

Sports

Region I girls tournament

Some of the best teams in the state will be coming to Chap Center tonight for the Class 5A Region I girls basketball tournament. This year brings the No. 1 team in the nation, when Midland High (28-3) faces Copperas Cove (31-1) in the first game at 6 p.m./**1C**

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A.M. BRIEFING

TODAY
Partly cloudy with high in the lower 80s. Weather on 4A



'Office Space'

Mike Judge's film is a cheerful little screenful of payback from cubicle hell. It's pretty clueless when it leaves the office and clanks through some tired boy-girl and computer-theft plot mechanics. But Judge must have worked some godawful jobs before he became the "Beavis and Butt-head" mastermind.

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800-percent loans

AUSTIN — Cash-strapped Texans are paying rates as high as 800 percent on an annual basis for loans to tie them over from one payday to another, the Southwest Regional Office of the Consumers Union said Thursday. The so-called payday lenders disguise their transactions — and avoid conflicts with state law — by claiming they charge "fees," not interest rates which are subject Texas' usury laws. The fees can, over time, amount to an interest rate of several hundred percent a year.

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Tuskegee Airman

During World War II, "we didn't think about heroes," Midland veteran Doxey Hill said. His brother-in-law, the late Norman Scales was one of the famous "Tuskegee Airmen." Scales, Hill said, flew 70 combat missions, earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with five oak-leaf clusters.

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Hard hat women

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — With the economy booming and buildings going up left and right, the construction industry faces a severe labor shortage. As a result, recruiters have been looking to hire women straight out of high school and homemakers returning to the work force.

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HITTING A HIGH NOTE



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Karen Beal, with her back to camera, her husband, Spencer, left, Carole Jacobs, and her husband, Stan, right, listen to the Lone Star Brass Quintet Thursday night during the Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale's Millennium Endowment Campaign's kickoff dinner at the Petroleum Club.

Symphony endowment tops $1 million

By Georgia Temple
Staff Writer

The Midland-Odessa Symphony & Chorale's endowment fund hit a high note above the million-dollar mark Thursday at the Music for the Millennium Endowment Campaign's kickoff dinner at the Petroleum Club.

"We're just thrilled we've kicked it over to a million," Spencer Beal said in an interview before dinner.

Following dinner and mini-concerts by the Lone Star Brass Quintet and the Lindsayan String Quartet with Rob Hunt at the piano, Beal presented a check for $168,000 to the organization for his mother, Mrs. Carlton Beal. The Beal family has been instrumental in enhancing the MOSC endowment fund, which was established in 1993.

"In troubled times, there's nothing more soothing, uplifting and rewarding than participating in an organization like this," said Beal, encouraging others to "dig down and try to participate in this."

Vision is defined as intelligent foresight. High on a list of priorities for the organization is taking the action necessary to guarantee that tomorrow's audiences have a resident symphony.

"Our music for the Millennium Endowment Campaign is to ensure that MOSC will be here for

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Investigation continues in fatal accident

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Autopsy and toxicology reports on the victims of Tuesday night's two-vehicle accident in west-side Midland are being prepared through the Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office, Midland County Justice of the Peace Michael Wallace said Thursday.

Wallace — who is investigating the deaths of Don "Buddy" Jobe, 38; his 13-year-old son, "Zack" Jobe; and Brett Ronald Smola, 32 — ordered the autopsies and alcohol-drug tests to determine if alcohol or drugs were involved in the accident.

A preliminary autopsy report indicated that all three died of massive injuries, Wallace said. He is awaiting the toxicology report.

"When I order an autopsy report, it is customary that I order a toxicology report on the victims, particularly the drivers," Wallace said.

An alcohol and drug screen are to follow the preliminary autopsy report indicated that Don 'Buddy' Jobe, his son 'Zack' and Ronald Smola all died of massive injuries.

Robert Byers, chief investigator for the Lubbock County Medical Examiner's Office in Lubbock, said that the toxicology tests were to be carried out either by the Universal Toxicology Laboratories in Midland or by the Texas Department of Public Safety laboratory in Lubbock.

The toxicology tests, the results of which are expected today, are an "alcohol and basic drug screen,", he said.

The accident in which the Jobes and Smola died occurred 8 p.m. at the intersection of Midland Drive and Princeton Avenue. Jobe's son, Shane, 9, was injured and is listed in critical condition at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center.

Police said that the Jobes were traveling from a church-league basketball game to a YMCA basketball game. Their vehicle, southbound on Midland Drive, was hit broadside by a sports utility vehicle driven by Smola, who reportedly ran a stop sign. Smola's vehicle was westbound on Princeton.

Smola, who was manager of H-E-B's seafood department, reportedly was en route from work to home at the time of the accident. Minutes earlier, according to a police reports, he had been involved in a minor hit-and-run accident.

Smola is survived by his wife, Patricia, and by two daughters, Brittni Smola and Baije Smola. Services for Smola are set for 2 p.m. Saturday at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel in Abilene. Burial is follow at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene.

Jobe, who coached YMCA basketball, was an engineering technician for Texaco Inc. in Midland and was the praise-and-worship leader for Calvary Assembly of God Church. He is survived by his wife, Janet Jobe; his son, Shane Jobe, and a daughter, Sommer Jobe. Services for the Jobes are to be 10 a.m. Saturday at First Assembly of God Church in Midland. Burial is to be at Resthaven Memorial Park.

With economy stagnant, city proceeds cautiously with costly projects

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

With the flattened local economy, city leaders are cautious, but still moving ahead with planned expansions in parks and infrastructure over the next two years.

On Tuesday, the Midland City Council accepted a bid for this year's biannual bond allotment.

About $5 million in certificate of obligation bonds are passed every two years to provide working capital needed for various contracted projects in the area of city services, said Rick Menchaca, deputy city manager.

This will be $4,960,000 borrowed from Solomon, Smith, Barney securities firm at a rate of 4.220 percent. This rate was the lowest of 12 bids received.

"We had the best rate any city had received in Texas during the month of February," Menchaca said.

The certificates of obligation bonds will be paid back over 15 years at a cost of $1.878 million in interest payments.

All of these funds are earmarked for particular projects, but City Council members instructed the legal staff to word the resolution in such a way that changes could be made on the way the funds are used if the economy worsens.

"That's in case the council needed to use it for other budget issues in the future," said Mayor Bobby Burns.

Burns, however, is pleased with the items being undertaken by the city with this CEO bond issue.

"It's taken a lot of work to get it fleshed out the way we want it — I've very comfortable with what we've done with it," Burns said.

At this point, the total money received from the bonds will be $4,960,000, of which $1.9 million will be used in the parks sector and in plans for future development in the city's Heritage District, which includes the Scarborough/Linebery House and other properties owned by the city.

Upcoming construction projects related to the new Beal Park will also be coming from this $1.9 million, Menchaca said.

Beal Park is being built on 70 acres of land in the southwest corner of the city.

With its six soccer fields and eight fields for baseball, softball and T-ball, the new park will compliment the existing three major parks of C.J. Kelly on the city's northwest corner, Hogan Park at the northeast and Reyes, Mashburn, Nelms Park on the southeast side of town.

Local softball, soccer and other sports organizations are also supplying funds to cover a portion of the park's overall $1.75 million price tag. The state of Texas is also

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Local teachers disagree with bill to end social promotion

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

Local teachers are far from enthused about a statewide plan that would automatically hold students back a grade for failing the TAAS test.

Many express worries that the plan would place too much emphasis on a test that already too often dictates teachers' curriculums, and that does not always accurately measure the true abilities of the children who take it.

Teachers also feel that holding a student back a grade is not always the best course of action, and that the school district does not have the resources without state help to handle the number of students who would be retained.

Senate Bill 1 — which unanimously passed the state Senate last week and is currently being considered in the House — would hold students back in third, fifth and eighth grades based solely on performance on the TAAS, a standardized state test that is administered to all students in third through eighth and tenth grades.

The bill would retain children in the third grade for failing the reading portion, in the fifth grade

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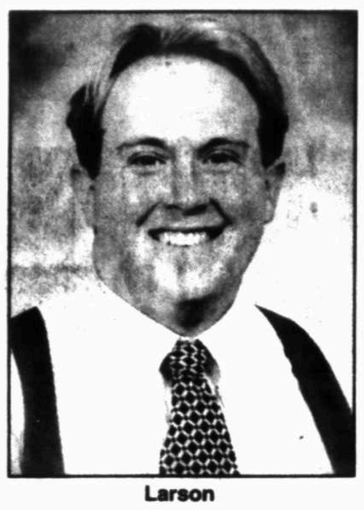


Fashion show

Maria Garcia, Leticia Rendon and Sylvia Rendon, with the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, check the order of models Thursday for the annual all-male fashion show. The benefit, scheduled for Saturday night at Midland Center, is a scholarship fund-raiser. The 11th annual event begins 6:30 p.m. Tickets are $25 a person.

Tim Fischer
Reporter-Telegram

Midlanders' Braggin' rights



Larson

COAT OF MANY COLORS

Midlanders visiting Lubbock this weekend won't want to miss the Lubbock Civic Center's musical production of "Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat." Two former Midlanders will be performing in starring roles.

Jeff Larson, son of **Allen and Carolyn Larson** of Midland and a 1996 Lee High School graduate, will perform as Joseph. Former Midlander **Beverly Newsom** will perform as the Narrator.

Larson is a third-year vocal performance major at Texas Tech University studying with tenor **Karl Dent**. Larson has performed with the Texas Tech Opera Theatre program and for the Midland Opera Theatre. He is a member of the Golden Key National Honor Society, Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi, Chi Beta Choral Fraternity and is president of Phi Mu Alpha Music Fraternity. His mother said, "When he's not performing, rehearsing or studying, Jeff can be found pursuing his other passion — golf."

"Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" is being presented by the music department of First United Methodist Church. For ticket and performance information call 1 (806) 763-0781.

WORN OVER THE HEART

The Midland Panhellenic Association, representing 12 area alumnae sorority groups, is participating in National Badge Day March 1. The third annual Badge Day encourages sorority women to celebrate their Greek affiliations by wearing their badge or letters. The public awareness campaign theme is "Place it over your heart with pride." The event kicks off National Women's History Month.

The history of Panhellenic women in the United States dates back to 1853. The women have contributed thousands of hours in community service and gave more than $2 million to various efforts including breast cancer research, Character Counts!, the arts, and scholarships to women.

GOVERNOR SELECTED

Governor **George W. Bush** recently announced that Midlander Ann Appling Bradford has been reappointed to the Texas Optometry Board. She will serve a term that ends Jan. 31, 2005. The board is examining and licensing optometrists.

Ms. Bradford is the administrator for the School to Work Program of the Permian Basin. She previously managed U.S. Representative Lamar Smith's congressional office. She is a former member of the Texas Society to Prevent Blindness and served on the Permian Basin Private Industry Council.

"Braggin' Rights" will be published on Fridays periodically as submissions are received. Send submissions — and photos if available — of interesting tidbits about area residents to Myra Salcedo, Lifestyle Editor, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, Texas, 79702 or send items via e-mail to salcedo@basinlink.com. Please include self-addressed stamped envelop for photos to be returned by mail.

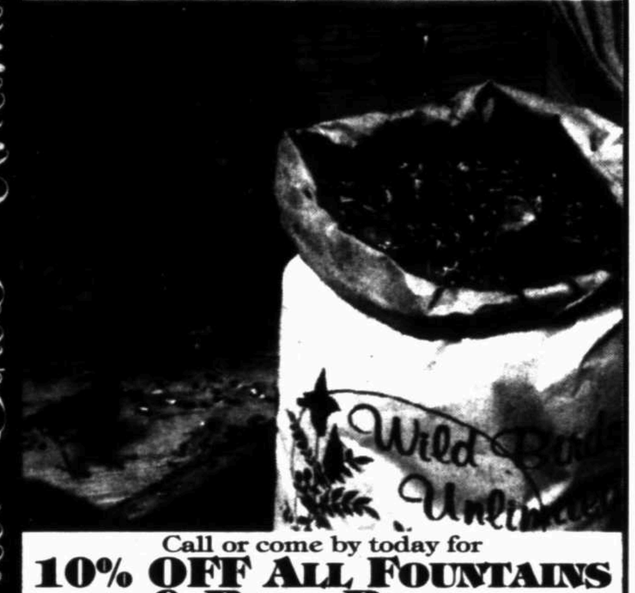
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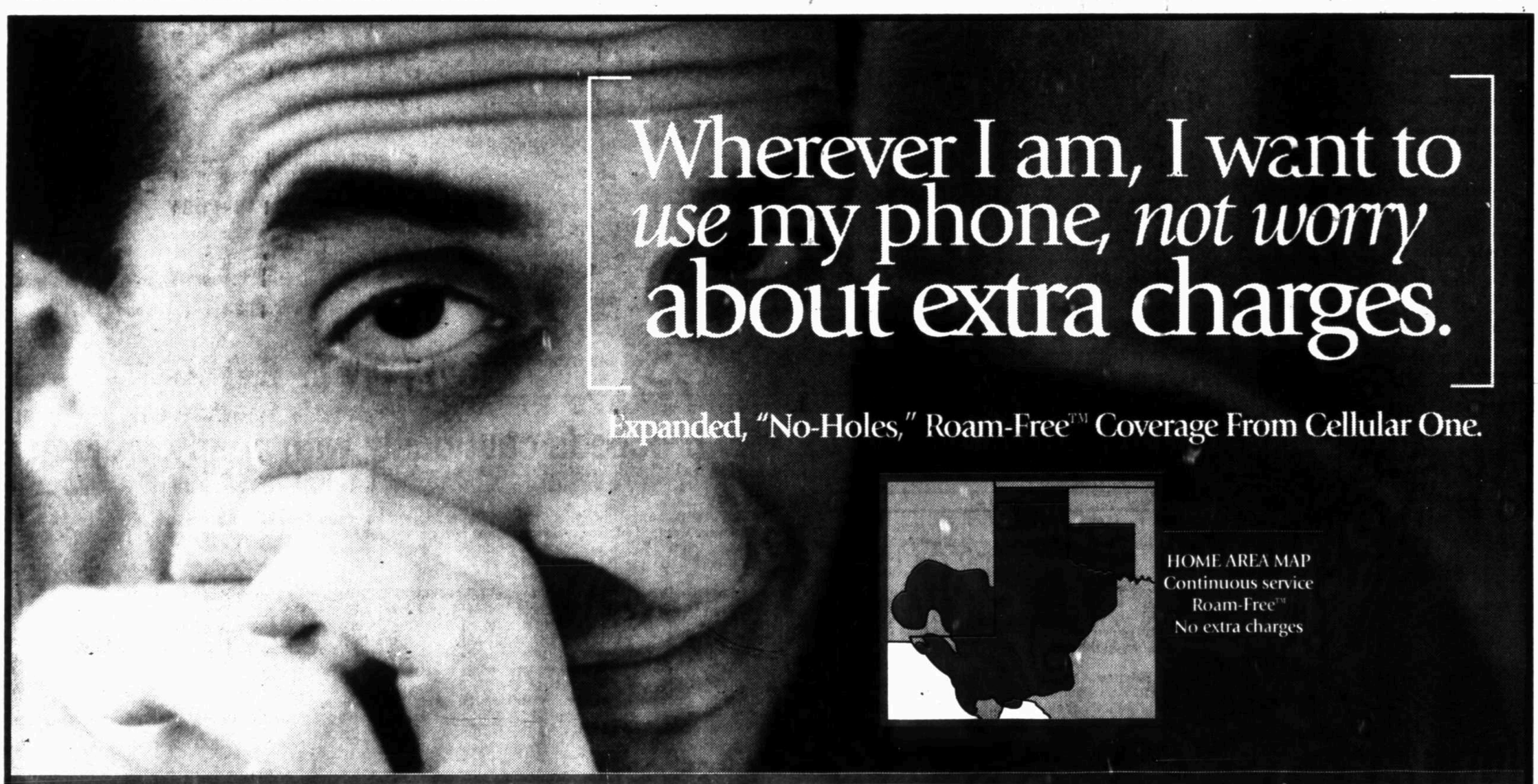
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Failure to extradite U.S. teen leads some to question law

By Ron Kampeas
Associated Press

JERUSALEM — Israel's Supreme Court blocked the extradition Thursday of a U.S. teen-ager suspected in the grisly dismemberment of an acquaintance, a move that threatened to revive a strain on U.S.-Israel relations.

The reluctant tones of the judges' 3-2 decision keeping Samuel Sheinbein from returning to Maryland to stand trial reflected wider embarrassment in Israel over a blanket ban on extraditing Jews — a ban many now believe to be outdated.

