

SPORTS

Garden City

Despite several returning starters for the Bearkats, new coach Wade Wesley will be starting over from scratch./**1C**



LISTEN UP!

Golden twirler

Trinity School eighth-grader Tarabeth Echols, 13, top, recently won a gold medal in baton twirling at the AAUU Junior Olympics./**7A**

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Christina Jackson looks through a schedule of classes Friday morning during registration at Midland College.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

MC classes start today; record enrollment predicted

By Jeff Stevens
Staff Writer

Classes at Midland College begin today and early indications show the local community college could be in for another banner year.

Current enrollment numbers are above the levels set during the same time period last year, according to Greg Williams, vice president of student services for the college.

"Things are going great and it looks like we are in pretty good shape," Williams said. "We are on track and running about 150 up from the same time last year."

Those numbers would indicate MC is set to top its record enrollment of last year and continue a long record of growth. As of Thursday afternoon, MC had 3,411 students enrolled, with about 100 students waiting to speak to counselors. Final enrollment figures won't be known for certain until classes have been rolling for a few weeks.

Midland College enrollment since 1995

Fall 1995 - 3,795
Fall 1996 - 4,008
Fall 1997 - 4,335
Fall 1998 - 4,633
Fall 1999 - 4,755
Fall 2000 - not yet determined

"Trying to predict enrollment is difficult because we are still registering students and once classes start we have as many as 500 to 800 students registering in late registration," said David Daniel, president of Midland College.

If the trend of the past five years is any indication, however, the college will likely have more students than the previous fall enrollment. MC's fall enrollment has grown every year since 1995 when the college had 3,795 students. That number grew to 4,008 in 1996, to 4,335 in 1997, to 4,633 in 1998 and set records

Please see **MC**/2A

'Military is in trouble today,' Cheney says

Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In recruiting, retention, morale and combat readiness, the U.S. military has serious problems that Vice President Al Gore either doesn't understand or has "chosen not to tell the truth about," Republican vice presidential candidate Dick Cheney said Sunday.

He admitted, however, that major cutbacks in the military began on his watch as the first post-Cold War defense secretary. And, in response to an irate letter from a Democratic senator, Cheney refused to back down from a campaign statement depicting the Army veteran Gore as being "'AWOL' on Veterans' Issues."

Cheney said he had not seen the statement and, until he does, cannot say whether it was appropriate to use the acronym that means "absent without leave," a heinous military offense, to describe the Democratic presidential candidate. But, he told "Meet the Press" host Tim Russert: "I have not used that word. I don't think it's appropriate of you to attribute it to me."

Cheney discussed military readiness on three Sunday talk shows.

"There is an enormous amount of evidence out there ... that the question in terms of readiness and morale, the problems with recruiting, problems with retention, that the military is in trouble today," he said on NBC.

On ABC's "This Week," Cheney said: "There are serious problems out there in respect to the overall quality of the force. There's no question that we've got a great military today, but it's headed in the wrong direction."

Based on his discussions with military people, he said, "either Al Gore doesn't know what's going on in the U.S. military, or he's chosen not to tell the truth about it."

In response, Gore campaign spokesman Douglas Hattaway said the Republicans have lost all credibility on defense.

"Cheney already admitted that military downsizing began under the Bush-Quayle-Cheney administration," Hattaway said. "So either Cheney doesn't know what he's talking about, or they can't get their story together on the military. I think it all shows that Bush is not ready to be commander in chief."

George W. Bush, who heads the Republican presidential ticket, raised the issue of military preparedness last week in a speech to the Veterans of Foreign Wars convention in Milwaukee. He said the next president will inherit a military in decline.

Cheney repeated the charge Sunday.

Please see **TROUBLE**/2A

Fire leaves local man homeless

By Richard Acosta
Staff Writer

For Robert Oliver, it was a typical — and relaxing — Sunday afternoon at home. He was watching television, thinking about what to have for dinner, and preparing himself mentally to face the daily grind of another work week come Monday morning.

'All my stuff. My money, my clothes, everything was in there ... It's gone. I don't know what I'm going to do.'
— Robert Oliver

Then suddenly, and without warning, the serene setting was disturbed. He could smell smoke. Looking over his shoulder, Oliver could see black smoke seeping from the back room.

He ran from the his home and from the outside he could see flames, flickering and growing in size as they engulfed his mobile home.

Oliver stood barefoot in the street, helpless as he watched everything he owned burn and turn into black soot.

By the time fire officials arrived on the scene at about 4 p.m. there was little they could do. The home at 3201 S.

Please see **FIRE**/2A

Victory!

Johnson earns PBO title with birdie streak



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Kevin Johnson acknowledges the applause of the crowd after making a putt on the 17th green en route to a three-shot victory at the Buy.com Permian Basin Open. Johnson, of West Palm Beach, Fla., collected a winner's check of $72,000.

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

ODESSA — Coming from behind on the toughest stretch of holes The Club of Mission Dorado has to offer, Kevin Johnson fired a final-round 70 Sunday to claim the $400,000 Buy.com Permian Basin Open.

Johnson carded a three-under-par 33 on the back nine, including three straight birdies on holes 13-15, to become the ninth champion of the PBO. Johnson, a resident of West Palm Beach, Fla., takes home a winner's check of $72,000, the largest in the history of the event.

"One week changes a lot of things," said Johnson, a three-time career winner on the Buy.com Tour. "This one shows I have the game to play out here. Now, I got to bring it up a little higher to play on the PGA Tour."

Johnson finished the 72-hole event with a 20-under-par 268, one shot off the tournament record. Trailing by three was Mark Hensby, the tour's money leader in 2000. Todd Barranger, who played in the final pairing with Johnson, was third, four shots off the pace.

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Johnson becomes the first player on the tour this year to hold or share the lead after each round and win. The Buy.com Tour does not consider it a wire-to-wire victory, because Johnson was tied for the lead at the end of the first round.

John Adams returned to the area where he made so many headlines as a high school standout for Midland Lee, finishing his four rounds at 10-under to tie for 17th, a considerable improvement from one week ago in Fort Smith, Ark.

"I knew I could come close," said Adams, who is currently living in Paris, Texas. "I wish I could have come closer. I'll probably be done for the year. I was just out to play a couple of weeks."

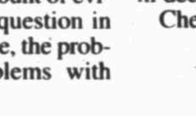
Adams said he also expects to be in a couple tournaments next year.

Just beating Adams in the standings was Derrick Pursley, a native of Andrews. Pursley, a former all-America at Midland College, not only made his first Buy.com Tour cut in eight events this year and his first cut in three attempts at the PBO, but he finished at 11-under to place 15th overall.

"I have taken a few steps up," said Pursley, a non-exempt member of the tour. "There is a certain com-

Please see **BIRDIE**/2A

A look inside



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Sunny with high in high 90s. Weather on 2A.

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Person to Person

Johnna Finch has had much support in making the transition from hearing to deafness./**1B**



Off the wire

■ Job-hungry Mexicans stop short of border./**3A**
■ Georgia lawmakers don't display state flag because of Confederate symbol./**8A**

Annual McLaren playwriting competition ends in tie

■ The comedies 'Marriage To An Older Woman' and 'Messin' With Destiny' were the top vote-getters in audience balloting.

By Pamela C. Allen
MRT Correspondent

This year's international McLaren Comedy Playwriting competition for unproduced scripts ended in a tie for first place.

The two winners were "Marriage To An Older Woman" and "Messin' With Destiny."

The winnining plays and the two finalists were produced in a reader's theater format Friday and Saturday nights at Mabee Theatre II at Cole Theater.

A total of 124 entries from across the nation were read and reread, but, according to Harry Harrison, this year's producer and co-chairman, "The cream rises to the top."

Voting was close as the first- and last-place plays were only separated by 55 votes. The audience votes on the four plays presented.

The winning play may or may not be presented during next year's season. Midland Community Theatre's Play Selection Committee will add the winners to the slate of plays that the Board of Governors will vote on.

"Hell To Pay" and "Marriage To An Older Woman" were presented Friday; "Messin' With Destiny" and "Killing Dante" were presented Saturday.

"Hell To Pay" was written by John Audreini and directed by Mark Wornell. An advertising executive must sell his soul to save his job, but in the end, it all works out.

"Marriage To An Older Woman" was written by John Fritz and directed by Greg Alexander. It's the tale of a 73-year-old woman and a 60-year-old man who meet and marry in three days on a cruise ship. Alexander said his play " ... Stood out in the fact that the characters were relatively normal people in funny situations rather than outlandish characters trying to be funny."

"Messin' With Destiny" was written by Mitch Coleman and directed by George O'Connor. A dying Gordon Newcombe is not yet ready to go and tries to change his past.

"Killing Dante" was written by Shannon Michal and Jan Henson and directed by Harry Harrison. A Fortune 500 executive becomes an avant garde painter because he sees sounds as colors.

"This year's competition was exciting," said Tim Jebsen, executive director of Cole Theater. " It gives these people (authors) a forum to have their plays read and possibly produced."

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Anyone interested in reading entries in future McLaren Comedy Playwriting competitions may call Tracy Alexander at 682-2564. Entries are submitted beginning in December, according to competition co-chairman Alathea Blischke.

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast



Today
Sunny
High 97
Low 72

Tuesday
Partly cloudy
High 95
Low 73

Wednesday
Partly cloudy
High 95
Low 72

Today's forecast calls for sunny skies with a high near 100 and southerly winds at 10-20 mph.

Tonight's forecast is for mostly clear skies with a low between 70 and 75.

Tuesday should be mostly sunny skies with a high in the upper 90s.

Tuesday night's forecast calls for mostly clear skies with a low in the lower 70s.

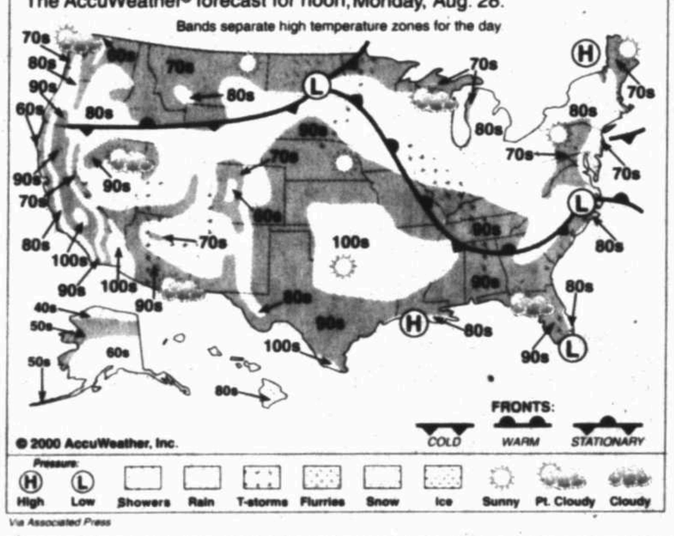
After an overnight low of 66, Sunday's high reached 92, compared to the record high for that date of 102 set in 1964. The record low of 66 was set in 1992.

Yesterday's precipitation		Yesterday's temperatures	
Rainfall Sunday	0.00 in.	High	92
Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.	Low	66
Total for month	0.06 in.	Normal high	02
Total for year	6.05 in.	Normal low	67
Normal total (year to date)	8.95 in.		

Sunrise ... 7:22 a.m.
Sunset ... 8:17 p.m.

National forecast

National weather
The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Aug. 28.



Via Associated Press

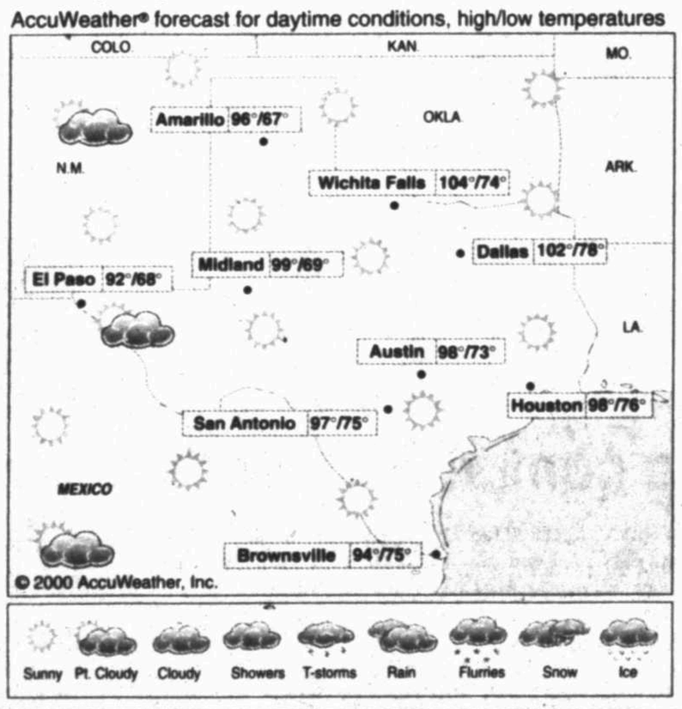
United States temperatures

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk		Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Abilene,Tex	100	77	clr		Houston	98	71	cdy	
Akron,Ohio	73	63	.53	cdy	Huntsville	80	70	.14	cdy
Albany,N.Y.	81	62	clr		Indianapolis	84	67	cdy	
Albuquerque	90	68	cdy		Knoxville	82	71	.24	cdy
Allentown,Pa.	83	57	.22	cdy	Lake Charles	94	73	cdy	
Amarillo	97	70	clr		Lansing	77	59	.01	clr
Anchorage	53	47	.20	cdy	Las Vegas	96	81	cdy	
Austin	99	70	clr		Lexington	79	65	.29	cdy
Baltimore	80	64	.51	cdy	Lincoln	91	69	clr	
Baton Rouge	93	73	cdy		Little Rock	105	72	clr	
Billings	89	61	clr		Los Angeles	79	64	clr	
Birmingham	89	71	cdy		Louisville	81	68	.07	cdy
Bismarck	87	68	.15	clr	Lubbock	97	69	clr	
Boise	89	55	clr		Midland-Odessa	96	74	clr	
Boston	85	63	cdy		Milwaukee	72	67	cdy	
Bridgeport	81	63	cdy		Mpls-St Paul	77	65	cdy	
Brownsville	94	76	cdy		Mobile	97	75	cdy	
Buffalo	76	64	clr		Montgomery	98	72	.04	cdy
Burlington,Vt.	72	67	.02	clr	Nashville	84	68	.71	cdy
Caribou,Maine	67	58	.05	clr	New Orleans	93	76	cdy	
Casper	88	60	cdy		New York City	85	71	cdy	
Cheyenne	82	57	.06	cdy	Newark	83	64	cdy	
Chicago	77	66	cdy		Norfolk,Va.	86	70	m	
Cincinnati	81	64	clr		Philadelphia	82	65	cdy	
Cleveland	73	65	.05	cdy	Phoenix	92	84	.21	cdy
Colorado Springs	85	55	cdy		Pittsburgh	73	63	.09	cdy
Columbia,S.C.	89	73	clr		Pocatello	90	60	clr	
Columbus,Ga.	77	71	.16	clr	Portland,Maine	84	56	clr	
Columbus,Ohio	79	62	.35	clr	Portland,Ore.	73	53	clr	
Concord,N.H.	84	53	clr		Providence	85	60	cdy	
Corpus Christi	97	73	clr		Pueblo	94	54	.02	cdy
Dallas-Ft Worth	102	79	clr		Raleigh-Durham	85	70	1.42	cdy
Dayton	78	60	.45	clr	Rapid City	91	63	.12	cdy
Daytona Beach	90	72	cdy		Reno	93	58	cdy	
Denver	89	55	.04	cdy	Richmond	81	67	1.55	m
Des Moines	79	68	clr		Roanoke	81	66	.03	cdy
Detroit	76	63	.64	cdy	Rochester	73	63	clr	
Duluth	74	57	cdy		Rockford	81	63	cdy	
El Paso	95	72	clr		Sacramento	93	58	clr	
Fairbanks	60	37	clr		St Louis	93	74	.42	cdy
Fargo	81	65	m		Salem,Ore.	74	45	clr	
Flagstaff	74	52	.29	cdy	Salt Lake City	87	65	cdy	
Fresno	98	68	clr		San Angelo	99	76	clr	
Goodland	91	61	.09	clr	San Antonio	98	74	clr	
Grand Junction	91	61	.01	cdy	San Diego	73	69	cdy	
Grand Rapids	78	62	clr		San Francisco	71	54	cdy	
Great Falls	83	49	clr		San Jose	80	56	clr	
Hartford Spgfld	85	57	cdy		Santa Fe	87	60	cdy	
Helena	82	51	cdy		Shreveport	102	75	clr	
Honolulu	88	74	.28	clr	Sioux City	82	58	cdy	
					Sioux Falls	81	60	cdy	

State forecast

Monday, Aug. 28

AccuWeather® forecast for daytime conditions, high/low temperatures



Truckers find body along interstate

From Staff Reports

An investigation is under way after two truck drivers found a body at the intersection of Interstate 20 and County Road 1310 at about 4:45 p.m. Sunday.

The truck drivers told law enforcement officers that they spotted the body of a white female on the side of the road while they were driving on the interstate, DPS officials said.

The woman had not been identified as of late Sunday night.

Although no official report had been filed as of 10:30 p.m. Sunday, officials said the incident is being investigated as a hit and run.

There are no suspects at this time, DPS officials said.

Parents lose custody of overweight toddler

ALBUQUERQUE (AP) — The parents of a 120-pound, 3-year-old girl say they have lost custody of the toddler because they couldn't control the girl's weight.

Miguel Regino and Adela Martinez say the New Mexico Children, Youth and Families Department took their daughter, Anamarie Martinez-Regino, after a doctor claimed the child's condition was life-threatening.

"They dragged her out of the room kicking and screaming," a grieving Ms. Martinez said after her daughter was taken from Presbyterian Hospital on Friday. "All she's known her whole life is me, Miguel, my mother, the family. She was terrified."

Anamarie weighs 120 pounds and is 3 1/2 feet tall — three times heavier and 50 percent taller than an average 3-year-old, according to the girl's physician, Monika Mahal, who made the recommendation that she be removed from her parents custody.



AP Photo

Adela Martinez of Albuquerque, N.M., clutches a portrait of her daughter Anamarie Martinez-Regino, Friday after the state took custody of the 3-year old because of her size and weight. Looking on is Anamarie's father, Miguel Regino, and her grandmother, Margaret Martinez.

Ms. Mahal was out of town and unavailable for comment.

But Irene Moody, who is in private practice with Ms. Mahal and has examined Anamarie, said Friday the decision was done in the best interest of the child.

"I can't tell you what is causing her to be this large in absolute certainty," Moody told the Albuquerque Journal. "But we do know that her size is life-threatening."

Anamarie has been in and out of the hospital since she was 2 months old because of her weight problem, but doctors have not been able to determine a cause. Glandular tests have been conducted and nothing abnormal has been found, Moody said.

But the family says the problem has medical roots and is not caused by overeating or bad nutrition at home. And Ms. Martinez said tests done on Anamarie a month ago found the weight hasn't yet placed unhealthy stress on her heart.

No state agency or law enforcement office has accused the family with anything improper in the treatment of Anamarie, Ms. Martinez said. But the legal papers she received Friday charged the family with not being able to keep the child's weight down.

"I can't believe that's what they're thinking," Ms. Martinez said. "How can I make her body grow the way it has? It's back to blaming us."

Dan Hill, a spokesman for the Children, Youth and Families Department, said it is against state law for the department's officials to comment on an open case.

Ms. Martinez has been told she may visit her daughter but doesn't know when. A custody hearing has been set for Sept. 5.

"I'm going to fight for her," Ms. Martinez said. "What else can I do? She's my baby. I just have to remember, I'll get her back someday. I'm just trying to clear my head of the last memory I have of her being pulled kicking and screaming from that room."

Community is proud of its Bush connection

CRAWFORD (AP) — A Central Texas town is wrestling with how to best handle the national attention garnered by its most famous resident, Gov. George W. Bush, who owns a ranch nearby.

Mayor Robert Campbell said he thinks some residents are starting to worry that the town may be known more for the Republican presidential candidate than its own merits. He doesn't want his city to be known just as "Bush country."

Until recently, Crawford, located about 90 miles north of Austin, eschewed the media spotlight. But a year ago, after Bush purchased his ranch near the McLennan County town of fewer than 700 residents, things started to change.

Now Crawford residents are learning what life is really like when a neighbor runs for president.

"The governor has said he's going to be a good neighbor, and we want him to be a good neighbor," Campbell told the Waco Tribune-Herald. "But we don't need to lose our identity. We are Crawford, and we're proud of it."

Earlier this month, before accepting his party's nomination at the Republican National Convention in Philadelphia, Bush's personal life took center stage. Delegates and a television audience were shown a 9 1/2-minute film entitled "The Sky's the Limit," that included interviews with the governor and his wife, and bucolic views of Crawford.

Campbell said last week the city council voted to support early plans for a Bush celebration on Nov. 4, the Saturday before Election Day. The event may include a parade, fun run and an evening street dance, according to the Tribune-Herald.

No city funds will pay for the celebration, and Campbell insists it'll encourage residents to vote, not to lend support to a select candidate or party.

But nonpartisanship wasn't on the mind of resident Cathy Horton, one of the event organizers, when she spoke to the council.

"We feel that since Bush is in our community, we should do something for him," she said. Campbell warned those in attendance Crawford is "not Bushville."

In a letter dated Aug. 1, Campbell told resident Bruce Rechenthin to come into compliance with a city ordinance by making improvements to his trailer home — including cutting tall weeds and grass and getting rid of stored junk and trash.

Rechenthin, who's lived in the trailer four years without such a warning, wasn't amused.

"I know it's because of Bush," he said. "We shouldn't have to change our yard just because of him."

But Campbell denies the Bush connection, claiming the city began reviewing and updating its ordinances more than two years ago.

Others, like Jim Holmes who was born and raised in Crawford, like the Bush attention.

"This is going to be a busy little place here, with better roads and telephones and everything you can think of," Holmes said.

On Tuesday, county commissioners will consider new traffic rules on roads near the Bush ranch. The suggested changes include a 40 mile-per-hour speed limit and new "no parking" signs.

The sheriff's office and Secret Service officials suggested the new rules.

BIRDIE: Win pushes Johnson up Buy.com Tour money ladder

(From 1A)

fort level out here, and today I felt it."

With top-25 finishes, Pursley and Adams both earned spots in the Buy.com Utah Open if they choose to take it.

In the end, Johnson hopes his career-best effort is something that will launch his career to bigger and better things. He vaulted up the Buy.com Tour money standings moving from 58th to 16th. The top 15 on the money list at the end of the year earn their PGA Tour cards for the next year, so the win gives Johnson much more to play the rest of the year.

"I was dropping on the money list quickly," Johnson said. "I don't think I made a cut since Raleigh, which seems like early spring. It definitely changes things. It gives me a good outlook going into the West Coast swing."

If he earns his card he will be the first PBO champion to go on and earn his card since Michael Christie in 1996.

One player who isn't worrying about his card is Hensby. The $43,200 runner-up check Hensby won raises his yearly total to $284,943. It also gives Hensby a $52,818 lead over Ian Leggatt in the chase for the top spot and full exemption to the 2001 PGA Tour.

"It's a consolation, but at the beginning of the day, I wanted to win the tournament," said Hensby, who also broke the tour's single-season earnings record ($251,699 by Stewart Cink in 1997). "It is disappointing not to win. That is what we are out here for.

And Hensby had his shot Sunday. He led by one stroke over Johnson going into the 13th hole, but on Mission's most pivotal stretch (13 through 15), Johnson made the shots. Hensby didn't.

"I hit some good shots into 13 and 14, but I didn't make the putts," Hensby said. "I didn't put pressure on him (Johnson) when I had to."

Hensby carded pars on 13 and 14 before bogeying the 15th. On the same stretch of holes, Johnson drained three consecutive birdies.

"That was a critical stretch of holes for me, and he got me by four (strokes) on those three holes," Hensby said. "He played them 3-under. That is incredible."

For Johnson, who sputtered a bit on the front nine and even trailed by two at one point, the three birdies sent him to the top of the leaderboard.

"It kind of fell together for me down the stretch," said Johnson, the 26th three-time winner in Buy.com Tour history. "I just hung in there and didn't panic. I was in a situation where I have been before and I answered the call. To me when I look back later on, that is going to be important. If I would have folded and shot 75, it would have made the rest of the year look terrible. I showed myself I can dig deep down and play."

TROUBLE: Military cuts are too deep, Cheney says

(From 1A)

"I think if you match our forces today up against any others around the world, we've got the best force," he said on NBC. "The problem is it's in decline, and this administration has done very little to reverse that decline."

He was asked about the Democratic contention that President Clinton assumed command in 1993 of a military that already was being cut back, by President Bush's administration and his defense secretary, Cheney.

"When we came in in '89, we still had a Cold War," Cheney said. "We had to be ready to fight an all-out global nuclear war that would begin with a few hours' notice. ... We had big forces then. Then we won the Cold War. We prevailed. The Soviet Union imploded and went away. ... All of us agreed that it was time to downsize the force."

The problem now, he said, is "they've continued to cut. They've cut too far. They've cut too deep."

Such language came under fire Sunday from Democrats.

Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., criticized Bush for inaccurately telling the Republican National Convention that two U.S. Army divisions are unready for action. Levin said the units were on duty in Bosnia and Kosovo late last year.

"If anything will sap morale" of troops, it's that kind of statement, he said on CNN.

Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., who followed Cheney on NBC, said: "Dick Cheney is flat wrong, and George Bush is flat wrong, about questions of preparedness." He blamed the booming civilian economy for problems with military recruiting and retention but said the Clinton administration is working to change that with pay increases and other personnel moves.

Kerry, who like Gore served in Vietnam, was exercised over the Bush-Cheney campaign's use of AWOL to describe Gore in its dissection of "The Clinton-Gore Record on Veterans." Neither Republican served in Vietnam.

MC: Late registration continues through Sept. 6

(From 1A)

again in 1999 with 4,755 students.

In addition to possible student growth, several new programs and offerings will face students returning to Midland College or starting classes for the first time.

The campus just completed its 96-bed men's residence hall, which already is filled to capacity. The school will begin construction within the next 60 to 90 days on the Jack Brown Dining Hall and construction is well under way on the Aaron Medical Sciences Center, according to Daniel.

The school is offering a radiography program for the first time and the 2000 school year also is the first for a men's baseball program.

New students also will get the opportunity to witness the inaugural presentation of the Phyllis and Bob Cowan Performing Arts Series. The first performer of the series, Marvin Hamlisch, will perform Sept. 14 at the Chaparral Center. Daniel said a record attendance is expected; the school is giving away 3,500 to 4 000 free tickets.

Also new for Midland College is the Advanced Technology Center, which is expected to have about 1,000 students in the coming year. Daniel said once phase two is complete, the ATC will have as many as 2,500 students.

"I think we're in good shape for another good year," Daniel said.

It's not too late to get in on that good year. Late registration at the college will run through Sept. 6.

FIRE: Clouds of smoke could be seen at airport

(From 1A)

County Road 1223 1/2 and all its contents were destroyed.

Huge clouds of black smoke could be seen from as far away as Midland International Airport.

In a matter of moments a Midland man was homeless.

"All my stuff. My money, my clothes, everything was in there ... It's gone," Oliver said. "I don't know what I'm going to do."

The Red Cross was expected to provide assistance, according to County Fire Chief Dale Little, who was at the scene.

Although the investigation into the cause of the fire is ongoing, fire officials believe the fire may have started in the bedroom. Oliver said he had a television on in that room and it may have shorted out causing the fire.

The fire gutted the mobile home leaving little of the walls and only a blackened roof and foundation.

No one was injured in the fire. Oliver's home was the only one affected by the blaze.

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More job-hungry Mexicans migrate north, but stop short of U.S. border

MONTERREY, Mexico (AP) — Lizbeth Zepeda headed north in search of the American Dream. She thinks she found it — without crossing the border.

Zepeda and her family moved four months ago to this gleaming city of mirrored office buildings, highways and strip malls. Her husband easily found construction work that paid $54 a week, nearly 70 percent more than his job in Chiapas, a poor southern state.

Sidestepping the expense and danger of sneaking into the United States, more and more Mexicans like Zepeda are finding an attractive alternative in prosperous business havens in northern Mexico. Foreign investment under the North American Free Trade Agreement has created an abundance of jobs and labor shortages.

Mexico's vision of a borderless future can be seen in Monterrey, the capital of Nuevo Leon state, which is governed by the pro-business party of President-elect Vicente Fox.

Fox, a former top Coca-Cola executive, asserts that free trade and economic development could erase the huge income gap between the United States and Mexico in 10 years, after which restrictions on Mexican immigration could be lifted.

'I think this shows that flow (to the United States) will be reduced real soon, because they will have opportunities here now.'
— Vicente Fox, President of Mexico

Labor shortages in Monterrey could help stem the tide, Fox told The Associated Press in a recent interview.

"I think this shows that flow (to the United States) will be reduced real soon, because they will have opportunities here now," Fox said.

To be sure, millions of Mexicans still dream of going to the United States, where jobs easily offer 10 times the pay in Mexico.

The number of people illegally crossing the border appears stable, with 1.5 million apprehensions a year, said Nicole Chulick, a spokeswoman for the Immigration and Naturalization Service in Washington.

Yet the shift to northern Mexico could point the way as penetrating the border grows more dangerous. U.S. authorities are cracking down on easier routes, forcing immigrants to pay smugglers who direct them to walk miles through scorching, remote deserts. The latest U.S. figures show that 157 Mexicans died crossing the border between last October and June.

Zepeda's family took a safer route after struggling to live on her husband's $32 weekly salary in Tuxtla Gutierrez, the Chiapas capital.

Although the four now live in a cramped room in downtown Monterrey, her husband earns $54 a week and Zepeda has applied for government-subsidized housing — rows of tidy homes stacked side-by-side in the steep mountainsides of the city's outskirts.

Life is somewhat better than in Chiapas, she says. "Everyone pays well. But everything is expensive."

