"The Sheriff's Department or Midland Police Department helps us pull over a car with out-of-state license plates," explained M-Squad chair Rose Harvell. "Then we invite our surprised guests to have a free meal, lodging, entertainment and tankful of gasoline before they head on their way."

For many of the guests, the hold-up is the highlight of their vacation. Usually they tell dozens, and sometimes hundreds of people in their home town about the friendly people and great service they found in Midland, Texas.

This year's program has met with great success, thanks to the many Midland businesses which support the program.

These include:

Hampton Inn & Gerardo's Casita
Holiday Inn & Murray's
La Quinta & La Bodega Restaurant
Hilton Midland and Towers & Santa Fe Grill
Claydesta Inn & Cattleman's
Ramada Inn Midland Airport & Luigi's Italian Restaurant
Comfort Suites & Caramba's
Fairfield Inn & Courtyard Cafe
Entertainment provided by Summer in the City, Summer Mummers, Putt Putt Golf & Games, Movies 10/Hollywood Theaters, Midland Park Lanes and the Midland Rockhounds. Publicity was provided by KMID, KWES, KOSA and the Midland Reporter-Telegram.
Transportation provided by Big John's Limo and fuel donated by Westside Exxon.



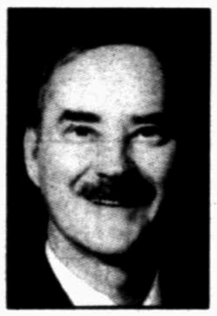
Tom & Karen Park from Columbus, Ohio were welcomed to Midland by the M-Squad and hold-up sponsors Holiday Inn and Murray's Deli. Standing from left are Charlie Jeffus, Bob Price, Doug Shipley, Peggy Thorsen, Miriam Jones, Holiday Inn representative Kristopher Pirtle, Tom and Karen Park, Holiday Inn General Manager Keith Dial, and Rose Harvell. Seated from left are Shura Lindgren, Taylor Jones, and Guy McKenzie.



M-Squaders Peggy Thorsen, far left, Deborah Peckham and Dell Hoover, far right, welcomed Spartanburg, South Carolina teachers Joe Green, Allison McCallister, Linda Eubanks and Lisa Richards. Summer in the City provided their evening's entertainment. Their stay and meal was sponsored by The Hilton Midland & Towers and the Santa Fe Grill.

Jeffus honored as Ambassador of the Month

Charlie Jeffus is the Midland Chamber's July Ambassador of the Month.



Jeffus

"Charlie earned this award by accumulating the most points through attending M-Squad events, such as ribbon-cuttings," said Dawn Webster, who coordinates the M-Squad ambassador program.

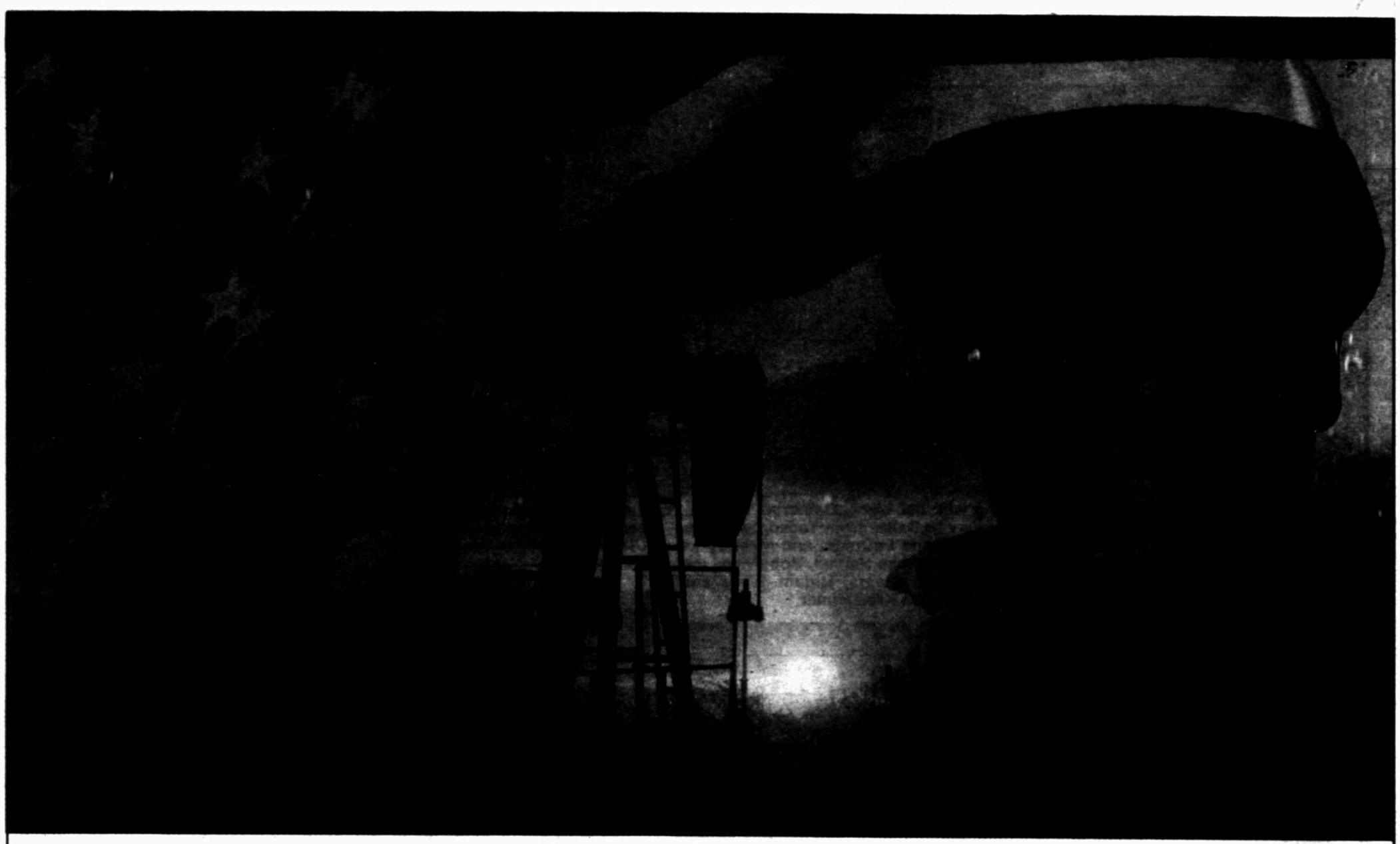
"Charlie is doing a great service for the Chamber by helping us with our member recognition events," Webster said, "but he also gains exposure for his own company by meeting business owners and managers through M-Squad."

Jeffus is an investment broker for A.G. Edwards & Sons, Inc., specializing in 401-K plans. He holds degrees in mechanical engineering from UT Arlington and SMU. Before joining A.G. Edwards, he was operations manager for Texas Instruments.

"I think every business person could benefit by being an M-Squad member," Jeffus said. "It is especially well-suited for the person who is able to get out of the office and wants to visit other businesses."

The M-Squad will hold a special orientation and reunion on October 21.

For more information about the M-Squad or the special event, call Dawn Webster at 686-3570, extension 3560.



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