Justice Theodor Orr, writing for the majority, said the law contradicts extradition treaties Israel has signed — but that as long as the law was on the books, he had to uphold it.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, who promised U.S. Secretary of State Madeleine Albright last year that he would fully cooperate in extradition efforts, said he was disappointed.

"We did want to see extradition," Netanyahu told reporters in Tel Aviv. "We are a country of law. In a country of law, the law is interpreted by the Supreme Court."

Netanyahu promised that Sheinbein would be tried to the full extent of Israeli law.

"Justice will be done," he said.

Even Sheinbein's attorney David Libai — a former Justice Minister who has said his client will plead guilty when he appears before an Israeli court — said the law needed changing.

"We cannot allow a situation where there's such a blatant contradiction between a treaty with the United States ... and Israeli law," he said.

Maryland authorities want Sheinbein for the killing of Alfred Tello Jr., in Montgomery County, Md., in September 1997.

Sheinbein, who fled to Israel two days after Tello's dismembered and burned body was discovered in a Maryland garage, exploited a 1978 law that bars the extradition of Israeli citizens to other countries.

The law was passed at the urging of then-Prime Minister Menachem Begin, who felt that Jews should not be handed over to gentiles for judgment.

U.S. Attorney General Janet Reno said she was "disappointed" at Thursday's ruling, but expected to work with Israel in successfully prosecuting Sheinbein.

"We much prefer that the case be tried where the crime was committed," Reno said. "But if it has to be tried in another country, we want to make sure that the processes are in place that will permit it to happen, so that we see justice done regardless."

Montgomery County State's Attorney Douglas Gansler also pledged to work with Israel to try Sheinbein.

"To say we're deeply disappointed in this ruling is an understatement," he said. "There is no further recourse. There are no more appeals. We do want to see justice is achieved."

Eliette Ramos, Tello's mother, said she was disappointed in the Israeli government and judiciary system.

"He and his family are laughing at both Israel and the United States, because they manipulated both countries," she said.

Sheinbein was to return to court within five days to face indictment, a Justice Ministry statement said. He faces a life sentence in Israel, as he did in Maryland, where authorities pledged not to seek a death sentence.

But a life sentence in Israel rarely translates into longer than 18 years and prisoners enjoy conveniences — including holiday furloughs — rarely granted their U.S. counterparts.

Israeli officials clearly were nervous about U.S. reaction to the decision.

"What has to be remembered, and we will say it to the United States, is that justice will be done," said Irit Kahn, a senior Justice Ministry official who had argued in favor of extradition.

Robert Livingston, a Louisiana Republican who chairs the U.S. House Appropriations Committee, last year threatened to block U.S. aid to Israel if Sheinbein was not extradited.

Sheinbein had little contact with Israel prior to his flight — he claimed Israeli citizenship through his father, Sol, a Washington patent lawyer who was born in pre-state Israel.

The parliament's Law Committee is considering a bill that would amend the law barring extradition.

Sheinbein's father has said he wanted his son tried in Israel because he feared for his safety in a U.S. prison. Sheinbein's alleged accomplice, Aaron Needle, committed suicide in a U.S. jail.

A lower court had ruled last year that even though Sheinbein could technically claim citizenship, he could be returned to the United States because he had no real affinity to Ispael.

Aharon Barak, the chief justice, argued in favor of extradition.

"How can one imagine that a foreign citizen, whose affinity is with a foreign country, can argue before Israeli courts that he does not trust the laws of his country and its jurisprudence?" Barak wrote.

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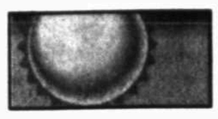
3-day forecast



Today
Partly cloudy
High 82
Low 38



Saturday
Mostly sunny
High 68
Low 40



Sunday
Sunny
High 80
Low 36

Today's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high in the lower 80s and west to southwest gusty winds blowing at 15-25 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a low in the upper 30s.

Saturday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies and breezy with a high in the upper 60s.

After an overnight low of 43, Thursday's high reached 81, compared to the record high for that date of 83 set in 1989. The record low of 11 was set in 1960.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Thursday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Wednesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
Total for year	0.33 in.
Normal total yr to date	0.82 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

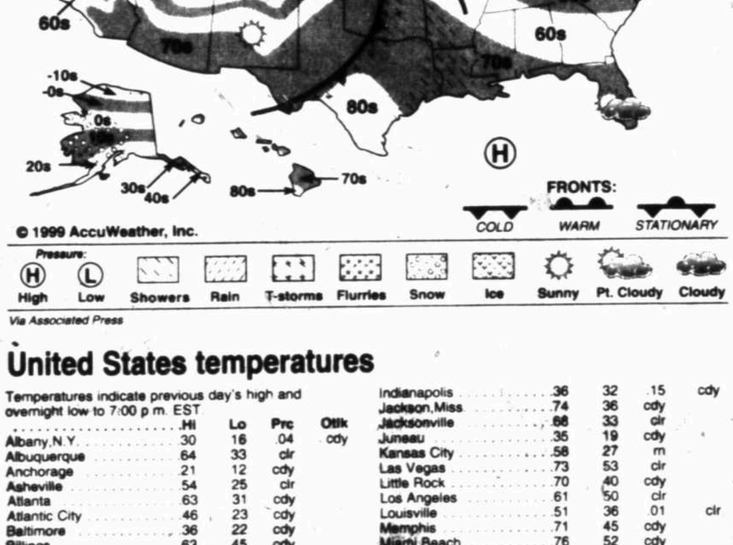
High	81
Low	43
Normal high	65
Normal low	35

Pollen count
Trees: Moderate
Weeds: Absent
Grass: Absent Molds: Low
Dust: Moderate
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Sunrise ... 7:19 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:44 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, Feb. 26.



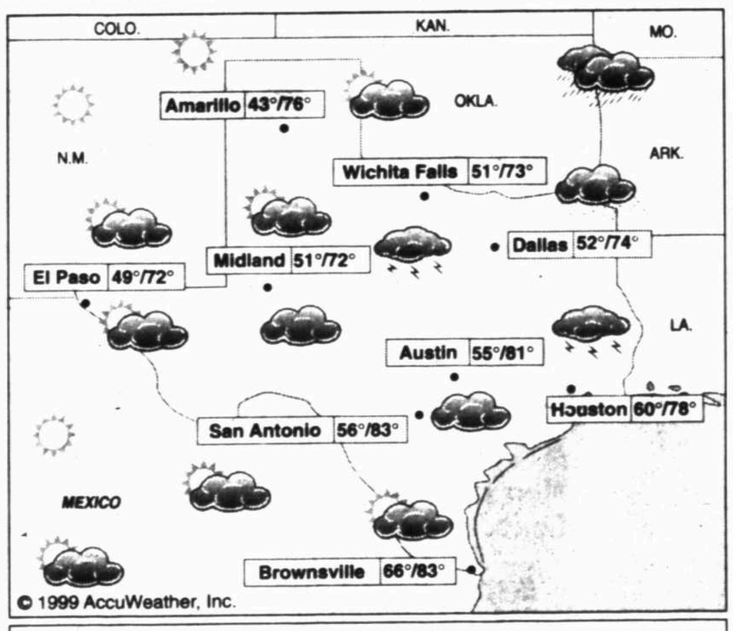
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United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 7:00 p.m. EST

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Albuquerque	64	33	clr	
Anchorage	21	12	cdy	
Asheville	54	25	clr	
Atlanta	63	31	cdy	
Atlantic City	46	23	cdy	
Baltimore	36	22	cdy	
Billings	63	45	cdy	
Birmingham	66	33	.03	cdy
Bismarck	42	22	cdy	
Boise	47	39	.10	cdy
Boston	29	25	.06	sn
Brownsville	81	67	cdy	
Buffalo	33	27	.03	clr
Burlington,Vt	27	13	.09	cdy
Casper	58	36	cdy	
Charleston,S.C.	60	28	.38	clr
Charleston,W.Va.	38	32	.22	clr
Charlotte,N.C.	54	26	clr	
Cheyenne	59	33	clr	
Chicago	37	28	.07	cdy
Cincinnati	38	32	.16	cdy
Cleveland	34	31	.30	cdy
Columbia,S.C.	60	27	clr	
Columbus,Ohio	36	33	.16	cdy
Concord,N.H.	32	17	sn	
Dayton	34	32	.14	cdy
Denver	65	32	cdy	
Des Moines	44	18	cdy	
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Duluth	34	26	cdy	
Evansville	49	35	cdy	
Fairbanks	5	-17	cdy	
Fargo	42	17	cdy	
Flagstaff	53	23	clr	
Grand Rapids	38	26	.10	clr
Great Falls	59	34	cdy	
Greensboro,N.C.	41	23	clr	
Hartford Spgfld	29	23	cdy	
Helena	53	32	cdy	
Honolulu	79	66	clr	
Indianapolis	36	32	.15	cdy
Jackson,Miss	74	36	cdy	
Jacksonville	68	33	clr	
Juneau	35	19	cdy	
Kansas City	58	27	rn	
Las Vegas	73	53	clr	
Little Rock	70	40	cdy	
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North Platte	72	28	cdy	
Oklahoma City	78	43	cdy	
Omaha	42	20	cdy	
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Phoenix	79	59	clr	
Pittsburgh	35	27	.10	cdy
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Sacramento	57	46	.24	cdy
St Louis	51	33	cdy	
Salt Lake City	63	44	cdy	
San Diego	66	53	clr	
San Francisco	56	48	cdy	
San Juan,P.R.	81	70	1.30	cdy
Santa Fe	61	29	clr	
St Ste Marie	36	19	.05	cdy
Seattle	48	43	.17	cdy
Shreveport	73	48	cdy	
Sioux Falls	43	18	cdy	
Spokane	44	42	.08	cdy
Syracuse	37	18	cdy	

State forecast



Via Associated Press

Texas temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Pcp.
Abilene	82	57	
Alice	82	58	
Amarillo	80	30	
Arlington	75	56	
Austin Bergstrom	77	48	
Austin Mueller	76	56	
Beaumont	76	55	
Brownsville	81	67	
Burnet	71	59	
Childress	85	41	
College Station	77	54	
Conroe	73	48	
Corpus Christi	82	63	
Corsicana	76	53	
Cotulla	84	63	
Dalhart	75	26	
Dallas Love Field	74	56	
Del Rio	81	62	
Denton	76	50	
DFW Airport	74	55	
El Paso	73	39	
Fort Stockton	84	49	
Fort Worth Alliance	76	53	
Fort Worth Meacham	76	56	
Galveston	72	61	
Harlingen	81	63	
Hondo	81	56	
Houston Hobby	73	57	
Houston Intrctnl	74	49	
Huntsville	75	56	
Junction	78	53	
Kingsville	83	62	
Laredo	88	64	
Longview	74	53	
Lubbock	80	34	
Lufkin	75	51	

SYMPHONY: Endowment tops $1 million

(From 1A)

present and future generations," said Tim Young, executive director and master of ceremonies for Thursday's fund-raiser.

The goal is $2 million in the endowment fund by the year 2000, Denise Burns, a member of the MOSC board of directors who is chairing the endowment campaign, told the symphony supporters.

"In these kinds of economic times, sponsors may go down, grants may change their specifications," Mrs. Burns said. "When we get our $2 million by 2000, we are looking to take $100,000 off our interest, leaving the corpus (principal) intact.

"And we can use that $100,000, maybe, to pick up the difference we've not gotten in sponsorships or grants, or to add additional programs to the symphony. The schools are losing funding for the arts. We can go out and do things for the schools." The endowment fund "gives us a cushion to hedge against bad economic times."

The MOSC performing ensembles present 42 youth concerts for all fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders in public schools in Midland and Odessa. Each season, around 48 symphony musicians also teach as orchestra or band directors, elementary school teachers, or private instrument teachers. And, music students are admitted free to all MasterWorks and Chamber concerts.

"It's really unusual nowadays to have a resident symphony and resident conductor," Mrs. Burns said. "Most towns, and especially towns of our size, import the symphony and the conductor. Abilene pretty much transports its entire symphony for a performance."

Without the locally based MOSC, Midland and Odessa could be financially, as well as, musically poorer. The local organization, in its Music for the Millennium campaign information, stated that "approximately 90 percent of its annual operating budget of over $600,000 is spent here resulting in an annual economic impact of $1.5 million."

Mrs. Burns said that last year "we did 75 performances to over 35,000 people. That includes 42 youth concerts. That doesn't include when you hire them to play at your wedding."

Also speaking at Thursday's dinner was Jack Swallow of the Permian Basin Area Foundation, who spoke of the need for an organization like the symphony to have an endowment fund. PBAF manages the symphony's endowment fund, "with an average return in the last three years of 17 percent," Swallow said.

"Certainly, times like this when there is a lull or lag in our local economy really speaks volumes to what a supporting endowment fund's purpose is," said Swallow, defining that purpose as being "able to maintain the level of performances by providing an income stream to an organization like the symphony."

Endowment principal is never spent and only a part of the interest earned is spent, which allows for perpetual growth. Currently, 5 percent of the corpus is distributed each year for operating expenses.

The symphony's budget, Mrs. Burns said, "Roughly breaks down into one-fourth from ticket sales, a fourth from sponsors, a fourth from grants and a fourth from the annual fund drive, which is running concurrently with the Music for the Millennium drive."

Mrs. Burns explained that the Music for the Millennium Endowment Fund campaign does not replace the annual fund drive, which is working to raise $150,000. "This is not instead of, but in addition to," she said.

Included in those supporting the endowment campaign are members of the board of directors who have individually pledged $54,000 to the endowment fund, Mrs. Burns said.

Also active in support of the MOSC are the guilds in both communities. Pam Leibrock spoke about the Midland Symphony Guild's involvement.

"For the last two years we've contributed $50,000 gifts to the symphony operating budget, and annually we account for around $40,000 in ticket and ticket upgrades to concerts when we include our patron commitments," Mrs. Leibrock said. "In our May meeting last year, we made a $10,800 contribution to the endowment fund. That was the first time the guild was able to participate in that."

The Midland Symphony Guild, a service organization of 600 members counting members, patrons and teens, understands its vested interest in providing music for future generations.

"With this year's teen Belle Program, we have third-generation Midlanders whose daughters are now starting our training and some of their grandparents were charter members and are among our patrons," Mrs. Leibrock said. "We're really into the third generation of Midland symphony-goers, so that's exciting."

Closing out the evening's presentation was Rob Hunt, MOSC conductor and musical director. Hunt spoke of the vital role music plays in life and named various local youth who have achieved national renown. He acknowledged the commitment Midlanders have made in past decades to quality musical performances presented by professional symphony musicians, who live in the community where they share their expertise with local youth through concerts and teaching.

"We must honor that legacy by making sure those values go on," Hunt said. "That's why we are here tonight, to secure a place of greatness for the next generation."

TEACHERS: Lack of enthusiasm greets Senate bill

(From 1A)

for failing the math or the reading portion and in the eighth grade for failing the math, reading or writing portion.

The plan to end "social promotion" — a political buzzword in state and U.S. government these days — would not apply to any students currently in the school system. The first group affected would be the children entering kindergarten next fall.

But teachers are already expressing concerns.

"I think the test is a valid instrument, but I don't think that if I were to retain them (all students who fail), it would benefit them in the next year," said Alison Montgomery, who teaches third grade at South Elementary. "Confidence is one of the main ingredients of learning, and if retention takes that away, we're hurting those kids."

"It could be a very intelligent student, just not a good test-taker," said her colleague, Rafaela Mandujano, who teaches a bilingual third-grade class.

She said she did not think a social promotion bill was an added motivation to teachers who are motivated to begin with.

"We're already feeling the pressure — without Gov. Bush — to have them reading on grade level, just because they need those skills to have a successful life," she said.

Ms. Montgomery and Ms. Mandujano said they have never had a 100 percent passing rate on the TAAS in their classrooms, and they're not alone.

In the 1997-98 school year in Midland Independent School District, 817 students in the third, fifth and eighth grades who were not in special education failed the reading portion of the TAAS.

At the end of that year, fewer than 60 students who were not in special education were retained in those grades.

Many MISD schools like South have third-grade failing rates hovering near or above 30 percent on the reading portion.

"My question is, what do we do with the backlog at certain grade levels?" said Sue Saunders, a math teacher at Abell Junior High. "Could we handle the overload?"

There are a few safety nets built into the bill. Students in the affected grade levels would be given three opportunities to pass the test.