Another job haven is Reynosa, a border city near McAllen, Texas, that draws up to 300 newcomers a day to work in factories assembling products for export, mostly to the United States. Many eventually continue on to the United States, but some stay.

The influx of new arrivals is overwhelming, creating shortages of housing and other services in some border areas, said Omeheira Lopez, director of the Center for Border Studies and the Promotion of Human Rights in Reynosa.

Such concerns are hardly slowing efforts to lure more jobs to northern Mexico.

Monterrey, 120 miles south of the Texas border, already is home to factories owned by Johnson & Johnson, Honeywell, Whirlpool and other American brands. Their offices in the city's industrial park, surrounded by green grass and fountains, stand in contrast to the scrubby desert and sheer mountains surrounding the capital of Nuevo Leon state.

Government officials have mounted a campaign to draw even more employers to this city of 1.1 million, playing up its proximity to the United States, modern infrastructure and friendliness toward business.

The competition for workers has forced employers to offer wages five times higher than in the rest of the country, where the urban minimum wage is set at $4.

Like nearly every plant in Monterrey's industrial park, Delphi Automotive Systems — an auto parts maker that plans to cut 900 jobs in Europe — has a giant sign outside appealing for applicants. The shift to a cheaper labor area is part of a trend by international companies to cut costs on salaries.

Carlos Zambrano, Nuevo Leon's secretary of economic development, says unemployment of less than 2 percent has attracted Mexicans from all over to jobs as waiters, maids and construction workers. But the state's goal is to create "intellectual jobs, rather than just hard labor," he said.

The labor market is so tight that businesses are forced to become creative. Ricardo Briomes, a car wash manager, gave up finding more workers and instead tried to squeeze more productivity from existing ones, offering bonuses to those who wash more cars and bring in more customers.

Jorge Alberto Antonio, 16, earns enough vacuuming cars to send $107 home each month to his family, which grows corn in southern Veracruz state.

He says crossing the U.S. border is too dangerous. But for Juan Ramon Molina, a 35-year-old immigrant from El Salvador, it's the only option.

Unable to pay the loan on his house, he left behind his wife and two children and traveled for two months to reach a Monterrey immigrant refugee house, guarded by an unfriendly dog humorously named 'La Migra' — Spanish slang for the U.S. immigration service.

Although Central Americans here easily find work in Monterrey, Molina plans to move on to the United States, where dollars can buy far more than Mexican pesos sent to his family in El Salvador.

He knows several migrants who were deported and even one who lost a leg trying to climb aboard a train crossing the border. But Molina just shrugs.

"As an illegal," he said, "there's always danger."

On the Net:
Monterrey background information:
http://www.nl.gob.mx/pagina/Negocios/Investment/GenerAspects.html

Botched raid raises questions about Israeli-Palestinian security cooperation

ASSIRA ASHMALIA, West Bank (AP) — A botched raid on an Islamic militant hide-out in this West Bank village ended Sunday with three Israeli soldiers dead — all possibly by friendly fire — and Palestinian officials angry at how Israel handles threats to peace between the two peoples.

The target of the nighttime raid was Mahmoud Abu Hanoud, a fugitive at the top of Israel's most-wanted list, blamed for two 1997 bombings that killed at least 21 Israelis.

Abu Hanoud, known as the leader of the militant Hamas group's military wing, was wounded and fled the shoot-out into Nablus, a nearby town under total Palestinian control. There, he gave himself up to Palestinian security forces to receive medical attention, said Palestinian officials, who were keeping him under heavy guard.

The raid comes a month after Israeli and Palestinian negotiators broke new ground at the Camp David summit. The sides still hope to agree on a permanent peace soon, a prospect that has spurred Hamas — implacably opposed to any deal with the Jewish state — to increase its efforts to scuttle the peace.

Despite their own failure to capture Abu Hanoud, for whom they'd been searching for years, Israeli officials praised Palestinian security forces and said his detention proved the effectiveness of Palestinian-Israeli security cooperation.

But the Palestinians were hardly as sanguine, and did their best to distance themselves from the operation.

"What the Israelis have done is a mistake, that they committed on their own initiative, and it has nothing to do with the Palestinian Authority," said Col. Jibril Rajoub, the top Palestinian security official in the West Bank. "They paid the price."

This prosperous village, tucked into a dry riverbed, is designated in interim agreements as a 'B' area — jointly controlled by Israel and the Palestinians, with ultimate security control in Israel's hands.

Rajoub suggested that, with the sides approaching an agreement that would transfer most 'B' areas to a sovereign Palestinian state, it was time for Israeli forces to move out for good.

Israel was not about to cede its West Bank operations, said Lt. Gen. Shaul Mofaz, the military chief of staff. Still, with three young men dead, all possibly by friendly fire, hard questions needed to be asked.

The troops entered the village, a Hamas stronghold, on Saturday night looking for Abu Hanoud. He has been a fugitive since the 1997 bombings at the crowded Mahane Yehuda market in Jerusalem and the Ben Yehuda pedestrian mall.

Abu Hanoud was walking through the village when an Israeli soldier told him to halt, said his mother, Fatma, who visited him in the hospital. He fired at the soldiers, who were on a nearby rooftop.

He was hit in the shoulder but fled through olive groves to a Palestinian police checkpoint, Fatma Abu Hanoud said.

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■ Gore pushes health plan

Riding a wave of success on his prescription-drug plan, Vice President Al Gore next week will launch a cross-country discussion of health care issues and a comparison of his plan with those of Gov. George W. Bush. Gore's advisers, who outlined the strategy Saturday, said that prescription drugs had emerged as the "top issue," and that Gore had surged in the polls in part because he had dedicated so much time to the issue. Under Gore's plan, people 65 and older with low incomes would get free prescription-drug coverage. Bush's plan also covers the elderly poor. Gore wants a broader package of prescription drug coverage through Medicare to all elderly patients; Bush does not.

■ Lieberman to talk to Muslims

Democratic vice presidential candidate Joseph Lieberman plans to reach out to Arab American leaders during a campaign swing through Michigan today, hoping to reassure Muslims who worry that his election could hurt their agenda and tilt U.S. policy in the Middle East. "I'm going to talk about the basic themes of the campaign and how much I feel the Arab American community . . . is an important and growing community in our country," Lieberman said. "I want them to have a seat at the table and to feel that I'm accessible to them." Sen. Lieberman, who is Jewish, said he has a strong record of supporting the rights of Arab Americans, and was co-sponsor of a Senate resolution protesting discrimination against Muslims.

■ Voters want more facts

The public's interest toward the presidential campaign is on the rise, but only about half of Americans polled say they don't have enough information yet to pick a candidate, according to a survey released Friday by the Annenberg School for Communication at the University of Pennsylvania. Men were more likely than women to feel informed enough to choose. About 55 percent of men, and 47 percent of women said that after the two conventions they knew enough about the two candidates to make a choice. The poll found voters are most confused over Bush's position of allowing people to invest some of their base Social Security benefits, and over Gore's proposal that people can invest money in addition to a guaranteed Social Security benefit.

■ Bush sues car rental agency

Republican presidential nominee George W. Bush, who as governor advocated and signed legislation limiting civil lawsuits, filed a case of his own in Texas against a rental car agency over a minor accident involving his daughter Jenna. Bush in April 1999 sued Enterprise Rent-A-Car in Austin for the Sept. 8, 1998, accident in which Jenna was driving Bush's jeep when she was hit by a rented car, according to an article in Saturday's New York Daily News. Bush's lawyer, Sean Breen, said that although Bush had insurance, he paid for the repairs and that was why he was suing. "We exhaustively tried to resolve it short of a lawsuit, but they refused to pay," Breen said. The lawsuit alleged Enterprise shared blame because it had rented a car to a driver whose license was suspended. The case was eventually settled for about $2,000, Breen said.

■ Liebermans' net worth listed

Vice presidential hopeful Joseph Lieberman's personal financial statement — which includes the investments of his wife, Hadassah — shows a conservative list of investments, with the bulk of his net worth coming from mutual funds, a blind trust and real estate. According to government financial records for 1999, Lieberman earned $141,300 as a senator and received $45,000 in book royalties. His largest investment is a blind trust valued at $100,000 to $250,000 and he has an individual retirement account consisting mainly of government securities valued at $9,000 to $135,000.

■ Cheney: Drug plan details due

Details of Republican presidential candidate George W. Bush's plan to provide seniors with a prescription drug benefit will come "in the not-too-distant future," vice presidential running mate Dick Cheney promised Sunday.

It won't be soon enough for Democratic presidential rival Al Gore, who is gearing up for a week of campaigning focused on the lack of detail from Bush on the issue. Gore's campaign even called on Health and Human Services Secretary Donna Shalala to criticize Bush for not yet fleshing out his promise to "make prescription drugs available and affordable for every senior who needs them." "They can't pay for it," she argued in a telephone conference call with reporters on Sunday. "The fundamental question is if they do ever roll out a plan or indicate they're going to support a plan is where they're going to get the money to pay for it."

Gore has offered a $250 billion, 10-year plan to add a prescription drug benefit to Medicare. Bush is airing a campaign commercial touting his ideas for improving health care.

"Vice President Gore and Senator Lieberman do have a plan, a very solid plan. It covers everyone. It's within Medicare ... it simply upgrades Medicare and modernizes by adding a prescription drug benefit. And it's affordable and voluntary and we pay for it," Shalala said.

Bush's campaign fired back, with help from Sen. Bill Frist, R-Tenn., who said Gore's plan, if enacted, will fall short of its promises. He also argued that it would be irresponsible to add prescription drug coverage to an antiquated system.

Frist said Bush's plan will "build" on a Medicare overhaul proposal he developed with Sen. John Breaux, D-La., and would streamline the system while giving Americans needed versatility.

"Seniors won't have the wool pulled over their eyes," Frist, the only doctor in the Senate, said in a separate conference call. "They're clearly not going to get what's being advertised by the Gore campaign. It's irresponsible for the Gore campaign to give them false hope."

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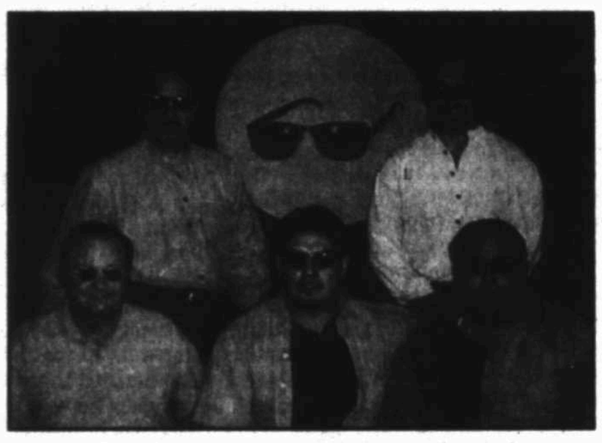
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✔ Tuesday, August 29

8 a.m.-Noon — Southwestern Bell & Target at *Boys & Girls Club of Midland*, painting.

✔ Wednesday, August 30

8 a.m.-Noon — Key Energy & Eddie Bauer at *Community & Senior Services' Meals on Wheels*.; **Key Energy** and **Compressor Systems, Inc.** at *Safe Place*, painting.

1-5 p.m. —Midland Reporter-Telegram at *Girl Scouts of the Permian Basin*, various projects.

✔ Thursday, August 31

8 a.m.-Noon — H-E-B & Burlington Resources at *Buffalo Trail Council*, cleaning vacant lot; **H-E-B** at *Freewill Foster Home*, hanging wallpaper.

1-5 p.m. — Midland Reporter-Telegram at *Camp Fire Boys & Girls*, various projects.

✔ Friday, September 1

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1-5 p.m. — Marathon Oil at *American Red Cross-SW Texas*, various projects; **FedEx** at *Midland Rape Crisis Center*, painting; **Chevron** at *YMCA Child Development Center*, painting playground equipment.

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Midland: a plethora of potential

A recent Midland Chamber of Commerce study on ways to promote tourism via Interstate 20 is a first step toward awakening a potential sleeping elephant we have right outside our door.

Thousands of drivers pass by Midland every day.

Are we doing enough to persuade the passing motorists to make a stop in the Tall City?

The chamber I-20 study is valuable in the ongoing, broader examination of ways in which to diversify Midland's economy.

While it is easy for many to focus on the assets Midland doesn't have — water and trees — it's far too much of an automatic impulse to forget the valuable tourism resources we have developed such as the Confederate Air Force and Petroleum Museum. Both are terrific tourist attractions.

Meanwhile, Midland could be on the threshold of another great claim to fame. Following the November elections, Midland could rightfully stake its claim as the hometown of the president and first lady of the United States.

During the recent Republican Convention, Midland was in the spotlight many times. The film used to introduce Gov. George W. Bush showed Midland as the spirited, resilient town in which the GOP presidential contender formed the values that would later guide him in life. When is the last time has Midland enjoyed such positive national exposure?

It's hard to imagine that motorists passing by our city don't wonder if this is the same Midland that Bush spoke of with such fondness from the podium the night he accepted the GOP presidential nomination.

Motorists are left to wonder because Midland has no signage and no markers laying claim to the roots George and Laura Bush have in Midland.

Mayor Bobby Burns recently appointed a "The Sky's The Limit" task force to explore promotion and tourism opportunities that could be associated with the Bush presidential bid. The mayor brought back the old, famous Midland saying to name this committee, in part because Bush has been using the famous Midland phrase on the campaign trail.

It's another small step in the right direction.

There are also in this city, dreamers who believe a West Texas Expo Center could attract rodeo and horse enthusiasts to Midland. That dream has a great deal of potential and we would urge those associated with the expo center to forge ahead with their efforts.

Finally, construction on the Scharbauer Sports Complex will soon begin and with it will come the opportunity to lure many sports fans to Midland. We ought to be ready to put our marketing muscle behind the new stadium and realize its full potential.

Those who think it is a ridiculous idea making Midland a tourism destination ought to think again.

Midland has a lot to offer.

Tourism is but one way to diversify our economy. But it can be an important part of the overall strategy that will carry Midland forward in the years ahead.

Today in History

Today is Monday, Aug. 28, the 241st day of 2000. There are 125 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On Aug. 28, 1963, 200,000 people participated in a peaceful civil rights rally in Washington D.C., where the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. delivered his "I Have a Dream" speech in front of the Lincoln Memorial.

On this date:

In 1609, Henry Hudson discovered Delaware Bay.

In 1749, German author Johann Wolfgang von Goethe was born in Frankfurt.

In 1916, Italy's declaration of war against Germany took effect during World War I.

In 1922, the first-ever radio commercial aired on station WEAF in New York City (the 10-minute advertisement was for the Queensboro Realty Company, which had paid a fee of $100).

In 1947, legendary bullfighter Manolete was mortally wounded by a bull during a fight in Linares, Spain; he died the following day at age 30.

In 1955, Emmett Till, a black teen-ager from Chicago, was abducted from his uncle's home in Money, Miss., by two white men after he had supposedly whistled at a white woman; he was found brutally murdered three days later.

JACK ANDERSON

Gore's populace center focuses on 'politics of anger'

Al Gore got a bigger bounce from the Democratic Convention than anybody anticipated, especially after the pundits almost uniformly trashed his speech as an outdated appeal to populist grievances. Gore ticked off what the commentators ridiculed as an "enemies list," citing big oil, big polluters, pharmaceutical companies, HMOs and the insurance industry as special interests arrayed against ordinary Americans. In an age of plenty, with more than half of the country invested in the stock market, and with unemployment at a quarter-century low, Gore's critics wonder whom he's talking to — certainly not the new, wired workers who are the fastest-growing segment of the electorate.



Anderson

Gore is taking a risk in fashioning his campaign rhetoric around the politics of anger, but so far it has paid off handsomely in the polls. Here's why:

■ Gore has carefully chosen his targets. Wherever voters are on the income scale, they have horror stories to tell about dealing with HMOs, or they have a parent struggling to pay for costly prescription drugs. Taking on big oil resonates nicely in the context of a Republican ticket that is the dream team for the oil industry.

■ When Gore rails against the corporate interests, he blunts Ralph Nader's appeal among liberals and Perot populists. The litany that the pundits mock is music to the ears of these disaffected voters and has the power to draw them back into the Democratic camp. The Nader vote could make the difference in a handful of states, notably California, Washington State and Michigan — all must-wins for Gore.

■ Gore sounds and looks natural on the campaign trail when he makes his pitch as a fighter for the little guy. He learned his populist impulses from his father, a former schoolteacher who was elected to Congress in 1938 running on populist themes. Authenticity is this year's buzzword, and voters can tell Gore feels this in his gut. For Gore, who has struggled to make a human connection with the electorate, this could be the tie that binds.

■ Peel away the populist rhetoric, and Gore is still a DLC Democrat. Al From, head of the centrist Democratic Leadership Conference, points out that Gore has not shifted any of his positions to match his more passionate pleas for fairness. In taking on big oil, Gore is calling for an investigation of possible pricing collusion among the oil companies, hardly a radical proposal. In assailing the HMOs, he calls for passage of a Patients' Bill of Rights, which is currently before the Congress. Gore wants the right to sue included in the legislation, a controversial, but far from radical, demand. Singling out the pharmaceutical companies makes some Democrats nervous since the industry is responsible for extraordinary research and has done so much to improve the quality of life. But when busloads of senior citizens are pictured on the evening news traveling across the border to Canada to purchase lower-cost drugs, Gore speaks for the vast middle in American politics when he advocates prescription-drug coverage for seniors.

Gore is running as the rightful inheritor of the greatest economy the country has seen in some time, yet he knows that telling people times are good is not enough to win the election. The question for Gore is whether his new, energetic, populist rhetoric can both rally the core Democratic vote and reach out to the swing voters. Gore is aware of the danger that he could isolate himself as the spokesman for those who have grievances, leaving Bush to address the more optimistic, New Economy voters. So far, Gore has not fallen into that trap, and with his policies anchored in the center, it is not likely that he will.

Jack Anderson's and Doug Cohn's column is distributed by United Feature Syndicate.



Letters

Hospital stay was comfortable

Recently, I was hospitalized at Midland Memorial Hospital for a routine surgical procedure. During this time, I was treated with exceptional care and was pleased with the compassion shown by the entire staff.

I also want to extend a special thanks to the nurses on the fourth floor. Without them, my stay would not have been as comfortable.

Dena Galey

TAAS scores higher than ever

In their article about MISD state report card, the *Reporter-Telegram* neglected to mention that MISD TAAS scores are the highest they have ever been across the board and in every sub group (black, Hispanic, white, and economically disadvantaged). None of us want so-called "low performing" schools but Midlanders should not lose sight of the fact that MISD students did better last year than ever before. Two schools (Travis and Burnet) were "recognized." And the truth is, the schools which slipped into the "low Performing" category did so because of the performance of a tiny group of students in one sub group on one portion of the test.

The *Reporter-Telegram* was right on another count—that all Midlanders should roll up their sleeves and help. Citizens and parent involvement are what make schools great.

Latrese Kendrick, President
Midland Council of PTAs

School bond for Midland's future

This past June, our small startup company hired three students for summer computer work. Each student was assigned a task, given a budget, and told the project must be completed by Aug. 15.

This summer turned out to be a really wonderful experience. Their work was superb. All three of them were indeed assets to our company. As I look back on those three months, what they accomplished and how they handled themselves was a tribute to their respective parents and to our educational system. These students were Courtney Chambers, Ross Able, and Anna Lord.

Courtney and Ross are presently students in the MISD high schools and Anna is in her second year of college. The training they have received at their high schools is tremendous and that training has definitely prepared them for future educational opportunities, especially in the highly technical fields in today's workplace. However, we must continue to provide every available opportunity for young people like these summer employees. They depend on us, and we will depend on them in short order.

In my work, I often talk to folks all over the world about oil and gas technology and problem wells. Without exception, when I tell them where I live, they know where Midland, Texas is. Our area is the oil and gas center of "How To and Hands On." We should be proud of that distinction and we should capitalize on that role as part of our economic future.

If Midland is going to retain that renowned leadership that it currently enjoys, we must step up to the plate and continue to invest in our kids and community. They need us now and we need them in the future. Companies cannot grow without qualified and trained employees and without adequate and above average schools to train our future leaders, that cannot happen. I encourage us all to back the school bond election in October. Truly Midland's future does depend on it.

Fred Newman

Patrolmen not paid the same

I have been a deputy with the Midland County Sheriff's Department as of April 1993 and assigned to the patrol division as of October 1998. I am writing this letter in reference to the August 14 article, "County will Decide Fate of Employee Pay Increase." The article provided more misleading information to the citizens of Midland County.

I have not figured out where the numbers were obtained. As of this writing, my base salary is $25,873; therefore I am the lowest paid patrolman in Midland County. Since my placement to the patrol division, three other deputies have also been promoted to patrol. Two of the deputys' base pay is $27,183 and the other deputy's base pay is $26,520. I trained one of the deputies promoted and he is compensated at a higher salary than I. The sheriff's office has requested salary adjustments in previous budgets, but the Midland County commissioners have refused to take action. Why is it a problem to pay all patrolmen the same salary for performing the same duties?

John A. Reese Jr.

CHARLEY REESE

Book brings to life success stories of famous Japanese

Probably not many Americans know who Matsushita Konosuk was, despite the fact that our homes and offices very likely contain a great many products from the firm he started and ran.

Got a Panasonic? AJVC? A Technics? A Quasar? Those are just some of the brand names of Matsushita Electric, whose 250,000 employees make color TVs, VCRs, video camcorders, satellite dishes, compact-disc players, stereo equipment, tape recorders, car radios, cordless phones, cellular phones, fax machines, copiers, industrial robots, integrated circuits, refrigerators, air conditioners, microwave ovens, rice cookers, vacuum cleaners, irons, fans, washing machines, toasters, batteries, lamps and personal computers and laser printers.



Reese

Not a bad product line for a man who at the age of 10 was forced by poverty to apprentice himself in a bicycle shop. For several years he worked 80 hours a week. He got five days off per year. His meals were just rice and vegetables.

The sight of an electric trolley convinced him that the future didn't lie with bicycles. He joined Osaka Electric Light Co. as a wiring technician when he was 16. At age 20, he married a woman in an arranged marriage that would last 74 years. During the early years of Matsushita Electric, his wife kept the books and often cooked meals for the workers. He founded the company in 1917 when he quit his job to manufacture adapter plugs at home.

When the Great Depression hit Japan, rather than lay off workers, Matsushita told them they could work half a day for full pay if they would spend the rest of the day selling the company's products. Within just a year, sales were back to normal.

Matsushita Electric became the first in Japan to have a spiritual philosophy, a company song, financially independent divisions, employee groups devoted to quality control, a five-day workweek, equal pay for women and wages as high as those in the West.

Honda Soichiro is another Japanese man who began his life in poverty and built a great industrial empire. The son of a blacksmith, he dropped out of school to become a garage mechanic.

These and other famous Japanese are the subject of a new book, "Giants of Japan," by Mark Weston. The book, published by Kodansha America, contains short biographies of famous Japanese, both contemporary and historical, in the fields of business, politics, art and athletics. It is both useful and entertaining.

One of the many innovative things Honda did, for example, was to encourage employee creativity by allowing employees to patent any inventions they came up with in their own names so that they could receive the royalties. Honda said, in explaining this policy, that he was always most interested in the product, not the money. He himself held more than 400 patents.

That explains the principal difference between Japan and post-war American industry. The lawyers, accountants and financiers who have gained control of most of America's industries are interested first and last in the money—their money—and product, employees and customers are only incidentals. You can see this attitude reflected in the enormous disparity between executive compensation and worker compensation, a huge disparity that does not exist in Japan and most other countries. In the long run, I do not think that a nation of lawyers, stock salesmen, bankers, discount merchants, accountants and entertainers can stand against nations of engineers, industrialists and inventors.

Substance beats fluff every time.

Charley Reese's column is distributed by King Features Syndicate.

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BY GARRY TRUDEAU



Listen Up!



Go for the Gold!

Midlander wins first place Junior Olympic Gold Medal

EDITORS NOTE: Tarabeth Echols, 13, recently competed in the Amateur Athletic Union Junior Olympics and National Baton Twirling Championships in Orlando, Fla. She wrote this story about her experience.



Tarabeth Echols of Midland, top, and the other winners of the two-baton at the AAU Junior Olympics and National Baton Twirling Championships in Orlando, Fla.

Photo courtesy Heather Echols

By Tarabeth Echols

My name is Tarabeth Echols; I am 13 years old and I attend eighth grade at Trinity School.

On Aug. 2-6, I competed in the AAU Junior Olympics and National Baton Twirling Championships in Orlando, Fla. I never dreamed I would come home with a first place Junior Olympic Gold Medal in two-baton, a fourth place medal in three-baton, and a seventh place medal in one-baton solo.

Competing in the Junior Olympics was a new experience for me, since I usually go to the World Championships at Notre Dame University. I found the Junior Olympics to be very different than the World Championships, because I had to place in the top 10 in the preliminaries in order to be eligible for competition in the finals.

I entered the advanced category at the Junior Olympics, where I competed in one-baton solo, two-baton, three-baton and freestyle. I also had to compete in the 13- to 15-year-old division, which differs from Nationals, where I would have competed only with 12-year-olds. That was rather intimidating, but my mom reminded me not to be to hard on myself even though many of the girls were sophomores in high school.

"Just think what you will look like in two more year!" she said.

I did see some awesome twirling, which inspired me to keep twirling and improving my practice procedure.

One of the most nerve-racking moments I've ever experienced was having first place in the preliminaries for two-baton 13- to 15-year old division, and the next morning having to twirl again to see if I could keep my first place. Luckily, I held it together and I'm sure God helped me.

I was so nervous, when I went to the awards ceremony because I have learned never to count my chickens before they hatch! They announced all 10 places, starting with 10th, and when the announcer got to second place and didn't call my name, I drew a sigh of relief!

The judges awarded me first place. I am now the 2000 AAU Junior Olympic and National Two-Baton Gold Medallist.

I was extremely happy that all of my hard work paid off. Two of my biggest fans, my mom and my grandmother, Two-Mommies, were thrilled right along with me.

To give some background, the Junior Olympics began in Washington, D.C., with 523 athletes competing in swimming, tack and field. The Junior Olympics is the largest multi-sport event held annually for youth in the U.S. About 14,000 athletes competed in the 2000 AAU Junior Olympic Games, with competitions in 26 sports over an 11-day period. Many famous Olympic Gold Medallists — including The Shaq, Kerri Strug, Jackie Joyner-Kersee and Mark Spitz — competed in previous Junior Olympics,

During the four days of competition, I made many new "twirler" friends from all over the United States and Canada and many wonderful memories that will last me a lifetime.

I started twirling when I was 5. My twirling coach is Gina Adams Martin, former Lee feature twirler and 11-times World Champion, who encouraged me to get to the advanced division of twirling at an early age. I won four first-place World Titles when I was 8 and in the intermediate category, and moved into the advanced division when I was 9.

In the advanced category, many of the twirlers live with their teachers during the summer and twirl all day and night. Some girls don't even go to school, but are tutored so they can twirl more. I twirl two hours a day when possible to allow for my school work and all the other activities I enjoy doing.

I work hard at school. My parents say, "God comes first, school comes second and twirling third."

I have attended Trinity since I was 3, and I love my school where the teachers, administrators and students support me in my every endeavor. I know they are behind me helping me be my best. I feel so grateful to be able to attend such a wonderful school.

Along with all my fond memories, competition has taught me to humbly accept defeat and disappointment, and to be a gracious winner and loser. I thank God, my family and friends, and my church for giving me so many people who support and encourage me.

Tarabeth Echols, 13, is an eighth-grader at Trinity School.

Don't sweat it: Here's the lowdown on August

By Lisa Davis
Fort Worth Star-Telegram

Ah, August. Sweltering heat. Back-to-school. Immortalized on a Neil Diamond album, "Hot August Night." On the whole, not a great 31 days, although it does have its moments (and at least it's nearly over).

"You sunburnt sicklemen, of August weary, Come hither from the furrow and be merry." **— Shakespeare's "The Tempest"**

NO, IT IS THE HEAT

August is not the hottest month. (It just feels that way.) The hottest day of the year is actually July 21, based on national averages over the past 10 years. The average high for Fort Worth-Dallas in August is 96 degrees — same as in July. The hottest temperature ever recorded in Texas was in August (120 degrees in Seymour in 1936) — although that matches the 120 degrees recorded in June in Monahans in 1994.

Why is it so hot? In the summer, the northern half of the globe tilts toward the sun, so we're closer to the heat source. Plus, the longer days mean we spend more time absorbing heat. But take heart. At least we don't live in Monahans. (Source: U.S. National Climatic Data Center, www.ncdc.noaa.gov)

WHERE AUGUST GOT ITS NAME

The month is named after Augustus Caesar, emperor of Rome from 27 B.C. to A.D. 14. He took over after his great-uncle, a guy you may have heard of, Julius Caesar. Augustus was an administrative genius who got Rome functioning again as an empire. He also oversaw the golden age of Roman literature, which encompassed Virgil and Horace. He was originally named Gaius Octavius, but adopted "Augustus" as a title to emphasize his superiority.

HOT DOGS

Early August falls within the dog days of summer, so named by the Romans. For the six to eight hottest weeks of the summer (July 3-Aug. 11, or thereabouts), the dog star, Sirius, rises with the sun. The Romans figured it only added to the sun's heat, hence, dog days. (Source: Brewer's Dictionary of Phrase and Fable)

AUGUST DOCTRINE

St. Augustine (A.D. 354-430) was a pillar of the early Christian church, serving as the Bishop of Hippo in North Africa.

He is best known for his book "City of God," written partly to console Christians who fled the fall of Rome. In it, he writes of two cities: the heavenly and the earthly. Christians, as citizens of the heavenly city, are not to be overly concerned with the earthly, but are to live on Earth as pilgrims, ever conscious that they'll be returning to their true home.

Augustine lives on in ways beyond theological. Bob Dylan wrote "I Dreamed I Saw St. Augustine." He also shares his name with a grass. (Source: James J. O'Donnell's Augustine Page, ccat.sas.upenn.edu/jod/augustine.html)

HOT CITIES

At least nine states are home to cities named Augusta, notably Georgia (home of the Masters golf tournament), Maine (it's the capital), Arkansas, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Montana and Wisconsin. There's also St. Augustine in Florida. Texas, always overexuberant, has both an Augusta AND a San Augustine.

IT REALLY IS A LOUSY MONTH

History has not been kind to August. Among the tragedies of the eighth month:
A.D. 79: Mount Vesuvius erupts near Pompeii (Aug. 24).
1619: The first African slaves arrive in North America (Aug. 20).
1814: During the War of 1812, the British capture and burn Washington, D.C. (Aug. 24).
1883: The volcano Krakatau explodes (Aug. 27).
1914: Germany invades Luxembourg — the first act of warfare of World War I (Aug. 1).
1923: President Warren G. Harding dies of a stroke (Aug. 2).
1926: Rudolph Valentino dies (Aug. 23).
1934: Adolf Hitler becomes Fuhrer (Aug. 2).
1935: Will Rogers is killed in a plane crash (Aug. 15).
1944: Anne Frank is captured by the Nazis (Aug. 4).
1945: Hiroshima is bombed (Aug. 6).
1945: Nagasaki is bombed (Aug. 9).
1961: East Germany erects the Berlin Wall (Aug. 15).
1962: Marilyn Monroe is found dead (Aug. 5).
1965: The Los Angeles Watts riot begins (Aug. 11).
1966: Charles Whitman opens fire from the University of Texas clock tower (Aug. 1).
1968: Protests turn violent at the Chicago Democratic National Convention (Aug. 26).
1969: Charles Manson's followers murder Sharon Tate and others (Aug. 8).
1974: President Nixon resigns (Aug. 8).
1977: Elvis Presley dies (Aug. 16).
1990: Iraq invades Kuwait (Aug. 2).
1996: Prince Charles and Princess Diana divorce (Aug. 28).
1997: Diana is killed (Aug. 31).
(Source: www.historychannel.com)

Healthy body to diet for

By Jeany Llorente
El Paso Times

EL PASO — Two years ago, Kristal Reyes packed her bags and set off to start a new chapter in her life — college.

Like many freshmen, Reyes, 19, left the comforts of home for a world where she had to make her own decisions.

An Irvin High School graduate who was now a physical therapy student at New Mexico State University, she had to learn how to manage her money, her time and even her meals — decisions that had been made by her parents.

Reyes developed a couple of bad food habits — eating unhealthful foods and sometimes eating only once a day.

"I ate microwavable food, like Hot Pockets or Soup in a Cup," Reyes said. "When school is in session, I really don't have time to eat. Between school and work, it's impossible."

Now a sophomore and living in an apartment, Reyes has not changed her new eating habits.

Like her, many students go to college not knowing how to shop for healthful foods. They sometimes end up gaining what nutrition experts call the "freshman 15" — 15 pounds gained during the first year of college that can be blamed on unhealthful eating habits, too little exercise and, sometimes, alcohol consumption.

For more than 20 years, Ann Selkowitz Litt, a nutritionist and author in Bethesda, Md., has been working with children, teen-agers and young adults to help them improve their diets.

"A lot of them don't know how to make good selections and don't remain physically active," Litt said.

Litt's book, "The College Student's Guide to Eating Well on Campus" (Tulip Hill Press, $12.95), has information on diets, eating disorders and how alcohol and drugs affect your nutritional status.

The book also includes recipes for quick, inexpensive meals.

The book is divided into four parts — "Nutrition 101," "Weighing In," "Challenges to Eating Well in College" and "College Cooking."

"It all started when they (students) came to me wanting to know information as to why the 15 pounds occur," Litt said. "I help them understand how to make good choices."

Eliezer Ben-Joseph, owner of Herbs for Health on the West Side, said healthful eating habits should start at home, but that's not always the case in this fast-paced world.

"Families are not eating together any more, so mom is usually making 10 meals a day," he said.

"People are eating what they want and not what they are being served."

Angelica Rodriguez, 22, a history major at the University of Texas at El Paso, is one student who realizes her body is like a car — it needs the proper fuel.

She usually starts her day with cereal, a bagel or scrambled eggs, plus a glass of orange juice.

Rodriguez, who still lives with her parents, said she believes students who live at home usually have better diets.

"They have healthier diets if there is someone at home who buys healthy food, but if they don't, it's like they are living on their own," she said.

Although she acknowledges eating junk food occasionally, Rodriguez says she always tries to eat a healthful dinner.

"At 6 p.m., we have a meal that has everything from the four food groups," she said.

Time, mental programming and a lack of nutritional education influence why students gain weight, Ben-Joseph said.

"College students don't schedule their time properly and usually let time rule them," he said.

Ben-Joseph contends that the media also contribute to young people's unhealthful eating habits.

"The commercials students see on television concentrate on how food makes one feel and not on how healthy food is, and students are confused about nutritional information," he said.

Ben-Joseph said symptoms of unhealthful eating include chronic fatigue, overweight, hypertension and diabetes.

He said a basic diet should contain whole grains, cooked or fresh vegetables, fresh fruit and proteins.

"Exercise is important, but eating healthy is No. 1, and drinking water is No. 2," Ben-Joseph said. "The body is like a machine — you have to give it the right minerals to run it."

Develop healthy eating habits

Associated Press

EL PASO — Tips for healthful eating from Eliezer Ben-Joseph, owner of Herbs for Health in El Paso.

■ Don't skip meals. Skipping meals usually results in overeating later in the day.

■ Supplement frozen dinners with fruits or vegetables. Most frozen dinners are lacking in Vitamins A and C as well as fiber and can leave you hungry. Add some vegetables or a salad and a piece of fresh fruit to get the vitamins you need.

■ Don't leave the cupboards bare. When you don't grocery shop, you come home to poor food choices and snacks or settle for fast foods.

■ Create a plan. Plan to eat at least one or two snacks and three meals a day. This will decrease your urge to eat junk foods.

■ Eat breakfast. You need to feed your body and your brain to start your day right. You need to put something in your stomach every morning, even if it's just a piece of fruit or a cup of yogurt.

■ Four hours is the maximum time between meals. Going any longer than four hours will cause you to eat anything in sight. Schedule time for high-fiber, low-cal snacks such as fruit and pretzels.

■ Be Prepared. Working late can sabotage your eating plans. Keep some ready-to-eat snacks in your desk drawer. A box of raisins, pretzels, cup of soup or crackers will work.

■ Prepare meals in minutes. Toss ingredients into a crock pot before you go out the door in the morning and your meals will be ready when you come home. Make use of the microwave, too.

■ Use quick foods. Instead of cutting up vegetables or making that salad, why not spend a little extra and get some prepared, cut-up fruits and vegetables? It's still cheaper than a hamburger.

Cook in bulk. Plan to cook one day a week (maybe Sunday) and prepare large batches of several dishes for the week. Double or triple normal quantities and freeze some.

Two lawmakers don't display Georgia flag in quiet protest

'Pickup trucks, deer hunting, barefoot girls and boiled peanuts — that's what the flag represents to the vast majority of Georgians. Nobody looks at it as a symbol of hate.'

— Eric Johnson, Georgia Senate Majority Leader

WASHINGTON (AP) — Often lost among the four flags standing outside Rep. Cynthia McKinney's Washington office is the one that's missing.

In McKinney's doorway, you can find banners of the American Stars and Stripes, the Olympic games, DeKalb County, Ga., and one commemorating prisoners of war.

But the official flag of Georgia — the one that includes a large Confederate X — is nowhere to be found, even though state flags are customary office decor for members of Congress.

McKinney and fellow Georgia Democrat John Lewis, a former civil rights leader, choose not to display the flag because they find it divisive. Yet it's a quiet protest — one that was never really announced.

If asked, they'll share their opinions that the banner should be redrawn, that the current version was adopted in 1956 as an act of racist defiance against school desegregation rulings.

"It should be laid to rest," McKinney said.

But when it comes down to it, Lewis and McKinney know the matter is out of their hands. They're reluctant to carry the cause much further and are perfectly willing to leave it up to the Democratic governor and Legislature.

"As of now, I don't plan to get up there and fight," Lewis said. "I'll fight on an individual level for myself, and the day may come when it may be needed for me to play a much more involved role. But there's very little we can do."

Of course, some critics of the state flag contend that now is the perfect time to take aim. After all, it's an election year, and the Confederate banner over South Carolina's Capitol created quite a stir when George W. Bush and John McCain went to that state in pursuit of the Republican presidential nomination.

Yet only Georgia and Mississippi feature the Confederate emblem on their official flags — and it's much larger on Georgia's.

The other 11 members of the state's Congressional delegation display the flag, including Democratic Rep. Sanford Bishop, who like McKinney and Lewis is black. Bishop declined to answer questions.

The flag was also one of the first pieces of decoration that arrived at the Washington office of Democrat Zell Miller, appointed last month to fill the Senate vacancy left by the death of Republican Paul Coverdell.

Miller, a former two-term governor, almost lost his re-election bid after leading an unsuccessful crusade in 1993 to change the flag. Now he faces another campaign in November against former Sen. Mack Mattingly for the right to finish the four years left on Coverdell's term.

A poll by Georgia State University earlier this year indicates the flag issue could be political poison. In that poll, 56 percent wanted to keep it the way it was, and only 31 percent wanted to change it.

"It might be the right thing to do. But if there's not a lot of public support behind you, it's the sort of thing politicians would like to avoid," Michael Binford, a Georgia State political scientist, said at the time.

Some Republicans figure Georgia's Democrats are trying to have it both ways. They argue they're trying to use the flag as a tool to attack GOP supporters yet avoid messing with it, fearing the wrath of voters.

"If they're serious about it, they should come up with a formula," said Rep. Jack Kingston, a Republican who says he would like the Legislature to call meetings to discuss the matter. "The lack of leadership is astounding."

Kingston said he suspects Democrats might be forming a "backroom plan" to wait until after the November elections and then call a statewide referendum for 2002, when Gov. Roy Barnes leaves office and a successor is chosen.

"That would bring out the vote and help their side," Kingston said.

But if the South Carolina primary was any indication, the matter could be hashed out before then — especially if Georgia lives up to its billing as a "battleground state."

Vice President Al Gore, the Democratic nominee for president, has already criticized Bush's position not to meddle in South Carolina's affairs. Such a fight could be headed to Georgia.

There have already been some previews.

In March, students at Centennial High School in Fulton County voted against flying the state flag at the building. And earlier this month, the NCAA Executive Committee turned down calls by civil rights group to move three upcoming Final Four basketball tournaments out of Atlanta because of the flag.

In 1997, the Georgia flag was at the center of a spat between lawmakers in Georgia and New York. Gov. George Pataki approved its removal from the New York Capitol, and two Georgia lawmakers retaliated by taking down New York's flag from their Capitol rotunda.

One of the pranksters, Georgia Senate Minority Leader Eric Johnson, said he expects the issue will emerge again soon — and once again, he'll oppose any change.

"Pickup trucks, deer hunting, barefoot girls and boiled peanuts — that's what the flag represents to the vast majority of Georgians," Johnson said. "Nobody looks at it as a symbol of hate."

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DAVE BARRY

When the chips are down, people come to the rescue

Sometimes I am so proud to be an American that I have to lean over and hold my stomach. This is such a time. I have just read an amazing story about a group of Americans who on May 31 found themselves staring straight into the eyeballs of danger.

I am proud to say that, when the chips were down, these Americans did not turn tail and knuckle under. Instead, when the fat was in the fire, they stepped up to the plate and cut the mustard.

Why do I say this? For one thing, I've been mixing my medications. But also I am deeply moved by the heroic actions of the citizens of a Wisconsin town called Rib Mountain, as reported in the Wausau (Wis.) Daily Herald. According to two detailed front-page Daily Herald stories, written by Peter J. Wasson and sent in by alert reader Kay Meyer, here is what happened (I am not making any of this up):

It was an ordinary evening at the Aldi grocery store on Rib Mountain Drive. People were shopping for groceries, probably not expecting a man to come bursting in wearing a hood and brandishing a samurai sword.


Barry

But that is exactly what happened. In the vivid words of shopper Coreen Poeske: "He came right through the Keebler chocolate chip cookies display, just plowed through, and there were Keebler cookies spread all over."

"Give me your money!" the hooded man shouted at the cashier. He banged his sword on the checkout counter, causing the tip to bend.

All of us, at one time or another, have tried to imagine how we would react to this type of situation, although we may not have specifically imagined the part about the cookies. I just hope that I have the courage to react the way shopper Paul Josiger did.

"I just said to myself, 'What can I do to help?'" said Josiger. "So I threatened him with fruit cocktail."

Yes. Without regard to his own safety, Josiger — described by the Daily Herald as "a former pitcher on his company softball team at Kolbe & Kolbe Millwork Co." — picked up a can of fruit cocktail and, in his own words, "yelled at him to put the knife down and get out of the store or I would throw the can at him. Well, then he got the money and ran, so I threw that can of fruit cocktail at him but missed."

Here Coreen Poeske picks up the story: "As soon as he was gone, one woman said, 'Don't anybody touch anything, because he didn't have gloves on and there will be fingerprints all over the place.' Another woman told us all to take our shopping lists and write down everything we saw for police. There were a lot of quick thinkers in there."

While the shoppers were collecting clues, the drama shifted outside to the suddenly dangerous streets of Rib Mountain, where Robert "B.J." Coe was leaving his job at Wausau Motorsports.

"He came running toward me with this sword asking for my keys," Coe told the Daily Herald. "It was like one of them three-quarter length samurai swords, and the odd thing was, the end was bent."

Again, it was a situation that called for quick thinking; again, the citizen made a lightning mental calculation.

"I said to myself, 'It's insured,'" Coe said.

So he dropped his keys, ran inside and called 911. Within minutes, the police apprehended the suspect, identified as Edward Pollard II, age 21. According to the police report: "Pollard said he had watched several movies where armed robberies were committed, looking for techniques on how to do the robbery. Pollard decided to use the scary, threatening approach, but to not use obscenities."

But even this masterful, obscenity-free criminal plan, based on actual movies, was no match for the brave and quick-thinking citizens of the Rib Mountain area. As Marathon County Sheriff Gary Marten told the Daily Herald: "Without all those people helping us, it wouldn't have been so quickly successful."

Speaking of movies: If Hollywood doesn't take this drama and turn it into a major motion picture starring Mel Gibson and Julia Roberts, with Britney Spears as the cashier, then Hollywood is even stupider than I thought. Because this is a story to inspire all of us — to make us realize that, when the armed robber of unhappiness knocks over the Keebler cookie display of our complacency, and bangs the samurai sword of negativity on the checkout counter of our dreams, we must not be afraid to hurl the fruit cocktail can of hope. At least that's how I see it. I have *got* to adjust these dosages.

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Person to Person

With Johnnye Montgomery





Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Johnna Finch, who is deaf and speaks clearly, reads a message on her pocket voice carry over. The device can be attached to her phone at home and her office at Pure Resources or to her cell phone.

Johnna Finch . . .

. . . has made 'transition from hearing to deafness successfully'

Johnna Finch's parents recently bought her a cell phone. Not a big deal to most people, but to Johnna, it's just another sign of how far technology for the deaf has come.

In order to communicate over the cell phone, all Johnna has to do is attach her pocket voice carry over (PVCO) to the phone, dial Texas Relay Service for the Deaf, and start talking. She explains to the Texas Relay people that she will be talking in her own voice, thus relieving them of the need to do two-way interpretations. The person Johnna is talking to will answer by voice also, but the answer will then be translated into text that will march across the tiny monitor of the PVCO for Johnna to read.

Johnna, a production analyst for Pure Resources, L.P., lost her hearing as an adult. She became deaf in 1990 as the result of a neurological condition called neurofibromatosis Type 2, which is characterized by tumors of the central nervous system, the brain and the spinal cord. NF2 occurs about one in 50,000 births.

A much more common form of neurofibromatosis is NF1, which causes external tumors. NF1, which occurs once in about 3,000 births, may sound more familiar to those who watch "L.A. Law" and "Chicago Hope," or who saw the movie "Elephant Man." The "elephant man" had NF1.

Johnna was diagnosed with NF2 at age 16, after the right side of her tongue atrophied. The doctors found bilateral acoustic neuromas (auditory tumors on both sides of the brain), and meningiomas (tumors of the lining of the brain), as well as what appeared to be a small tumor on the cranial nerve controlling the right side of her tongue.

Doctors removed the right acoustic neuroma and thought that because it was very small, her hearing would not be affected.

She went into the surgery with perfect hearing, and awoke afterward with no hearing at all in her right ear. She was 17.

"It was different hearing out of only one ear, but it's a lot easier to adjust when you're that young," said Johnna. "My neurosurgeon told me that I would become deaf some day, and advised that I learn sign language."

But Johnna said she knew nothing about NF2 at the time. She went to Southwestern Collegiate Institute for the Deaf for two semesters after graduation from high school to learn to sign.

Yet, she said she really didn't believe it would ever happen to her. She had quit going for checkups since age 20, so she didn't know that the left acoustic tumor was growing.

She got a job with Unocal and took night classes at Midland College.

Then when she was 25, the hearing in her left ear began to deteriorate.

Words were increasingly distorted and unintelligible, plunging her effectively into isolation.

She had surgery to remove the left tumor and awoke totally deaf.

She thinks that she was lucky to be working for Unocal.

"They (Unocal employees) bought all the assistive devices I needed for my home (a specially equipped teletypewriter called a TTY, doorbell and phone flashers) and a TTY for work, so that I could continue doing my job.

"Shortly after my surgery, they had a Christmas party, and they passed the hat for me, and gave me the money. I can't say enough about how supportive they all were."

Johnna was to learn that such support is not universally given, however. She left Unocal and went to the University of Texas of the Permian Basin to get a bachelor's degree in sociology, and while preparing to look for work in that field she applied at several temporary services. She was given one assignment in six months.

"I had never had trouble finding a job before I became deaf, and I had heavy clerical experience," she said. "I had never looked for a job as a hearing-impaired person, and it was more difficult than I had imagined."

Johnna, who can lip-read and speaks clearly, said her first dilemma was whether or not to take an interpreter with her to job interviews.

"Going to an interview without an interpreter was a mistake because I never was able to get by on speech-reading alone. The employer inevitably came to the conclusion that training me would be too difficult."

She said most deaf people are unable to find work except in jobs such as teaching deaf children, or teaching sign language, or working at the Texas Rehabilitation Commission.

"The man I worked for when I did my internship at Adult Protective Services told me that I was a pioneer. Not many employers have had a deaf person apply for the jobs that I would apply for."

Carol Bailey, Johnna's supervisor at Pure Resources (an outgrowth of the merger of Spirit Energy, a business unit of Unocal, and Titan Exploration), said she thinks employers are missing out by their reluctance to give handicapped people a chance.

"Johnna is so smart, and such a good employ-

Please see JOHNNA/2B

Army of veterans take up pens to answer letters sent to White House pets

By Jennifer Walsh
N.Y. Times News Service

WASHINGTON — Dozens of retired veterans are serving their country again — this time armed with black pens and envelopes to take on the thousands of letters sent to the White House each day.

The mailroom duties for residents of the Soldiers' and Airmen's Home include meeting requests for birthday greetings and get-well cards. But one job is theirs alone: answering letters sent to President Clinton's cat, Socks, and dog, Buddy.

In the past seven years, the stark basement of the veteran's home in Northwest Washington has been transformed into a decorative tribute to the first feline and canine. The makeshift wallpaper consists of items sent by letter writers, such as photographs of look-a-like cats and dogs, oversized letters from kindergarten classes, and children's drawings. The desks are adorned with Socks and Buddy paraphernalia.

It all began when the White House put out a call in March 1993 for volunteers to help handle the 35,000 letters to the Clintons that arrive daily. The nation's oldest veterans retirement home responded with 38 volunteers, but after a few months, the 3-mile trip downtown and the formalities of the White House became tiresome for the senior citizens.

"We had to wear a coat and tie all the time," said Bill D. Woods, a retired Korean and Vietnam War veteran. "So we said, 'Why can't we open an annex at the Soldiers' Home?' For the first time in history, the president let his mail leave the White House."

Since then, the veterans have answered about 1.9 million letters, 320,000 of them for the president's pets.

"Some are from children, and some are from adults pretending to be cats," said veteran Allan H. Gordon, who acts as Socks's unofficial secretary.

Woods, who coordinates the mailroom annex, explained: "They don't want to write the president, but they want to write the cat because they think they can get the message through to the president."

Stephanie, a youngster from Lonedell, Mont., wrote to Buddy on light-blue stationery with puffy white clouds.

"Gee, I wish I was the president's dog. It must feel really neat. I mean being petted by famous people, riding in fancy cars, or just living in the White House," she wrote.

"Buddy" responded on his standard portrait postcard with his pawprint at the bottom and the message: "Thank you for writing me. Living at the White House is exciting, and I am enjoying my new family."

A kindergarten class from Norcross, Ga., wrote a letter to Socks on poster-sized ruled paper.

"Dear Socks, What do you look like? Do you wear socks? What color are you? Do you like kids? Do you like to live at the White House? We have 20 children in our class. Our teacher has a cat named 'Tinkerbell.' She is grey and white. We're glad the president has a cat for a pet."

The children were sent a postcard with Socks's picture and pawprint saying: "Thank you for writing to me. I am honored to be your 'First Cat.'"

Clinton thanked the volunteers about a month ago when he visited the veterans' home to dedicate Anderson Cottage, President Lincoln's summer retreat, as a national monument.

"The people who live in this home open amazing volumes of mail. ... A lot of that mail is the mail that very young children send to Socks and to Buddy," Clinton said. "It would be impossible to respond to those children with the staff we have at the White House if it weren't for the veteran volunteers here who do this and so many other things to help the White House work."

About eight volunteers are in the office at any one time. For many of these veterans, whose average age is 76, working every morning for about four hours pro-

Please see LETTERS/2B

DEAR ABBY

Planning allows for dignified end to life

By Abigail Van Buren


Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: It was about 3 a.m. The call came in as a signal 14. In laymen's terms, it means someone died. A 47-year-old, terminally ill woman had succumbed to stomach cancer. The call was close to the station so we beat the ambulance to the scene.

When we arrived, it seemed like her entire extended family was there. As we were about to enter the bedroom, the daughter asked if we were there to pick up her mother. We asked if they had DNR (do not resuscitate) papers. She said yes, but they were at the hospital. Instead of starting CPR (which is what we are supposed to do when the DNR papers are not present), our paramedic called medical control, the doctor in charge of our service. Fortunately, he agreed that CPR should not begin.

Abby, this scenario has happened more than once, and I am getting a little angry. My anger is toward the system that sometimes puts family and loved ones between a rock and a hard place. The hospital and doctor know that a copy of the DNR papers has to be with the patient at all times or they technically don't exist. Instead of letting their mother die in peace, that family almost experienced the sight of her receiving advanced care life support. For anyone who is not aware, this is far more than giving chest compressions and mouth-to-mouth. She would have had a tube down her throat to aid in breathing, a succession of body-wrenching shocks would have been given, IV lines, drugs, etc.

When my stepfather lost his battle with lung cancer, my mother had worked everything out in advance with the hospice facility. All she had to do was call hospice, and they sent a medical examiner to pick him up. No ambulance. No fire truck. Just a peaceful, dignified way to deal with a very traumatic situation.

Everyone will have to deal with this situation at some time or another. Please, Abby, tell your readers that when this happens to them, or to someone they know, to make sure they know the right things to do. — CARING FIREFIGHTER IN TEXAS

DEAR FIREFIGHTER: You have taken care of that — and graphically, I might add. Although some people want every effort made to be resuscitated, many do not. Those who do not should keep in mind your warning that for their wishes to be obeyed, they must be written down, discussed with family members and doctors, and copies must be readily available. Thank you for your urgent reminder.

DEAR ABBY: I have been dating "Bob" for seven months. We're both 25. I am in love with him. He is changing jobs and moving out of state in four months. I want to get married and start a family, but any mention of the word "marriage" makes him very nervous. He says he loves me — that I am "perfect" for him — but he doesn't want me to move out of state with him. He says he can't ask me to make that commitment because he's not sure what he wants.

Do you think I'm wasting my time with Bob, or should I give him more time and hope he changes his mind? — COLORADO LADY IN WAITING

DEAR COLORADO LADY: I admire his honesty, and whether this has been a waste of time remains to be seen. Absence can make the heart grow fonder, so give him time to realize how much he cares for you and misses you.

If, three months after he moves, you see no change in attitude and he's still nervous at the mention of marriage, start looking for a man who is not afraid of commitment.

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

TALKIN' TEXAS

'Star Wars' adventure has happy ending

By Tumbleweed Smith

I put off writing this column for a couple of days. I'm glad I did. The wait changed my attitude about things.

We took our son BZ to see "Star Wars" when it first came out 24 years ago. He flipped out over the film. Even though he was only 8 years old, he started collecting "Star Wars" toys, books, games and movie posters.

His collection grew and grew. He acquired "Star Wars" T-shirts, records, bubble bath, picture cards, soap, cookies, even sheets and bedspreads.

He displayed the items on shelving in his bedroom. Once he walked past the door to his room and glanced at his collection for a split second.

He noticed a small gun missing from one of his figures. I mean the gun was maybe half an inch long. He told us he would like to keep the door to his room locked when the cleaning lady came because she messed with his stuff. We obliged him. The tiny gun was found.

He kept an accurate count of everything he had. His inventory list was in a notebook along with receipts for items he purchased and description sheets for his larger things.

Every gift-giving occasion we gave him a Droid Maker Factory or ImperialTroop Transport or Millennium Falcon or an Ice Planet.

BZ left his collection in our care when he went off to college. He helped us put everything in their original boxes and stack them in a storage shed behind our house where we keep the lawnmower.

The collection stayed there for years. I went to the shed on a recent Sunday to put up a weed eater and discovered the lock to the storage building was gone. When I opened the door, I saw only empty shelves. Everything had been stolen.

We were devastated. The collection represented our son's childhood.

Every time I went to the shed for the lawnmower, I would look at all the boxes and have good thoughts about BZ.

We called police, placed ads in the newspaper and local TV cable offering a reward for the return of the items. The local radio station did a heart-wrenching story on the loss. We prepared fliers and took them to neighbors' homes. We told everyone we could about the theft.

It was hard to call BZ and tell him what happened.

About 7 o'clock the next Wednesday morning, in the midst of our grief, I walked up to the front yard to work on a sprinkler head. I noticed a bunch of boxes and bags in our yard. My first thought was, "Now what ... somebody has dumped garbage in our yard." But that thought lasted only asecond. I realized the boxes and bags contained the stolen "Star Wars" collection.

Someone's practical joke? A conscience attack? Some parents' concern?

I don't know. I do know that when I called BZ and told him about the stuff being returned, he was ecstatic. I told him we were sending it all to him.

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Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring storyteller and folklorist.

LETTERS: Veterans wonder if White House mail annex will continue

(From 1B)

tine around the retirement home.

But as the end of Clinton's presidency looms, some veterans worry that this White House annex could soon close. While it's unknown whether the next administration would keep the volunteers who answer the president's mail, there will probably be first pets in the White House.

Gov. George W. Bush has an English springer spaniel named Spot Fletcher Bush, an offspring of his parents' famous dog Millie, and two cats named Ernie and India. Vice President Al Gore has two dogs, a mixed breed named Daisy and a black Labrador retriever called Shiloh.

JOHNNA: Woman receives support at work, home and church

(From 1B)

ee, that the few accommodations we make for her have always paid off. Companies also get tax incentives for hiring the handicapped. Of course, I knew Johnna before she became deaf, so I can't honestly say whether I'd have been as eager to give her a chance, but I do know what an asset she is to our company. When Johnna started looking for a job, she kept in contact with me, and as soon as I had an opening, I called her. She worked contract for a time, then after the merger, she became a regular employee."

Carol's friendship with Johnna goes back to Johnna's early days at Unocal, when Carol lived and worked at Andrews. After Johnna's surgery, she and Carol kept in touch by TTY.

"You have to realize, that when you talk to a person through TTY, the voice you hear comes through in a monotone, without any expression at all. You'd hear this monotonous voice saying, 'Johnna says it's all bad stuff ha, ha, ha,' or 'Johnna says this thing is all messed up, oh hell,' with no expression at all. That's why the little PVCO device is so great, because you hear Johnna's voice.

Carol thinks that Johnna's presence also has helped to raise her colleagues' awareness of the daily challenges facing people who are deaf or have other handicaps.

"When we go to lunch together, I'm very much aware of how people will cover their mouths when talking to us, so Johnna can't read what they're saying. Some people treat Johnna as if she's not there. How can we be so rude?"

Johnna, however, thinks she's been extremely lucky. She started dating her husband, Brad, before she became deaf. They were married in 1993.

"Brad's been my saving grace," she said. "He learned to sign right away and he's always encouraged me to be independent.

"It would be easy to become dependent on others when you lose your hearing later in life, but he expects me to take care of my own business, and that has helped me make the transition from hearing to deafness successfully."

Johnna said the people of Tall City Community Church of God, where she started going about a year and a half ago, have also supported her.

"I had recently gone for a checkup and the doctor was alarmed because the tumors in my neck were growing at a steady rate, and I was distressed about that. Then a woman who works down the hall came and asked if I minded if she asked her church to pray for me. I said no, that I'd appreciate it. She told her pastor, Rhonda Thornhill, and Rhonda wrote me a letter, and said if I wanted to come to church, there was someone who would interpret for me.

"So I went, and I immediately felt right at home," Johnna said. "Michelle Press, the interpreter, helps me with communication, but also, they put the music on an overhead projector, and Rhonda types notes of her sermons, which helps a lot since Michelle is not formally trained to interpret for the deaf."

"During the school year, when they have Bible studies, as people talk, Rhonda types out what everybody is saying on her keyboard, and I can read it on my laptop, which is wonderful.

"I never feel as if I'm a burden there. There's a lady who's visually impaired, and they're just as considerate of her. That's such a wonderful, caring church."

When asked if she would advise people how to relate to a deaf person, she first said there is a big difference between those whose first language will be sign language and those who lost their hearing later in life. Then she said she wouldn't presume to speak for the former.