In addition, parents who feel a special exception should be made may appeal to a special committee on the school board, which would have to approve the student's promotion unanimously.

But some teachers want to have the ability to make those exceptions themselves, and three administrations of the test would be logistically difficult, given that teachers must await results from the state that currently do not cross their desks until after the end of the school year.

Karen Kitto, a fifth-grade teacher at Fannin, said that ending social promotion was a worthy goal, but, "I hate to see so much emphasis on one test."

She also was wary of the fact that the bill comes with no price tag attached.

"Are they going to say you have to do this and then not give you the funds to do it?" she asked.

A fiscal note attached to the bill reads, "Sections of the bill are contingent on sufficient appropriations for the administration of a reading instruction program for grades K-2, accelerated instruction for students who fail TAAS tests ... and professional development for teachers who provide remedial instruction." The bill, however, does not offers dollar figures for such appropriations.

Finances aside, many teachers are not happy about a potential state law that further narrows the focus of their classrooms on a single standardized exam.

"There's so many neat, fun things to do with kids that make them want to learn besides (training them for) the TAAS," Ms. Kitto said. "Just don't put all your eggs in one basket."

Jurors sentence a defiant King to death for Byrd killing

JASPER (AP) — A defiant racist, who prosecutors insisted would kill again because of the hate in his heart, cursed his victim's family Thursday as he headed to death row for chaining a black man to a pickup truck and dragging him to his death.

Eleven white jurors and their elected black foreman took less than three hours to sentence John William King to lethal injection rather than life in prison, taking about the same amount of time they needed to convict him Tuesday of murdering James Byrd Jr. in one of the grisliest racial crimes since the civil rights era.

King becomes the first white person condemned in Texas for killing a black since capital punishment resumed in Texas in the mid-1970s. The only time a white person was executed for killing a black in Texas was in 1854.

Byrd's family members wiped their eyes after the death sentence was read but declined state District Judge Joe Bob Golden's offer to address King.

As she left the courtroom, Renee Mullins, Byrd's daughter, said she was "very satisfied" with the verdict. Nephew Darrell Verrett held up his fingers in the peace sign and said, "Everything's OK."

Spectators outside the courthouse taunted a smirking King as the convicted murder was led away. When asked if he had anything to say to Byrd's family, King said "Yeah" and mumbled an obscenity.

Byrd's sister Mary Verrett said she wasn't surprised by King's behavior.

"I wouldn't expect for him to say, 'God bless the Byrd family.' It just sums up the total personality of this young man," she said. "He has no remorse, even in the face of death."

King's elderly father, who uses oxygen to ease his emphysema, was not in the courtroom when the punishment was announced. However, The Rev. Ron Foshage of St. Michael's Catholic Church handed out a statement from Ronald King calling for "healing and reconciliation" and asking for sympathy and prayers for his son.

"Please pray for the Byrd family who have endured unimaginable pain and loss. Please pray for these jurors who have shouldered a horrible burden. Please pray for our town of Jasper, a community that remains strong though scarred by this unspeakable act," he said.

The murder shocked the nation and horrified residents of Jasper, a timber town of 8,000 people about 100 miles northeast of Houston.

The younger King released a handwritten statement through his attorney: "Though I remain adamant about my innocence, it's been obvious from the beginning that this community would get what they desire; so I'll close with the words of Francis Yockey. 'The promise of success is with the man who is determined to die proudly when it is no longer possible to live proudly.'"

Yockey, who died in 1960, was an author of Nazi doctrine.

King had been expressionless throughout the trial. The only time he appeared to be moved was while his father testified on his behalf and begged jurors to spare his life.

However, Sheriff Billy Rowles said King was "cussing, raising Cain, kicking the doors," Wednesday night in his cell.

"I think ... the reality hit him probably in the last 24 to 36 hours," Rowles said. "He was mad."

Prosecutors had urged jurors to sentence the 24-year-old King to death, arguing a life prison term with a minimum of 40 years behind bars was not long enough to protect society and that he would spread his racist venom if allowed to live.

"From what you've witnessed in this courtroom, this man will hurt and harm and kill again," District Attorney Guy James Gray said in his closing arguments at punishment. "And I care if he's 64 years old when he does this in some other community. We can't allow it."

Jurors who convicted King of capital murder Tuesday had to consider whether he was a continuing threat to society, whether the murder was intentional, and if any mitigating factor in King's background merited a life prison sentence.

Afterward, jurors said they felt they had no choice but to sentence King to death.

"We looked for ways to not have to do what we did today, and they were not there," juror Lequeta Flowers said. "You just can't have this. Society cannot accept this."

King's attorneys, who said they expected the worst, had pleaded with jurors to spare their client.

"Regardless of whether you vote life or death, John William King is a dead man walking," said co-counsel Brack Jones.

Prosecutor Gray, a Catholic, said he was uncomfortable with capital punishment but understood it was his duty to enforce the law.

"Any prosecutor that enjoys getting the death penalty has just got a little something wrong with him," he said. It's satisfying to see my town stand up. It's satisfying to see a jury sit in there and tell people they decided this case on the facts and evidence and the law."

The conviction and sentence, according to law, will be appealed automatically. If upheld and if King does not waive his appeals, he likely would be executed in six or seven years.

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CITY: Economic slowdown dampens expansion

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chipping in $500,000 for the new park.

Street and roadway expansions and improvements will soak up another $1.7 million of the bond issue funds, while an additional $100,000 will be used to acquire right of way for and build improvements on the city's drainage system.

Over the next two years, the city plans to close the aging fire station at Golf Course Road and Edwards Street and build a new Number 3 Fire Station at Golf Course and Lamesa roads, Menchaca said.

Modern firefighting equipment is almost too large to fit into the 50-year-old bay doors at the current No. 3 station, he said.

"It will lower response times because of the easier access on a major arterial street," Menchaca said.

The new fire station is expected to take a $1,150,000 bite out of the new bond issue.

Finally, $110,000 will be used for design and construction of improvements at Hogan Park.

An expanded pro shop, golf cart barn and parking lot will be paid through the new bonds.

Occasionally, such as in 1996, the council can pass a smaller bond series on the years between the main biannual bonds.

"For the most part, the way we retire our debt, we can do it every two years," Menchaca said.

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It looks like democracy, but some Nigerians wonder

By Tim Sullivan
Associated Press

LAGOS, Nigeria — It looks, at first glance, like a political campaign in any democracy: Rallies jammed with thousands of cheering supporters, millions of campaign posters and candidates jetting around in last-minute attempts to secure votes.

But, just days before presidential elections marking the final phase in Nigeria's transition to civilian rule, some in this junta-weary nation say the real choice for Nigeria's next president was made long ago, by the country's power brokers.

While the repressiveness of the old Nigerian dictatorships is gone — and Saturday's vote remains a historic move to end 15 years of military rule — some Nigerians are wondering just how democratic this new process really is.

"Are there really free and fair elections?" asks Clement Nwankwo, a prominent human rights lawyer. "I have serious doubts."

Critics cite military backing for the presidential front-runner, retired Gen. Olusegun Obasanjo, a lack of campaign issues and blatant vote-buying.

In Lagos' poorer neighborhoods, residents say a vote goes for as little as 100 naira — about $1.10.

"If you don't give Nigerians money, they won't vote," Idowu Sulyman, a ward boss for Obasanjo's Peoples Democratic Party, said during last week's legislative elections.

To the transition's critics, though, it is the influence of Nigeria's military — particularly its powerful and rich retired generals — that most jeopardizes the democratic process.

Obasanjo, they say, was handpicked by the generals months ago to give Nigeria a half-step toward democracy: to leave behind the brutal excesses and crippling corruption of Nigeria's late dictator, Gen. Sani Abacha, but also enable them to hold onto their money and influence.

From their plush mansions and polo clubs, critics say, the generals dispense the money and connections Obasanjo needs to succeed in the insular world of Nigerian politics.

"If anyone says the military is not pulling strings behind the scenes, they are deceiving themselves," said Mudi Sipikin, a northern politician who has opposed many of Nigeria's military governments.

Obasanjo appears to offer something both to the north — long the power holder — and to the south, which has long felt excluded.

In a country where political loyalty is often determined by ethnicity and geography, Obasanjo — a southerner, as well as a Yoruba Christian — is acceptable to the Muslim northern generals who are largely from the ethnic Hausa-Fulani group. While he was a career military officer and junta leader, he also handed over power to an elected civilian government, and was later imprisoned during Abacha's regime.

Even the PDP does not always bother to downplay the soldiers' influence.

"The generals need somebody in power they can relate to, and that somebody is Obasanjo," said Abubakar. Danmusa, a regional party leader in the northern town of Katsina.

Obasanjo's opponent, Olu Falae, argues that Obasanjo's army ties will only make him beholden to his military backers.

It's an accusation that infuriates Obasanjo.

"To say one who has retired from the military since 1979 is a military man, that is wrong," he said earlier this month.

Still, the core of Obasanjo's financial support comes from Gen. Ibrahim Babingida, another former military ruler and one of Nigeria's wealthiest men.

Babingida's regime, while less bloody than Abacha's, is widely blamed for fostering the corruption that now flourishes in Nigerian society, crippling the economy and destroying the nation's infrastructure.

These days, oil-rich Nigeria barely functions, with telephone, electricity and water service all-but-unknown through large swaths of the country.

But if Nigeria's democratic process is flawed, even critics admit that the political climate has dramatically improved since June, when Abacha's police state ended with his sudden death.

The secret police, who once terrorized this nation with arrests and executions, have been reined in, political prisoners have been released and people can again freely express themselves.

In a nation with such a repressive and corrupt history, some say a half-step to democracy may be just what is needed.

"These elections are the beginning of our road on democracy, but things won't happen overnight," said Danmusa, the northern PDP boss. "At least it's a start, a big plus instead of a minus."

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Death toll soars in Austrian avalanches

By Alexander G. Higgins
Associated Press

LANDECK, Austria — The smile of a resuscitated 4-year-old boy — given up for dead when rescuers found him under a massive snowslide — brought hope and joy to this snow-deluged valley Thursday, even as the death toll from two avalanches rose to 33.

In the western Austrian village of Galtuer, where at least 28 people were killed, scores of rescuers used long metal probes to search for at least three people still believed buried beneath tons of snow.

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Roads into the mountainous area remained blocked Thursday, but maintenance crews worked steadily, hoping to clear them by Friday afternoon.

Dozens of helicopters ferried food and supplies into the stricken area, and brought out tourists. Choppers from the German army and police, Switzerland and U.S. army bases in Germany reinforced pilots from the Austrian army.

The U.S. Blackhawks and other helicopters shuttling survivors out to Landeck landed in a swirl of snow on a blocked-off autobahn outside of town. A string of buses there took vacationers to an army camp where psychological counseling was available. From there, the travelers boarded trains for the final leg of the journey home.

The 4-year-old Austrian boy, whose name was not released, was dubbed "the miracle of Valzur" for surviving 100 minutes under the snow in the second of two deadly avalanches that killed dozens in western Austria.

When rescuers found him late Wednesday, he was frozen and had no circulation. He was rushed to nearby Galtuer, where doctors saved his life by slowly "warming him up" before sending him to a hospital in the town of Zams.

"When he arrived at the hospital he had a pacifier in his mouth, and he even smiled a little," Dr. Alois Schranz told the Austria Press Agency.

"The boy is well. He eats normally, he talks and plays," pediatrician Irene Walch told The Associated Press. She said he would remain under observation.

Meanwhile, authorities warned that the risk of more avalanches remained extremely high due to rising temperatures and fresh snow. Another slide hit Neustift in the Stubai Valley south of Innsbruck late Thursday, but initial reports said no one was missing.

Another avalanche in Switzerland, set off artificially Thursday with explosives, injured at least one person.

Among the 28 people confirmed dead in the Galtuer snowslide were five Dutch — two fathers and their children. Twenty-three people, eight of them injured, had been rescued from the village. The search continued Thursday, concentrating on two ruined houses where 10 bodies, including several children, were pulled out of the deep snow, the Austria Press Agency reported.

The other five confirmed dead were from the neighboring village of Valzur. Three more bodies were uncovered there Thursday and at least two others were missing.

Suffocation is the most likely cause of death in an avalanche, followed by being crushed by the weight of the snow.

About 2,500 tourists were helicoptered out of Galtuer on Thursday and hundreds of others were flown from nearby villages and hamlets. But about 1,000 remained in Galtuer, refusing to end their holidays.

Weary survivors arriving in Munich, Germany, said they were glad to be back.

Hans Weimann, 77, said the avalanche started with an incredible noise that "got louder and louder," before everything went white.

The Galtuer avalanche is the worst to hit central Europe this winter, as the region endures its heaviest snowfall in 50 years. More than 70 people across Europe have died in avalanches this year.

In Switzerland, the man-made avalanche that hit the southern ski resort of Luekerbad on Thursday sent one person to the hospital with a suspected heart attack. Several others were treated for shock.

In the past few weeks, officials have set off hundreds of controlled avalanches to limit the potential for devastation. But there is currently so much snow that even deliberate explosions have become risky.

Rescuers on the French side of the Alps brought down three stranded French hikers Thursday who had been huddled in a makeshift igloo for 10 days after losing their way in a blizzard.

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Nixon talks about 1972 embassy burglary in newly released tape

By Deb Reichmann
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In the spring of 1972, a month before the Watergate break-in, the Chilean Embassy in Washington was surreptitiously entered. A newly released White House tape carries a tantalizing snippet — President Nixon talking about the break-in and telling his lawyer, "That thing was part of the burglars' plan, as a cover."

The comment was included in 54 minutes of taped conversation from Nixon's secret taping system that were released on Thursday at the National Archives. The conversations — ranging from just a few seconds to several minutes long — had been withheld from earlier releases for national security reasons.

The conversation occurred on May 16, 1973, the eve of Senate hearings on the Watergate affair. White House Counsel John Dean was going to be a witness at the hearings and the president and his lawyer, J. Fred Buzhardt Jr., were in the Oval Office discussing what Dean might disclose.

Nixon spoke of the break-in that had occurred at the Chilean Embassy one year earlier. On May 18, 1972, persons entered the embassy, riffled files and stole official documents, books and radios.

"But when we get down, for example, to the break-in, the Chilean embassy — that thing was part of the burglars' plan, as a cover. Those (expletive) are trying to have a cover — or a CIA cover. I think Dean concocted that," Nixon said.

Buzhardt agreed. "I think Dean concocted it."

On Thursday, in a telephone interview, Dean disputed Nixon's supposition.

"I didn't," Dean said. "They're full of baloney. But at that point they had me concocting everything back to original sin."

Dean, who pleaded guilty in October 1973 to one count of conspiring to obstruct justice in the Watergate scandal and served three months in jail, said he has never heard that the White House was behind the break-in at the embassy.

Dean said he believes Nixon's talk of a "cover" is a reference to an attempt by lawyers for James McCord, one of the burglars arrested at the Watergate, to get his case dropped on grounds further investigation would reveal national security secrets.

McCord, a former CIA agent and security chief for the Committee to Re-Elect the President, was trying to get the government to stop investigating the Watergate break-in by saying the probe would lead to the revelation that there "had been some sort of surveillance of the Chilean embassy," Dean said.

In other conversations:

—Nixon talks in the Oval Office on July 2, 1971 with his assistant, Peter Flanigan, about giving ambassadorships to large contributors. They discuss making one GOP donor ambassador to Belgium. "Understand, that's only if he gives a quarter-million," Nixon says.

—Nixon talks in the Oval Office on July 1, 1971 with domestic adviser John D. Ehrlichman, aide Charles Colson and chief of staff H.R. Haldeman about the "Pentagon Papers" — a classified study of U.S. involvement in Vietnam prepared by the Defense Department and leaked to the press — and what they contained about the 1963 assassination of South Vietnam's President Ngo Dinh Diem.

Nixon blamed President Kennedy for Diem's death.

"Kennedy decided to go forward and got us involved and it shows that Kennedy was the one who got us in the damn war," Nixon said. "We got the Kennedys in this thing now."

As the tapes were opened to the public, the Nixon Library & Birthplace Foundation in Yorba Linda, Calif., provided — for the first time — released transcripts of the conversations on the Internet.

John Taylor, executive director, said the library provided the transcripts and commentary so the public could read them and compare them with the released audio tapes.

Except under court order, the archives never makes transcripts because there is no way to ensure the accuracy of the interpretation, says Karl Weissenbach, director of the Nixon project at the archives.

Transcripts are hard to prepare because of background noise, people talking at once, the difficulty of identifying voices and the quality of the recordings, he said.