"As for the 'late-deafened,' I can think of a few pointers," she said.

"First, like all people, I crave communication. Please don't be afraid to try to talk to me.

"Be patient and speak slowly and clearly. If I don't understand you the first or second time, please write me a note.

"If I don't understand what you're saying, please don't ever say, 'Never mind, it's not important.' Everything is important to me.

"Please don't take it personally if I have a hard time reading your lips. It doesn't mean that you have a speech impediment or some personal character flaw. Some accents are just more difficult to distinguish than others.

"Please don't automatically assume that someone who is ignoring you is being rude. One of the things I fear the most is that someone will speak to me and think I'm a snob, or that I'm snubbing them. I've had people give me dirty looks because they were walking behind me and said 'Excuse me,' and I didn't know it. It shouldn't hurt, I know, but that does hurt."

Johnna still hasn't given up her dream of doing social work. She would like to get an advanced degree in sociology if UTPB opens a master's program, or if she and Brad ever moved to an area near a university with a master's program.

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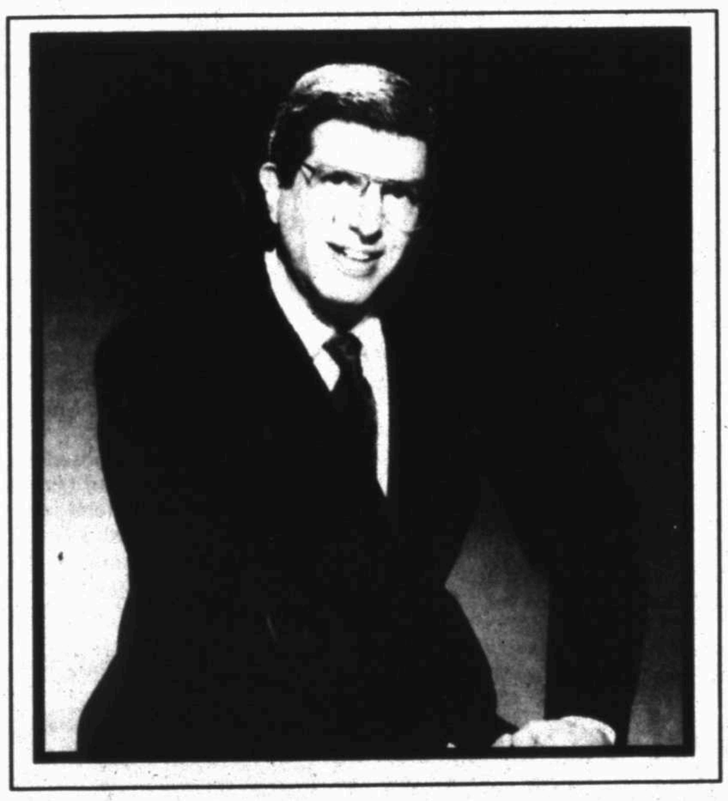
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Texas incarceration rate leads nation, crime rate among highest

WASHINGTON (AP) — Texas put people in prison at a faster rate than any other state during the last decade, but its crime rate is higher than other large states with smaller prison populations, according to a study being released today.

The report by Justice Policy Institute, which supports alternatives to prison, showed that the Texas prison population's annual growth rate was 11.8 percent during the 1990s, which meant it added one in every five inmates to the nation's prisons. Meanwhile, the state's crime rate fell at half the national average and the least of any of the nation's five largest states.

A Texas prison official said the last decade's growth was a response to a prison revolving door during overcrowded conditions, and the state's incarceration rate slowed in the latter part of the decade.

The study's authors zeroed in on Texas' prison system after the Bureau of Justice reported earlier this year that the Texas prison population of 163,190 had surpassed California's, 163,067. California's population of 32 million is almost twice that of Texas.

"The sheer magnitude of what is going on in Texas alone is startling," said Jason Ziedenberg, the study's co-author.

"Not just that it surpassed California, but if you look at it in the context of a state like New York with a million or so fewer citizens, they (Texas) have got double the amount of people behind bars. ... We're obviously concerned about the state that's responsible for one-fifth of all new prisoners between 1990 and 1999."

The Justice Policy Institute is a think tank of the Center on Juvenile and Criminal Justice, and the study was paid for with a grant from the Center on Crime, Communities and Culture. The groups provide programs for families of inmates and look for other solutions to criminal behavior beyond prisons, such as substance abuse treatment.

The study comes as Texas prison officials are pressing for money to build more lockups and as the inmate population is closing in on the system's capacity.

Earlier this month, Tony Fabelo, executive director of the state Criminal Justice Policy Council, told elected officials that without a change in parole rates and policies for returning parole violators to prison, Texas will likely need prisons to hold 14,600 additional inmates by August 2005.

On Friday, Fabelo said Texas' rapid incarceration occurred when the state went on a prison-building binge. Before that, the state intermittently released inmates to relieve overcrowding and comply with court-mandated capacity levels.

"Texas is a very large state with a growing population. In the 1980s, we had a broken system with a backlog," Fabelo said. "A great deal of the incarceration has been dealing with the revolving door."

Fabelo said while the incarceration rate grew by 12 percent from 1990-95, it was 6 percent during 1996-98.

"It has slowed significantly and almost stayed level," he said.

Still, the study's authors calculated that about 5 percent of Texas' adult population or 706,600 adults were in prison, jail on parole or probation at the end of 1999.

Meanwhile, Texas' crime rate decline has not fallen as much as in other large states. From 1995 to 1998, Texas' crime rate fell 5.1 percent, half the national average drop of 10 percent. Meanwhile California's fell 23 percent, Florida's 5.9 percent, Illinois' 9 percent and New York's 21.1 percent, the study said.

"In light of these lackluster results, the architects of Texas' prison policies should question whether these mediocre crime drops are worth the social cost the state is paying for having 1 in 20 adults and 1 in 3 young black men under criminal justice control," Ziedenberg and co-author Vincent Schiraldi said in the study.

Fabelo said making an impact on crime is tougher in Texas, which has three major cities — Dallas, Houston and San Antonio. In New York, he said, reducing crime in New York City significantly reduces the statewide crime rate.

The study also showed:

- Texas has 89,400 people incarcerated for nonviolent crimes, more than the entire prison population of New York.
- Blacks in Texas are incarcerated at a rate seven times greater than whites.
- Probation is given to blacks at a lower rate, 20.6 percent of the total probation caseload, than whites, 44.9 percent.

In a news release Schiraldi, Justice Policy Institute director, said the Texas incarceration numbers show its prison system is "fixated on punishment and devoid of compassion." But Ziedenberg said the study was not a political swipe at Texas Gov. George W. Bush, the GOP's presidential nominee. Its timing is linked to the Bureau of Justice report, he said. He noted that Democrat Ann Richards was in office in the early 1990s.

On the Net:
Justice Policy Institute: www.cjcj.org (study available Tuesday)
Texas Criminal Justice Policy Council www.cjpc.state.tx.us

Stephenville school district's budgeting error hurts town

STEPHENVILLE (AP) — Facing a property tax hike and possible job cuts, this town is about to pay for the school district's $4 million accounting error.

Stephenville Independent School District officials say no money is missing; the building project funds were mistakenly credited to the general operating fund.

Neither the school board nor auditors caught the error, and the system kept spending hundreds of thousands of dollars it didn't have.

"It makes me mad because there's a chance kids are going to suffer," said Superintendent Darrell G. Floyd, who was hired in March. "We have a financial situation that's going to affect every person in this community, and that's not right."

For nearly two years, money for building projects was credited to the general fund rather than a separate fund that by law must be used only for construction. Consequently, the 1998-99 budget showed a $3.84 million balance, but it actually was $127,000 in the red.

The deficit worsened in 1999-2000 because the district overestimated revenues and kept spending. When the new assistant superintendent for business, Debbe Roesler, reviewed the books last month, she discovered the error and realized the 2000-01 budget falls short by nearly $1 million.

Since then Roesler and Floyd have been scrambling to keep the district afloat. The school system is keeping nine teacher positions vacant, cutting some pay raises and implementing a 30-cent property tax hike.

The former superintendent and former assistant superintendent for business retired several months ago and could not be reached for comment.

Floyd plans to keep cutting back — not buying new computer equipment for the district office, not buying buses and eliminating as many as 35 jobs in the next few years — so the district can break even in 2002-03.

Texas Education Agency officials plan to visit Stephenville in two weeks to review the cost-cutting plans. The agency is not likely to penalize the district, even though it does not allow school districts to maintain a negative fund balance.

"It's going to be a lot of hard work, but I have the belief now that they'll be able to pull this off, although it won't happen overnight," said Ed Flathouse, TEA associate commissioner for finance and support systems.

The school system also hopes to get a boost from the football team, which won four state titles in the 1990s. The 2000-01 budget includes $275,000 in revenues from athletics, based on figures from last year.

Generating that much money is realistic in this 15,600-resident town where the 10,000-seat high school stadium is full for home games, and it doesn't put too much pressure on the coach and players, Floyd said.

The Yellow Jackets are ranked No. 1 in this year's preseason poll for Class 4A.

"I know it will be helpful for the school system for us to win," coach Mike Copeland said. "But they're just kids out there. We'll do the very best we can, but our season won't affect whether the kids are educated."

Even with budget problems, the district isn't likely to trim its hefty coaching salary. Former coach Art Briles earned $85,000, one of the highest salaries for a high school coach in the state, before he left earlier this year to coach at Texas Tech University. Copeland earns $75,000 as football coach and athletic director and has a two-year contract.

"That's consistent with programs that have been as successful as ours," Floyd said.

Some residents and businesses say the school system should cut costs rather than increase taxes from $1.45 to $1.75 per $100 property valuation, the maximum amount allowed without requiring a public vote. The school board is to vote this week on the rate, expected to generate $500,000 next year.

Officials at Norton Co-Coated Abrasive Division, which employs about 700 and is the biggest taxpayer in the county, are upset about the increase. Plant manager Paul Valle would not say how much more the company will pay or whether it will cut jobs to offset the added expense.

"We've been given an explanation, and we're grudgingly accepting it," Valle said. "I'm assuming they won't make that mistake again."

On the Net:
Stephenville ISD: http://www.stephenville.k12.tx.us
Texas Education Agency: http://www.

North and East Texas plagued by outbreak of forest and brush fires

HOUSTON (AP) — An outbreak of wildfires fueled by parched conditions across North and East Texas could worsen during the upcoming Labor Day weekend, when many residents head outside for barbecues, picnics and other family gatherings, Texas fire officials said.

"It is dry enough now that anything that makes sparks can cause a fire," said Mahlon Hammetter, a fire prevention specialist with the Texas Forest Service in Lufkin. "Most fires are caused by human carelessness. On Labor Day, there is ample room for carelessness."

Multiple brush and forest fires burned through East and North Texas on Saturday and Sunday, threatening homes. No injuries were reported, however.

Bulldozer crews were brought in to control fires in East Texas, and last week 15 firefighters from North Carolina, Georgia and Florida were called to control blazes in the pine forests of East Texas. Texas Air National Guard helicopters with 2,000 gallon water slings also assisted.

In Hill County, about 40 miles southeast of Fort Worth, firefighters toiled Saturday and Sunday to douse a 105-acre fire that started at a boat ramp on the east side of Lake Whitney.

The fire, which threatened 55 homes, was fought by a crew of about 70 from eight fire departments.

Another fire that started Friday in the brushland of Palo Pinto County, about 70 miles south of Wichita Falls, was contained but still burning Sunday. The fire spread to adjoining Jack and Young counties, officials said.

"It was very rugged terrain and the crew actually had to use axes and grubbing hoes to make a line to contain it," Hammetter said. "It is very dangerous when you get fires in those little canyon type areas and it creates a wind tunnel. The fire just races."

In East Texas, firefighters worked to control a fire that has raged all week near Nacogdoches and destroyed 1,800 acres of timber so far. The fire was contained but still burning Sunday.

In southeast Texas, eight fires destroyed 21 acres of woodland near Conroe Saturday. Three fires in Montgomery County, two in Houston County and one each in Harris, Trinity and San Jacinto also destroyed woodlands Saturday.

There were four fires in Woodville over the weekend, covering 206 acres. The forest service fought two fires in Hardin County, one covering 95 acres and the other destroying 75 acres.

Two weekend fires in northeast Texas were attributed to lightning, including a small fire in Tyler County and a 36-acre fire in Jasper County.

In Henderson County, 10 fires broke out on Saturday, destroying 173 acres. And in Anderson County, the forest service fought an 80-acre weekend fire.

A 20-acre fire in Panola County threatened about $1 million worth of timber company equipment but was contained Sunday morning.

Firefighters in Carthage, near the Louisiana border, saved two houses from a forest fire. Three fires scorched 50 acres near Longview Saturday, and another consumed 45 acres after a hay bailer caught fire in Titus County Saturday.

Forestry officials said the fires reported only represented a fraction of the total number burning across the state.

"We only count the ones we fight," Hammetter said. "Not the ones put out by all the fire departments across the state."

A shortage of firefighters nationally has exacerbated the situation locally, Hammetter said.

He said Texas firefighters have not been able to gain reinforcement from states farther West, because of wildfires raging there.

"The resource situation is very bad nationally," Hammetter said. "There is usually somebody there to help Texans. But there are not many people to call on in Western states. This year, everybody has their own fires. We have almost drained the national pool of trained firefighters."

On the Net:
Texas Forest Service: http://txforestservice.tamu.edu

Revolver believed to have belonged to Zapata brings $20,000 at auction

SAN ANTONIO (AP) — A silver .44-caliber Smith & Wesson revolver believed to have belonged to Mexican revolutionary Emiliano Zapata sold for $20,000 in a weekend auction in Waco from the collection of Bexar County collectors Donald and Louise Yena.

By the auction's close Saturday evening, the collection of about 300 pieces — including rare rifles, pistols, clothing and folk art — sold for more than $300,000.

Robert O. Isham of Decatur had the high bid for the gun, which bears the inscription "E. Zapata" and is widely believed to have been his sidearm. The item was one of the most sought-after pieces of Mexican Revolution and Old West-era antiques that made up the sale.

It's hard not to wonder how many people ended up on the wrong end of Zapata's revolver before he was betrayed and killed 81 years ago.

The Revolution, especially, is beginning to draw the interest of collectors, who for the first time are seeing items come into the market that lingered in private collections for years, Yena said.

Such was the rare but massive lithograph of dictator Porfirio Diaz, who was overthrown by Francisco Madero.

Though the piece was torn through Diaz's face, several collectors, including San Antonian Louis Marshall, bid against each other at the A&S Antique Auction to become its owner.

The picture, which finally sold for $700, didn't go to Marshall, but professional collectors like him know that at auctions like this the competition is stiff because the memorabilia is authentic and valuable.

"You know if the Yenas bought it, it's collectible," Marshall said. "If you see what they're collecting, pretty soon that will be rare."

After six years in prison, former sheriff back at work in McAllen

HARLINGEN (AP) — Former Hidalgo County Sheriff Brigido "Brig" Marmolejo Jr., who was released earlier this month from a Florida prison where he served six years for a 1994 federal bribery and corruption conviction, is now working as a legal assistant.

McAllen attorney Javier Villalobos said he hired Marmolejo on Aug. 16, the day after the ex-sheriff was freed. Marmolejo helps draft documents, write letters, conduct research and provide advice, Villalobos said.

Villalobos, who serves as city attorney for Progreso, interim city attorney for Donna and attorney for the Progreso school district, said Marmolejo has been able to answer administrative questions posed by the governmental agencies he counsels.

"It's tremendous the knowledge the guy has," Villalobos said.

Marmolejo was sheriff of Hidalgo County from 1976 to 1994. In 1994, he was convicted of bribery and corruption charges after prosecutors said he granted conjugal visits and other favors to jail inmates in exchange for $150,000 in cash bribes, vehicles, watches and meat.

He was convicted of 16 acts of bribery, conspiracy to commit racketeering, bribery in relation to a program, receiving more than $10,000 in federal funds, three counts of money laundering and accepting a bribe across state or national boundaries.

Obituaries

Eura Locke

Eura E. Locke was born November 3, 1903 in Hamilton County, Texas to James and Lou (Dora) Nix. She was educated in Hamilton County and remained there until she married R.H. Locke. They moved to Midland in 1951. She was a member of Kelview Heights Baptist Church.

Survivors include a son, Mathew Locke of Midland; a daughter, Peggy Melton of Midland; a sister, Gladys Taggard of Levelland, Texas; 21 grandchildren, numerous great-grandchildren, two great-great-grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Locke died Friday evening, August 25, 2000, in a Midland hospital.

Graveside services are scheduled for 3:00 p.m. Tuesday in Mt. Olive Cemetery in Big Spring, Texas with Reverend Bob Porterfield of West Kentucky Street Baptist Church officiating. Arrangements are with Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

Death Notices

Maxine Pardue

STANTON — Maxine Pardue, 76, died Sunday, Aug. 27, at her residence.

Services are pending with Gilbreath Funeral Home.

Murphy Daniels

BIG SPRING — Murphy L. Daniels, 67, died Saturday, Aug. 26, at a local hospital.

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

Jury to begin deliberations Monday in Laredo federal corruption trial

LAREDO (AP) — Closing arguments were expected to begin Monday in a federal trial of two investigators, a bail bondsman and relatives of Webb and Zapata counties' top prosecutor who are accused of conspiring to fix dozens of criminal cases for bribes.

U.S. District Judge George Kazen met with lawyers Friday to determine what charges from the 21-count indictment to give to the jury once both sides complete their cases.

Defendants in the five-week corruption trial are Jose M. Rubio Sr., his son Carlos Rubio, bail bondsman Jesse Castaneda, district attorney Chief Assistant Criminal Investigator Alfonso Rodriguez and Criminal Investigator Agustin Mendoza Jr.

Rubio Sr. is father of Joe Rubio, the district attorney for Webb and Zapata counties since 1988, and Carlos is his brother. Rubio, who was re-elected to a fourth term in April, hasn't been accused of any wrongdoing and has maintained he was unaware of any alleged scheme. He said the men are innocent.

The five are accused of soliciting $200,000 in bribes for pledges to drop or reduce charges in 40 drug, weapon and drunken driving cases between 1992 and 1998.

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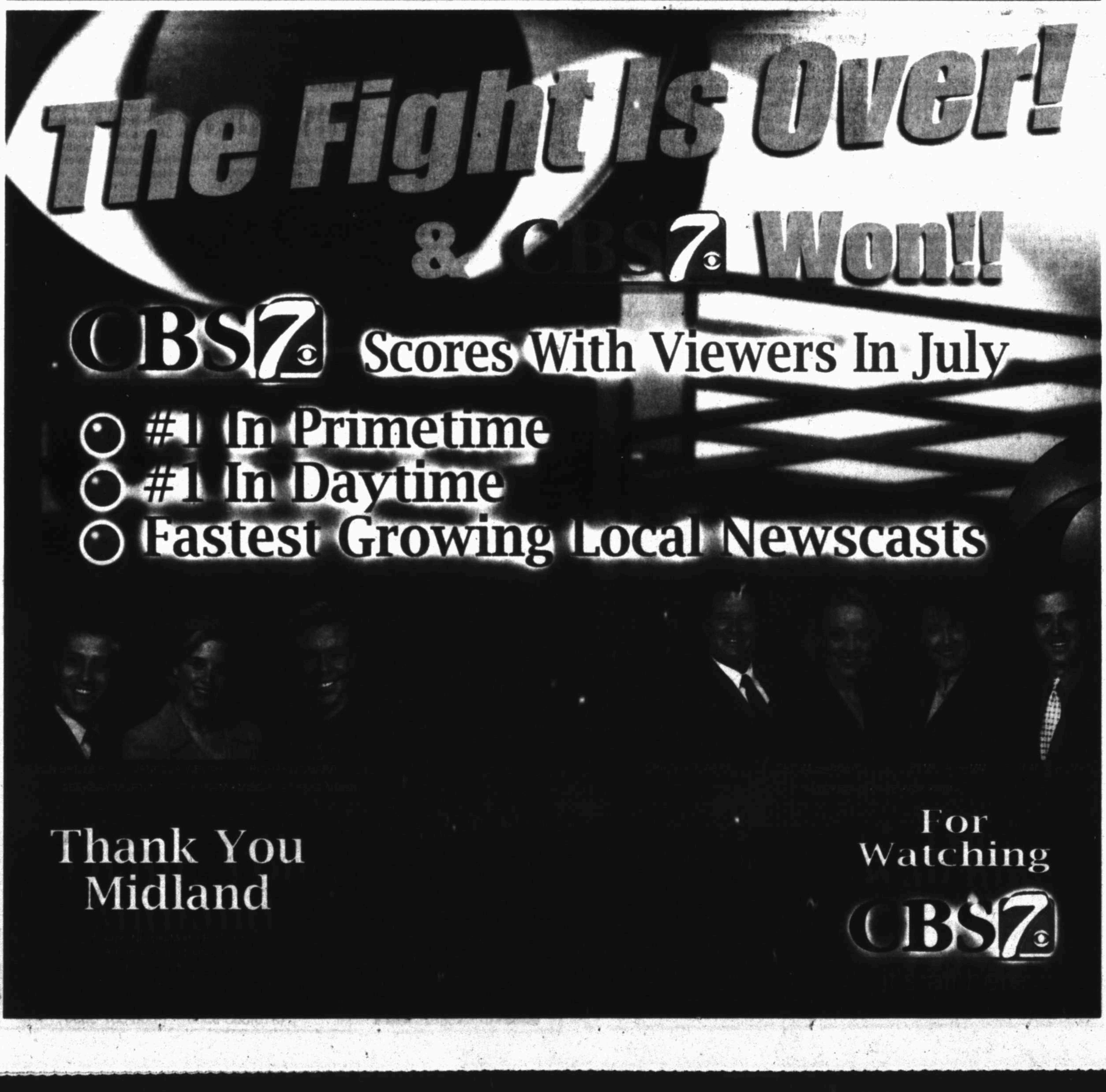
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Three holes proved to be crucial in Johnson's Permian Basin Open win

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

ODESSA — Saturday, Mark Hensby said the three-hole stretch of Nos. 13, 14 and 15 at The Club at Mission Dorado would decide the tournament. It was prophetic wisdom of the worst kind.

The three holes definitely crowned a champion at the $400,000 Buy.com Permian Basin Open. The champion was just Kevin Johnson, not Hensby.

"As I said yesterday, they were critical, and he (Johnson) played them better than anybody," said Hensby who finished the PBO at 17-under-par, three shots behind Johnson's 20-under total.

Going into the 13th hole, Hensby, at 18-under, owned a one-shot lead over Johnson. Todd Barranger was two shots back at 16-under. That is where Mission's triple threat made its impact and crowned a champion.

Hensby, playing in the second-to-last pairing of the day, carded pars on the par-3 13th and par-4 14th. On the par-5 15th, he bogeyed. It was his only bogey of the day.

"That was the killer," Hensby said of the 15th. "If I had made four there, I would have made it difficult for him."

The way Johnson played, a birdie and 19-under total wouldn't have mattered. Johnson came through and played the three holes unlike any champion in PBO history.

Coming off a bogey at the 12th, Johnson hit a 5-iron from 217 yards to within four feet and carded a birdie to tie Hensby. It was one six birdies on the day at No. 13.

On 14, Johnson "striped" a drive down the middle of the fairway on the hole he later said had "one of the toughest tee shots he's ever had to hit." He followed the perfect drive with a 9-iron to 20 feet, and drained a bending putt for an improbable birdie, one of eight on the day at the PBO's toughest hole.

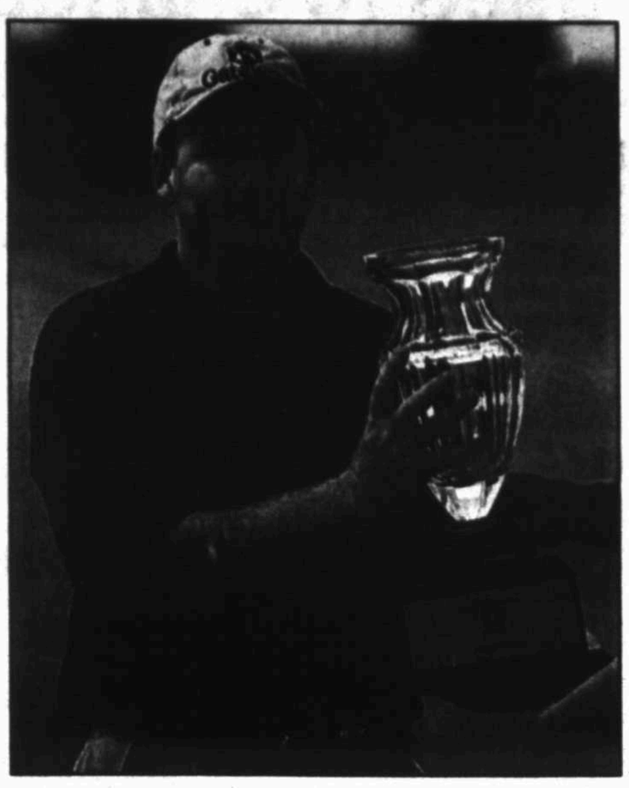
"That is highway robbery," said fellow Buy.com Tour player Hiroshi Matsuo of hearing of Johnson's birdie on 14. "That is like picking up two strokes on the field."

After a two-putt birdie on the par-5, 15th, Johnson completed the stretch where he vaulted up the leaderboard from one down to three up.

"I knew it was a great stretch of holes but wasn't expecting to play them 3-under," Johnson said. "I kept going at them. Then when I walked off the 15th after a birdie, some guy says 'you have a three shot lead.' That was very surprising."

There were still three holes to play, but the

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Kevin Johnson is shown here accepting his trophy for winning the $400,000 Buy.com Permian Basin Open Sunday at The Club at Mission Dorado.

Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

GARDEN CITY FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Just scratching the surface

Bearkats hope to get to next level with new coach

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

GARDEN CITY — In terms of stability and numbers, the last three seasons for the Garden City football team haven't provided much for the Bearkats' supporters to hang their hats on.

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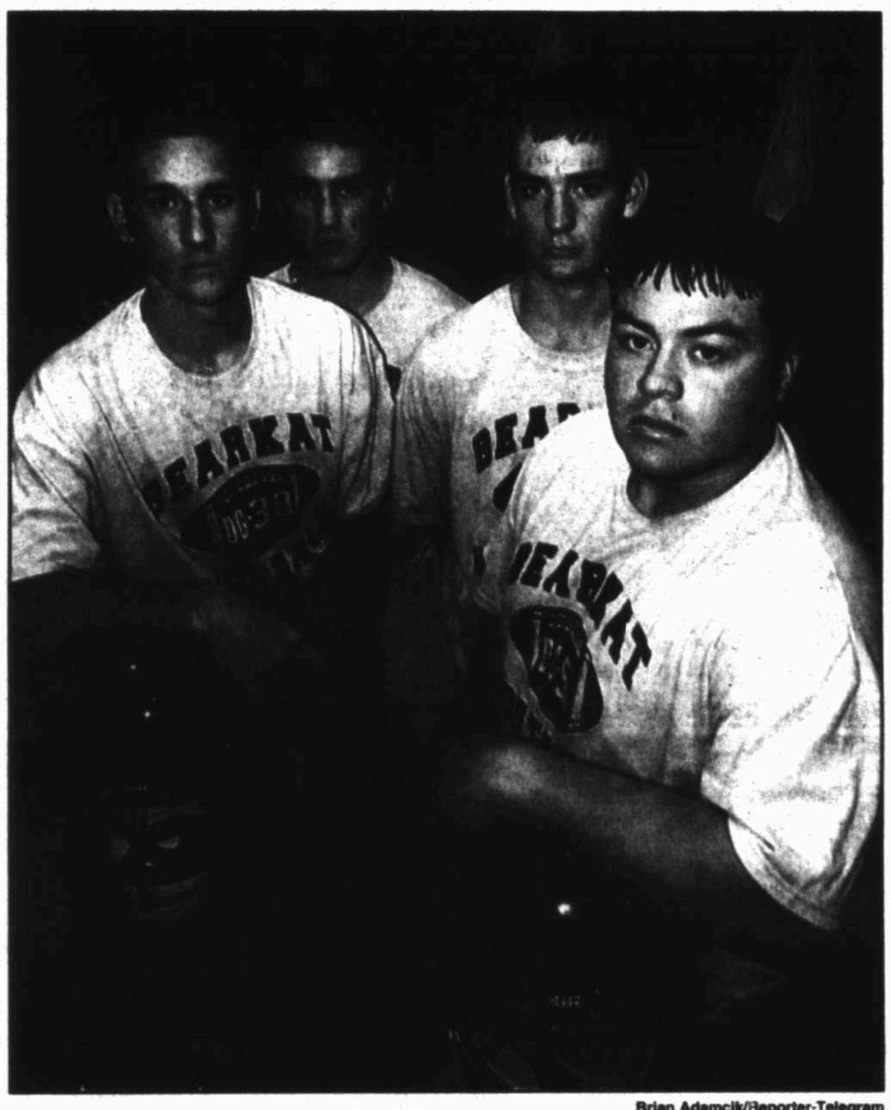
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But, operating on the premise that you have to start somewhere, things actually look as hopeful in Garden City as they have for the past few years. With their third head coach in the last four years, the Bearkats are starting all over again, but this time they have a little something to work with.

Entering the year with seven returning starters on offense and eight on defense from a team which finished 2-8 last season, new coach Wade Wesley inherits some experience, which has been rare on campus the last three seasons. Having been the defensive coordinator for highly successful Class 4A Pampa for seven years, Wesley knows that improving the team will come step-by-step.

"I guess there is a long range plan," said Wesley. "You tear down everything and start from scratch and do things the way a successful team does them."

As far as Wesley's concerned, copying successful programs doesn't necessarily start with plundering playbooks or watching hours of film, although that doesn't hurt. In fact, Wesley's No. 1 goal in preparing to improve his team will transpire without ever setting foot on the field.



Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

If Garden City is going to turn around its fortunes this season then (from left) Erik Halfmann, Justin Hillger, Anthony Wheat and Tony Talamantes will have a lot to do with it.