Indeed, the Nixon library transcripts included dozens of question marks where the transcriber could not determine who was speaking or what was said.

One discrepancy between the tapes and transcripts surfaced in a June 30, 1972 conversation in which Nixon tells Haldeman that those embroiled in the Watergate cover-up should lie about whether a certain individual is involved.

The Nixon library says that on its copy of the tape it is not clear in the conversation that the president mentions Bebe Rebozo, a wealthy Florida businessman and close Nixon friend.

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Families need love, compassion of Midlanders

One minute of time. One minute of time can make all the difference in the world. It can save someone's life.

Or it can cost the lives of several people.

Following the mishap Tuesday evening that took the lives of three Midlanders and left a 9-year-old child in critical condition at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center, the entire community is in mourning. At such times, one is often left wondering why families can be so tragically torn apart by death — and of the importance of one minute of time in the scheme of things.

Two of those killed — Don "Buddy" Jobe and his 13-year-old son, Zackary Ryan Jobe — and 9-year-old Shane Austin Jobe were members of one family. Jobe was taking his sons to a basketball game when the accident occurred. The other person killed in the two-vehicle collision was 32-year-old Brett Ronald Smola, the manager for seafoods at H-E-B Food Store in Midland. He was driving the other vehicle and was on his way home to be with his wife and daughters.

Jobe was praise and worship leader at Calvary Assembly of God Church and was described by friends and acquaintances as "a man after God's own heart." Apparently following in his father's footsteps, young Zack was said to be a young man who wasn't afraid to show people Jesus Christ. He was a young man with a future that now, sadly, will not come to pass.

His brother, little Shane Austin Jobe now lies unconscious at Memorial Hospital with his mother, Janet, at his side. He has serious head injuries.

In the emptiness following the tragic mishap, one is left groping for answers, answers that all too often are not forthcoming. Investigating police officers indicated that Smola's vehicle, which had been involved in an earlier accident, ran a stop sign at the intersection of Midland Drive and Princeton Avenue and struck the Jobe vehicle, slamming it into a telephone pole.

Just one minute of time and the accident would not have occurred.

The Rev. Randall McDonald, pastor of Calvary Assembly of God Church, urged Midlanders to surround the two families "with the love of Christ. This is the time that this town, this city, must come together and just love them."

He is correct. The Smola and Jobe families need the compassion and Christian love of the good people of Midland now.

Today in History

Today is Friday, Feb. 26, the 57nd day of 1999. There are 308 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Feb. 26, 1919, Congress established Grand Canyon National Park in Arizona.

On this date:

In 1815, Napoleon Bonaparte escaped from the Island of Elba to begin his second conquest of France.

In 1848, the Second French Republic was proclaimed.

In 1929, President Coolidge signed a measure establishing Grand Teton National Park.

In 1945, a midnight curfew on night clubs, bars and other places of entertainment was set to go into effect across the nation.

In 1952, Prime Minister Winston Churchill announced that Britain had developed its own atomic bomb.

In 1979, a total solar eclipse cast a moving shadow 175 miles wide from Oregon to North Dakota before moving into Canada.

In 1987, the Tower Commission, which probed the Iran-Contra affair, issued a report that rebuked President Reagan for failing to control his national security staff.

In 1991, Iraqi President Saddam Hussein announced on Baghdad Radio that he had ordered his forces to withdraw from Kuwait.

In 1993, a bomb built by a group of Islamic extremists exploded in the parking garage of New York's World Trade Center, killing six people and injuring more than 1,000 others.

JACK ANDERSON

IRS ruling could usher in new world of fund raising

Coming soon to a cable channel near you: A teary-eyed appeal for money — not from a charity fighting cancer, famine or adult illiteracy — but for political candidates.


Anderson

Don't laugh, because it could happen. A recent ruling by the Internal Revenue Service arising from the ethics troubles of former House Speaker Newt Gingrich, R-Ga., could usher in an entirely new world of political fund-raising.

Call it Newt's revenge. Or call it his gift to candidates from either party who still feel constrained by the current system of campaign finance. Under the new IRS ruling, political candidates may soon be funneling money through nonprofit foundations, ostensibly set up for educational reasons but whose real function would be to advance a candidate's agenda.

When Gingrich became speaker, he became the target of more than 70 ethics complaints. Only one of them stuck — a finding by the House Ethics Committee that he Gingrich misled them about the use of tax-exempt foundations to further his political goals. From that investigation came this month's long-awaited "private letter" ruling by the IRS.

The letter essentially vindicates Gingrich's use of funds from the Progress and Freedom Foundation — a nonprofit, 501(c)3 entity — to teach a controversial college course, "Renewing American Civilization." By law, charitable organizations are forbidden from engaging in political activities.

Though the IRS letter pertains only to PFF's use of tax-exempt funds, some experts worry that the letter could be taken by some as yet another loophole in the already lax system of campaign finance. Before long, they warn, every candidate will want his or her own charity to help them spread the good word.

"Every candidate for political office ought to immediately incorporate a 501(c)3 charitable organization into his or her campaign finance structure. And they should do it sooner rather than later," University of Miami law professor Fran Hill told Roll Call. "I think they should run all of their research activities and all of their dissemination of ideas through the (c)3. I think they should now push the law."

Others aren't so sure. Matthew Hamill of Independent Sector, an umbrella group for nonprofits, says that the ruling is very narrow, and might not apply to other politicians who tried to stretch the law. Only time will tell if the IRS would allow a candidate to, for example, use a foundation to send out 100,000 copies of a videotaped policy speech to his or her closest supporters.

What is clear is that wealthy donors might soon have a confidential — and tax-deductible — means of shuffling contributions to their favorite candidates. Nonprofits aren't required to disclose the names of their donors, nor the amounts they give.

"It seems to me that this might be as bad as the soft-money loophole," says Gary Ruskin of the Congressional Accountability Project. "What it would do is increase the influence of corporations and wealthy elites and further render ordinary folks into political insignificance."

More on this as it develops.

REGULATORY WATCH — We've been quite critical of the U.S. Department of Agriculture's new and not-improved inspection system for meat and poultry. But it turns out the USDA is doing well compared to other agencies.

Caroline Smith DeWaal of the Center for Science in the Public Interest says that the Food and Drug Administration — which inspects seafood processing plants — found that 70 percent of all the plants they visited had "serious or critical violations" of food-safety standards. The most common violation? Not having a written safety plan.

This hasn't exactly turned heads at the FDA. "I'm not really concerned about it (the 70 percent)," said Phillip Spiller, director of the agency's Office of Seafood. "I'm concerned about two things. When we went in and gave the inspection, were we accurate and did they understand what they needed to do to fix it? And what is the violation rate going to look like the second time around?"

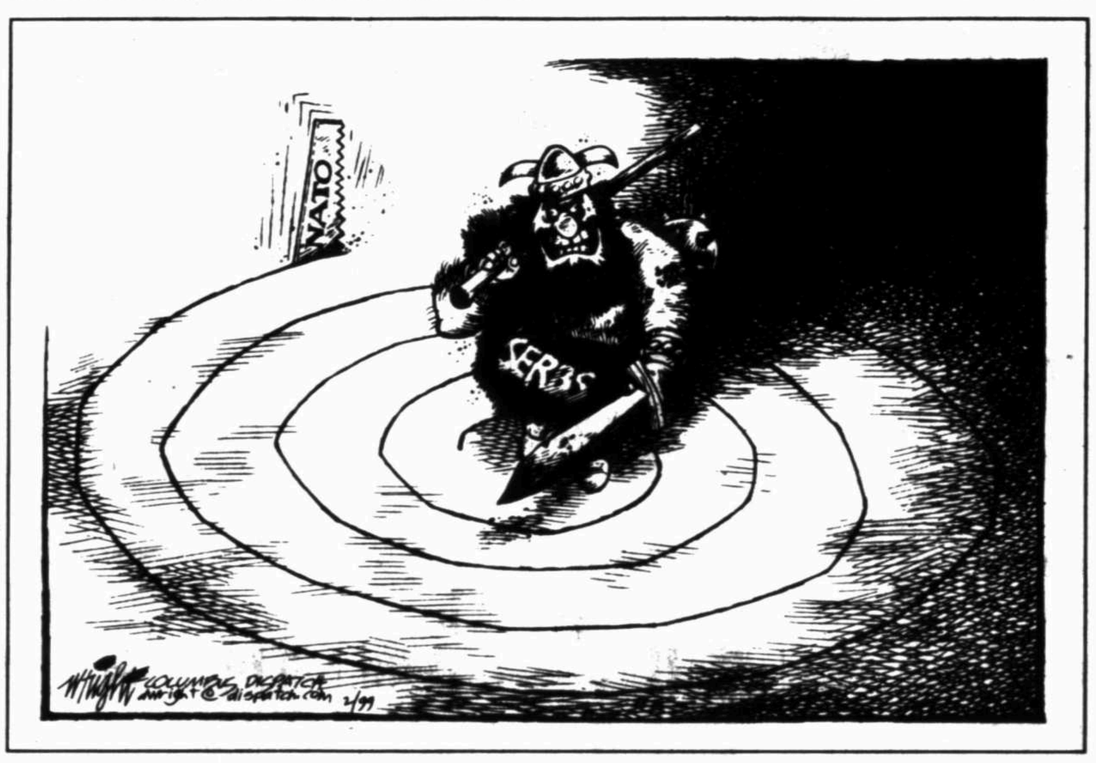
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THE NEW ROBBER BARONS — Much has been made in recent years of the need for "bank modernization" — the lowering of regulatory barriers to permit banks and insurance companies to merge. Before any such bill passes, we hope action is taken to rein in the explosive growth in fees charged by the big national banks.

A recent survey by Consumer Action of 74 credit card-issuing banks found that the number and cost of fees associated with credit cards are increasing. Late fees are up by an average of 65 percent since 1995, according to the survey, while many banks have shortened the customary "grace period" before charging their customers added interest or fees.

Maybe these tactics have something to do with the fact that consumer bankruptcies are at an all-time high even as the economy continues to perform at record levels. It also helps explain why the banking industry is lobbying hard for bankruptcy reform, under which they would be allowed to recoup more money from bankrupt consumers.

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CHARLEY REESE

NATO, United States bullies of Europe

Suppose, for the sake of supposing, that 10 winters hence, the population of California is 90 percent Latino and 10 percent Anglo.


Reese

Suppose two factions develop among the Latinos. One wants autonomy for the Latinos of California. The other group, more violent and bloody, wants independence.

Suppose the United States beefed up California's police and sent in federal troops.

Now suppose that China and Russia said that U.S. actions in California threatened the stability of the hemisphere, that the United States must grant autonomy to California's Latinos, that it must withdraw its troops and police, that it must accept occupation of California by Chinese and Russian forces to enforce the agreement the United States must sign or else get bombed.

Substitute Kosovo for California, Albanians for Latinos, and the United States and Great Britain for China and Russia, and you have the situation facing the Serbs. It is absurd and mad.

By the time you read this, one of several things will have already happened. Serbs may have caved in and accepted the agreement. They may have stood firm and gotten bombed. They may have stood firm and not gotten bombed.

Whatever the outcome, the crime is in the assumption by NATO that it can simply declare that Yugoslavia is no longer an independent and sovereign nation and that it may dictate to Yugoslavia how it will conduct its internal affairs.

The implications of this insanity are enormous and bad.

Any shred of residual belief that the North Atlantic Treaty Organization is defensive in nature has vanished. NATO is the new bully of Europe. Every nation in Europe not part of the "in" crowd of bullies should keep its powder dry and prepare for war.

Not one single nation on earth can draw any inference but that the United Nations is a completely dead issue, an expensive and impotent organization which violates its own charter and is nothing but the tool of the new evil empire, the United States. The international rule of law? Gone. The United Nations charter? Made a mockery.

I have always thought Bill Clinton was a decadent sociopath, but now I think he's gone nuts. The expansion of NATO and use of NATO to bully and punish sovereign independent nations for having the audacity to disobey the orders of foreigners is a strategic blunder of catastrophic proportions.

I've seen the smug, arrogant Americans scoff at Russia as being too weak and too broke. I've seen their cold, cruel indifference to the mass murder of Iraqi children by the embargo.

Well, let them be smug and arrogant. The minions of dying empires have always been that way. The poet Robinson Jeffers said it well; "It becomes clear that we too may suffer what others have, the brutal horror of defeat ... therefore watch Germany and read the future. We wish of course that our women would die like biting rats in the cellars, our men like wolves on the mountain: it will not be so. Our men will curse, cringe, obey; our women uncover themselves to the grinning victors for bits of chocolate."

A bleak forecast, but the cosmic laws vernacularly summed up as what goes up must come down and what goes around comes around are unavoidable. As we destroy the rule of law, we eliminate its protection for us. As we destroy the concept of national sovereignty, we destroy it for ourselves.

The problem with Clinton as Emperor of the World is that while he is self-indulgent, self-centered, personally a coward, cruel and vicious, he is also incompetent. As he returns the world to law of the jungle, he stupidly proceeds to declaw and defang his own country.

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WILLIAM MURCHISON

So you think there's a military problem? You are correct

Defense Secretary William Cohen, sensing the emergence of a Problem, has begun praising the ideal of military service. The armed services are lagging in their quest to fill enlistment quotas. Seasoned regulars are dropping out for private sector jobs.


Murchison

Cohen frets. He sees a gulf between the military and the American people. Others see the same gulf. Talk of restoring the draft has emerged. The Clinton administration plans to raise military spending and salaries. Will that help? Possibly. And very possibly not.

The problem is not just financial. Its roots are in the culture. What is more, like Gaul in the account of that old warmonger Julius Caesar, our problem comes in partes tres,

1. Baby boomer disdain/distrust/dislike for the last branch in American life where orders is orders, and no backtalk, see? Boomers — this clearly includes the Boomer-in-Chief — tend not to like scrupulous oversight of private lives, the conforming of individual aspirations to the larger good. Like, it spoils your bliss, man. Indeed, the Boomer-in-Chief, when he was a Rhodes Scholar, went to some lengths to make sure he didn't have to partake of such a lifestyle. A fine irony now, his saluting honor guards as if he had just dismounted from a lathered stallion, having led some suicidal charge.

2. Women in uniform. Military service used to be, as the current expression has it, a guy thing. No more.

There are two sub-points here. Women in uniform militate, so to speak, against the killer ethic, because, whatever wondrous things women are — God bless 'em every one — killers they aren't. The Lord God Almighty didn't make 'em such. This humble observer of the human scene merely passes along an observation that seems incontestable.

The ubiquity of uniformed women makes the military less and less attractive to those who actually fight our wars and makes commanders reluctant to put American lives on the line. Body bags enfolding women? Good way to get a military, or even a political, career killed. Ferociously we train our soldiers...for nothing very fierce at all.

The second thing the woman thing has done is convert the military into what Kipling's soldiery might have called a bleedin' (or later generations a $!!$!%$) career, like computer technology or, save the mark, punditry. Die for your country? Die before the retirement pension kicks in? Gruesome to contemplate.

3. The emergent Boomer view of military service largely as police work. Witness Bosnia and Somalia recently, and now Kosovo, into which the Boomer-in-Chief and Mr. Cohen are getting ready to dump a quantity of our trained killers, their mission being to prevent killing altogether.

Why are we doing this? The Boomers in their woeful prime didn't like cops or soldiers either one. Maybe they like soldiers less. And we wonder why fewer and fewer are coming forth, offering themselves for such jobs. At least when you work for New York's Finest you sleep in your own bed. Today, it seems, we maintain the world's most powerful, most expensive military force in order not to use it for its fundamental purposes.

If the problems before us are cultural, so are the solutions, the foremost of which is as simple as guard detail: Respect the military. Americans really, truly don't respect the military, and it shows.

It shows in that we regard the military as just another federal civil service job. It shows in that we deliberately misunderstand the purpose of training men to kill: which purpose is to let them kill in defense of their and our country. Americans' present take on the military is essentially pacifistic.

The experiment of putting women in uniform is doomed; let's end it. Fighting — how do you like this for a sexist remark, Gloria? — is a man's job.

Oh, we're not there yet, I admit. Let the boomers wring their hands anyway. It might help concentrate minds on the perversity of the human state. If war is hell, so is losing one because, sentimentally, you made of it a political cause, a lofty sociological project.

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Doonesbury



Labor shortage forces construction industry to turn to women

By Brigitte Greenberg
Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. — From California to Connecticut, building contractors are desperately looking for women who are handy with a hammer and comfortable in a hard hat.