Wesley thinks that if the Bearkats are to make some headway as a respectable Class A program, it will take, literally, a show of strength.

"Overall I felt we needed to be a lot stronger," said Wesley. "The weight program is the first thing I wanted to install here."

While Wesley is bringing in a weight program from Pampa, he's not above using elements from other successful teams to help revive Garden City. Actually, one of his more painful moments at Pampa has inspired him to give the Bearkats a different look offensively than they've ever had before.

"We played 84 ball games (at Pampa) and had only six teams get over 30 points

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Garland gets top spot; Lee at No. 3

Associated Press

The Garland Owls really started something last season by winning the Class 5A Division II state championship. Now their alumni are expecting them to carry on school tradition and do it again.

The Owls followed their state finals appearance in 1955 with another in '56, then won back-to-back titles in '63 and '64. Voters in The Associated Press high school football poll are picking them to do it again as Garland came out No. 1 in the preseason poll released Sunday.

"It started right there in the Astrodome after we won the 1999 championship," coach Joe Martin said. "Some of the players from the '63 and '64 teams were telling us, 'You've got to do this again."

Garland received 12 first-place votes among the statewide pool of 20 writers and broadcasters.

"I guess we've got that big ol' target on our backs," Martin said. "We've never been in this situation before. We've always been the one who was the underdogs. But there's nothing we can do about it now. It's just a different perspective."

Austin Westlake, which lost to the Owls 52-14 in the third round of the playoffs last year, starts the season at No. 2 followed by Division I defending champion Midland Lee.

Westlake returns a pair of 1,000-yard running backs in Scott Ballew and Brendan Dewan plus speedy receiver Christian Campbell, son of Heisman Trophy winner Earl Campbell.

Campbell specialized in touchdown bombs last season and was second in the state track meet in the 200 meters.

Lee returns only one starter from its offense, but it's the most important one: running back Cedric Benson.

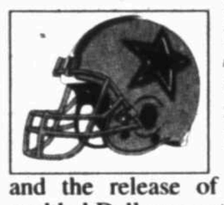
As a junior last season, Benson rushed for 3,526 yards, the fourth best single-season total in state his-

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Dallas makes trade with Atlanta for TE

By Jaime Aron
AP Sports Writer

IRVING — After a month of auditions for a third tight end, the Dallas Cowboys acquired O.J. Santiago from Atlanta on Sunday for two late-round draft picks.



That trade and the release of 18 players enabled Dallas to get its roster to the maximum 53 by the NFL deadline. However, they aren't necessarily the 53 players the Cowboys will have for the opener Sunday against Philadelphia.

Team owner Jerry Jones said he expects to make several changes. Vice president Stephen Jones, who manages the salary cap, said money won't be a limiting factor.

"I think we have a chance to do some good," Jerry Jones said. "If we do, I think it'll be in the next 24 hours."

Offensive lineman Tony Hutson and fullback Ryan Neufeld were the only members of last year's team who were cut Sunday. All five draft picks made the club as did three undrafted free agents: offensive lineman Al Jackson, kicker Tim Seder and punter Micah Knorr.

Dallas also will try re-signing up to five players for its practice squad. Top candidates include quarterback Clint Stoerner and running back Troy Hambrick.

By cutting Stoerner, the Cowboys are going into the season with only two quarterbacks — Troy Aikman and Randall Cunningham, both in their 30s. Joey Galloway will be the emergency quarterback, but his $42 million contract is to catch passes, not throw them.

The acquisition of Galloway was a major part of a new offense Dallas installed. As much as 20 percent of the plan called for using two blocking tight ends, with Mike Lucky expected to join starter David LaFleur.

But Lucky suffered a season-ending knee injury early in training camp, triggering a long search for backups. The Cowboys traded for one candidate, claimed another off waivers, signed three and had another on their roster already.

They were leaning toward keeping two — a blocker to back up and complement LaFleur and a receiver to back up Jackie Harris. Then the Falcons called Saturday and, after a few hours of negotiations, Dallas agreed to give up a fourth-round pick next year and a seventh-rounder in 2001.

"They'd been watching us bring in tight ends, so they saw we were potentially interested," Jones said.

Santiago caught 27 passes for 428 yards and five touchdowns in 1998, the year Atlanta reached the Super Bowl. His blocking also helped Jamal Anderson lead the NFC in rushing.

Last season, Santiago had 15 catches for 174 yards. He'll be a free agent after this season.

Woods beats darkness, crushes everyone else

Associated Press

AKRON, Ohio — Tiger Woods only had to beat the darkness Sunday. It was a close call, unlike anything else in the NEC Invitational.

Racing the clock because of a storm delay that suspended the final round for nearly three hours, Woods took eight holes to get untracked and then cruised to another landslide victory, this time by 11 strokes.

He probably could have won this one in the dark. In a fitting conclusion, his wedge into the 18th green emerged from the darkness and dropped 2 feet from the hole. Fans saw a silhouette of the best player in the world walk down the fairway, and some flicked their lighters like they were at a rock concert.

Even in overwhelming victory, Woods can still put on a show.

He completed his romp over a world-class field with a 3-under 67 to finish at 21-under 259. It was his lowest 72-hole score as a professional, and it broke the Firestone record of 262 set 10 years ago by Jose Maria Olazabal.

A week after an emotionally draining playoff victory in the PGA Championship for his third straight major, Woods showed no letup in a game that appears to be without weakness. He now has set tournament records in his last four victories.

It also was the third time this year Woods has successfully defended a title, and he now has won three of the five World Golf Championship events. He earned $1 million, giving him more money in the last two years than everyone but Davis Love III on the career money list.

Phillip Price of Wales, playing his first tournament in the United States, got as close to Woods as anyone Sunday — five strokes. But he bogeyed three of the last four holes and finished with a 69 to slip into a tie for second with Justin Leonard, who had a 66. Both earned $437,500 from the $5 million purse.



AP Photo

Tiger Woods watches his putt drop for birdie on the 12th hole during the final round of the NEC Invitational Sunday at Firestone Country Club in Akron, Ohio.

Next up for Woods: A clinic at Firestone in the morning, followed by a trip to the California desert for his made-for-TV match-play event against Sergio Garcia, an exhibition that pays $1.1 million to the winner.

Woods got in some practice Sunday — he put on a clinic, and made another tournament look like a mere exhibition.

Woods, who opened with rounds of 63 and 61, won for the fifth time in his last seven tournaments, and for the eighth time this year on the PGA Tour. The last player to win at least eight times in consecutive seasons was Byron Nelson, who won eight times in 1944 and a record 18 times in 1945.

Perhaps that's next on the horizon for Woods.

His 67 on soggy Firestone was his 35th consecutive round at par or better worldwide, dating to the first round of the Byron Nelson Classic in May.

Leonard, who hasn't won in over two years, was runner-up for the third time this year. One of those was at the Memorial, where he and Ernie Els finished five behind Woods.

Phil Mickelson and Hal Sutton each had a 70, while Jim Furyk had a 68 to tie for fourth, 12 strokes behind.

While Woods was never seriously challenged, neither did he make a serious bid for the PGA Tour's 72-hole scoring record of 257, set by Mike Souchak in the 1955 Texas Open.

And just because it was another romp, Firestone wasn't devoid of excitement.

Stewart Cink got a hole-in-one on No. 12, a 4-iron from 213 years, and Retief Goosen had an ace on No. 7 with a 3-iron from 230 yards.

The best shot of the day came from Els, whose 5-iron from 186 yards on the par-5 2nd caught a slope behind the flag and rolled back into the cup for a double eagle.

Otherwise, the NEC Invitational turned into a battle for second.

Tech's offense needs work, shows promise

By Pam Easton
Associated Press Writer

LUBBOCK — It was far from perfect, but the debut of new coach Mike Leach and his pass-happy offense at Texas Tech showed why there is so much anticipation and optimism.



While there were some very obvious flaws, there were also some very promising signs for the Red Raiders in a 24-3 victory over New Mexico on Saturday night.

"It's always the sign of a good team to go out, not play up to your potential and come out with a win," said sophomore Shaud Williams. "We stumbled coming out of the gate, but we'll come together, get rolling and be hard to beat."

This was only game one in a vastly different Tech offensive system. The Red Raiders ran two-thirds of the time under former

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Veteran 'Kats are used to changes

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

GARDEN CITY — By now, the seniors on the Garden City football team might be getting used to change. After all, some of them are playing for their third head coach at the school, and they began last season by switching from the Delaware Wing-T offense to the I-formation.

Switching gears might not be anything new to senior quarterback Justin Hillger. He moved from fullback to quarterback last season, and this season he's had to learn another offense. Only this time, it calls for him to be even more involved than ever before.

New head coach Wade Wesley is installing a spread attack which will usually feature one-back or even no-back sets behind Hillger, placing more emphasis on the quarterback to make plays as a passer. For the third straight year, Hillger is adapting to a new system.

"I was a little bit excited and nervous," said Hillger of the possibility of being the trigger man on a passing attack. "I was nervous because it was different from what I was doing, but I'm now excited because it's something new."

If the new offense is to work, a lot of that responsibility will fall on Hillger's shoulders. He's proven that he has the leadership and athletic ability, qualities which impressed last year's head coach Michael Meek, who decided that Hillger was the right person to quarterback the team.

Hillger responded to that challenge by earning second team All-District 7-A honors last season. But now his role is even bigger, and everyone must learn a new system all over again.

"We've been practicing it every day and that's helped me learn it and I think we're all getting it down," said Hillger. "This is new to everybody here."

At least Hillger will stay in a familiar position. For senior Erik Halfmann, the new offense will mean a radical new role.

Halfmann, an all-district center last season, has been moved to wide receiver to take advantage of his athletic ability. But, like Hillger, he's also used to change.

"It's kind of a chance to show what I've got," said Halfmann of playing receiver. "Then again, I was a running back at one time."

So was Hillger, but those days are gone in his high school career. He figures to be the leader of the offense for the second straight season, and his example is one that the other 10 players on the field will have to follow.

"I have a feeling that since it's a new offense all of us are going to have to rise to the challenge," said Hillger. "Our depth is weak, but we have a lot of experience."

Hillger is also hoping that the experience he and several other seniors are bringing to the table won't be lost on future Garden City teams.

"I'm hoping we can get a tradition started, or at least a few more wins," said Hillger. "We haven't had a tradition here for awhile."

Making a new offense work would be a fine start.

Garden City 'Kats

Key Quote: Head coach Wade Wesley on his team's having to pick up a new offense: "We've still got a long way to go on offense. That's clear because you learn defense faster than offense. We're a long way from going anything great offensively."

Returning starters: 7 offense, 8 defense.

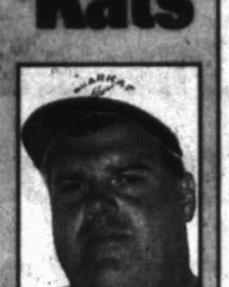
Offensive standouts: Quarterback Justin Hillger, wide receiver Erik Halfmann, guard Kyle Kight.

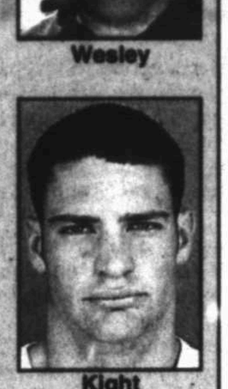
Defensive standouts: Tackle Tony Talamantes, linebacker Anthony Wheat, safety Ryan Batla.

Last season's record: 2-8, 1-4 in District 7-A.

Last playoff appearance: 1992.

Team colors: Black, red and white.


Wesley


Kight


R. Batla

Schedule

Date	Opponent	Time
Sept. 8	at Forsan	8 p.m.
Sept. 15	Water Valley	8 p.m.
Sept. 22	at Irion County	8 p.m.
Sept. 29	Midland Trinity	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 6	at Fort Davis	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 13	*Rotan	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 20	*Sterling City	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 27	*at Robert Lee	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 3	*Roby	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 10	*at Roscoe	7:30 p.m.

*Denotes District 9-A opponent.

TECH: Defense proved to have big part in win

(From 1C)

coach Spike Dykes.

In their first game under Leach, sophomore Kliff Kingsbury completed 21-of-47 passes — bettering last year's single-game highs of 15 completions and 32 attempts — for 186 yards and two touchdowns. The Red Raiders were only credited with 24 rushing attempts, and four of those were when Kingsbury was sacked.

"We struggled on offense, that's part of it early in the season," Kingsbury said. "We didn't execute well. We are still learning the system, and we'll get better as we go on."

Leach said there were dropped passes, bad routes run by the receivers and bad decisions made by Kingsbury. But he also knows that is part of the developing process.

"You have to get game experience," Leach said. "We have plenty of work to do."

Leach says his team needs to make quicker offensive decisions, work on protecting Kingsbury more and be better organized and calmer on the sideline.

"We just need to execute," Leach said. "We are in good position to make more happen than we did. We are several key plays and a few little things from making more things happen."

The Red Raiders get to play their first four games at home, their entire non-conference schedule before their Big 12 opener Sept. 30 at Texas A&M. They also get the advantage of a 12th regular-season game since the opener was a charity game.

One thing that was obvious was how Leach will incorporate non-related running backs Shaud Williams and Ricky Williams into the offense. Ricky Williams was fourth in the nation in rushing as a sophomore two years ago, but Shaud Williams was productive as a freshman after Ricky Williams was injured in the 1999 opener.

Shaud Williams had just two carries for nine yards against New Mexico, but was the leading receiver with five catches for 45 yards. Ricky Williams had 15 rushing carries for 78 yards and also had the first TD catch of his career, a 6-yarder on the second Tech possession of the game.

While the offense failed to live up to the big-play expectations, the defense turned in a few big plays of its own.

Cornerback Antwan Alexander, who also had an interception, returned a fumble 70 yards to set up a field goal, and defensive end Aaron Hunt had a 63-yard fumble return for a TD in the fourth quarter.

BEARKATS: Wesley brings new offense

(From 1C)

a game against us," said Wesley. "Stephenville (in a 1998 playoff game) got 42 points on us and that spread offense is something I want to get into."

That may come as something of a shock to the Bearkats and their followers, who have gotten used to seeing the team operate out of the Delaware Wing-T or I-formation under previous coaches Michael Meek and Dennis Bryant. The wide open spread offense preferred by Stephenville, conversely, seems to use the pass to set up the run.

This puts more of an emphasis on what the quarterback can do than anything Garden City has previously run. Senior quarterback Justin Hillger, who was a second team All-District 7-A selection last season, will now have to extend his abilities even further.

"He's a very exciting young man," said Wesley of Hillger. "I'm confident with his athletic ability back there."

In the new offense, Hillger will have a pair of experienced receivers to throw to in senior tight end Ryan Batla and junior wideout Roger Alvarado. There will also be a third receiver to go to with experience, although it won't come from catching the ball.

Senior Erik Halfmann was an all-district choice last season, only it wasn't at receiver, but he still got his hands on the ball. In fact Halfmann handled the ball every play: He was the center.

At 5-foot-11, 160 pounds, though, Halfmann might be better suited athletically to play receiver.

"He's an all-district center, but he can get up there and dunk a basketball," said Wesley of Halfmann. "I'm thinking somewhere with his athletic ability I've got to use him as a receiver and get him the ball."

Going from the interior line to a perimeter receiver is as big a transition as a player can make, and Halfmann just hopes he's up to it.

"I'll try my best," said Halfmann. "It'll be tough trying to learn everything new again, but I'm definitely going to have to go for it."

Others who should get a chance to show what they can do with the ball include senior receiver Brady Kujaqski, senior fullback Julio Talamantes, junior tailback Curtis Eggemeyer and junior Boyd Batla, whom Wesley plans on using in an all-purpose role.

Although there are a lot of returning players, the line will have a different look from last season. Seniors Kyle Kight and Brandon Schraeder (5-10, 225) return at guard and tackle respectively, but the other positions will change. Junior Matthew Frysak (5-11, 220) and sophomore Drew Plagens are new at tackle and guard respectively while sophomore Josh Schmitz will replace Halfmann at center.

"We've changed a few positions to get some better blocking out there," said Wesley of the revamped line.

The other side of the ball is where Wesley's true strength as a coach should come in. He has been working on installing a base 4-3 and has also moved around players on that side of the ball.

"We're going to have to play good defense," said Wesley. "I want us to be stronger and quicker. I've moved some linebackers we've had in the past down inside to add to our overall team speed."

Senior Tony Talamantes (5-9, 230) was an all-district selection at tackle last season and should anchor the line. He'll play alongside 5-6, 165 senior Juaquin Mier, a transplanted linebacker. Kight, another returning starter, will play one end with junior T.J. Pelzel at the other.

Seniors Halfmann and Anthony Wheat, an all-district pick last year, return at the linebacker spots with Eggemeyer slated to start at the third spot. The entire secondary returns from last year, consisting of Boyd Batla and Kujaqski at the corners and Hillger and Ryan Batla at the safeties.

Hillger, who was the placekicker last season, and Tony Talamantes, who punted and kicked off, look likely to resume those duties this season.

POLLS: Stephenville is top ranked in Class 4A

(From 1C)

tory, and scored 44 touchdowns. He had four 300-yard rushing games, a state record for a single season.

The Rebels open their season Sept. 2 in San Antonio against No. 7 Victoria Memorial in the HEB Texas Football Classic.

Aldine Eisenhower got the No. 4 preseason rank in 5A, followed by Katy and Plano East. Victoria Memorial and Tyler John Tyler tied, then came Waco and Mesquite.

Victoria Memorial is playing its first season. The Vipers are a consolidation of Victoria High and Victoria Stroman.

Stephenville begins the season with a new coach and an old tradition —trying to win its third straight Class 4A championship with the No. 1 preseason rank under coach Mike Copeland, promoted after 31 years as an assistant coach for the Yellow Jackets.

Stephenville must deal not only with the loss of coach Art Briles, but also with the coaches' son Kendal, who passed for 3,515 yards last season. Briles now is an assistant coach at Texas Tech and Kendal has enrolled at Wofforth Frenship, a team the Yellow Jackets beat en route their 1999 Division II title.

Texas City, the defending 4A Division I champion, starts the season ranked No. 2 followed by Frenship.

In Class 3A, Newton, a regional finalist last season, starts this season ranked No. 1 followed by Lamesa, a state semifinalist last season, and Crockett, an area finalist.

With Quan Cosby leading the way at quarterback, defending Class 2A Division I state champion Mart, is the favorite to repeat, followed by Division II defending champion Celina and Refugio.

Iraan was a regional finalist in Class 2A last season and starts out this year as the favorite in Class A followed by Shiner and Beckville.

High School Polls

The Associated Press high school football preseason poll for 2000, with first-place votes in parentheses. Total points are based on 10 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 10th-place vote. The previous rankings are from final 1999 poll and records are from 1999. Voting done by a panel of 20 sports writers and broadcasters.

Class 5A

Team	Rec.	Pts	Pvs
1. Garland (12)	15-1	188	x
2. Aust. Westlake (4)	12-1	166	3
3. Midland Lee (4)	**15-0**	**159**	**1**
4. Ald. Eisenhower	13-2	133	10
5. Katy	14-2	112	5
6. Plano East	11-3	92	x
t7. Victoria Memorial-x	0-0	40	x
t7. Tyler John Tyler	5-5	40	x
9. Waco	9-4	39	x
10. Mesquite	9-5	27	x

x-New school consolidated from Victoria and Victoria Stroman.

Also receiving votes: Arlington Lamar 26, The Woodlands 14, Jersey Village 8, Houston Lamar 7, South Grand Prairie 7, SA Marshall 7, Abilene 6, Duncanville 6, Houston Madison 5, Euless Trinity 4, SA Holmes 4, Converse Judson 3, Lewisville 2, Bryan 1, Houston Washington 1.

Class 4A

1. Stephenville (8)	16-0	183	1
2. Texas City (9)	15-0	170	2
3. La Marque (2)	11-2	152	6
4. Wolfforth Frenship (1)	8-5	131	x
5. Hereford	13-2	105	x
6. SA Roosevelt	9-2	89	x
7. Brownwood	8-3	87	x
8. Wichita Falls	10-3	60	x
9. San Marcos	11-3	50	x
10. Ennis	12-3	20	x

Also receiving votes: Nederland 15, Greenville 8, Bay City 4, Hewitt Midway 4, Brenham 3, Jacksonville 3, CC Calallen 2, New Braunfels 2, Kilgore, Port Neches-Groves, West Orange-Stark.

Class 3A

1. Newton (7)	11-2	175	2
2. Lamesa (2)	11-3	145	x
3. Crockett (3)	11-1	142	7
4. Everman (6)	8-4	136	x
5. Cleveland (1)	11-2	110	5
6. La Grange	10-1	92	x
7. Marlin	12-2	58	x
8. Sweeny	7-4	51	x
9. Cuero	8-4	33	x
10. Liberty-Eylau	14-1	30	x

Also receiving votes: Lindale 29, Aledo 36, Sealy (1) 22, Daingerfield 14, Forney 12, Brownsboro 7, Atlanta 5, Gatesville 4, China Spring 3, Wilmer-Hutchins 3, Commerce 2, Kaufman 2, Sweetwater 1.

Class 2A

1. Mart (17)	15-0	197	2
2. Celina (2)	16-0	181	3
3. Refugio	13-2	145	x
4. Corrigan-Camden	10-2	110	x
5. Elysian Fields	14-2	86	x
6. Gunter	12-2	82	x
7. Omaha Paul Pewitt	12-1	77	x
8. Sonora	13-1	74	x
9. Olney (1)	10-2	46	x
10. Garrison	12-1	27	8

Also receiving votes: Rogers 17, Alto 13, Boyd 10, Blanco 7, Comfort 6, East Chambers 5, Arp 4, Winters 4, DeKalb 3, Mason 2, Stanton 2, Thorndale 2.

Class A

1. Iraan (16)	**12-1**	**191**	**x**
2. Shiner	10-1	152	x
3. Beckville (2)	5-6	138	x
4. Stratford (1)	12-3	133	x
5. Celeste	9-4	113	x
6. Paducah (1)	10-4	97	x
7. Wheeler	13-1	68	x
8. Rankin	**10-3**	**62**	**x**
9. Bartlett	15-1	61	6
10. Wortham	9-2	52	7

Also receiving votes: Kamack 7, Claude 5, Baird 4, Bremond 3, Evadale 3, Ranger 3, Charlotte 2, Lindsay 2, Nazareth 2, Detroit 1.

Southern Cal crushes Penn State; BCA Classic postponed

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■ College Football

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Sultan McCullough had a career-high 128 yards rushing as No. 15 Southern California beat No. 22 Penn State 29-5 on Sunday in the Kickoff Classic.

The Trojans outrushed the Nittany Lions 164 yards to 6, the lowest total for any Penn State team under Joe Paterno.

It was the worst season-opening loss for Penn State since a 44-6 defeat against Nebraska in the 1983 Kickoff Classic.

Southern Cal quarterback Carson Palmer, playing his first game since breaking a collarbone in the third game last year, was 10-of-20 for 87 yards.

Trojans safety Frank Strong burst up the middle and easily blocked David Royer's punt, and Sandy Fletcher returned it 6 yards to give Southern Cal a 7-0 lead 2:15 into the game.

Troy Polamalu intercepted a badly thrown pass by Rashard Casey and returned it 43 yards to give USC a 20-3 lead with 2:37 left in the second.

BCA Classic postponed by lightning, thunderstorms

BLACKSBURG, Va. — Michael Vick's run at the Heisman Trophy will have to wait a week.

Sunday night's Georgia Tech-Virginia Tech game was postponed by game and school officials after severe thunderstorms and lightning rolled into the area just as the teams were lined up for the opening kickoff.

After waiting about an hour as thunder rumbled in, lightning bolts lit up the sky and heavy rain pelted Lane Stadium, Virginia Tech athletic director Jim Weaver announced the postponement at 9:08 p.m.

"There is another round of storms more severe than the first one, so the game is postponed," Weaver said. "We will talk about the possibility of rescheduling, of maybe playing the first weekend in December."

With the field soaked and puddles forming near the sidelines, Weaver said he did not want to risk injuries. Vick, the Hokies' sensational quarterback who led the team to the national title game in 1999, will now make his much anticipated sophomore debut Saturday against Akron.

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Wichita	37	26	.587	—
Tulsa	34	29	.540	3
Arkansas	30	33	.476	7
x-Shreveport	18	45	.286	19
Western Division				
El Paso	41	22	.651	—
x-Round Rock	37	26	.587	4
Midland	35	28	.556	6
San Antonio	20	43	.317	21

x-won first half title

Sunday's Games
Arkansas 3, El Paso 2
Midland 4, Shreveport 1
Tulsa 4, San Antonio 0
Round Rock 4, Wichita 1

Monday's Games
El Paso at Arkansas
Midland at Shreveport
Tulsa at San Antonio
Wichita at Round Rock

Auto Racing

Belterra Indy 300

SPARTA, Ky. (AP) — Results Sunday of the Belterra Resort Indy 300 Indy Racing Northern Light Series event at Kentucky Speedway, with order of finish, starting position in parentheses, driver, chassis-engine, laps completed, reason out, if any, and money:

1. (7) Buddy Lazier, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 200, $126,300
2. (1) Scott Goodyear, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 200, $113,750
3. (4) Sarah Fisher, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 200, $54,000
4. (15) Eddie Cheever Jr., Dallara-Infiniti, 200, $61,100
5. (21) Stephan Gregoire, G Force-Oldsmobile, 199, $56,200
6. (5) Jeff Ward, G Force-Oldsmobile, 199, $45,300
7. (3) Greg Ray, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 199, $44,200
8. (17) Shigeaki Hattori, G Force-Oldsmobile, 199, $43,100
9. (20) Sam Hornish Jr., Dallara-Oldsmobile, 199, $23,850
10. (8) Donnie Beechler, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 198, $42,000
11. (24) Mark Dismore, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 198, $40,900
12. (11) Buzz Calkins, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 197, $39,800
13. (16) Robbie Buhl, G Force-Infiniti, 196, $38,800
14. (19) Robby McGehee, G Force-Oldsmobile, 196, $37,600
15. (26) J.J. Yeley, G Force-Oldsmobile, 189, $17,350
16. (9) Davey Hamilton, G Force-Oldsmobile, 185, $16,250
17. (12) Jimmy Kite, G Force-Oldsmobile, 155, engine, $15,050
18. (22) Billy Boat, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 154, CV joint, $34,300
19. (23) Airton Dare, G Force-Oldsmobile, 133, bell housing, $33,300
20. (10) Jaques Lazier, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 121, engine, $22,950
21. (27) Stevie Reeves, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 97, CV joint, $12,950
22. (13) Tyce Carlson, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 70, gear box, $32,200
23. (25) Roberto Guerrero, G Force-Oldsmobile, 48, engine, $12,950
24. (18) Scott Sharp, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 16, engine, $32,200
25. (2) Eliseo Salazar, G Force-Oldsmobile, 2, accident, $32,200
26. (6) Jeret Schroeder, Dallara-Oldsmobile, 2, accident, $32,200
27. (14) Al Unser Jr., G Force-Oldsmobile, 2, accident, $32,200

Winner's average speed: 164.601 mph.

Time of race: 1 hour, 49 minutes, 21.309 seconds.

Margin of victory: 1.879 seconds.

Cautions: 4 for 28 laps.

Lead changes: 15 among 9 drivers.

Lap leaders: Salazar 1-2, Goodyear 3-31, Hornish 32-40, B. Lazier 41-55, Ward 56-66, Hornish 67-93, J. Lazier 94-95, Hornish 96-97, J. Lazier 98-103, Dismore 104-106, Goodyear 107-138, Kite 139-154, B. Lazier 155-157, Goodyear 158-161, Fisher 162-170, B. Lazier 171-200.

Driver standings (after eight of nine races): B. Lazier 258, Goodyear 220, Cheever 217, Dismore 186, Salazar 180, Sharp 179, Buhl 178, Beechler 174, Unser 173, McGehee 168.

Belgian Grand Prix

SPA-FRANCORCHAMPS, Belgium (AP) — Results Sunday of the Belgian Grand Prix, with driver, country, make of car, laps completed and time over the 4.329-mile Francorchamps course:

1. Mika Hakkinen, Finland, McLaren-Mercedes, 44, 1 hour, 28 minutes, 14.494 seconds, 129.458 mph.
2. Michael Schumacher, Germany, Ferrari, 1:28:15.598.
3. Ralf Schumacher, Germany, Williams, 1:28.52.590.
4. David Coulthard, Britain, McLaren-Mercedes, 1:28.57.775.
5. Jenson Button, Britain, Williams, 1:29:04.408.
6. Heinz-Harald Frentzen, Germany, Jordan, 1:29:10.478.
7. Jacques Villeneuve, Canada, British American Racing, 1:29:26.874
8. Johnny Herbert, Britain, Jaguar, 1:29:42.302.
9. Mika Salo, Finland, Sauber, 1:29:43.164.
10. Eddie Irvine, Britain, Jaguar, 1:29:46.049.
11. Pedro Diniz, Brazil, Sauber, 1:29:48.617.
12. Ricardo Zonta, Brazil, British American Racing, 43 laps.
13. Alexander Wurz, Austria, Benetton, 43.
14. Marc Gene, Spain, Minardi-Ford, 43.
15. Jos Verstappen, Netherlands, Arrows, 43.
16. Pedro de la Rosa, Spain, Arrows, 42.

Top 25 Boxes

No. 15 Southern Cal 29, No. 22 Penn State 5

Southern Cal	14	9	6 — 29
Penn State	3	0	2 — 5

First Quarter

USC—Fletcher 6 blocked punt return (Newbury kick), 12:45.

PSU—FG Primanti 37, 7:39.

USC—Papadakis 2 run (Newbury kick), 1:44.

Second Quarter

USC—Polamalu 43 interception return (kick failed), 2:37.

USC—FG Newbury 47, :00.

Third Quarter

PSU—Safety, Allmond recovered blocked punt in end zone, 5:40.

Fourth Quarter

USC—FG Newbury 27, 14:09.

USC—FG Newbury 44, 10:42.