With the economy booming and buildings going up left and right, the construction industry faces a severe labor shortage. As a result, recruiters have been looking to hire women straight out of high school and homemakers returning to the work force. They're even talking to grade-schoolers to prime the next generation.

"The industry is just dying for people. We don't care what kind — man, woman, whatever. They just need to have skills," said Robert Moorhead, spokesman for the National Center for Construction Education and Research in Gainesville, Fla.

According to the Labor Department, just 2 percent of the 4.84 million hands-on construction jobs in the United States are filled by women.

Recruiting women is made difficult by what Moorhead sees as an image problem: the notion that all construction workers are burly, unshaven men who like to lift large pieces of metal and dig ditches.

In its recruitment effort, the industry stresses that technology has eliminated many old questions about whether women have the upper body strength to handle the job.

"A lot of the heavy lifting requirements have been made obsolete through machinery — through cranes, tractors and other types of equipment. There are alternative methods to lifting materials. The person doesn't have to break their backs," said Dennis Day a spokesman for the Associated General Contractors, an industry group in Washington.

Nonetheless, women seem to be gravitating towards positions where manual dexterity is more important: electrical and plumbing crafts, for instance.

"Women make great tapers, plasterers and spacklers because it's very methodical detail work," said Stephanie Collier, executive director of Alpha Development Group, a nonprofit economic development group in New London, Conn. "It's like wallpapering, and women get into that. Men just want to get it done."

Arlene Berger, 47, a carpenter in Waterford, Conn., for 17 years, finds the work highly rewarding. "There's a sense of accomplishment," she said. "I can drive all over and look at the work I've done."

Kimberly Salvatore, 42, a mother of three and a site engineer for C.R. Klewin Northeast, a construction company in Norwich, Conn., said she occasionally gets some ribbing about her long fingernails.

"With some men, it's kind of a joke that we're here," she said. "You have to be pretty tough to last, but it's worth it."

In addition to recruiting adults, the industry is also hoping to make children think differently.

The Associated General Contractors recently started an educational program for fifth-graders showing construction jobs in a more positive light.

Patsy Smith, president of the 6,200-member National Association of Women in Construction, said her organization is also going into schools to change perceptions.

"Young people are taught that they have to have a college education if they're going to have a decent job, and then they're confronted with the slam of, 'Well if you don't get an education, you can always dig ditches,'" Smith said. "That's not what everyone in construction does, and even those that do are making good money."

Government statistics show how much the demand is rising.

The construction industry contributed nearly $329 billion to the economy in 1997, up by nearly $100 billion from just five years before. One industry forecast recently predicted construction will rise to nearly $375 billion in 1999.

At the same time, the industry has had a shortage of 30,000 to 40,000 workers for the past two years, said Howard B. Stussman, editor in chief of Engineering News-Record, a trade publication

"Contractors have a backlog. Some in the Pacific Northwest have had to turn away work," Stussman said.

The industry has been losing 200,000 workers per year for the past 10 years, Stussman said.

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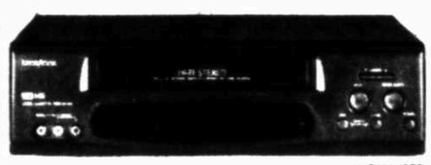


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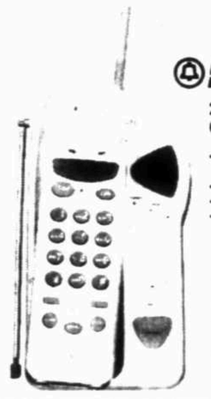
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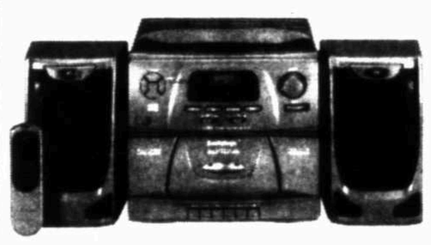
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Relatives of murder victims urge tougher sentencing

WASHINGTON (AP) — Parents and other relatives of murdered people urged Congress to punish states by withholding grant money if they fail to stiffen sentencing and parole guidelines for major crimes.

They suggested to reporters Thursday that the threat of financial penalties would discourage states from paroling murderers, rapists and child molesters who might later commit other crimes.

"If they are going to lose funds for failing to protect citizens, then they are going to start listening," said Marc Klaas, whose 12-year-old daughter, Polly, was taken from her Petaluma, Calif., home and killed in 1993 by a man with a long criminal record.

Two mothers brought pictures of their slain children to a news conference in urging support for a bill that would make a state liable for costs incurred by another state for apprehending, prosecuting and incarcerating an offender released from the first state.

Under the bill, introduced Thursday by Rep. Matt Salmon, R-Ariz., the transfer of money would occur by withholding federal crime grants from the first state and adding the amount to the second state's share.

Salmon said more than 14,000 murders, rapes and sexual assaults are committed each year by repeat offenders. Salmon's bill, dubbed "Aimee's Law" for a Aimee Willard, a Virginia college athlete raped and murdered near Philadephia by a man on parole from Nevada, died in Congress last year.

Critics of the bill contend it does not give criminals a chance to rehabilitate and holds states responsible for events they cannot control. Many states also cannot afford to keep prisoners locked up without overcrowding.

Salmon said his bill was about accountability.

"If the state is saying the criminal is rehabilitated and is not a threat to society any more, they have to back it up with something," he told the news conference.

Oregon's odd couple take bipartisanship on the road

By Jeff Barnard
Associated Press

CENTRAL POINT, Ore. — Standing together in gyms and town halls across Oregon, Sens. Ron Wyden and Gordon Smith have become the most unusual road act in politics — a Democrat and a Republican who actually get along.

In an era of partisan warfare, this odd couple is finding a receptive audience for its message that differences don't have to mean divisiveness.

"There are ways to disagree without trying to disparage each other," the Republican Smith told 1,000 students who packed the bleachers for a joint appearance at the Crater High School gymnasium.

Added the Democrat Wyden: "We have plenty of differences. But when it comes to education, transportation, health care and law enforcement, you can find a whole lot more to agree on than disagree on."

"What we find unusual is that people find what we are doing is unusual."

Like Oscar and Felix, the two couldn't be more different: Smith, the slickly groomed, conservative Mormon Republican who made millions in frozen foods; Wyden, the sometimes-rumpled, liberal Jewish Democrat whose life has been devoted to public service.

They locked horns just three years ago in one of the nastiest campaigns in Oregon history and voted along party lines in the bitter impeachment debate.

Yet the pair crisscrossed Oregon together after the impeachment vote, telling folks that their relationship is a real-life demonstration of the bipartisanship that other lawmakers just talk about.

Some Senate colleagues wondered if there isn't something in the water in Oregon that is making its two senators act differently from the rest.

"I bet I had three colleagues this morning ask what I did over recess," Smith said after returning to Washington. "I said Ron Wyden and I went over the state. They usually stand with mouth agape, incredulous that we would do such a thing."

This joint road show is even harder to believe after the 1996 special election campaign when Wyden beat Smith to fill ousted Sen. Bob Packwood's seat. Things got so ugly in the $8 million slugfest that one Teamsters-sponsored ad blamed Smith for the death of a teen-age employee.

"I watched my children watch that deceitful work and saw little Morgan's eyes get bigger and bigger," Smith recalled. "He turned back to me and said, 'That was a bad ad, Dad.' I'll never forget that."

When Smith won election later in 1996 to retired Sen. Mark Hatfield's seat, Wyden called up and they met for breakfast.

"We just decided that out of this crucible we had learned a lot about each other," Wyden said. "If anything, we respected each other more for what we had been through."

As they came to know each other better, they found their lives had been intertwined since childhood, when they attended the same elementary school in Bethesda, Md., though they were in different grades and have no recollection of each other. Smith's father was assistant secretary of agriculture under President Eisenhower and Wyden's was a newspaperman.

They both went on to play basketball, first in high school and later in college.

Wyden went on to law school and a life of public service, going from executive director of the Gray Panthers senior citizen advocacy group to the House and now the Senate. Smith studied history and law before taking over his family's frozen-food business, and went to Washington after a stint in the Oregon Legislature.

Though they have yet to go one-on-one on the basketball court, they meet weekly for lunch, regularly schedule joint town meetings around the state, and plan to issue a joint legislative agenda soon.

During the last Congress they combined forces to try to pass a migrant worker bill. And they jointly introduced a bill, in the wake of the Springfield, Ore., shootings, that would require students who take guns to school to be held for 72 hours and to undergo a psychological evaluation.

"Our natures are to find solutions, not just confrontations," Smith said. "He simply starts from the left. I start from the right."

University of Portland political scientist Jim Moore said both senators appear to be benefiting from the relationship.

"If Wyden and Smith go around and show the people of Oregon they are not like those people in Washington, that they work across the aisle, have serious disagreements but talk to each other about them, then I think they can begin to be a model for the rest of the country," Moore said.

"It will take the 2000 elections to show Oregon turnouts didn't go down so far as other places or got bigger than the rest of the country."

People who turned out for the Wyden-Smith road show appeared to like what they saw.

"If the whole Congress worked together as a team, things would get done," said Crater High junior Jamie Moralies, 16.

Civil rights leaders seek Clinton action to stop police brutality

WASHINGTON (AP) — Black, Asian, Latino and Jewish civil rights advocates urged President Clinton on Thursday to add his voice to those seeking an end to police misconduct.

"We need President Clinton to step up to the plate and provide leadership. We seek a meeting and concrete plans on how to deal with this problem," National Urban League President Hugh B. Price told a news conference.

Recent fatal shootings of young blacks by police under questionable circumstances in New York, Pittsburgh and Riverside, Calif., have focused attention on police confrontations that pit minorities against white officers.

Attorney General Janet Reno, calling it a "very serious problem," said she would meet with civil rights representatives after she returns from a scheduled trip to Peru.

"There are so many good police officers in this country.... but there are some bad police officers," Reno told reporters.

In New York City, four plainclothes police officers fired 41 bullets at an unarmed Amadou Diallo, 22, as he stood in his Bronx apartment house vestibule Feb. 4.

In Riverside, Calif., the December police shooting of Tyisha Miller, 19, who was hit with 12 bullets in the back as she sat in her car, has sparked protests and charges the shooting was racially motivated.

In Pittsburgh, Deron S. Grimmitt Sr., 32, was shot to death after a police chase Dec. 21. Officer Jeffrey Cooperstein says he feared Grimmitt would run him over, but testimony showed Grimmitt was shot through the driver's side window, not head-on as might be expected if he were driving toward Cooperstein.

Republicans struggle with growing list of tax cut proposals

WASHINGTON (AP) — Cutting income tax rates. Repealing inheritance taxes. Permanently extending a popular business credit. Republicans are unveiling tax cut proposals seemingly every day, but there's a problem: They can't pay for all of them.

In the House, where tax bills must originate, half of Speaker Dennis Hastert's symbolic top 10 bills propose some form of tax relief. They range from a 10 percent across-the-board cut in income tax rates to a measure lifting limits on outside earnings by Social Security recipients.

But Republicans have already agreed with President Clinton that 62 percent of the budget surplus — estimated at $2.6 trillion over the next decade — should go to ensure Social Security's future solvency. Clinton now wants 15 percent to fix up Medicare, which would leave 23 percent for increased spending or tax cuts.

Rep. Bill Archer, R-Texas, chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee, released a congressional analysis Thursday indicating that Clinton's proposed fiscal 2000 budget contains a net tax increase of $89.7 billion over the next decade. The new focus on Medicare, he said, is evidence of the president's unwillingness to pursue any broad tax reduction using the surplus.

"It strikes me as strictly a political moving of the goal posts by taking the positions he has," Archer said in an interview Thursday. "They are always trying to put roadblocks in our way to tax relief."

The question for the GOP is whether to push hard for a major tax cut that might never become law — but could be fodder for the 2000 elections — or work with Democrats on a more modest bill with a variety of targeted tax relief measures.

"What you're watching is a struggle over legislative strategy in the Republican Party," said Clint Stretch of the Deloitte & Touche accounting firm.

"That is the debate right now — which kind of tax relief we should provide," said Rep. Jennifer Dunn, R-Wash., a member of the Ways and Means Committee. "They're all going into the pot."

Some of the tax candidates have broad bipartisan support. Dozens of Democrats favor legislation providing relief to the estimated 21 million two-earner married couples who pay more taxes than they would if they were single.

Phasing out the estate, or "death," tax has more than 100 co-sponsors, and many Democrats strongly back a permanent extension of the research and development credit. Some Republicans back Clinton's proposals for new credits helping people care for the elderly and disabled and for parents who stay home with infants.

But Democrats are solidly against the 10 percent across-the-board tax cut, arguing that too much of it benefits people earning more than $100,000 a year. And they are firm in insisting that Social Security and Medicare come first.

"The question is not whether we want a tax bill. It's whether we want to take care of Social Security and Medicare," said Rep. Charles Rangel, D-N.Y., senior Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee.

Republicans, however, are determined to make tax cuts their signature issue, one they can take to voters in 2000 to show their ability to get things done and erase perceptions that they were mainly concerned with impeaching Clinton.

"If we want smaller government, we are going to have to have tax cuts to take that extra money off the table," said Hastert, R-Ill. "If you leave it here, it will get spent and you will have bigger government."

One early stab at compromise is being circulated by Rep. Nancy Johnson, R-Conn. It would include several of the popular targeted tax cuts — some of them proposed by Clinton — and cost about $100 billion over five years. So far, Johnson's bill has attracted support from 19 other moderate Republicans.

But Dunn and other Republicans are said to be working on another alternative focused more on the GOP proposals such as relief from the marriage penalty and inheritance taxes and leaving out Clinton's ideas.

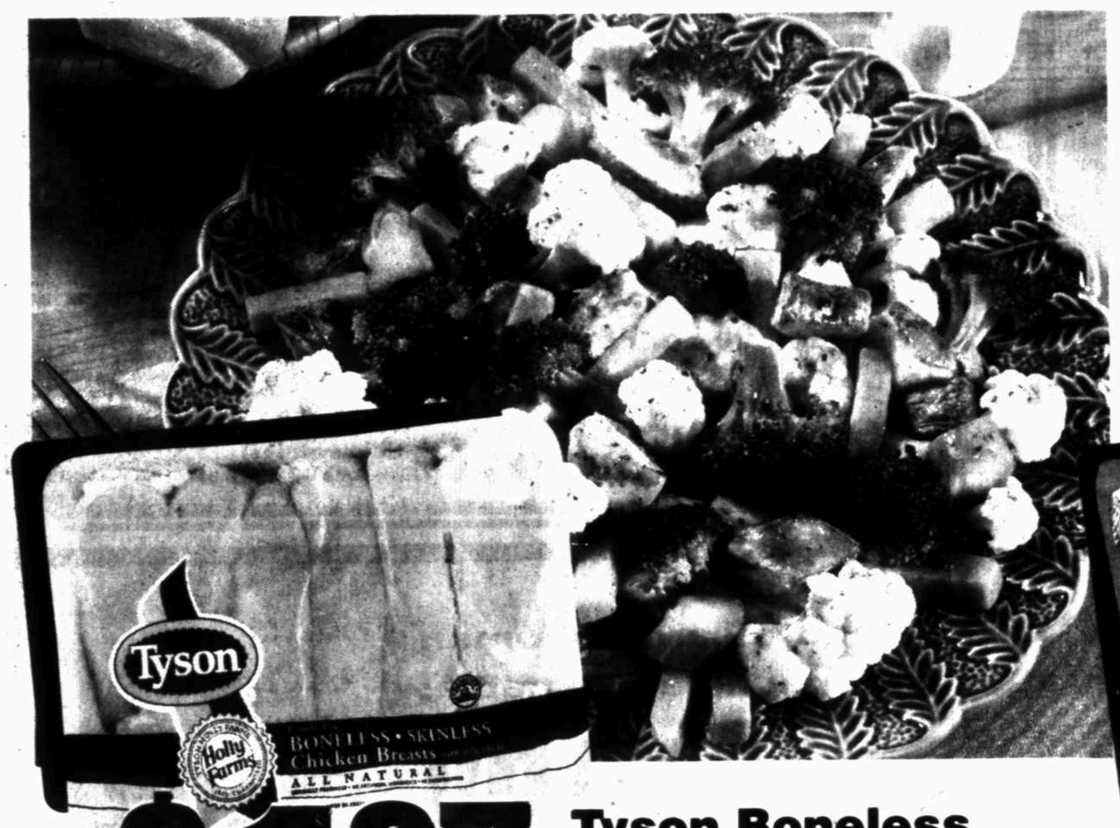
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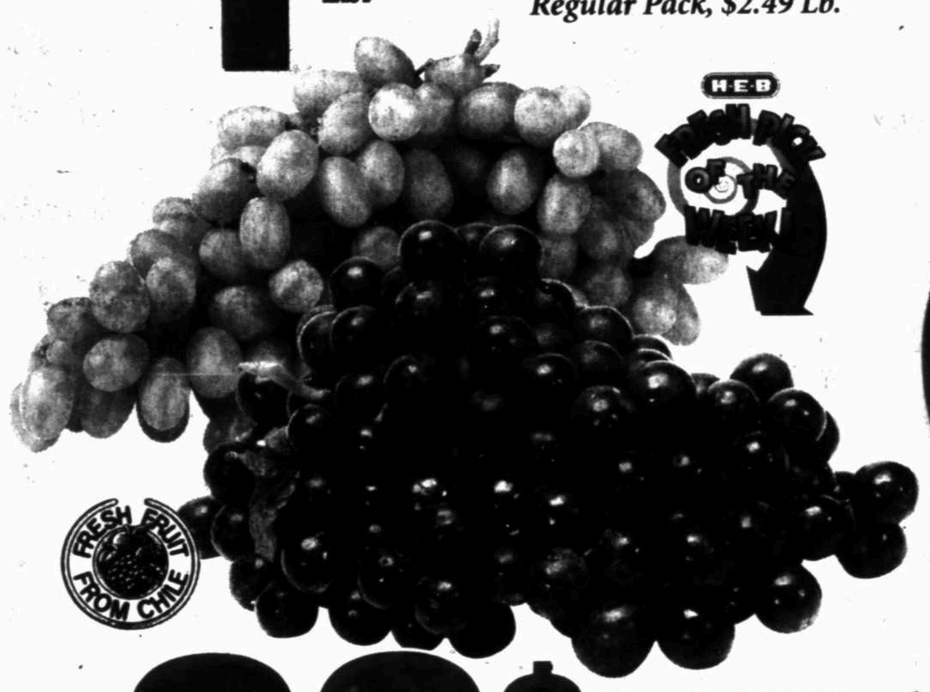
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Satanic impulses may have induced arsonist

By JR Ross
Associated Press

MUNCIE, Ind. — As many as 50 church fires in the Midwest and South over the past five years may have been solved all at once with the arrest of a man fascinated with the satanic.

Paramedics became suspicious of Jay Scott Ballinger, 36, because he waited two days before seeking treatment for severe burns he claimed to have suffered in a bonfire.

A Ball State University police officer, acting on a hunch, questioned him. Finally, last weekend, Ballinger admitted to federal authorities that he burned 30 to 50 churches in 11 states between 1994 and 1998.

So far, agents have connected Ballinger to close to 20 arsons, and he has been charged in seven of them, all involving rural churches in Indiana.

Agents said they aren't certain of a motive, but Ballinger's interest in the occult is clear. Police said a few years ago, he persuaded 50 teenagers to sign contracts in blood pledging their souls to the devil.

Ballinger's stripper girlfriend and another man have admitted taking part in burning an Indiana church where they painted an upside-down cross on the steps as part of a satanic ritual.

All three suspects are white. Some of the dozens of churches were predominantly white, and others were black. Pat Donovan, an agent of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms, said he is unsure whether any of the fires were under investigation by the government task force established in 1996 after a series of fires at black churches in the South.

In an affidavit this week, Ballinger said he burned churches in Kentucky, Tennessee, Mississippi, Georgia, Indiana, Ohio, Alabama and four other states that authorities refused to identify. Some of the churches were destroyed; others sustained less than $5,000 in damage. A firefighter was killed in one blaze in which Ballinger has been implicated.

Ballinger and his two alleged accomplices, Angela Wood, 24, of Atlanta, and Donald A. Puckett, 37, of Lebanon, Ind., first came to authorities' attention in 1997. A suspect in an unrelated case implicated them in a 1994 church fire in Lebanon, but there was not enough evidence to arrest them, Donovan said. The three admitted the crime this month, he said.

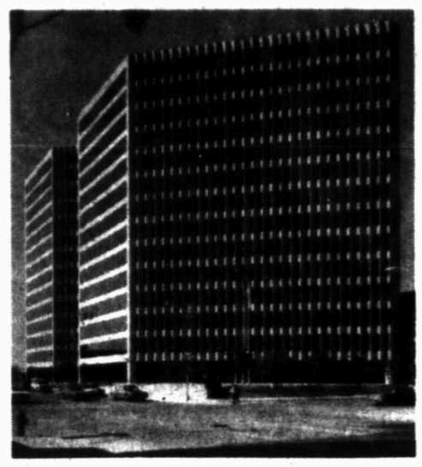
On Feb. 9, Sgt. Steve Hiatt of the Ball State police was off-duty, on his way to go shopping for a birthday present for his wife, when he overheard an emergency call from paramedics describing Ballinger's suspicious burns.

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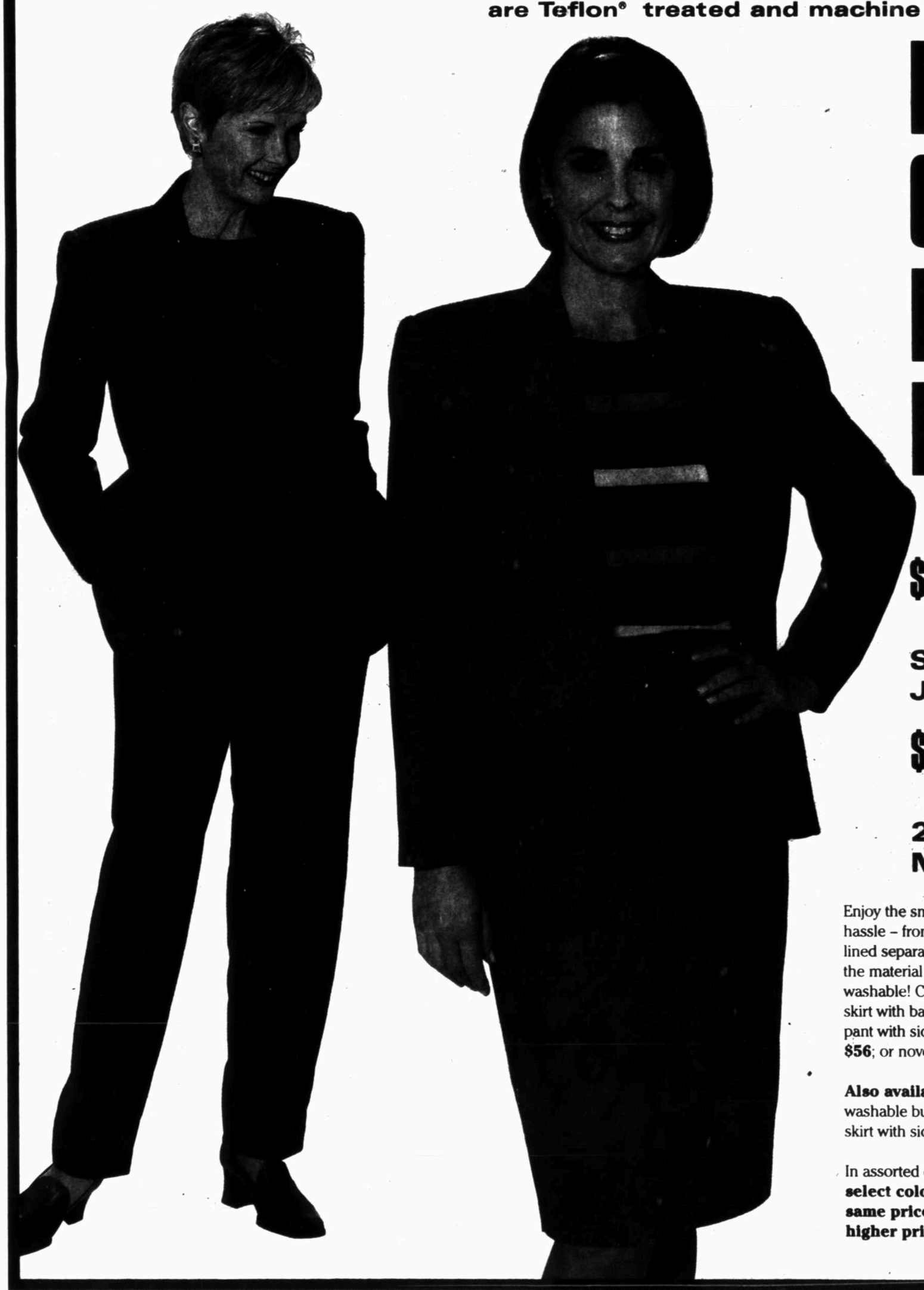
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Council appoints committee for census

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

The Complete Count Committee is chaired by council member Jose Cuevas Jr. with 13 other Midlanders serving with local U.S. Census Community Specialist Charlene Romero Wurtz.

A group has been appointed by the Midland City Council to help promote civic awareness of the 2000 national census, with an expanded local effort aimed at counting every man, woman and child.

The Complete Count Committee is chaired by council member Jose Cuevas Jr.; 13 other Midlanders were appointed this week to serve with local U.S. Census Community Specialist Charlene Romero Wurtz.

Appointed by Mayor Bobby Burns, the Complete Count Committee includes a broad range of Midland's leaders from city agencies, churches, schools, businesses and community service organizations.

Midland has been selected as one of only three counties in Texas to be subject to a special canvassing operation in preparation for the Year 2000 U.S. Census.

This county has been targeted for "100 percent block canvassing," Ms. Wurtz said.

The information from these three 100 percent block canvassing counties will be used to increase the accuracy of the state's census as a whole, she said.

Homeless and very-low-income people are often miscounted in the census, and overall population figures are used to trigger funds from the federal government to serve a particular county's needs for these and other residents.

The committee's task is to find ways to present this fundamental need to the community to help encourage all Midlanders to participate in an accurate count in 2000.

The main function of the local Census 2000 Complete Count Committee is to spread the word about the importance of the census and about the confidentiality of the census, Cuevas said.

"They will be deciding how to get the information out to the community in the right way," Ms. Wurtz said.

The enumerators working for the Census Bureau will not collect information that could lead to deportation or arrest or public scrutiny of any kind, he said.

A few enumerators are already canvassing parts of the city, so Midlanders should be aware that these people will be on the streets, Ms. Wurtz said.

Once training is completed for the bulk of the enumerators, many of them will walk through every part of the city.

Selected to serve on the committee are Dennis Clayton of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, James Fuller of the Midland Independent School District board, Lucinda Garza of the Mexican Consulate, Jerry Hilton of First Presbyterian Church, William Howard of the Midland College board, Felipe Lara of the League of United Latin American Citizens organization, local businessman George Lara, MISD director of bilingual programs, Maria Mata, Jerry Morales of

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BASIN BRIEFING

Clinic scare

The Midland Police Department was not taking any chances Thursday afternoon with a package that was found at the door of the local Planned Parenthood clinic.

A clinic employee found an express mail envelope and police were called.

"The police handled it in quick fashion and we are proud to have them," said Planned Parenthood Vice President of Community Affairs Carla Holeva.

Police think the envelope was blown there by the wind.

"With the national threats on places like this we didn't want to take any chances," said Midland Police Chief John Urby. "We sent in our guy with the bomb suit and we X-rayed the package. We didn't find anything. The package was not sealed and so we opened it up. All that was in there was an old note."

Urby said police will look into the original sender and receiver of the package.

Children's fund

A trust fund has been set up for the children involved in an accident Feb. 18. The Balderramas were all passengers in a vehicle that ran into the back of a pickup. The accident has left George Balderrama, 8, in a Lubbock hospital with head injuries and two broken legs. His sisters, Sonya Balderrama, 13, with facial lacerations and a broken leg, and Athena Balderrama, 15, with facial lacerations, four broken ribs and a broken pelvis, are in Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. The children may need extensive physical therapy and plastic surgery. To help pay for their medical expenses, an account has been set up at Norwest Bank by friends of the Balderramas. Those interested can direct their contributions to: Balderrama Children's Medical Fund, Norwest Bank Account 4232063242, Attention Donna Shaw, P.O. Box 2097, Midland, Texas 79702.

New chapel

A groundbreaking ceremony for the Country Chapel of Midland-Odessa is set for 2 p.m. today at the northwest corner of the intersection of Highway 191 and FM 1788. Cowboy-minister Leonard Cotten, 44, is pastor of the church that promotes a Bible-teaching ministry. Worldwide, there are 800 Country Chapel congregations.

Alzheimer's group

The Westwood Support Group of the Greater West Texas chapter, Alzheimer's Association, is to meet at 7 p.m. Thursday at the private dining room at Westwood Medical Center. Members will view a video, "Losing It All," and then separate meetings will be held for patients and caregivers.

Tax breaks

AUSTIN — Small businesses would get a franchise-tax break worth $57.2 million over the next two years and an exemption from filing annual reports with the state comptroller under a bill approved Thursday by the Texas Senate. The proposed break, which would apply to businesses with gross receipts of up to $100,000 annually, is part of a tax-relief package pushed by Gov. George W. Bush. It next goes to the House for consideration. "Exempting small and start-up businesses from the franchise tax will generate job growth and economic opportunity in Texas. It will also help small businesses take root and grow into big businesses — if that's what they want," Lt. Gov. Rick Perry said of the bill by Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay.

TODAY'S AGENDA

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

Myrtle-Tree ministries, Womens' Bible Studies, noon, 312 W. Illinois, 683-1370, 683-5670.

Overeaters Anonymous, noon, 408 South G. Info, 694-4166,580-7545, 684-8726 or 699-5563.

Recreation lessons for those with mental retardation, 682-9771.

Tall City Road Riders, dinner ride, 7 p.m., leave from Texas Am. Bank. 684-5310.

American Legion Bingo, 8 p.m., 501 Air Park Road, 682-5511 (license: 1-75-6035782-8)

Compulsive Eaters Anonymous, noon, First United Methodist Church, 694-2860.

Tuskegee Airmen remembered

CAF event to honor African-American World War II pilots

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

During World War II, "we didn't think about heroes," recalled veteran Doxey Hill, 78, of Midland. "It was just a job."

And doing his job for his country, recalled Hill, a retired Midland band director and schoolteacher, was his brother-in-law, the late Norman Scales. "That's all we did (in the war effort). Go on and do our jobs and forget it."

Scales, a black Tuskegee Airman, flew 70 combat missions over Italy as a P-51 Mustang pilot for the U.S. Army Air Forces. He earned the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal with five oakleaf clusters and four battle stars.

Before the war, Scales was a porter on Sixth Street in Austin. But "he couldn't even get a job after he got back home (except as a porter), and he was a captain (during the war), Hill said.

Tuskegee Airmen, African-American pilots who were trained at Tuskegee Army Air Field in Alabama, will be honored at 2:30 p.m. Saturday in a seminar in the Confederate Air Force hangar at Midland International Airport.

The free event, which is open to the public, is sponsored by the CAF and American Airpower Heritage Museum.