	USC	PSU
First downs	15	10
Rushes-yards	50-164	22-6
Passing	87	136
Comp-Att-Int	10-20-1	10-30-1
Return Yards	108	24
Punts-Avg.	4-34.8	8-33.6
Fumbles-Lost	2-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	7-65	6-30
Time of Possession	37:10	22:50

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Southern Cal, McCullough 29-128, Papadakis 11-29, Pierson 2-16, MacKenzie 3-8, Landrigan 1-3, Palmer 4-(minus 20). Penn State, L.Johnson 5-21, Watson 1-6, Cerimele 1-1, McCoo 8-(minus 1), Drummond 1-(minus 1), Casey 5-(minus 20), team 1-0.

PASSING—Southern Cal, Palmer 10-20-1-87. Penn State, Casey 7-24-1-106, Seneca 3-6-0-30.

RECEIVING—Southern Cal, McCullough 3-16, Pierson 2-28, Kelly 2-15, Allmond 1-21, MacKenzie 1-6, Holmes 1-1, Penn State, Crenshaw 4-55, Stewart 2-56, B.Johnson 2-28, Gilmore 1-3, L.Johnson 1-(minus 6).

Major League Baseball

AL Boxes

BLUE JAYS 6, RANGERS 4

TORONTO	ab	r	hbi		TEXAS	ab	r	hbi	
Stewart lf	4	1	2	2	Ctinotto 2b	5	0	0	New York
ASGztz ss	4	0	2	0	Curtis dh	4	1	1	Boston
DMrtnz rf	5	0	3	0	Greer lf	3	1	1	Toronto
CDlgdo 1b	3	0	0	0	RPlmo 1b	4	1	1	Baltimore
Flmer dh	5	0	1	0	Kapler cf	4	1	2	Tampa Bay
TBtsta 3b	4	0	0	0	Ledee rf	4	0	2	
Fltcher c	4	3	3	3	Hslman c	4	0	0	
JoCruz cf	4	2	2	1	Lamb 3b	3	0	0	Chicago
Mrndni 2b	3	0	1	0	Clayton ss	4	0	1	Cleveland
Totals	**36**	**6**	**14**	**6**	**Totals**	**35**	**4**	**8**	Detroit
Toronto			**011**	**200**	**020**	**— 6**			Kansas City
Texas			**100**	**020**	**010**	**— 4**			Minnesota

DP—Texas 3. LOB—Toronto 8, Texas 6. 2B—JoCruz (25), Curtis (23), Kapler (27). HR—Stewart (19), Fletcher 3 (16), JoCruz (27), RPalmeiro (33). SB—DMartinez (6), Ledee 2 (11). S—ASGonzalez. SF—Stewart.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Toronto						
Trachsel W,7-11	6	6	3	3	2	4
Escobar	2	2	1	1	0	3
Koch S,31	1	0	0	0	0	0
Texas						
Helling L,14-9	7	1-3	12	6	6	3	5
Crabtree		2-3	1	0	0	0	0
Venafro		1	1	0	0	0	0

Crabtree pitched to 1 batter in the 9th.

T—3:00. A—21,896 (49,166).

TWINS 7, TIGERS 6, 10 innings

DETROIT	ab	r	hbi		MINNESOTA	ab	r	hbi
Becker rf	4	0	0	0	Lawton rf	6	2	3	1
JEcrcn cf	5	1	3	0	Hcking ss	4	1	0	0
Hggnsn lf	5	1	1	0	Cmngs lf	5	2	3	1
Gnzlez dh	4	1	0	0	Coomr 1b	4	0	3	3
Palmer 1b	4	1	1	1	Ortiz dh	3	0	0	1
Easley 2b	4	1	1	2	THuntr cf	5	0	0	0
DCruz ss	3	0	0	1	Koskie 3b	4	0	1	0
Macias 3b	3	1	2	0	Ardoin c	2	0	1	0
Crdona c	1	0	0	1	JJones ph	0	0	0	0
McMlln ph	1	0	1	0	Cnizaro ph	0	0	0	0
Asmus c	1	0	0	0	Przyns c	0	1	0	0
					JMxwll 2b	2	0	0	0
					CGzmn ss	1	1	0	0
Totals	**35**	**6**	**9**	**5**	**Totals**	**36**	**7**	**11**	**6**
Detroit			**020**	**011**	**020**			**0 — 6**	
Minnesota			**101**	**010**	**201**			**1 — 7**	

Two outs when winning run scored.

DP—Detroit 1, Minnesota 2. LOB—Detroit 6, Minnesota 12. 2B—JEncarnacion (16), Palmer (16), Lawton (39), Coomer (24). 3B—Macias (3). HR—Easley (12), Lawton (10). SB—Koskie (4). S—Hocking. SF—DCruz, Cardona, Coomer.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Detroit						
Bernero	5	6	3	3	3	1
NCruz	2	1-3	1	2	2	4	3
Nitkowski		2-3	0	0	0	1	0
TBJones L,0-3	1	2-3	4	2	2	2	2
Minnesota						
Kinney	6	5	4	3	2	7
Hawkins	1	1-3	2	2	2	4	3
BWells		2-3	1	0	0	1	0
Cressend		1	1	0	0	0	0
Carrasco W,4-3	1	0	0	0	0	0	2

WP—Bernero, Kinney. PB—Ardoin. T—3:39. A—9,759 (48,678).

ROYALS 11, RED SOX 7

BOSTON	ab	r	hbi		KANSAS CITY	ab	r	hbi
Offrmn dh	5	0	1	0	Damon cf	4	1	2	1
DLewis cf	4	0	0	0	RSnchz ss	3	2	1	0
CEvrtt cf	0	0	0	0	Ordaz ss	1	0	0	0
Dubach 1b	4	1	2	0	MJSwy dh	2	2	1	1
Brogna 1b	1	0	0	0	Dye rf	4	2	2	3
Grcprr ss	3	1	1	0	Quinn lf	4	1	0	1
Alxndr ss	1	0	0	0	McCrty 1b	4	2	1	2
O'Lry lf	3	1	1	0	HOrtiz c	4	1	1	0
Gilkey lf	2	1	1	0	Dlgdo 2b	4	0	2	1
Httberg c	4	1	2	0	Rboulet 3b	4	0	0	0
Merloni 3b	1	1	1	3					
TNixon rf	3	0	1	2					
Lnsing 2b	3	1	1	1					
Totals	**34**	**7**	**11**	**6**	**Totals**	**34**	**11**	**10**	**9**
Boston			**000**	**102**	**040**	**— 7**			
Kansas City			**032**	**042**	**00x**	**—11**			

E—Daubach (3), Hatteberg (4), Merloni (3), Damon (5), Reboulet (9). DP—Kansas City 1. LOB—Boston 8, Kansas City 7. 2B—Daubach 2 (29), O'Leary (22), Hatteberg (14), Merloni (3). HR—Dye (31), McCarty (11). SB—RSanchez (6), MJSweeney (7), Quinn (4). S—Merloni. SF—Merloni 2. TNixon, Damon, Dye.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Boston						
Wakefield L,6-9	5	8	9	7	3	5
Florie	1	1	2	2	2	0
Cormier	1	1	0	0	0	1
Beck	1	0	0	0	0	2
Kansas City						
Reichert W,8-6	5	2-3	6	3	3	2	5
JSantiago	1	1-3	0	0	0	0	0
Fussell		2-3	5	4	3	0	0
Bottalico	1	1-3	0	0	0	2	1

HBP—by Beck (MJSweeney). T—3:05. A—17,037 (40,625).

ORIOLES 3, DEVIL RAYS 2

TAMPA BAY	ab	r	hbi		BALTIMORE	ab	r	hbi
GWlms cf	4	0	2	0	BKAsn rf	4	1	2	0
Tyner lf	4	0	2	0	Mora ss	4	1	1	2
GVghn dh	4	0	0	0	DShlds lf	3	0	1	0
McGriff 1b	4	0	0	0	Conine 3b	4	0	0	0
BoSmth 2b	2	0	0	0	Rchard 1b	4	1	1	0
SCox rf	4	1	2	0	Knkade dh	3	0	2	1
RJhnsn pr	0	0	0	0	Hbbard dh	0	0	0	0
Huff 3b	4	1	2	2	Frdyce c	3	0	0	0
JGuilln pr	0	0	0	0	Hairstn 2b	3	0	1	0
Flherty c	4	0	2	0	Matos cf	4	0	2	0
FMrtnz ss	3	0	0	0					
Cairo ph	1	0	0	0					
Totals	**34**	**2**	**10**	**2**	**Totals**	**32**	**3**	**10**	**3**
Tampa Bay			**020**	**000**	**000**	**— 2**			
Baltimore			**000**	**030**	**00x**	**— 3**			

E—Mora (9), Hairston (3). DP—Baltimore 3. LOB—Tampa Bay 8, Baltimore 9. 2B—Richard (8), Kinkade (1). HR—Huff (3), Mora (2). SB—Matos (10). CS—Hubbard (1).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tampa Bay						
Rupe L,5-5	5	8	3	3	2	2
Fiore	3	2	0	0	1	2
Baltimore						
Spurgeon W,1-0	7	8	2	2	2	2
Trombley	1	0	0	0	0	2
Kohlmeier S,7	1	2	0	0	0	1

HBP—by Fiore (Kinkade), by Spurgeon (BoSmith). T—2:56. A—36,078 (48,876).

YANKEES 7, ATHLETICS 5

NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi		OAKLAND	ab	r	hbi
Polonia lf	2	1	0	0	Long cf	5	0	0	0
GHill lf	2	0	0	0	Velarde 2b	4	1	1	0
Gooden p	0	0	0	0	Piatt lf	3	2	1	1
MRivra p	0	0	0	0	Chrstns lf	0	0	0	0
Jeter ss	5	1	3	1	Stanley 1b	3	1	1	3
Justice rf	4	1	1	1	Grieve dh	3	0	1	0
Cnseco dh	3	0	1	0	Tejada ss	3	0	0	0
JVzcno 2b	0	1	0	0	Stairs rf	3	0	0	0
TMrtnz 1b	5	2	1	0	Chavez 3b	4	0	1	0
Posada c	5	1	1	1	Fasano c	3	1	1	1
Sojo 2b	4	0	2	1	RJHdz ph	1	0	0	0
Brosius 3b	3	0	0	0					
Bllnger cf	3	0	1	1					
BeWms cf	1	0	0	1					
Totals	**37**	**7**	**10**	**6**	**Totals**	**32**	**5**	**6**	**5**
New York			**001**	**200**	**031**	**— 7**			
Oakland			**310**	**010**	**000**	**— 5**			

E—Long (9), Tejada (20), Chavez (17), Fasano (4). DP—New York 1, Oakland 1. LOB—New York 8, Oakland 5. 2B—Jeter (28), Justice (24), TMartinez (33), Bellinger (7), Velarde (20). HR—Piatt (5), Stanley (12), Fasano (7). SB—Polonia (9), Bellinger (5). S—JVizcaino.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
Neagle W,4-4	7	6	5	5	4	6
Gooden		2-3	0	0	0	1	1
MRivera S,29	1	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
Oakland						
GHeredia	6	1-3	6	3	3	2	2
Mecir L,6-3	1	2-3	4	4	2	2	3
DJones		1	0	0	0	0	1

Mecir pitched to 2 batters in the 9th.

T—3:14. A—39,348 (43,012).

WHITE SOX 2, MARINERS 1

CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi	SEATTLE	ab	r	hbi
Karko 2b	4	1	2	1	Furcal 2b	3	0	2	1
Drew rf	4	0	1	0	Surhoff lf	4	0	0	0
Edmnd cf	5	0	0	0	CJones 3b	4	0	0	0
WClark 1b	2	1	0	0	Joyner 1b	3	0	0	0
Drham 2b	4	1	2	1	Hndrsn lf	3	0	0	0
Grffnno ss	3	0	1	0	DWilsn c	0	0	0	0
Baines ph	1	0	0	0	AMartn rf	3	0	0	0
CJhnsn c	0	0	0	0	Ibanez rf	1	0	0	0
Thmas dh	3	0	0	0	ARdrgz ss	4	0	1	0
Knerko 1b	4	1	2	1	EMrtnz dh	4	0	0	0
CNLee lf	4	0	0	0	Olerud 1b	3	0	0	0
Perry 3b	3	0	1	0	CGuilln 3b	3	0	0	0
Shglton cf	4	0	0	0	Cmeron cf	2	1	1	0
JAbbott rf	3	0	0	0	JOliver c	2	0	1	0
MOdnz rf	0	0	0	0	Javier lf	1	0	0	0
MLJsn c	1	0	0	0	McInnr 2b	3	0	1	1
JAVltin ss	2	0	0	0					
Totals	**32**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**Totals**	**29**	**1**	**4**	**1**
Chicago			**010**	**000**	**010**	**— 2**			
Seattle			**000**	**010**	**000**	**— 1**			

E—CGuillen (15). DP—Seattle 1. LOB—Chicago 7, Seattle 3. 2B—ARodriguez (28). HR—Durham (15), Konerko (15). SB—Graffanino (5), Perry (3), Singleton (16), Cameron (16).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
SLowe	5	4	1	1	2	3
Barcelo W,2-1	3	0	0	0	0	1
Foulke S,24	1	0	0	0	0	2
Seattle						
FGarcia L,4-4	8	6	2	2	3	4
Mesa	1	0	0	0	1	1

T—2:44. A—45,525 (47,145).

ANGELS 10, INDIANS 9

CLEVELAND	ab	r	hbi		ANAHEIM	ab	r	hbi
Lofton cf	4	1	0	1	Erstad dh	4	2	2	1
Vizquel ss	3	3	2	2	Glaus 3b	4	2	1	2
RAlmr 2b	4	1	2	5	Salmon rf	3	2	3	3
MRmrz rf	4	1	2	0	MVghn 1b	4	1	2	2
Segui dh	5	0	3	1	Gant lf	3	1	3	0
Frymn 3b	5	1	2	0	OPlmro lf	0	0	0	0
Thome 1b	3	1	1	0	GAndsn cf	4	0	0	0
WCrdro lf	5	0	1	0	BMolna c	5	0	1	2
SAlomr c	4	1	1	0	AKndy 2b	5	1	2	0
					Gil ss	3	1	2	0
Totals	**37**	**9**	**14**	**9**	**Totals**	**35**	**10**	**16**	**10**
Cleveland			**300**	**100**	**500**	**— 9**			
Anaheim			**004**	**015**	**00x**	**—10**			

E—Karsay (1). DP—Cleveland 3. LOB—Cleveland 11, Anaheim 10. 2B—RAlomar (27), MRamirez 2 (22), Thome (29), WCordero (11), Salmon (30). HR—Vizquel (7), RAlomar (15), Glaus (37), Salmon (30). SB—Vizquel (17), Erstad (25), Gil (10). S—SAlomar, OPalmeiro, Gil. SF—Lofton.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
CFinley L,10-10	5	1-3	11	8	8	3	3
Speier		2-3	3	2	2	1	0
SReed		1	1	0	0	1	0
Karsay		1	1	0	0	2	0
Anaheim							
Mercker	3	2-3	8	4	4	4	1
Levine W,3-4	2	1-3	2	1	1	2	1
Holtz		2-3	1	3	3	2	0
Petkovsek		1-3	3	1	1	0	0
Hasegawa S,8	2	0	0	0	0	0	1

Levine pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.

T—3:39. A—31,504 (45,050).

NL Boxes

ASTROS 7, EXPOS 3

HOUSTON	ab	r	hbi		MONTREAL	ab	r	hbi	
Cedeno lf	5	1	2	2	WGrero lf	3	0	1	0
Lugo 2b	5	0	1	0	Forster p	0	0	0	0
Bgwell 1b	3	1	0	1	Telford p	0	0	0	0
Hidalgo cf	4	0	0	0	TLJons ph	1	0	0	0
Alou rf	4	2	3	2	Brdley cf	3	0	1	1
Esebio c	4	2	3	2	Vidro 2b	5	0	0	0
Truby 3b	4	0	0	0	VGrero rf	3	1	1	0
Bogar ss	3	1	1	0	LStvns 1b	4	1	1	0
Elarton p	3	0	0	0	Blum 3b	2	0	0	0
					JSanta p	0	0	0	0
					Sgignol lf	2	0	0	0
					OCabra ss	3	0	0	0
					Schndr c	4	0	1	2
					TMoore p	1	0	0	0
					Tracy 3b	1	1	1	0
Totals	**35**	**7**	**10**	**7**	**Totals**	**32**	**3**	**6**	**3**
Houston			**100**	**410**	**010**	**— 7**			
Montreal			**000**	**002**	**001**	**— 3**			

DP—Houston 1, Montreal 1. LOB—Houston 4, Montreal 9. 2B—Eusebio 2 (17), Schneider (3), Tracy (3). HR—Alou (25), Eusebio (7). SB—VGuerrero (9).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Elarton W,15-4	9	6	3	3	7	6
Montreal						
TMoore L,1-4	4	7	5	5	2	4
JSantana	2	2	1	1	0	1
Forster	2	1	1	1	0	0
Telford	1	0	0	0	0	2

HBP—by TMoore (Elarton). WP—Elarton. Balk—TMoore. T—2:42. A—10,732 (46,500).

CARDINALS 7, BRAVES 2

ST. LOUIS	ab	r	hbi		ATLANTA	ab	r	hbi	
Vina 2b	4	1	2	1	Furcal 2b	3	0	2	1
Drew rf	4	0	1	0	Surhoff lf	4	0	0	0
Edmnd cf	5	0	0	0	CJones 3b	4	0	0	0
WClark 1b	2	1	0	0	Joyner 1b	3	0	0	0
Drham 2b	4	1	2	1	Hndrsn lf	3	0	0	0
Grffnno ss	3	0	1	0	DWilsn c	0	0	0	0
Baines ph	1	0	0	0	AMartn rf	3	0	0	0
CJhnsn c	0	0	0	0	Ibanez rf	1	0	0	0
Thmas dh	3	0	0	0	ARdrgz ss	4	0	1	0
Knerko 1b	4	1	2	1	EMrtnz dh	4	0	0	0
CNLee lf	4	0	0	0	Olerud 1b	3	0	0	0
Perry 3b	3	0	1	0	CGuilln 3b	3	0	0	0
Shglton cf	4	0	0	0	Cmeron cf	2	1	1	0
JAbbott rf	3	0	0	0	JOliver c	2	0	1	0
MOdnz rf	0	0	0	0	Javier lf	1	0	0	0
MLJsn c	1	0	0	0	McInnr 2b	3	0	1	1
JAVltin ss	2	0	0	0					
Totals	**32**	**2**	**6**	**2**	**Totals**	**29**	**1**	**4**	**1**
Chicago			**010**	**000**	**010**	**— 2**			
Seattle			**000**	**010**	**000**	**— 1**			

E—CGuillen (15). DP—Seattle 1. LOB—Chicago 7, Seattle 3. 2B—ARodriguez (28). HR—Durham (15), Konerko (15). SB—Graffanino (5), Perry (3), Singleton (16), Cameron (16).

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
SLowe	5	4	1	1	2	3
Barcelo W,2-1	3	0	0	0	0	1
Foulke S,24	1	0	0	0	0	2
Seattle						
FGarcia L,4-4	8	6	2	2	3	4
Mesa	1	0	0	0	1	1

T—2:44. A—45,525 (47,145).

ANGELS 10, INDIANS 9

CLEVELAND	ab	r	hbi		ANAHEIM	ab	r	hbi
Lofton cf	4	1	0	1	Erstad dh	4	2	2	1
Vizquel ss	3	3	2	2	Glaus 3b	4	2	1	2
RAlmr 2b	4	1	2	5	Salmon rf	3	2	3	3
MRmrz rf	4	1	2	0	MVghn 1b	4	1	2	2
Segui dh	5	0	3	1	Gant lf	3	1	3	0
Frymn 3b	5	1	2	0	OPlmro lf	0	0	0	0
Thome 1b	3	1	1	0	GAndsn cf	4	0	0	0
WCrdro lf	5	0	1	0	BMolna c	5	0	1	2
SAlomr c	4	1	1	0	AKndy 2b	5	1	2	0
					Gil ss	3	1	2	0
Totals	**37**	**9**	**14**	**9**	**Totals**	**35**	**10**	**16**	**10**
Cleveland			**300**	**100**	**500**	**— 9**			
Anaheim			**004**	**015**	**00x**	**—10**			

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	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Cleveland						
CFinley L,10-10	5	1-3	11	8	8	3	3
Speier		2-3	3	2	2	1	0
SReed		1	1	0	0	1	0
Karsay		1	1	0	0	2	0
Anaheim							
Mercker	3	2-3	8	4	4	4	1
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The Stars Show the Kind of Day You'll Have: 5-Dynamic; 4-Positive; 3-Average; 2-So-so; 1-Difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, Aug. 28, 2000:
Avoid sudden changes, both professionally and personally. Often, you want to take a radical action when you don't feel comfortable with a present issue or matter. Think, reflect and make decisions carefully. You come into your own later in the year. Take a class in stress reduction, or at least stress management. If you are single, you'll meet someone quite interesting through your work. Get to know this person well because of the natural implications of being involved with someone at work. 2001 brings many emotional rewards. If attached, share more of your concerns with a dear partner. As a result, you create a greater level of intimacy. LEO understands you too well, if that's possible.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Don't let another surprise you or catch you unprepared. You pop up with the right answers anyway. You will feel better if you are prepared. Schedule a special lunch with a friend in need. Be willing to work long and hard to complete work. Tonight: Off to the gym.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★ Bosses push and demand. You could be thrown off kilter by another's requests. Flex your knowledge, but don't get stuck in having anything a certain way. Creativity teems later in the day. Recognize your natural talents and express your ideas. Tonight: Curb extremes.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★ Communicate what is on your mind. Recognize what you want and zero in. Knowing your objectives remains primary in a quickly changing scene. You don't have to agree with another — you simply need to work with this person. Respect others' ideas and experience. Tonight: Do for you.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★ You could be jolted by another's financial decision. You can't change this person, but you can limit your damages. Remain positive and considerate. Emphasize your security. Communication appears difficult. You might have to search for the right words. Tonight: Take a walk and relax.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ You find out that your reasoning is faulty where you have made assumptions. Don't let pride stand in the way of your asking a partner or associate to be a sounding board for you. You want someone to play devil's advocate rather than agree with you. Tonight: Pay bills.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★ You might be more upset by changes in your day-to-day environment than you realize. Recognize your limits. Yours is a sign that works with the practical and the realistic. You don't like many changes. Express your reluctance to one who can hear you. Tonight: Speak your mind diplomatically.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Where others lose their focus, you stay centered. Use the present instability to enhance your creativity and ingenuity. You love to brainstorm and work with new situations. You've got one. Someone proves to be difficult to find or get responses from. Tonight: Curl up with a good book.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Others look to you for new ideas and better solutions. Listen to your intuition about a child or loved one. If you find yourself shocked, you haven't been facing facts about this person. Structure your schedule around accomplishments and goals. Tonight: Join friends.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Seek out news, even though you could be uncomfortable with some of it. Visualize more of what you want. Follow your inner beat, and you'll succeed. Look at success from your standpoint, not from another's point of view. Tonight: Work late.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Another doesn't appreciate your attitude about money. Problems could arise. Are you ready to deal with the implications of a decision? Take the high road when dealing with others. If work seems dull, then use your ingenuity to make it more interesting. Tonight: Catch up on e-mail.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★ As usual, you jolt others with your natural unpredictability. Though you do not need to take responsibility for another's behavior, you also don't need to provoke it. Discussions need to be on a one-on-one level. Refuse to take any financial or emotional risks. Tonight: With your best friend.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Dig into work. If you note resistance to a project or work, think again. You might want to evaluate where you are working and if changes are needed. Others might be unusually somber and difficult. Go on your own steam. Count on yourself. Tonight: Where the crowds are.

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BORN TODAY
Singer Shania Twain (1965), skater Scott Hamilton (1958), author Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749)

PEANUTS



SHOE



GARFIELD



CATHY



WIZARD OF ID



DILBERT



GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 10 3 ♡ K 8 7 ◇ A K 6 4 ♣ A 10 7 4
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1◇	Pass
1♠	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A — With all those prime cards, a jump to three no-trump is a little presumptuous — there are slam possibilities which should be investigated. If you play Fourth-Suit Forcing, by all means bid two hearts. If not, jump to three clubs to possibly set a trump suit and permit further probing.

Q 2 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ K 10 9 5 2 ♡ A 8 ◇ K Q J 10 9 ♣ A
Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

A — We can think of all sorts of scientific ways to bid this hand, starting with a jump shift or a forcing raise in spades. However, none of them is any better than an immediate ace-asking four no-trump, and that is our choice.

Q 3 — Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ Q 3 2 ♡ A 9 8 ◇ A Q 6 4 ♣ A 8 7
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1NT	Pass	3♠	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — You have a hand rich in controls, but it contains no ruffing values or intermediates, and only three-card trump support. Raise to four spades. If there is a slam, partner must have the values for another bid.

Q 4 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ A K ♡ K 7 ◇ Q J 9 2 ♣ K Q 7 4 3
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♡	Pass	2♣	Pass
2◇	Pass	?	

What action do you take?

A — This is a matter of style. If you play that your two-club response created a game force, simply raise to three diamonds to set the trump suit and leave room for investigation. If you do not, you must create a forcing auction by either using the fourth-suit bid of two spades or jumping to four diamonds.

Q 5 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ K Q 5 2 ♡ 6 5 ◇ K 9 5 ♣ K 10 6 3
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♣	Pass	1♠	Pass
2♣	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A — You do not want to proceed beyond three no-trump, which might be your only makable game. That leaves you with virtually one option — a slightly conservative raise to three clubs. Should partner elect to pass, you probably have not missed a game.

Q 6 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ K Q 5 ♡ J 10 6 5 3 2 ◇ K 10 5 ♣ 6
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
Pass	Pass	1♣	Pass
1♡	Pass	2♡	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — It is hard to construct a minimum opening bid with a heart raise that will not offer excellent play for game. Indeed, more than likely it will be laydown. Therefore, there is no point to being clever and risking an accident. Simply bid four hearts now.

CLOSE TO HOME



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FAMILY CIRCUS



"I like it when Grandma's here. It gives us an extra lap."

TV TONIGHT

MONDAY EVENING — AUGUST 28, 2000

For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	C	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	2	News 119	Wheel of Fortune 799	Golf Battle at Bighorn. Exhibition match pitting Sergio Garcia against Tiger Woods. From Bighorn Golf Club in Palm Desert, Calif. (Live) 527480						News 6582157	Nightline (N) 66503515	Politically 1820157	(:35) Maury (N) 1384157
(5) KPEJ	24	5	3	Home Improve. 461	Judge Judy 111	Opposite Sex "The Fantasy Episode" 'PG' 2867		Ally McBeal "These Are the Days" '14' 1515		Mad About You 9022	Nanny 59683	Jerry Springer (N) '14' 1138		Newsradio 1867	Unhappily Ever 60436
(7) KOSA	7	7	7	News 515	Ent. Tonight 867	Big Brother (N) 7683	King of Queens 751	Raymond 3003	Becker 2138	Family Law "A Mother's Son" 'PG' 5577		News 6577225	(:35) Late Show (N) 'PG' 82052954		U.S. Open 9976393
(9) KWES	9	9	9	News 157	Seinfeld 409	Mysterious Ways "Twins" (N) 'PG' 7935		Law & Order "Narcosis" '14' 6683		Third Watch "A Thousand Points of Light" '14' 3119		News 6575867	(:35) Tonight Show '14' 82050596		Late Night '14' 1377867
(12) KMLM	42	12	19	News 1383	John Hagee Today 2645	Light of the Southwest (Live) 87577				Something Good Tonight-Healing 39867		News 57751	Life in the Word 73799	Duane Sheriff 99751	Rebecca Baker 48190
(13) KOCV	36	13		Newshour With Jim Lehrer 90954		Antiques Roadshow (Part 2 of 2) 31225		Yeltsin (N) 'G' 49916			Widow of the Revolution: Anne Larina 709577		Telecourse 64041	Telecourse 74003	
(8) CNBC		8	27	(5:30) Business Center 258428		Hardball 28751		Rivera Live 44799		News With Brian Williams 24935		Hardball 37634			
(10) WGN		10		Full House 4003	Full House 8683	Amityville Dollhouse (R, '96) Robin Thomas, Starr Andreef, Allen Cutler. 56785				News 22577		MacGyver "The Widowmaker" 25664		In the Heat of the Night "Sparta Gold" 56729	
(11) WTBS		11	11	Fresh Pr. 4899080	(:35) Major League Baseball (Live) 92084041	Cincinnati Reds at Atlanta Braves. From Turner Field in Atlanta.					Burglar (:35) (R, '87) G.W. Bailey. Time Approximate. 1349393	Whoopi Goldberg, Bob Goldthwait,			Bustin' 4373916
(14) FAM		14	6	Early Edition 68480		Providence 60751		Courage (N) 'PG' 86799		Early Edition 66935		700 Club 69022		Boss 40409	Boss 99848
(20) DISC		20	26	Wild Discovery "Kalahari" 'G' 62206		On the Inside "High Roller's Vegas" 'G' 64577		Ultimate Guide "Extreme Weather" (N) 'G' 73225		Ocean Mysteries: Unseen Forces (N) 'G' 53461		On the Inside "High Roller's Vegas" 'G' 63848		Ultimate Guide "Extreme Weather" 'G' 14645	
(21) AMC		21	31	Three Stooges 60848		Backstory	Do Not Disturb ('65) Doris Day. 606916				Move Over, Darling ('63) 21119				Backstory
(22) TLC		22	35	Waltons 42044		A Walton Wedding ('95) 89549				Life and Times 11409		Waltons 14596		Bill Dance	In-Fish
(23) TNT		23	28	ER "Going Home" 42026		WCW Monday Nitro (Live) '14' 99461				Pretender 85291		Bull 12138		WCW Nitro 74312	
(24) BRAV		24		Moonlighting 91732		Braseed Off (R, '96) 26515				Profiles: Shooter 41857		Braseed Off (R, '96) 92886			
(26) BET		26	33	Hits From-St. 99374		Sparks 7645	Amen 3799	Comicview 17683		Live From LA 63079		BET Tonight 55026		Midnight Love 13041	
(27) DISN		27	41	Horse Sense ('99) Joey Lawrence, Andrew Lawrence. (TVG) 9319954			Ready to Run (:45) ('00) Krissy Perez. A teen-age girl dreams of becoming a winning jockey. 54799916				Cinderella (:25) (TVG) 29665409	('97) Whitney Houston.		Zorro 93157	Mickey 41003
(28) CNN		28	22	Moneyline	Crossfire (N)	World Today 11041		Larry King Live 97461		Newsstand 17225		Sports	Moneyline	Larry King Live 72765	
(29) ESPN		29	30	Monday Night Countdown (N) 13732		Season: Next Year Is Now (N) (Part 1 of 2) 127799		NFL Great 60732		Baseball Tonight (N) 47521		Sportscenter 14138		Baseball Tonight (N) 96041	
(30) USA		30	39	John McEnroe 16409	U.S. Open Tennis Men's and Women's Opening Rounds. From the USTA National Tennis Center in Flushing Meadows, N.Y. (Live) 903515							WWF Raw '14' 97080		WWF War Zone '14' 1271954	
(31) FX		31		M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	NYPD Blue 66515		X-Files 42935		Married...	Married...	X Show '14' 65886		X-Files 57041	
(32) A&E		32	25	Law & Order "The Wages of Love" 64480		Biography: Camilla Parker Bowles 64157		City Confidential 40577		Investigative Reports (N) 53041		American Justice 63428		Biography: Camilla Parker Bowles 55683	
(33) TLC		33	21	Trauma Center Flesh-eating bacteria. 68206		Paramedics "In Hot Water" 'PG' 51683		Navy SEALs: Untold Stories "Somalia" 'PG' 37003		Navy SEALs: Untold Stories "Panama" 'PG' 57867		Paramedics "In Hot Water" 'PG' 50954		Navy SEALs: Untold Stories "Somalia" 'PG' 59409	
(34) NICK		34	37	Hey Arnold! 'Y' 45935	Rugrats 'Y' 69515	Rocket 78995	Rocket 65799	Andy Griffith 18393	Andy Griffith 37426	Andy Griffith 27138	Andy Griffith 61393	Andy Griffith 22916	Andy Griffith 31664	Gilligan's Island 22683	Brady 12480
(35) LIFE		36	40	Intimate Portrait "Kathy Najimy" (N) 11312		Unsolved Mysteries 79003		Custody of the Heart ('00) Lorraine Bracco, Martin Donovan, Dennis Boutsikaris. Premiere. 99867				Golden Girls 77480	Golden Girls 93428	Designing 75799	Designing 72886
(39) OUTDR		39		Hunting-Hank 96683	Sportsman 87935	Surfing Pro Tour. 50393	Yachting 83119	CanoeKyk 69041	Sport Diver 55848	Surfer 61596	Surfer Magazine 21799	Surfing Pro Tour. 75022	Yachting 84770	CanoeKyk 66041	Sport Diver 70428
(42) UNI		42	13	Por Tu Amor 68080		Mujeres Engañadas 67859		Laberintos de Pasión 80119		Cristina: Edición Especial 93683		Primer Impacto 79848	Noticiero Univ. 88596	Viviana a la Medianoche 95225	
(43) FSN		43	29	Baseball 81751	SW Sports 72003	Major League Baseball Cleveland Indians at Texas Rangers. From the Ballpark in Arlington, Texas. (Live) 147374						National Sports Report 94312		Sports Report 68409	Last Word (N) 65596
(44) COM		44		Daily Show 'PG' 73867	Ben Stein 64119	Love Potion No. 9 (PG-13, '92) Tate Donovan, Sandra Bullock, Dale Midkiff. (TVPG) 17461				Strangers 79670	League 38003	Daily Show 'PG' 22954	Ben Stein 86454	Saturday Night Live '14' 13645	
(45) ANIM		46		You Lie-Dog	Animals	Surviving-Wild 46799		Call of the Wild 22119		Animal	Twisted	Surviving-Wild 38770		Call of the Wild 44515	
(47) E!		47		Fashion	Homes	Talk Soup	Scandals	True H'wood 19645		Off-Ramp	Off-Ramp	Stern 17022	Stern 26770	Wild On 31041	
(48) TVL		48	24	Mayberry	Mayberry	Emergency! 31867		Dragnet	Adam-12	Mayberry	Leave	Honeymnr	Gomer Pyle	A-Team "Steel" 39683	
(49) ODY		49		Avonlea 678954		Snowy River 887515		Heroes of Desert Storm ('91) 887751				Young Riders 886886		LonesomeDove 452003	
(50) HGTV		50	42	Old House	House	At-Auction	Collect	Home	Country	If Walls	House	At-Auction	Collect	Home	Country
(51) MSNBC		51		To Be Announced 663022		Crime Files 872683		Brian Williams 858003		Headliners 878867		Crime Files 871954		MSNBC Reports 487799	
(52) TELE		52		Muñeca Brava 661664		Betty la Fea 870225		Amor Sin Límite 856645		Xica 148138	La Muralla	Noticiero	A Oscurse-Enc. 901515		Laura
(60) TOON		60		Scooby	Bravo	Ed, Edd	Powerpuff	Dexter	Tom Jerry	Flintstones	Scooby	Bravo	Powerpuff	Gundam	Dragon-Z
(61) TCM		61		It's a Great 653732		Modern Times **** 737867		Unconquered ('47) *** Gary Cooper. 815645						Vice Squad ** 542886	
(62) HIST		62	32	This Week-Hist 216138		First Olympics 'G' 418409		Gridiron Generals: A Hard-Hitting History 498645				Sportscasters 400480		First Olympics 'G' 876765	
(63) ESPN2		63		RPM 2Night	Big League	Big League 409751		Auto Racing Thunder -- Midgets. (Taped) 429515				MLS Extra Time 408022		RPM 2Night	Boxing
(64) SCIFI		64	39	Outer Limits 867886		Outer Limits 874747		Outer Limits 874567		Outer Limits 979111		Crossing	Twilight Z.	Poltergeist-Leg. 641935	
(53) PLEX				One-Only 56743206	Glory Days (:20) ('88) ** Robert Conrad, Jennifer O'Neill. 31228312			Dream a Little Dream (PG-13, '89) ** Jason Roberds, Corey Feldman. 628635				Seduction: Three Tales From the Inner Sanctum ('92) 9250428			One-Only 10274729
(65) FLIX		65		Enigma (5:00) (PG, '82) *½ 120867		See No Evil, Hear No Evil (R, '89) *½ Gene Wilder, Richard Pryor. 647119				The Mini-Skirt Mob (NR, '68) *½ Jeremy Slate, Diane McBain. 323867			De Sade (R, '69) ** Keir Dullea, Senta Berger, Lilli Palmer. 886190		
(66) SHOW		66	20	Tea With Mussolini (5:50) ('99) *½ 128409		Bash: Latterday Plays Trilogy of one-act plays by Neil LaBute on modern evils. (N) 'MA' 638461				Resurrection Blvd. (N) '14' 474521		A House Divided (R, '00) *** Jennifer Beals. (TV14) 9249312			Urban 75782409
(67) TMC		67	16	The Age of Innocence (5:40) (PG, '93) *** Daniel Day-Lewis, Michelle Pfeiffer. 40236374				Election (R, '99) *** Matthew Broderick, Chris Klein. 7440596			What's Love Got to Do With It (:45) (R, '93) *** Angela Bassett. 8987916				Air Bud 33042751
(68) HBO		68	15	Rebels With a Cause-American Foot. 494954		Pushing Tin (R, '99) *½ John Cusack, Billy Bob Thornton, Cate Blanchett. 3331848				When Justice Fails (:15) (R, '97) Jeff Fahey, Marlee Matlin, Monique Mercure. 21811312				The Haunting (10:50) ('99) *½ 13348480	
(69) HBOP		69		When a Man Loves a Woman (4:45) 83327157		Jagged Edge ('85) *½ Glenn Close. A lawyer falls for her client in a murder case. 283935				Oz Zabitz asks Schillinger for protection. 925585		Sex and the City 753119	Arliss 762867	Breast Men (R, '97) ** (TVMA) 5267751	
(70) HBOS		70		4 Little Girls (:15) (NR, '97) *** 62013867				Message in a Bottle (PG-13, '99) ** Kevin Costner, Robin Wright Penn. 3283664				Autumn Tale (:15) (PG, '98) *** Marie Riviere, Beatrice Romand. (Subtitled) 60416208			
(71) MAX		71		Nobody's Fool (5:00) *** 969799		The Siege (R, '98) *** Denzel Washington, Annette Bening, Bruce Willis. 462461				101 Rent Boys (N) 'MA' 7407157			Kickboxer 2: The Road Back (:20) ('91) *½ Sasha Mitchell. 9753022		
(72) MAX2		72		The Hand (:15) (R, '81) ** Michael Caine, Andrea Marcovicci, Viveca Lindfors. 73028916				Vig (R, '98) ** Peter Falk, Lauren Holly, Timothy Hutton. 4141003			Hardbodies (:45) (R, '84) ** Grant Cramer. 1410935			Savior (:15) (R, '98) *** 99604954	

PEOPLE TODAY

Pam Tillis joins Grand Ole Opry cast

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — **Pam Tillis** has joined the cast of the Grand Ole Opry, and ranks the experience with the birth of her son.

"I grew up in this town in this business, and I can't tell you what this means to me," said Ms. Tillis, the daughter of country music singer **Mel Tillis**, during Saturday's show.

"This is one of the most special nights of my life," she said.

The 42-year-old country singer said it had always been her ambition to join the Opry, the oldest continuously running radio show in the United States.



Magician David Copperfield is suing an insurance company that denied his claim.

Singer **Marty Stuart** inducted Ms. Tillis, calling her "country music royalty." He presented her with a guitar from the Martin Co., the prototype of 650 being produced to mark the 75th birthday of the Opry.

Ms. Tillis' hits include "Spilled Perfume" and "Don't Tell Me What to Do."

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LAS VEGAS — Magic didn't get his $500,000 back, so **David Copperfield** is turning to the courts.

Copperfield, 43, filed a lawsuit against Fireman's Fund Insurance on Friday, claiming the company improperly denied a claim stemming from his ordeal in getting equipment he used in his shows back from Russia.

According to the lawsuit, papers that permitted the magician to shuttle more than $4 million worth of equipment in and out of Russia without paying taxes disappeared after his final performance in Moscow in December.

Without the papers, the sealed trucks containing the equipment could not legally leave the country. Copperfield later learned the papers were being held by a company he believes is linked to the Russian mafia. Company officials said they would destroy his property if he didn't pay to have the papers returned.

Copperfield hired a firm that retained an ex-KGB officer to help with the negotiations. In January, the company agreed to return the papers in exchange for payment. Copperfield subsequently filed an insurance claim seeking reimbursement of $506,343 spent retrieving the property.

In April, Fireman's Fund denied payment, saying the magician's policy did not cover losses resulting from "seizure or destruction of property by orders of governmental authority."

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SARATOGA SPRINGS, N.Y. — After being horrified by a fatal stampede at one of their performances, **Pearl Jam** is taking steps to avoid another tragedy.

The band has asked fans planning to attend a concert at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center to leave blankets at home.

"We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause, but we have witnessed a number of injuries as a result of blankets being used as trampolines at concerts," said Kelly Curtis, manager for the grunge rock group.

Small beach towels and ponchos were suggested as alternatives to blankets.

Pearl Jam requested the precautionary blanket ban two months after nine fans died in a frenzied crush at a concert in Denmark. After Pearl Jam's 1992 show at the Saratoga center, metal barriers were installed to prevent stage rushes.

Earlier this season, the company that manages the center's outdoor rock shows banned blankets, but backed down after a public outcry.

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SEVIERVILLE, Tenn. — **Louise Mandrell** says guns saved her father's life, and they may one day save her own.

"Thanks to handguns, I still have my father," the country singer told National Rifle Association members Friday.

Ms. Mandrell said her father, Irby, was attacked by two convicts on parole in California. His police training and a handgun helped him escape with his life, she said.

"I've been to handgun school to learn how to protect myself, because I have a whole file of people who have threatened my life," she said.

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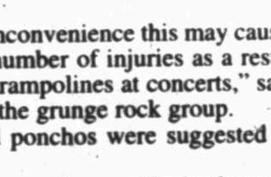
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ACROSS
1 Spanish artist Joan
5 Recipe directive
9 Bogged down (in)
14 "You said it!"
15 Serve soup
16 Pop singer Baker
17 Assist with a heist
18 Genesis name
19 Arouse, as another's wrath
20 Song subtitled "Put Another Nickel In"
23 Boss's request
24 Home on the range
25 Brink
28 Blue feeling
32 Women's —
35 First name in scat
37 Mention for effect, as a name
38 1976 Abba hit song
43 "See what I —?"
44 A, in communications
45 "Unforgettable" Cole
46 Córdoba coins
50 "The Thin Man" dog
52 Every quarrel has two
54 "Barnaby Jones" star
58 Beach Boys hit
63 Video game pioneer
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70 Make over
71 Wimbledon units

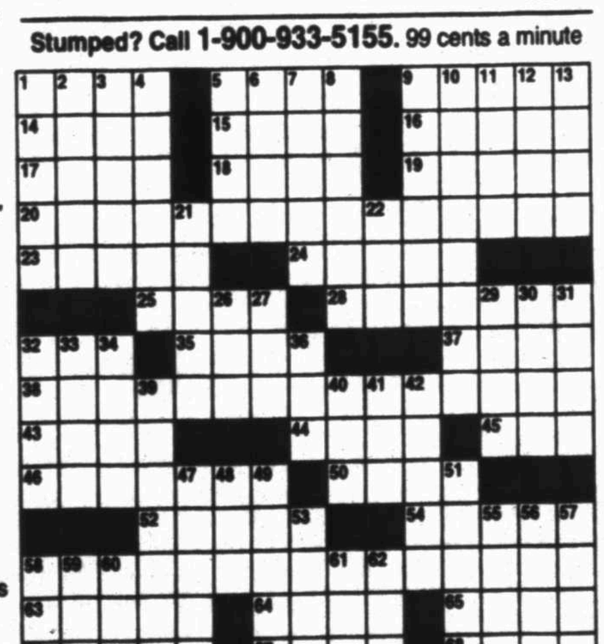
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1 Polite addresses
2 Saturate (with)
3 Actress Della
4 Punctual
5 — dunk
6 No-no
7 That is, in Latin
8 Leans (on)
9 Badly injured
10 Derogatory suggestion
11 Rocker Ocasek et al.
12 Needle case
13 Jeanne —: French saint
21 Surrendered, as land
22 Tax prep. expert
26 Day- —: pigment brand
27 Yale student
29 The Emerald Isle
30 Ice cream drink
31 Brit's tea quantity?
32 Walk unevenly
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WebZone

Ford launches car-buying Web site

■ Although automobiles will have a fixed price, the price will be based on regional demands, not the manufacturer's suggested retail price.

By Keith Bradsher
N.Y. Times News Service

DETROIT — Responding to a proliferation of Internet-based businesses selling cars, the Ford Motor Co. and a council of its 4,200 Ford brand dealers announced Friday that they would set up their own online retailer, FordDirect.com, to help customers find Ford vehicles at fixed prices at dealerships nationwide.

The enterprise will start business next month in California, where customers have shown the greatest interest in online shopping, and then gradually expand to cover the entire country by sometime next year, Ford said. Dealers selling other Ford brands — Lincoln, Mercury, Volvo, Mazda, Jaguar, Land Rover and Aston Martin — will be invited to join the business, but Ford brand dealers will have 80 percent voting control of the company.

By including every Ford dealer in the country, the new enterprise will increase pressure on dealers to adopt fixed prices or a narrow band of prices for all of their sales, instead of subjecting customers to hours of negotiation. The prices posted on FordDirect.com will be set by region based on demand, instead of being the manufacturer's suggested retail price. The site will also give dealers' invoice prices, except to customers whose zip codes correspond to states that have banned the distribution of invoice information after lobbying by dealers.

Ford dealers will be authorized to offer less than the fixed price posted on FordDirect.com to buyers who contact them through the service, so customers will still have an incentive to do some bargaining.

FordDirect.com is a less ambitious business model than that of some businesses not affiliated with automakers, like the car-buying site installed at the top of Amazon.com's home page on Thursday by Amazon and by Greenlight.com, a privately held company partly owned by several car dealership chains. Unlike Amazon.com, for example, the Ford site will not provide online appraisals of automobiles that customers want to trade in.

General Motors proposed last week to its dealers the creation of an online retailing site that would allow buyers to compare the specifications of GM cars to models from other manufacturers, and even put buyers in touch with dealerships selling non-GM brands. But FordDirect will do neither.

Ford criticized Amazon and Greenlight on Wednesday, suggesting that they were essentially operating as brokers and might violate laws in some states that bar anyone except dealers from selling cars. But FordDirect, like the Amazon and Greenlight venture, will allow customers to choose options, receive a price quote and arrange financing for a specific vehicle, while requiring customers to complete the transaction either at a dealership or with dealership employees who would bring the vehicle to their home. Like Amazon and Greenlight, FordDirect will also allow customers to put down a deposit on a vehicle, using their credit cards.

Jim O'Connor, Ford's vice president for the Ford brand division, said that FordDirect.com was not involved in brokering cars because it was an extension of the existing franchise relationship between the automaker and its dealers. A broker is an intermediary between a dealer and the final user of the vehicle.

Randy Ortiz, Ford's executive director of consumer e-business, said that the automaker and its dealers had studied regulations in every state. FordDirect should meet every state's laws, he said, but he acknowledged that a few state regulators might not agree. "There may be a state or two that for some reason may not allow FordDirect to operate," he said.

FordDirect will charge dealers a fee of $200 for each completed sale, making it a direct competitor to companies like Amazon.com, Greenlight.com and Autobytel.com, which also rely on payments from dealers.

DaimlerChrysler has a less elaborate Internet site designed to steer customers to the Web sites of dealers with good records for customer service.

FordDirect will be unusual among online auto retailing sites in that it will set prices regionally, rather than nationally. Ford and its dealers will use daily computer data on all sales nationwide, a resource not available to companies outside the auto industry, to calculate the regional prices.

Customers in Texas are not as willing as customers in snowy Detroit to pay for four-wheel drive, and the regional pricing model will reflect this with lower prices for four-wheel drive in places like Texas, said Jerry Reynolds, a Ford dealer in Garland.

Web sites help adults cope with care for aging parents

N.Y. Times News Service

For adults with aging or infirm parents, determining what type of care their parents need can be a complicated, multilayered process. Several new sites, like AccentCare.com and CareThere.com, help families do that and even keep daily or weekly track of the care their relatives are receiving.

AccentCare.com, of Irvine, Calif., started a Web site in May that helps consumers determine the appropriate care through an online questionnaire about the relative's medical history, independence in daily activities and mental state. The company offers services only to California and Arizona residents but is forming affiliate agreements with agencies in other states. (The agencies will be listed on the Web site.) If it is determined that the relative can remain at home, AccentCare refers California and Arizona residents to care providers from its own 13 branches or an affiliate agency.

Although AccentCare does not refer registered nurses, it offers services like grocery shopping, coordinating of doctor visits and keeping track of the client's medication. It's possible to arrange the care online, but most people choose to call a care manager to talk about obtaining references and scheduling hours.

Once care is arranged, AccentCare sends updates to family members from reports filled out by the care provider.

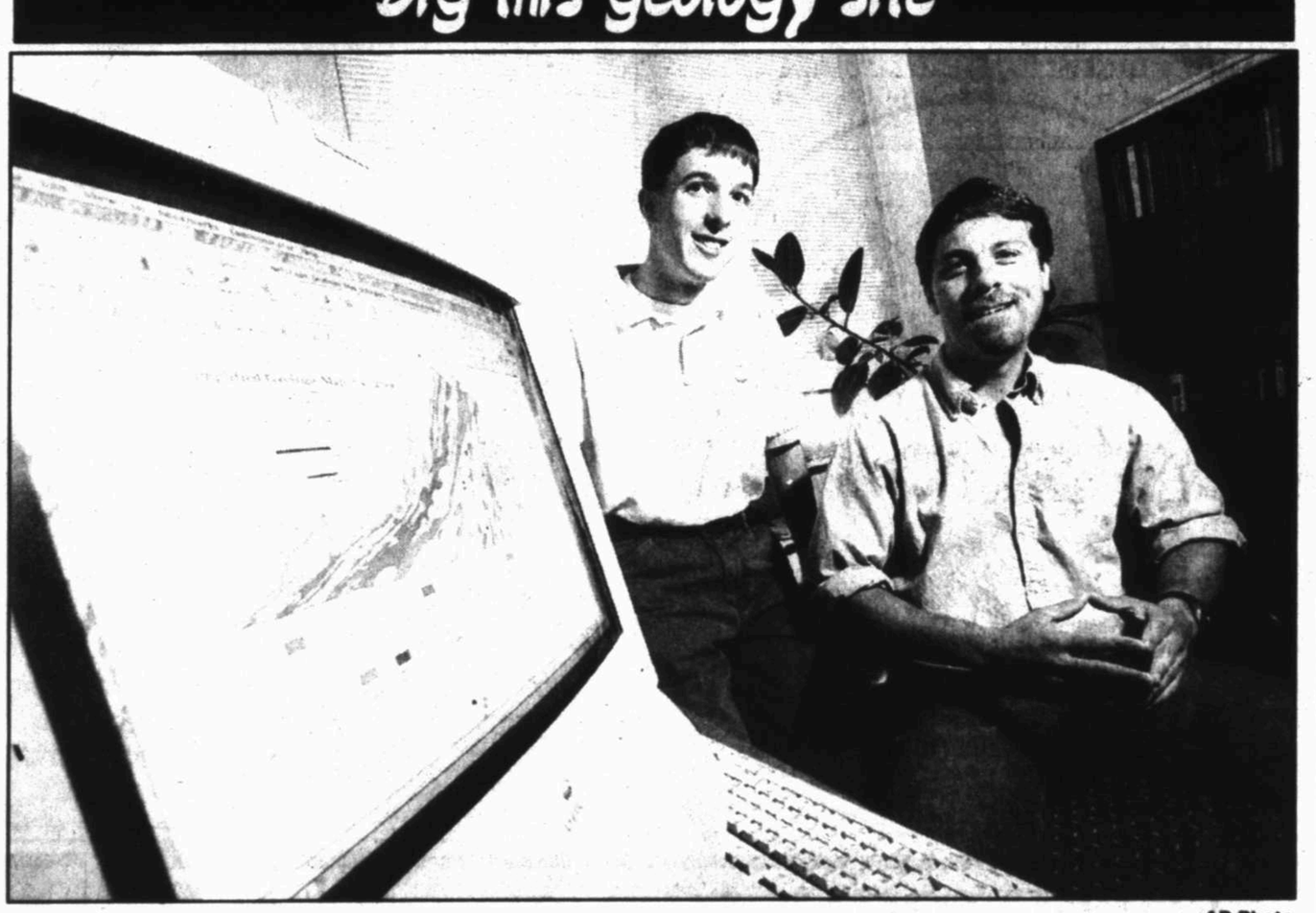
"AccentCare is unique in that they own the brick-and-mortar centers," said Rachel Terrace, an analyst at Jupiter Communications in New York. "But the challenge will be maintaining quality control of their staff as they expand into other states." AccentCare has 1,300 employees.

Caryn Jacoby, a sales executive in New York, has hired several AccentCare employees to take care of her mother, who lives in San Francisco and has Alzheimer's disease.

Jacoby said she usually talked to her mother once a day and was setting up a family page with AccentCare to keep in touch with the care provider. "I can't talk to the caregiver without her thinking something is wrong," Jacoby said, "so this is a way of finding out what's going on directly."

CareThere.com, a site based in Mountainview, Calif., started in July and offers decision-making help in the form of legal and financial information, and forums where people can exchange information and advice. CareThere offers lists of specific resources, as AccentCare does, but it doesn't own any of the care agencies it lists.

Dig this geology site



AP Photo

William and Mary geology major Armistead Booker, left, and assistant professor of geology Christopher Bailey are shown with a page from the Geology of Virginia Web site in Williamsburg, Va. Starting in 1997 as one page of text and a picture, The Geology of Virginia Web site has grown to include numerous images of the state's five geologic provinces and easy-to-read information about the state's diverse landscape.

WHAT'S NEW

GAMES

Perfect Dark

ATLANTA — "Perfect Dark" is a sequel of sorts to "Goldeneye," the game that brought computer-style 3-D action to the Nintendo 64 for the first time.

While it combines nearly every annoying marketing element in the book, "Perfect Dark" is simply an excellent action game.

Lacking the ability to network between machines, video games have lagged well behind computer counterparts in the multiplayer 3-D action game first demonstrated in "Doom."

While computer gamers have had a mind-boggling array of player-modified weapons, levels and characters to choose from, along with up to 15 teammates and opponents, video gamers have been stuck playing with at most three opponents while peering at a screen divided into two or four parts.

"Perfect Dark" changes none of that; it's a function of the hardware technology, not the software. But it does provide a training facility that, in its willingness to stack the odds against you with AI-controlled simdroids, provides a fair approximation of the pulse-rate-lifting stress and excitement that multiplayer action does.

"Perfect Dark" is not nearly perfect, but it will certainly give any action gamer his or her money's worth. P.S.: You need the 4-megabyte expansion pack to play the solo missions.

'PERFECT DARK'
Format: Nintendo
Price: $59.99
Ages: 12+
Rating: 4 (of 5).

— Vox Day (NYT)

KEWL SITES

MISD bond election site

Our Kids, Our Schools, Our Future (OK) — a political action committee advocating the Midland Independent School District's bond issue — has launched a Website to promote the bond.

Oct. 7, MISD will ask voters to approve or disprove spending $72.2 million to construct a new Midland High School and renovate and add to Lee High School.

The Website launched earlier in the week was designed by Ryan Price a 2000 Midland High School graduate and can be found at www.priceweb.net/ok/index.htm.

According to Joan Baskin, co-chair of OK, the site will offer information about the bond issue, the need for renovations and also will show pictures of current conditions at the schools.

"It will show that our schools are overcrowded and outdated. I will also answer questions and it will allow you to volunteer if you want to help in the campaign," Ms. Baskin said.

Jail cam

The inner workings of at least one piece of the criminal justice system can now be viewed on the Internet 24 hours a day, courtesy of Webcams in the Maricopa County jail in south-central Arizona.

Four cameras make up the Jail Cam (www.mcso.org), which lets visitors view detainees being led into the jail in handcuffs, being fingerprinted and booked and being taken to holding cells.

Sheriff Joe Arpaio of Maricopa County, which includes Phoenix, said he had installed the Webcams as a deterrent because he figured that viewing a holding cell on the Web would convince some people that they never wanted to wind up in one.

In an interview this week, Arpaio said he had also set up the Webcams as a response to critics who accused his officers of mistreating inmates. Four years ago, an inmate, Scott Norberg, died at the jail, and the man's family has sued the sheriff's office. Arpaio said one of the cameras on the Web was trained on the hallway where Norberg died.

"Now everybody in the world can be the jury if they want to tune into the Web page," he said. "I have faith in my officers and don't mind them being seen."

Eleanor Eisenberg, executive director of the Arizona chapter of the American Civil Liberties Union, said she did not approve of the jail Webcams.

"We think it constitutes punishment by humiliation for people who have not even been charged with a crime," Eisenberg said. "I certainly think that it's not his concern about deterring people i[n] ustralia — he has no way of knowing where [t]ese hits are coming from."

Q&A

Doing it your way: sorting and copying Web sites on your Favorites list

By J.D. Biersdorfer
N.Y. Times News Service

Q. Is there a way to put my Internet Explorer 5.0 Favorites in the order I want them, instead of in the order I collected them?

A. There are a couple of ways for you to rearrange the Web sites on your Favorites list to your liking.

You can click on the names of the sites and drag them to where you want them to go.

If you have a large number of sites bookmarked and would like a quicker method of arranging them, you can put them into alphabetical order. To do that, click once on the Favorites menu in your Explorer menu bar, then right-click on any of the sites on the list. Select Sort by Name to rearrange the list alphabetically by site name.

If you use folders within your Favorites list, you will need to open each folder and right-click to sort by name.

Macintosh users running Internet Explorer 5.0 should click on the Favorites tab on the left side of the browser window, then on the Organize button. Select Open Favorites Window and click on the Name button at the top of the column to sort them alphabetically.

Q. Are MP3 files illegal, or is it trading them that is against the law?

A. An MP3 audio file itself is not illegal. MP3 is a computer file format that allows the conversion of music from a compact disc or other audio source into a small, good-quality computer file.

It is what is done with MP3 files after they are made that has become controversial, as illustrated by the current legal fight between Napster and the Recording Industry Association of America.

Napster is one of the Web services that allow people to search for MP3 files online and download them — or upload their own MP3 files.

The use of MP3 files falls under U.S. copyright law, and the recording industry group says that Napster contributes to copyright infringement. (For anyone interested in the Copyright Law of the United States itself, a complete version can be downloaded in text or Portable Document Format at lcweb.loc.gov/copyright/title17.)

Converting songs from a CD to the MP3 format so that you can play them on your computer or a portable MP3 player is legal as long as you paid for the original CD.

In that regard, it is just like making a tape from albums in your music collection for your personal use. As long as you do not publicly redistribute the music without authorization from the copyright holder, making a copy for private use is currently fine.

Many songs that surface on the Internet were probably copied from their original sources and distributed illegally, but there are many sites where you can legally download and listen to MP3 files.

The recording artists — most of them not signed with a record label — who created the songs on those sites, like the ones found on MP3.com (www.mp3.com), have given the site permission to distribute their songs.

Q. I keep getting a "disk is locked" message when trying to copy a file to a floppy. Is it my old Mac or the disk that's bad?