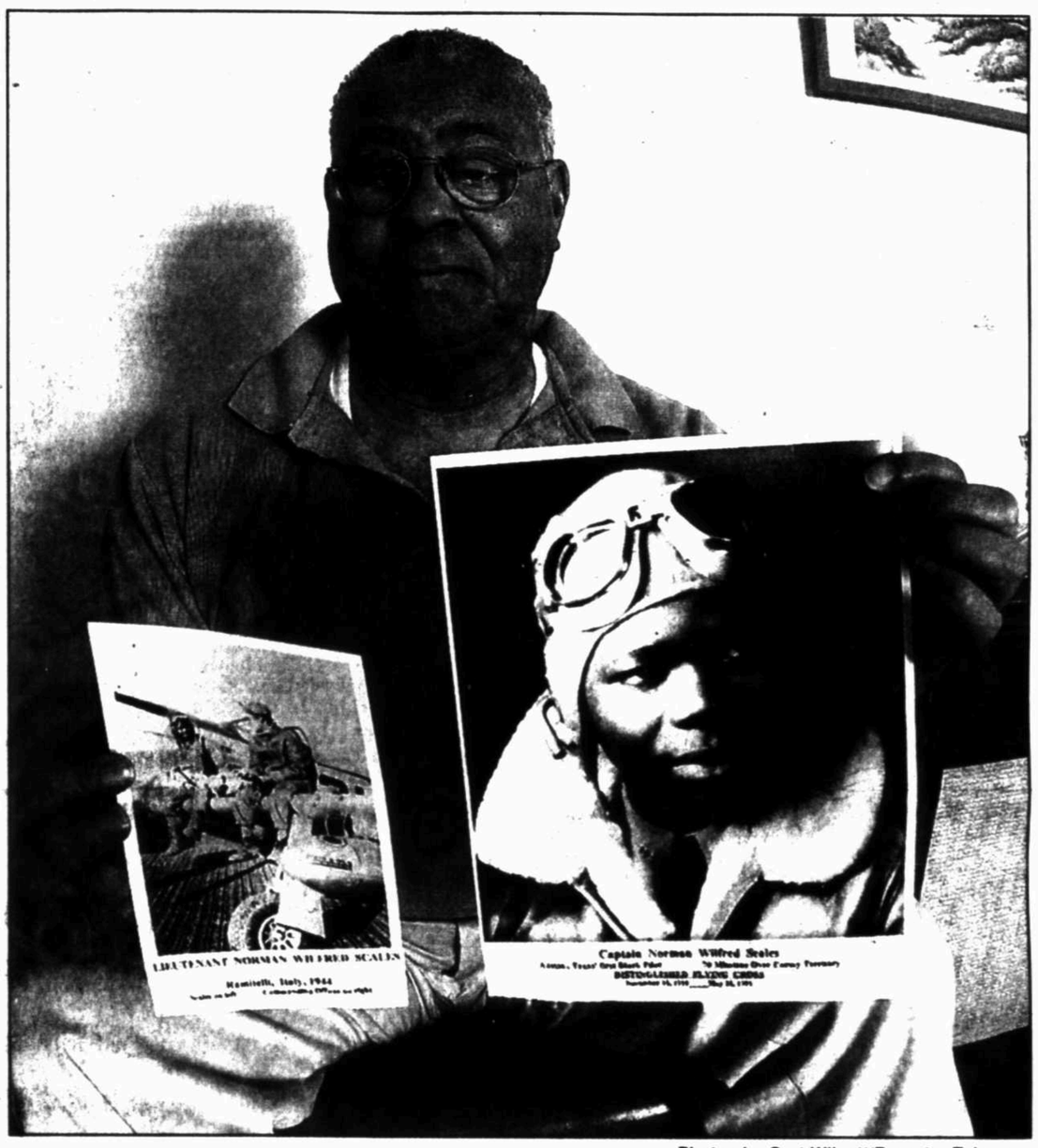
Hill said that Scales, who had been honored for his heroism, leadership and devotion to duty, "was a person to himself. He didn't try to be no big shot. He wasn't a cocky fellow."

After the war, Hill and Scales earned degrees from black colleges that later merged to become Huston-Tillotson College in Austin. Scales majored in mathematics and science. Hill, who played in big bands, studied music and social studies.

Scales "ended up working in a federal building as a custodian," Hill said. "He did that until he died" in 1981 at age 62 from complications resulting from diabetes.

During the Great Depression era Hill said that work was hard to come by even at 10 cents or 25

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Photos by Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Above, Midlander Doxey Hill holds photos of Tuskegee Airman, Norman Scales, who received the Distinguished Flying Cross for his 70 missions over Italy during World War II. Scales, Hill's brother-in-law, died in 1981 at age 62. At left, Norman Scales was presented the Distinguished Flying Cross at Bergstrom air base in Austin.


First Lieutenant Norman Wilfred Scales
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New exhibit to be unveiled at hangar

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

A corps of World War II African-American pilots, known as the Tuskegee Airmen, will be honored at 2:30 p.m. Saturday at the unveiling of the Tuskegee Airmen exhibit in the Confederate Air Force hangar at Midland International Airport.

The exhibit is jointly sponsored by the American Airpower Heritage Museum and the CAF.

Featured speakers at the free Saturday program are:

■ Tuskegee Airman Woodrow W. "Woody" Crockett, who flew the P-51 Mustang over Europe the Italy-based 15th Air Force of the U.S. Army Air Forces.

Crockett, who lives in Washington, D.C., and who was raised in Arkansas, flew 149 combat missions and earned the Distinguished Flying Cross.

■ Tuskegee Airman Melvin P. Sikes, who was a B-17 Flying Fortress and B-25 Mitchell bombardier-navigator. Sikes lives in Austin.

■ Midlander Bob McCalman, a B-17 pilot whose flights were escorted by Tuskegee Airmen flying the P-51 fighters.

"I look forward to meeting those gentlemen," McCalman said. "They were good."

Flying in the Mediterranean and European theaters, the black pilots flew more than 1,500 missions with the 12th and 15th Army Air Forces. The Tuskegee Airmen's 332 Fighter Group, according to the CAF, flew more than 200 bomber-escort missions without losing a single bomber to enemy aircraft.

Greenwood family chooses home school over shaving

By Daniel Arp
Staff Writer

A decision by the school board in Greenwood has driven a couple to home school their 12-year-old son rather than allow him to shave the peach fuzz above his lip.

Stanley Diaz Jr., a seventh-grader at James Brooks Middle School, was told earlier this month by his principal he would have to shave to meet the school district's facial hair policy or face indefinite suspension.

His father, Stanley Diaz, refused to allow him to shave. Diaz said it is part of Hispanic heritage that a child does not shave until he reaches maturity, when he is at least 15.

Despite a personal appeal by the family, the board of trustees of Greenwood Independent School District unanimously decided Monday to uphold the school district's policy.

As a result, Stanley's father and his wife, Noemi Diaz, have removed Stanley from school and will teach him at home.

Before the board's decision, Stanley had been serving in-school suspension, doing his work in isolation in a cubicle all day.

Diaz said he had been contacted by some lawyers Thursday who may be interested in his case.

"If we think we've got a case, we'll go on with a lawsuit," he said. "We've been getting a lot of support from the community."



Reporter-Telegram file photo

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Witnesses in drug trial tell of defendant's violent side

By Rick López
Staff Writer

Drug defendant Nelson Gonzalez showed his gentle side with his couriers each time they got in trouble, witnesses testified Thursday.

When one was nabbed by authorities in Arkansas, Gonzalez raked up $40,000 to bond him out by putting up his favorite pickup for collateral.

He put his two West Texas homes up as collateral when another courier was arrested during a bungled smuggling operation.

But Gonzalez, a 48-year-old McCamey resident, also intimidated people with his violent temper, witnesses testified during his trial this week.

Confessed courier Hector Colon said he saw Gonzalez's violent side when Gonzalez suspected him of running off with $20,000.

Colon, who now lives in Odessa, testified Thursday to buying large amounts of marijuana from Gonzalez, who owned homes in Andrews, McCamey, Odessa, Youngstown, Ohio and Ojinaga, Mexico.

At times, Gonzalez sent couriers to drive to Colon's hometown of Youngstown to make hundred-pound deliveries, Colon said.

But eventually, Colon and Gonzalez developed a friendship, and the defendant would invite Colon over to his West Texas homes several times a year. Most of the times, Colon would buy drugs from Gonzalez and take them back home.

Not only did Gonzalez bail out Colon and members of his syndicate arrest-

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OBITUARIES



Renee Thornton

Lisa Renee Thornton was born September 19, 1960, in Odessa, Texas, to Loyd Irvin and Velda Juanita (Dane) Keith. She was reared in Odessa and graduated from Odessa High School in 1978. She met Jimmy D. Thornton in Midland, and they were married in Odessa in 1981. The Thorntons have lived in Midland since.

Mrs. Thornton is survived by her husband, Jimmy D. Thornton; her son, Jayson Keith Thornton; her daughter, Kristy Lynn Thornton, all of Midland; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Keith of Midland; her brother, Bill Keith of Pilot Point, Texas; her sisters, Jan Bullock of Bonham and Kathy Chandler of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Thornton died at her home in Midland Wednesday, February 24, 1999.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Friday at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with M.R. Thomason officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

The family requests memorials be directed to: Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702; or Travis Baptist Church, 1000 E. Gist, Midland, Texas 79701.

Pallbearers will be Cody Burnett, Brandon Fish, Jeremy Bullock, Jason Hernandez, Mitchell McKinley, Dusty Walker, Kevin Thornton, and Jeff Lasley.



Daniel Bailey

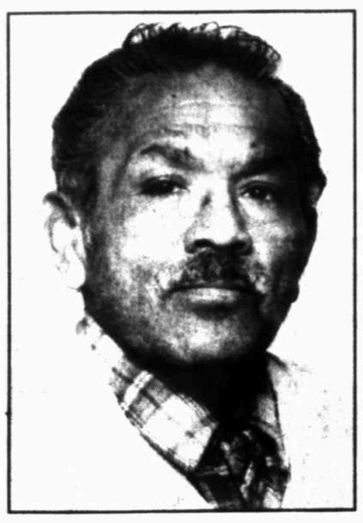
Daniel Bailey was born November 15, 1912, in Vian, Oklahoma, to John Allen and Elmira Creekpaum Bailey and grew up in Muskogee, Oklahoma. On December 16, 1935, he married Eva Charity Gibson in Independence, Kansas. They moved to Midland in 1953. He worked for Phillips Oil Co. as a drilling specialties manager until his retirement in 1974.

He died Thursday morning, February 25, 1999, at his residence.

A memorial service has been scheduled for 4 p.m. Saturday, February 27, 1999, at memorial Christian Church with Dr. Jim Rudd officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Mr. Bailey is survived by his wife, Eva of Midland; his daughters, Marsha Bailey White and Diane McElligott, both of Midland; his brother, John Bartos of Walnut, Kansas; his sister, Virginia Mark of Branson, Missouri; five grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be directed to a charity of one's choice or to: Hospice of Midland, P. O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702; or Memorial Christian Church, 1001 Andrews Highway, Midland, Texas 79701.



Pedro Estrada

Reverend Pedro Estrada, 62, died at a local hospital on Thursday morning, February 25, 1999. He was born June 29, 1936, in Matamoros, Coahuila, Mexico, where he was raised and educated. Later he attended Baptist Theological Seminary in Torreon, Coahuila, Mexico. He met and later married Eglantina De La Cruz in 1961 in Monclova, Coahuila. He was a pastor at the Primera Iglesia Bautista in Acuna Coahuila. The couple moved to Ozona in 1976. He was a pastor at Templo Bautista Jerusalem of Ozona. Then the couple moved to Midland in 1984. He was the former pastor at Templo Bautista La Hermosa. Reverend Estrada retired in 1996. He was the director of Bible Study by correspondence of prison ministry. He was loved by all his brothers and sisters in Christ.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Pablo Estrada and Raquel Gonzalez, and three brothers.

Survivors include his wife, Eglantina Estrada of Midland; a son, Nahum D. Estrada of Midland; a sister, Maria De Los Angeles Estrada de Chacon of Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico; a grandson, Samuel Estrada of Midland; and two granddaughters, Erika Leigh Estrada and Hilda Quiana Estrada, both of Midland.

Visitation will be held at Primera Iglesia Bautista, 507 N. Tyler all day Friday, February 26. A prayer service has been scheduled for Friday at 7 p.m. at Primera Iglesia Bautista and will be conducted by the Reverend Axel Chavez and the Rev. Ben Ortega. The funeral service will be held at Primera Iglesia Bautista at 11 a.m. on Saturday, February 27, 1999, with the Rev. Axel Chavez officiating and fellow pastors assisting. Interment will follow at Resthaven Cemetery. The funeral arrangements are under the direction of Reyes-Garcia Funeral Home.

Pallbearers will be Jesus Natividad, Daniel Sifuentes, Placido Sifuentes, Rev. Rafael Natividad, Mario Ramirez and Alfonso Ortega.

Memorials may be directed to: Midland for Christ, P. O. Box 2382, Midland, TX 79702.



Sancy Harris

Mary Frances Harris was born April 19, 1917, in Norman, Oklahoma, to Charles B. and Susan Ada (Taylor) Bowling. She moved with her family to Purcell at an early age, returning to Norman to attend high school. Following graduation, she attended one year of college at Oklahoma University. On November 24, 1938, she married Roy Harris in Watonga, Oklahoma. They moved to Midland in 1949. Mrs. Harris was employed with the Midland County Library in the Technical Section for many years before retiring. She was a member of First Presbyterian Church, where she served as a deacon.

Mrs. Harris was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Bowling.

She is survived by her husband, Roy Harris of Midland; her son, Charlie Harris and his wife, Nita, of Midland; her daughter, Susan Cain and her husband, Phillip, of Belton; her sister, Susie Bowling Kittams of Dallas, Oregon; six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Harris died at a local nursing home Wednesday, February 24, 1999.

Memorial services have been scheduled for Saturday, February 27, 1999, at 3 p.m. in the Manor Park Chapel with Dr. Jerry Hilton and Dr. Richard Braun officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Serving as honorary pallbearers will be the Circle "L" Class at First Presbyterian Church and grandchildren, Charlie Harris, Caren Harris Bartley, Jason Cain, Kristen Cain, Jordan Cain, and Laurie Cain.

Irma Gee

Irma Gee, 73, of Burleson died Wednesday, February 24, 1999, in Fort Worth.

Funeral services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, February 27, at Marystown Baptist Church in Burleson. Interment follows in Tye Cemetery. Visitation is 6-8 p.m. Friday at Laurel Land Of Burleson.

She was born July 11, 1925, in Crews, Texas.

She was a homemaker and a member of Marystown Baptist Church in Burleson.

Survivors include her husband of 56 years, J.C. Gee of Burleson; a son, Jay Gordon Gee of Burleson; three daughters, Suzi Schneider of Krum, Texas, Saralyn Rollins of Burleson and Tina Gee of Lewisville, Texas; a brother, Joe Tunnell of Charlotte, N.C.; and six grandchildren, Slade Schneider, Sherri Schneider, Amanda Schneider, Jayson Gee, Kaycie Gee, Jaycee Gee and Emily Rollins.

Memorials may be made to the Building Fund at Marystown Baptist Church.



Violette Blanks

Violette A. Blanks was born on September 8, 1923, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, to Maurice B. and Violet Bolton Amis. She attended Stephen's College. Mrs. Blanks was a member of Junior League, various bridge groups, MARC, Midland Country Club, Midland Petroleum Club, PGA National Golf and Tennis Club, Kappa Delta, Opportunity Center Auxiliary Board Member, and a member of First Presbyterian Church.

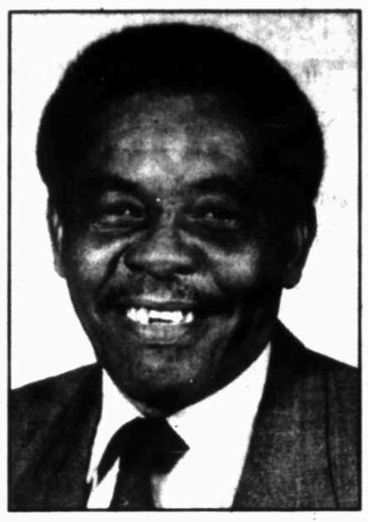
She died Wednesday, February 24, 1999, at her house in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday at First Presbyterian Church Sanctuary with Dr. Jerry H. Hilton officiating. Entombment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. A visitation with the family has been set for 6-8 p.m. Friday at Ellis Funeral Home.

Mrs. Blanks is survived by her husband, William C. Blanks of Midland; her sons, William C. Blanks Jr. of Midland, Texas, and Maurice H. Blanks of Chicago, Illinois; her daughters, Kay Ellis Daspit of Midland, Texas, and Christine B. Lemieux of Argyle, Texas; three grandchildren; and three stepgrandchildren.

The family requests that memorials be directed to: MARC, 2701 North A, Midland, Texas 79705.

Pallbearers will be Bill Seal, Don Matson, Ehram Ali, Ben Hoffacker, Arthur Odum, and Joe Liberty.



James Jackson

Funeral Services for James Jackson will be Friday at 1 p.m. at the Mount Carmel Baptist Church with the Rev. Ronald VanDyke officiating. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

James E. Jackson was born September 21, 1924, in Lorena, Texas to Charles Wesley and Mary Etta Jackson. In 1945 he married Helen P. Jackson (Bascus) who preceded him in death. He later moved to Midland, Texas.

He was a member and deacon of the Mount Carmel Baptist Church under the pastorage of the Rev. Johnny Mitchell and the Rev. R.C. Hutchinson.

He departed this life on February 20, 1999.