A. The problem is most probably with the floppy disk, but it's not as bad as it might seem. On the back of the disk, you should see a small plastic tab in a corner. If that tab is in the "up" position, exposing a small hole in the disk, then the disk has been locked to prevent anyone from overwriting the files on it.

To unlock it, slide the tab to the lower position and reinsert the floppy into your drive. Windows users who are getting "cannot write" messages while trying to save a file to a floppy should check the tab on the disk as well.

The lock is similar to the cassette-tape tabs that you can punch out to keep the tape from being copied over. The machine senses whether the tab is there and stops you from overwriting a write-protected disk.

Circuits invites questions about computer-based technology, by e-mail to Q&A(at)nytimes.com or mail to Questions, Circuits, The New York Times, 229 West 43rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10036-3959. This column will answer questions of general interest, but letters cannot be answered individually.

PBO: Johnson wins by three strokes

(From 1C)

tournament was over at that point.

"Obviously three-under is exceptional. It is incredible," Hensby said. "They were critical holes for me, and he got me by four (strokes) there. He played them three-under. That is how you win a golf tournament."

Barranger's double-bogey on the 13th was his second on the back side and left him playing for second. Remarkably, only once in recent memory had the three-hole stretch really had the impact it did on Sunday.

In 1995, Hugh Royer III made a fantastic play from the waste area off the 13th to save bogey. Then on the 14th, Chris Smith launched his tee shot into the water off the left hand side of the fairway en route to a double bogey. Royer won the tournament by one stroke.

"I knew it was a great stretch of holes," Johnson said. "I couldn't have played them any better."

He played them like a champion.

PBO Notebook: Ahmad Bateman shot one-under-par 71 to extend his streak to 24 straight under-par rounds... The lowest score Sunday was 69 (by four golfers)... Paul Gow had one of those 69s. He finished the tournament as the lowest returning champion, He tied for eighth at 12-under. Hugh Royer finished at 5-under, and Bruce Vaughan ended at 1-over... Steve Haskins, son of college basketball legend Don Haskins, finished at nine-under. He tied for 30th...

Course Comments: The wind finally showed its face at the PBO, and higher scores were the results. Only four players shot below 70, 30 were below par and 38 ended the day over par. The field's scoring average was 72.853, the highest of the week and a far cry from Saturday's 69.765... The toughest hole on the final day was the par-3 17th with a 3.265 stroke average. The toughest of the tournament was still the 14th (4.204)... The easiest hole Sunday was the par-4 second hole with a stroke average of 3.824. The easiest of the tournament was still the par-5, 15th (4.676)...

Tournament Leaders: Kevin Johnson just missed the tournament's 72-hole scoring record (21-under-par, 267 set by Gow in 1997). Don't feel bad for hi., Johnson's name is still attached to the 18-hole, 36-hole and 54-hole records... Todd Barranger led the tournament in birdies (28) and was second in driving distance (335.1 yards). Dan Olsen led in driving distance (335.6)... Ahmad Bateman and Roger Rowland led the tournament in putting with an average of 1.486 per hole)...

Permian Basin Open

ODESSA(AP) — Final scores and money winnings Sunday of the $400,000 Permian Basin Open on the 7,221-yard, par-72 The Club at Mission Dorado course:

Kevin Johnson, $72,000	64-64-70-70	—268
Mark Hensby, $43,200	68-65-67-71	—271
Todd Barranger, $27,200	70-68-62-72	—272
Gene Sauers, $19,200	71-64-67-72	—274
Greg Gregory, $14,600	68-68-70-69	—275
Hiroshi Matsuo, $14,600	68-64-72-71	—275
Rocky Walcher, $14,600	64-69-70-72	—275
Greg Sweatt, $10,000	71-68-68-69	—276
Paul Gow, $10,000	71-69-67-69	—276
Zoran Zorkic, $10,000	69-69-68-70	—276
Tom Kalinowski, $10,000	71-68-66-71	—276
Guy Boros, $10,000	71-62-70-73	—276
Briny Baird, $10,000	67-69-67-73	—276
Brian Wilson, $10,000	65-69-68-74	—276
Patrick Burke, $7,000	70-69-67-71	—277
Derrick Pursley, $7,000	70-69-67-71	—277
Mark Wurtz, $4,535	72-68-69-69	—278
John Kernohan, $4,535	69-68-71-70	—278
Rob Bradley, $4,535	68-69-71-70	—278
Kent Jones, $4,535	65-74-69-70	—278
Shane Bertsch, $4,535	69-68-70-71	—278
Ahmad Bateman, $4,535	69-71-67-71	—278
Jaxon Brigman, $4,535	70-67-69-72	—278
John Adams, $4,535	70-67-69-72	—278
J.J. Henry, $4,535	67-71-68-72	—278
R.W. Eaks, $4,535	68-67-69-74	—278
Dan Olsen, $4,535	64-69-71-74	—278
Matthew Ecob, $4,535	68-68-68-74	—278
Ronald Stelteri, $4,535	71-68-64-75	—278
Brian Claar, $2,760	68-72-68-71	—279
Steve Haskins, $2,760	68-69-69-73	—279
Greg Bruckner, $2,760	67-70-69-73	—279
Chris Stutts, $2,760	69-70-67-73	—279
Jimmy Johnston, $2,760	69-67-69-74	—279
Kaoke Cotner, $2,760	71-65-68-75	—279
Paul Claxton, $2,760	68-69-67-75	—279
John Riegger, $2,160	67-72-70-71	—280
Jim Benepe, $2,160	69-71-69-71	—280
Simon Cooke, $2,160	67-72-68-73	—280
Roger Rowland, $2,160	71-64-71-74	—280
Bob Gaus, $2,160	70-65-70-75	—280
Steve Ford, $1,920	68-70-70-73	—281
Tim Conley, $1,660	70-65-77-70	—282
Spike McRoy, $1,660	70-66-76-70	—282
Victor Schwamkrug, $1,660	67-70-74-71	—282
Mike Heinen, $1,660	70-70-69-73	—282
Vaughn Taylor, $1,660	64-69-75-74	—282
Sam Randolph, $1,660	70-70-68-74	—282
Rick Schuller, $1,390	70-69-74-70	—283
Hugh Royer, $1,390	72-65-73-73	—283
Mike Standly, $1,390	72-68-70-73	—283
Bobby Gage, $1,390	71-69-70-73	—283
Jeff Hart, $1,390	67-70-70-76	—283
Mark Hughes, $1,390	70-69-68-76	—283
David McCampbell, $1,280	72-68-68-76	—284
Jeff Cook, $1,280	68-72-68-76	—284
Jody Bellflower, $1,280	71-69-66-78	—284
Travis Deibert, $1,210	70-70-74-71	—285
Steve Schneiter, $1,210	70-67-74-74	—285
Pat Perez, $1,210	67-72-71-75	—285
Marcus Jones, $1,210	72-68-69-76	—285
Steve Woods, $1,150	69-69-74-74	—286
Hunter Johnson, $1,150	68-72-69-77	—286
Ty Armstrong, $1,110	71-69-72-75	—287
Greg Shakespeare, $1,110	68-72-69-78	—287
Bruce Vaughan, $1,080	69-70-75-75	—289
Jason Enloe, $1,060	71-67-75-78	—291
Guy Hill, $1,040	68-69-80-75	—292

'Hounds keep playoff hopes alive with 4-1 victory

Staff Report

SHREVEPORT, La. — All it took was one pitch for the Midland RockHounds to keep flickering hopes alive and for Bert Snow to claim the Texas League saves lead.

Facing the tying run with two outs in the bottom of the ninth, Snow got Tony Zuniga of the Shreveport Captains to ground into a force play and end the game, giving the 'Hounds a 4-1 win. That kept them with some distant hope of still claiming the Western Division's second half crown.

Midland trails El Paso by six games with seven left to play, and to have any hope of winning the second half title, the 'Hounds will likely have to win at least two of their three remaining games in Shreveport before ending their season with a four-game trip to El Paso. That's a tall order, considering that El Paso's magic number for clinching the title is only two.

With the one-pitch save, Snow took the league lead in that category with 26.

The save preserved a fine starting effort by Marcus Jones (2-0), who pitched six shutout innings for the victory. Jones, who was sent down to Midland from Triple-A Sacramento, is proving he belongs at a higher level as he has only given up two runs in 20 innings with the 'Hounds.

The 'Hounds broke a scoreless tie in the top of the fourth on back-to-back doubles by Cody McKay and Oscar Salazar. In the sixth, McKay drove in what proved to be the winning runs with a two-run single which scored Mke Lockwood and Jason Hart and extended the lead to 3-0. Dionys Cesar capped the scoring for the 'Hounds with a solo home run in the eighth.

Shreveport spoiled the shutout with two outs in the ninth when Jake Messner singled to drive home a run off Midland reliever Tyler Yates to make it 4-1. Snow then entered the game and retired Zuniga on one pitch.

Midland 4, Shreveport 1

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Shreveport	ab	r	h	bi
Cesar cf	4	1	1	1	Young 2b	4	0	0	0
Lockwood lf	4	1	1	0	Ransom ss	3	1	0	0
Hart dh	4	1	1	0	Clark lf	4	0	0	0
McKay c	4	1	2	2	McGowan 1b	4	0	2	0
Salazar ss	4	0	1	1	Glndnning dh	4	0	0	0
Bowles rf	4	0	0	0	Messner rf	4	0	3	1
Landry 3b	3	0	0	0	Zuniga 3b	4	0	0	0
Mensik 1b	3	0	0	0	Allen cf	3	0	0	0
Pecci 2b	3	0	0	0	Priess c	2	0	0	0
Totals	33	4	6	4	Totals	32	1	5	1

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LOB — Midland 3, Shreveport 6. 2B — Hart, McKay, Salazar, McGowan. HR — Cesar (3). SB — Landry, Messner

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Midland						
Jones W, 2-0	6.0	2	0	0	0	5
Dubose	2.0	1	0	0	1	1
Yates	0.2	2	1	1	1	1
Snow S, 26	0.1	0	0	0	0	0
Shreveport						
Vogelsong L, 6-10	7.0	5	3	3	1	9
Miller	1.0	1	1	1	0	0
Ramirez	1.0	0	0	0	0	0

WP — Vogelsong. T — 2:36. Attn. — 1,137

Local Sports

Peden-Baker win at RHCC

The duo of Tim Peden and Bill Baker won in the championship flight of the Senior 2000 tournament at Ranchland Hills Country Club Sunday, shooting a two-round total of 65-63—128. Peden and Baker won by three strokes.

Here are the results from each flight.

Championship Flight: 1, Tim Peden-Bill Baker 65-65—126; 2 (tie), Merle Spence-Royce Woodlard 68-63—131 and John Young-Charles Ray 67-64—131; 4 (tie), Vince Carlisle-Robert Lopez 67-65—132 and Dave Griffin-Hurshel O'Kelly 67-65—132; 6 (tie), Joe Williams-John Castillo 69-65—134 and Mark Thomas-Lynn Connie 69-65—134; 8, Ron Huckabee-Larry Snyder 68-67—135; 9, Mike Harrison-Ed Moses 69-67—136; 10 (tie), Larry Taylor-Jim McCord 68-70—138 and Curtis Guss-Charles Green 66-72—138.

Presidents Flight: 1, Tommy Davis-Berry Johnson 70-63—133; 2, Sam Wood-Brian Gilley 71-64—135; 3 (tie), Steve Hammel-Mingo Valencia Jr. 72-64—136 and Rod Phares-Charley Dishman 72-64—136; 5 (tie), Ted Covington-Steve Wardlaw 71-67—138 and James Gilbert-Jim Martin 72-66—138; 7, Stan Loper-Charlie Herring 72-67—139; 8 (tie), Don Pyle-Bob Reimers 71-70—141 and Dennis Snyder-Joe Calloway 72-69—141; 10, Bobby Sharp-Tommy Hale 72-80—152.

First Flight: 1 (tie), Bill Schneider-David Legg 73-66—139 and Jackie Schneider-Fred Pierce 73-66—139; 3 (tie), Gary Golightly-John Gandy 74-68—142, Dana Engelstad-Al Boudreaux 73-69—142, Bill Johnson-Walter Dickey 73-69—142 and Bill Hill-Richard Williams 74-68—142; 7, Charles Gaines-Rob Bennett 73-70—143; 8, Jack Hunnicutt-Jimmy McClatchy 73-72—145.

Second Flight: 1, Red McKeller-Jim Brimer 76-64—140; 2, Claude Stewart-Bob Herell 77-65—142; 3, Bernie Scott-Joe Neal 75-68—143; 4, Melvin McEwen-Raymond Casey 75-69—144; 5 (tie), Jim Massie-Gary Gilliland 75-70—145 and Joe T. Smith-Jack Ratcliff 75-70—145.

Third Flight: 1, Lupe Onarecker-Gorege Manley 78-68—146; 2, Bob Riek-John Millwee 78-69—147; 3 (tie), Vernon Wood Jr.-Rex Law 81-71—152 and Don Hughes-Ray Wood 78-74—152; 5 (tie), Don O'Bannon-George Fugitt 78-75—153, Vernon Hines-Jeff Smith 79-74—153 and Bill Wilson-Don Deramus 79-74—153.

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NFL Transactions

ARIZONA CARDINALS—Released C Mike Devlin, S Paris Johnson, C Jason Starkey, CB Jordan Younger and WR Bryan Gilmore. Placed T Jon Clark, LB Melvin Bradley and DT Jerry Drake on injured reserve.

ATLANTA FALCONS—Released PK Jake Arians, DT Adriano Belli, CB Michael Booker, S Omar Brown, WR Ronnie Harris, CB Anthony Midget, WR Mareno Philyaw, OT Jose Portilla and DE Sam Simmons. Placed LB Marcus Buckley, DE Emil Ekiyor, DE Pellom McDaniels and C Matt O'Neal on injured reserve.

BALTIMORE RAVENS—Reached an injury settlement with RB Jay Graham. Released RB Robert Arnaud, RB Jason Brookins, RB Alan Richard, TE Ryan Collins, OL Damon Denson, OL Richard Mercier, DT Jarrett Loggins, CB Jermaine Smith and WR Germany Thompson.

BUFFALO BILLS—Acquired DB-KR Chris Watson from Denver for an undisclosed draft pick. Released RB Lennox Gordon, QB Mike Cawley, WR Drew Haddad, FB Josh Roth, LB Dustin Cohen, WR Kevin Drake, TE Ivan Gustafson, G Corey Hulsey, DE Jarrett Procell, DB Reggie Durden, DB Nick Ferguson and DB Jay Hill. Assigned DT Bryce Fisher to the military reserve list.

CAROLINA PANTHERS—Released T Dan Best, LB Haven Fields, LB Michael Hawkes, WR Kerry Hood, RB Morgan Kane, QB Matt Lytle, DT Chuck Wiley, DE Gillis Wilson, G Cheston Blackshear, WR Shawn Foreman, DB Bill Gustin, T Matt Hogg, LB Kevin Homer, DT Jon Kirksey and WR Luke Leverson. Reached injury settlements with WR Scottie Montgomerie, DL Rasheed Simmons and DL Harry Deligianis. Placed LB Lamont Green on the non-football injury list. Terminated the contract of RB Anthony Johnson and G Clay Shiver.

CHICAGO BEARS—Released TE Ryan Wetnight, PK Jaret Holmes, DB Terry Cousin, DT Russell Davis, RB Frank Murphy, QB Mark Hartsell, DT Ken Anderson, LB Shawn Banks, WR Corey Bridges, LB Keith Burns, S Donnie Caldwell, FB Scott Dragos, CB Ray McElroy, T Dan Palmer, CB Cordell Taylor, DE Chris Ward and DE Ben Williams. Placed WR Sulecio Sanford on injured reserve. Traded T Chad Overhauser to Seattle for an undisclosed draft pick.

CINCINNATI BENGALS—Released G Brian DeMarco, RB Sedrick Shaw, CB Sirr Parker, CB Brian Gray, DT Andre Purvis, DT Chad Pegues, WR Marvin Chalmers, WR LaVell Boyd, G Roger Roesler and S JoJuan Armour.

CLEVELAND BROWNS—Placed T Orlando Brown on the physically-unable-to-perform list. Released TE Kyle Allamon, TE Randy Palmer, LB Jeff Kerr, LB Jason Kyle, LB Tony McCombs, LB Ryan Taylor, DL Bill Duff, DL Jeff Dyra, WR Damon Dunn, WR Ronnie Powell, CB Corey Ivy, DB Tony Maranto, RB Rashon Spikes and P John Ballantyne. Placed RB Madre Hill, LB Kendall Ogle and OL Noel LaMontagne and DB Tim McKyer on injured reserve.

DALLAS COWBOYS—Acquired TE O.J. Santiago from Atlanta for a fourth-round pick in 2001 and seventh-round pick in 2002. Released TE Tyji Armstrong, LB Corey Atkins, TE Rickey Brady, S Adam Edwards, DE Aaron Fields, CB Stephen Fisher, TE Chris Fontenot, RB Troy Hambrick, WR Damon Hodge, OL George Hudson, OL Tony Hutson, OL Michael Lies, FB Ryan Neufeld, DL Otis Pitts, QB Charlie Puleri, DL Brian Shaw, QB Clint Stoerner and CB Hurley Tarver.

DENVER BRONCOS—Released LB Jamie Baisley, G Chris Banks, P Frank Biancamano, DB Deauntae Brown, G David Diaz-Infante, DE Antonio Edwards, DT Larry Fitzpatrick, LB Chris Gizzi, DB Jason Moore, G Glenn Rountree, DB Brad Trout, T Melvin Tuten and WR Bashir Yamani. Traded CB Chris Watson to Buffalo for an undisclosed draft pick.

DETROIT LIONS—Released DT Alfonso Boone, TE Pete Chryplewicz, CB Chris Cummings, S Leomont Evans, WR Larry Foster, CB Todd Franz, WR Alonzo Johnson, TE Tony Johnson, LB Richard Jordan, T Tony Ramirez, FB Travis Reece, WR Andre' Rone, T Juan Roque, S Ty Talton, DT Henry Taylor and T Andy Vincent.

GREEN BAY PACKERS—Acquired DT Chuck Osborne from Oakland for an undisclosed draft pick.

JACKSONVILLE JAGUARS—Released LB Chester Burnett, OL Anthony Cesario, OL Steve Ingram, S Blaine McElmurry, TE Rod Monroe, DE David Richie, LB Erik Storz, LB Corey Terry, DE Rahmaan Streater and WR Emanuel Smith.

MIAMI DOLPHINS—Placed DT Damian Gregory on injured reserve. Released G Ben Adams, WR Robert Baker, T Keno Hills, TE Frank Leatherwood, C Grey Ruegamer, WR Damon Savage, T Mike Sheldon, S Chris Bayne, DE Rameel Connor, RB Brian Edwards, LB Tommy Hendricks, T Willie Jones, DE Tim Martin, G O'Lester Pope, LB Kyle Shipley and WR Corey Thomas.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released RB Raymont Harris, NT Maurice Anderson, FS Chris Carter, TE Chris Eitzmann, G Rob Gatrell, NT Garrett Johnson, LB Olrick Johnson, CB Kelly Malveaux, DE Jeff Marriott, LB Marc Megna, WR Sean Morey, RB Patrick Pass and LB Maugaula Tuitele. Placed T Adrian Klemm on physically unable to perform list. Placed OL Lance Scott on injured reserve.

NEW ORLEANS SAINTS—Released QB Billy Joe Tolliver, FB Michael Blair, FB Aaron Craver, DE D.J. Cooper, DE Bobby Setzer, RB Wilmont Perry, CB Shannon Garrett, G Robert Hunt, S Eric Johnson, C Jason McEndoo, C Tom Schau, LB Joe Tuipala, LB Philip Ward, LB Ron Merkerson, WR L.C. Stevens, T Chase Raynock and TE Dave Stachelski.

NEW YORK GIANTS—Released WR Brian Alford, T Chris Bober, LB O.J. Childress, DE Jomo Cousins, T Rome Douglas, T Pita Elisara, DE Frank Ferrara, FB Michael Jones, S Tinker Keck, G Scott Kiernan, G Mark Nori, WR Kevin Prentiss, S Tawambi Settles, K Brian Schmitz, S Greg Williams and TE Adam Young.

NEW YORK JETS—Released S Omar Stoutmire, WR Yatil Green, DE Anthony Cook, QB Jim Kubiak, C Keith Short, OL Mike Gisler, OL Dennis O'Sullivan, RB Vaughn Sanders, DE Jon Michals and T Jeff Pilon.

OAKLAND RAIDERS—Released P Leo Araguz, K Joe Nedney, WR Kenny Shedd, WR Marcus Knight, WR Rodney Williams, S Je'Rod Cherry, TE Derrick Walker, LB Sam Sword and RB Jerald Moore. Traded OL Gennaro DiNapoli to Tennessee for an undisclosed draft pick.

PHILADELPHIA EAGLES—Terminated the contracts of OL Eugene Chung, DE Mike Frederick, OL Lonnie Palelei and QB Doug Pederson. Released OL Jon Blackman, QB Travis Brown, DB Eric Edwards, DE Kendrick Gholston, RB Thomas Hamner, LB Antony Jordan, WR Anthony Ladd, FB Jamie Reader, T Oliver Ross, WR Elijah Thurman, LB-DE Al Wallace and WR Gerald Williams.

ST. LOUIS RAMS—Released CB Clifton Crosby, WR Darrius Blevins, WR Curtis Jackson, TE Derek Lewis and DT Gaylon Hyder. Placed WR Darrius Blevins on Released-injured list.

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Released OL Rick Austin, DE Jonathan Brown, DE Jason Chorak, TE Wendell Davis, K Jose Cortez, DE Cedric Hardeh, CB Dwight Henry, OL Joe Patton, DT Mac Tuiaea and S Eric Vance.

SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS—Released TE Shonn Bell, DT William Carr, WR Dwight Carter, LB Jim Emanuel, WR Chafie Fields, T Dan Goodspeed, S Ronnie Heard, DB Kelly Herndon, S Marcus Hill, DB Fred White and FB Joshua White. Placed LB Joe Wesley on Released-injured list, G Tyrone Hopson on Released-non-football injury list, TE Terrence Dupree on injured reserve and DT Jason Tenner on reserve-left squad list.

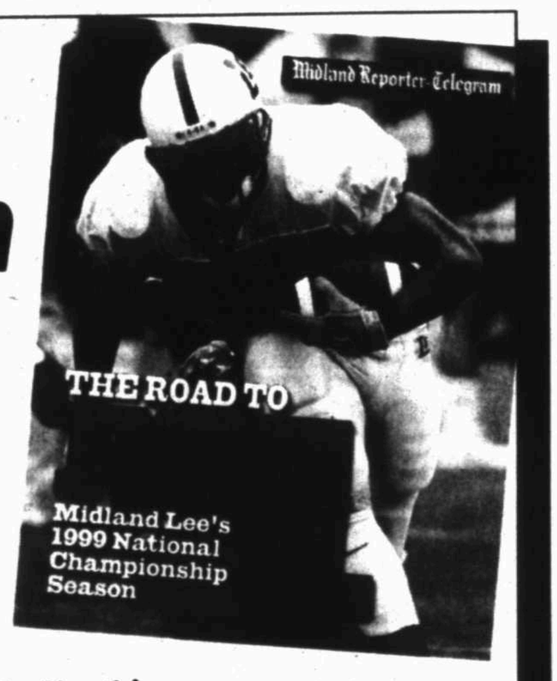
SEATTLE SEAHAWKS—Signed T Chris McIntosh, to a multiyear contract. Released G Greg Bloedorn, T Daniel Collins, CB Joey Eloms, DT T.J. Frier, FB Anthony Green, S Warner Herndon, DT Ed Kehl, LB Jeff Kopp, TE Deems May, P Brian Moorman, WR Isaiah Mustafa, FB Scot Osborne, K Todd Peterson, WR Reginald Swinton and T T.J. Washington.

TAMPA BAY BUCCANEERS—Released T John Blick, DT Carl Bradley, DE Chartric Darby, TE Jason Freeman, LB Bobbie Howard, WR Daniel Jones, TE Henry Lusk, CB Deshone Mallard, CB Earthwind Moreland, WR Yo Murphy, WR Drew O'Connor, S Jeff Popovich, RB Ketric Sanford and TE James Whalen. Placed T Kendall Mack on waived-injured list, FB Kevin McLeod on reserve-non-football illness, T Jason Odom on injured reserve and LB Shawn Stuckey on reserve-non-football injury. Reached an injury settlement with S Shevin Smith.

TENNESSEE TITANS—Released QB Kevin Daft, OL Wes Shivers, FB Garett Gould, TE Mike Leach, TE Jason Gavadza, C Craig Page, DT Rod Walker, DT Henry Slay, LB Phil Glover, CB Wade Davis and DB Jerard White. Reached injury settlements with WR Gerald Harris, WR Mike Scarborough and RB Juan Johnson.

WASHINGTON REDSKINS—Released P Rodney Williams, WR Derrius Thompson, XX Tim Denton, DT Barron Tanner, WR Corey Allen, T Cornell Green, G Juan Porter, DT Del Cowsette, DT Jerry DeLoach, FB Bryan Johnson, G Ryan Kalich, QB Leon Murray and WR Marcus Stiggers.

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Send resume to:
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Asphalt Distributor Operator

Reese Albert, Inc., a 60 year old highway and heavy construction company, has an opening for an Experienced Asphalt Distributor Operator in our Midland/ Odessa Operations.

Please send resume to:
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Human Resources Department
3001 Foster
San Angelo, TX 76903
Fax to: (915)653-6086
Or Call: (915)653-1241
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COMPUTER GRAPHICS Position available. Must be able to keep up in a fast paced environment. Sign experience helpful. Send resume to: Box P-6076, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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FULL TIME position available for general maintenance position. Experience required. Apply in person, Ramada Inn, Midland Airport, 100 Airport Plaza Drive.

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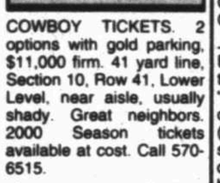
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413 Jewelry & Furs

LADIES Rolex- Stainless, date, perfect condition, $1,950 or best offer. Must sell. Call 522-2739.

WHITE AND YELLOW gold man's wedding band with 1/2 carat diamond. Brand new. Asking $400. 699-7550.

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ETHAN ALLEN Dining, $325. Broyhill Sofa, $325. Upholstered chair/ ottoman, $150. Triple dresser/mirror, $150. 520-3182.

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BROYHILL SOFA sleeper $250, 5 piece dinette set $125, roll top desk $150, Miniature Antique organ $35. 697-3738.

HEAVY DUTY Red metal bunkbeds, twin size with (City Shapes) comforter sets. $175. Call 699-0875.

THOMASVILLE COUCH and matching chair, coffee table and chest of drawers, electric range and other furniture. 682-3856.

QUEEN SIZE sleeper sofa- $150. Excellent condition. Please call 682-3488.

BLUE FLORAL SOFA, 88" long, $85. Please call 684-4072.

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TWO BEDROOM, one bath, new paint inside and out, new carpet, 4004 Avondale. Bring all offers. Desperately priced at $24,500. Call James at: 694-4399. Owner finance.

$1,700 MOVE IN! $585 monthly, 4300 Parkdale, 4/ 2/ 2. Lots of new! $54,900, 8% interest/ 30 years/ 8.5% APR. Lisa Buescher, Dene Kelly Realtors 697-0500.

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2407 Maxwell 4/2 $88
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4503 Spence 3/2/2 $63
4340 Dengar 4/2/2 $59k
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4340 Dengar	$59's
801 Gulf	$54's
6412 ECR 60	$45's
4115 WCR 180	$30's
3117 Delano	$28's
1905 Kentucky	$24's
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2509 SEABOARD: Fannin neighborhood. By owner new listing. 3 bedroom, 2.5 (brand new) baths, playroom/ office. Totally updated. Plantation shutters throughout, new appliances, new air conditioner, security system, sprinkler system, wonderful built-ins, wet bar. $147,000. Must See! 570-5779.

725 Condo Townhouses

WALLACE TOWNHOME, 1205 Shirley Lane. Bright, modernized, courtyard, shutters, tile, updated kitchen, large living, 3 bedroom, computer room- customized cabinets. 686-0933.

WALLACE TOWNHOME 3 bedroom, 2 bath, storage, large utility, light and bright, courtyard. $120,000. 689-3920.

REDUCED TO $68,900. 3204 Elma- Three bedroom, 2 1/2 bath. Please call 699-7445. Agents welcome.

730 Suburban Property

BY OWNER, 4 bedroom, 3 bath, 2 living areas, 2 fireplaces, computer room/ office, 3,000 square foot. 2.4 acres, Sky Ranch Addition, heated in ground pool and spa, 25'X60' shop, plenty of room for horses or airplane, access to private airport. 9705 South County Road. 1213. $128,000. 682-2115.

750 Lots & Acreage

10 ACRES ON Rankin Hwy. All utilities available. Call 580-6066.

1/2 ACRE & 1 Acre Lots. County Road 60, past High Sky Childrens Ranch. $3,000. 10% Down. 689-2429.

349 RANCH ESTATES; 100' X 300' lots- $3,500, 10% down. Owner finance. Please call 689-2429.

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FIVE MILES southwest Garden City, 116 acres, 40 cultivated, SE corner of CR 110 and CR 125. Good water, fences, metal pens. Taking bids until October 1, minimum $600 acre. Owner will consider note. Owner reserves all rights of refusal. Mail bids to Alex Fry, 813 Lamar, Kerrville, TX, 78028. Call (830)257-3586 or (915)354-2221.

760 Farms & Ranches

COLEMAN, COKE, and Runnels Counties- Ranches for sale. E. Dale Herring Broker. Call (915)365-2008.

UPTON COUNTY
2,560 Acres pasture land, located 3 miles, north of Rankin. Phil McCormick, Broker. 915-853-2511.

770 Resort Property

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50' X 140' WAREHOUSE- 8 14' overhead doors on 1 acre. 6' chain link fence. Priced to sell. Call James 556-5994.

790 Investment Property

LARGE DUPLEX updated- new carpet, ceramic tile floors. Low maintenance. Three bedrooms, three-baths each side. 570-4380 or 425-1292.

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