He leaves to mourn his passing two daughters, Patricia Hawkins of Pacoima, California, and Barbara Phillip of Midland, Texas; one son, James E. Jackson Jr. of Midland, Texas. Other survivors include two sisters, Margaret Richardson of Hewitt, Texas, and S.A. Taylor of Fort Worth, Texas; three brothers, Otha Jackson of Berkeley, California, Carneil Jackson of Midland, Texas, and Alvin Jackson of Port St. Lucie, Florida; 10 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends.

Pallbearers will be Herbert City, James Parks, Carlos Wheeler, Jared Edwards, Anthony Sullivan and Barry Blake. Honorary pallbearers are Reginald Berry, Gregory Berry, James Jackson III, Michael Gunn and Kevin Hawkins.

Jimmy Mauldin

Jimmy Wayne Mauldin was born December 15, 1939, in Fort Stockton. He passed away February 1, 1999 in Las Vegas following a long struggle with a liver disease.

He is survived by his wife, Norma Mauldin; three sons, Jimmy "Wayne" Mauldin and his wife, Robin, of Illinois, Jerry Mauldin of Grand Prairie, Texas, and Jason Mauldin of Midland; his daughter, Jennifer of Midland; seven grandchildren; his brother, Robert "Buck" Mauldin of San Angelo, Texas; three sisters, Billie Burroughs of Mesa, Arizona, Joyce Womack of Ennis, Texas, and Karen Butler of Spring, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews.

He lived in Midland in the '50s and '60s, working in construction.

Memorial services have been scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, February 27, 1999, in the Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

The family requests memorials be directed to: American Liver Foundation, 75 Maiden Lane, Suite 603, New York, N.Y. 10038-4810.

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God said long ago in Proverbs 23:23, *"Buy the truth, and sell it not; also wisdom, and instruction, and understanding."* And you ask, "what is the price?" First, it takes Conviction. You know, that's the human quality created in a person who knows he or she is wrong, and will admit it. For some, it's always "the other feller's fault!" Then, you must acquire a good measure of Courage. Now, that is the ability to stand up straight and say, "I did it, and I am responsible!" Finally, it calls for a full cup of Confidence that enables you and me to know the blessings of truth, and the freedom it brings.

Someone has so aptly said, *"Truth is truth and fact is fact; and we dare not lean upon things as they appear to be."* We deal with truth just as God intended. Face to face. Daily. And, with trust that it will bless us. Jesus Christ declared in John 8:32, *"you shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free."* Pray for such freedom to return.

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the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, LuAnn Morgan of TU Electric, Lael Cordez-Pitts of Casa de Amigos, Susan Roomberg of the League of Women Voters and Ellen Smith of the Southeast Senior Center.

Each year, the federal government distributes more than $180 billion in population-based funding to states and local governments, Ms. Wurtz said.

These are funds that cities and states use for improvements of roads, schools, law enforcement, community centers and other civic services, she said.

In the last census of Midland County, there was an estimated 3.1 percent undercount of the population, leaving more than 3,000 people uncounted, she said.

If Midland is not counted completely and accurately, the city receives less than its full share of federal support, Ms. Wurtz said.

TUSKEGEE: CAF to conduct program

(From 1B)

cents an hour.

Hill recalled getting a $4,000 teaching job at Midland's old George Washington Carver High School in the mid-1950s. "I was hollering and waving it (the contract out of joy.) That (pay about) doubled my salary from where I came from" at another teaching post. He also taught at Alamo Junior High School.

Like so many of the war's veterans, neither Scales nor Hill were inclined to talk about their war experiences.

"Once he got out of the service, he would never go toward a plane. ... You couldn't pull him to a plane. He wouldn't even ride in one," Hill said. "He never talked (about the war and his flying). He was just filled up with it, I guess. I'm a World War II (Army) veteran, and I don't care to talk about it. My son (Gary Hill) is a Vietnam War veteran, and he never talks about it."

Seales was "a smart character," Hill said. "He wasn't one of those who just slid through" college or anything else, including flight school. "To experience something (new to him), he loved it. He would try anything, and he did."

TRIAL: Defense claims 8 other defendants are conspiring

(From 1B)

ed in botched deliveries, but he also invited Colon to stay at his home when he fell on hard times. After one of Colon's friends was killed in Ohio, Colon said he took a break from the drug business and stayed at Gonzalez's mobile home in Odessa for a month, Colon said.

After Colon moved back to Ohio, Gonzalez's stepdaughter claimed that Colon had assaulted her and ran off with thousands of dollars. Gonzalez threatened to kill Colon and his family, Colon testified.

Colon also claimed Gonzalez used his teen-age nephew's name, Luis Roman, to throw off authorities on his trail.

Another witness, Odessa gymnastics instructor Philip Poor, testified that Gonzalez fired shots at his residence when the defendant wasn't satisfied with a car sale.

Poor sold Gonzalez a late-model car for $2,900 and thought everything was OK — until the defendant requested the car title. Poor explained that he didn't have it on him, but should be getting it through the mail in a day or two.

But Gonzalez was persistent about getting the title, and kept making harassing phone calls to his house, Poor said. One night, Gonzalez went to Poor's house and again demanded the title. When Poor couldn't produce it, Gonzalez stormed off, and seconds later, riddled his car and residence with bullets, he said.

One bullet struck Poor's wife in the arm, and another bullet missed hitting Poor's teen-age daughter within inches. After police arrived, Gonzalez called the Poor residence again and tried talking to Mrs. Poor before she handed the phone to police, Poor said.

The Poors were so scared that they spent several nights at hotels and friends' homes. Their children slept on the floor of their parents' bedroom for a week until they felt safe enough sleeping in their own beds.

An Odessa police sergeant testified that Gonzalez, who was using his alias, was eventually charged and served time for the shooting.

Gonzalez has been on trial since Monday on charges of money laundering and drug-related charges.

Prosecutors allege Gonzalez was the head of an interstate drug ring that transported large amounts of marijuana from the Presidio area to Youngstown. The defense claims that eight other defendants in the case, who all pleaded guilty this month, are conspiring against Gonzalez.

The trial will resume at 9 a.m. today in the courtroom of U.S. District Court Judge Royal Furgeson.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department

Thursday

Criminal mischief: Two vehicles were vandalized at 3701 W. Wall St. It was reported at 12:36 a.m.

Wednesday

Criminal mischief: Criminal mischief was reported at 4517 N. Midland Drive at 2 p.m.

Burglary: A burglary of a habitation was reported at 1407 Douglas Drive at 4 p.m.

Theft: A theft was reported at 4700 Boulder at 5:06 p.m.

Burglary: A television and VCR were taken at 3609 Travis Ave. No time was reported.

Midland County Sheriff's Office

Wednesday

Burglary: A burglary was reported at 1704 E. County Road 136 at 11:27 p.m.

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

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AROUND TOWN

Spring Break Day Camp, sponsored by Permian Basin Girl Scout Council, will be 1-5 p.m. March 8-11 at Casa de Amigos, 1101 E. Garden Lane.

All students in kindergarten through third grade are invited to attend; membership in Girl Scouts is not required.

Fee will be $5 per day (snacks will be provided). Pre-registration is being accepted through March 5 at Casa de Amigos or the Girl Scout Program Center at 901 W. Dengar.

For more information call 550-2688 ext. 309. For information on financial assistance, call 570-9188, ext. 502...

...WEST TEXAS Jazz Society will present Judy Carmichael, stride pianist, with Mike Hashim and James Chirillo, in concert 8 p.m. March 4 at Odessa Country Club. Tickets will be free for members and $15 for non-members; reserved seats will be $10 extra per person. Co-sponsor is the Abell-Hanger Foundation. For more information call 563-1701 or 682-4283...

...COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, a support group for parents who have lost children of any age, will meet 7:30 p.m. March 1 at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For more information call 682-2975...

...WEST TEXAS Writers will meet 2 p.m. March 6 in the second floor meeting room of Midland County Public Library, 301 W. Missouri. Eileen Wilks of Midland, author of five books that have been listed on national bestseller lists with two books and two novellas scheduled for this year, will be guest speaker. Her topic will be "Conflict."

Meetings are free and open to the pbulic. All interested people are invited to attend. For more information call 550-7401 or e-mail BoniBlue@juno.com...

...MIDLAND COUNTY Historical Society and Midland County Historical Commission, along with the Aaron Estes chapter of the Daughters of the Republic of Texas and the Sons of the Republic of Texas will celebate Texas Independence Day 1:30 p.m. March 2 at the Nita Stewart Haley Memorial Library and History Center. A toast to Texas and a flag raising ceremony will be included in the celebration...

...AMERICAN ASSOCIATION of Retired Persons (AARP), Midland chapter #256, will meet March 1 at Midland Senior Center in Kingsway Mall. Pot luck meal will be served at 6 p.m. with a business meeting to follow at 6:30 p.m. AARP updates will be included. Table games will follow. Doors will close at 9 a.m. For more information call 682-1700 or 694-1447...

...FRIENDS OF the Library will have a two-day book sale at the book nook, 2305 W. Michigan. Hours will be 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 27 and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Feb. 28. All inventory marked for sale will be half-price except oil-related material, which will not be marked down...

...WEST TEXAS Orchid Society will meet 7:30 p.m. March 1 at 909 Shirley Court. Visitors are welcome. For more information call 683-6639...

...MIDLAND NEED to Read, a literacy organization that provides one-to-one tutoring for adults who want to improve their reading and English skills, will have a training session for volunteer tutors 6:30-9 p.m. March 2 and 4. Prospective volunteers are asked to attend both nights. For more information call 685-4572...

...SOCIETY OF Permian Basin Doll Artisans will present the second Regional Doll Show Case 1-5 p.m. March 6 and 9 a.m.-5 p.m. March 7 at Holiday Inn Convention Center in Midland. Booths will feature such doll-making items as cotton laces and trims; patterns; antique and new dolls; doll kits; soft fired greenware; brushes, paints, wigs, doll eyes, shoes and knitted clothing; accessories; and furniture.

The event also will feature films, demonstrations, lectures and prepaid workshops. Dolls in competition for the Mildred Seeley Award and Ron Booker Certificate will be on display.

Admission will be $3 per person. All interested people are invited to attend. For more information call 563-5557...

FAMILY MATTERS

Life rarely unfolds according to people's plans, dreams

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: What do you do when you've had all you can take?

I've been divorced for five and a half years. My ex-husband left me for his secretary. That broke my heart and completely destroyed my dream of a normal, happy family like I had. He now has a wife, a home and happiness, and left me with all the responsibility of raising two little boys with little money.

May

It has taken me most of these last five years to get over my lost dream. I went to several divorce recovery workshops and they really did help me. I learned lots of important things about life and relationships. I made new friends, good friends who were suffering like me. We helped each other and shared our pains and joys.

Next I found out that our 7-year-old son has ADD. That didn't surprise me because he's been having troubles in school since first grade. I told his father, and he threw a big fit. He threatened to take me to court if I gave *his* son *drugs*. That scared me for almost a year, but then his teacher told me that something had to be done or he would fail.

I took him to a doctor and he prescribed Ritalin. It was like night and day for my son. I am very happy about that, but I still must work hour after hour with him on his homework. We both get really frustrated, but we're making it. I'm afraid to tell his father, so I've had to pay for all the doctors and medication myself. I'm still worried about what he might do.

Next my ex called and told me that he was going to have to lower the amount of child support he was paying because his company was reducing everyone's pay. We were barely making it with all of my salary *and* his child support. I already knew that that meant I would have to start cutting back on everything.

Then my boss told me yesterday that everyone in our office was going to have to take a pay cut too. I fell apart for the first time in my life, but when he told me that I was going to be one of the few secretaries left, I just thanked him. Less money is better than no money.

Now I am going to have the last of my dreams destroyed. I am going to have to sell my house and move us into an apartment.

Here I am, almost 40 years old, with two children, divorced and having to start completely over. This just isn't right. I know there's nothing you or anyone can do about it, but I feel a little better just writing to you.

Is there something I've overlooked or does life just stink? I have never felt so out of control. UPSIDE DOWN AND SINKING

DEAR UPSIDE: You're correct — this is *not* right. Having dreams and expectations is not wrong, but often things don't turn out as we planned. Life has these odd twists and turns to it. Almost all spiritual writing points to the fact that difficulties of life are opportunities to learn more about God. It is as if the pain is a necessary part of our turning *to* God for guidance and help.

Finding the good in the negative, trying events of our lives is one of our great challenges. Any of attempts to interpret what has happened — remember good old Job — must be grounded in God. One of the great wisdoms of Alcoholics Anonymous is the willingness to "Let go and let God."

As you are finding, human beings actually have just a little control over a limited set of circumstances. We cannot control most of life through our own efforts.

We need God. What a blessing to learn at our young age that we must depend on God and not on someone (such as a husband), or some things (such as a job and money).

Focus on three areas during these trying times — prayer, Scripture study and active participation in your church.

Prayer is the way we communicate with God. Persistently ask Him for what you want.

Study the Bible. You'll find it is full of stories that are applicable to your situation — stories about how God answers the prayers of those in trying circumstances like yours.

Finally, active participation in a loving church community provides uplifting support in times of trial. Christ has promised to be there when we ask in community.

As Oswald Chambers observed: "God does not give us overcoming life; He gives us life as *we overcome*."

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- You're special!
- Well done!
- Great!

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

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DEAR ABBY

Plight of Afghan women much too appalling for world to overlook

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Everyone knows if you want America to know something, you should tell Dear Abby. My letter concerns a heartbreaking situation all Americans should know about.



Van Buren

Until September 1996, women in Afghanistan were highly involved in public life. They wore contemporary clothes, participated in government, attended co-ed schools and worked in all professions. Many were nurses, lawyers and teachers. Forty percent of the doctors were women.

Then, an extremist military group, the Taliban, overthrew the government and brutally imposed a system of "gender apartheid." Overnight, 11.5 million free, hard-working Afghan citizens became prisoners in their own homes for the crime of being female.

Under Taliban law, the windows of a woman's house must be painted black. She may leave the house only if accompanied by a close male relative and dressed in a smothering head-to-toe garment — the burqua — with just a tiny mesh-covered opening to see through.

Women may not work outside the home, attend school or even, for fear of terrible punishment, wear shoes that make noise when they walk. They are forbidden to teach their own daughters to read, and girls are banned from attending school. If women or girls get sick, they cannot be treated by a male doctor — and since women can no longer work as doctors, nurses or midwives, health care for women has all but vanished. Many have now died of easily treatable ailments.

The Taliban justify all of this as part of an extremist form of Islam, which only they subscribe to — and which has nothing to do with mainstream Muslim beliefs or the traditions of the Afghan people.

One young Afghan woman told an interviewer: "There is no hope for us. The Afghan women are the walking dead."

Not surprisingly, these women are now committing suicide in increasing numbers.

Please, Abby, help bring these lost women back into the world. I'm heading the Feminist Majority Foundation's nationwide Campaign to Stop Gender Apartheid in Afghanistan.

Please ask your concerned readers to call us at (888) 93-WOMEN to receive a "Take Action" kit and learn how they can help. — MAVIS LENO, BOARD MEMBER, FEMINIST MAJORITY FOUNDATION

DEAR MAVIS: When I learned about the plight of women in Afghanistan, my first reaction was that they've been buried alive. The facts are appalling. The suffering that has been inflicted upon Afghan women and girls is oppressive and criminal, and the crimes against them are human rights violations.

Readers, it's comforting to know that even though we are far away, we don't have to sit helplessly by. The members of the Feminist Majority believe that if the United States pursues the same course of action with Afghanistan that concerned Americans pursued with apartheid in South Africa, the economic and social pressure will force the Taliban to halt its war against women.

So far, the campaign has helped to stop the United States and the United Nations from recognizing the Taliban as Afghanistan's official government, and has aided in blocking construction of an oil and gas pipeline across Afghanistan that would have provided hundreds of millions of dollars annually to support their regime.

Please don't wait. Call (888) 93-WOMEN and add your name to mine on the list of people who refuse to watch in silence.

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS, and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." To order, send a business-sized, self-addressed envelope, plus check or money order for $3.95 ($4.50 in Canada) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, Ill. 61054-0447. (Postage is included.)

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Puppy love — and kitty love — has no limits

By Carol Bidwell
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — Just how much do we love our pets? A doggone lot, according to a handful of separate surveys.

From 1998 Pet Owner Survey conducted by American Animal Hospital Association, 1,252 respondents:

- 11 percent of cat owners have ended a personal or romantic relationship because of their pet.
- 56 percent of respondents have sent or received a greeting card from their dog or cat.
- 28 percent of dog owners have dressed their dog in clothing; 47 percent of those owners say they dress Fido or Fluffy up for Halloween or Christmas; 8 percent change their animals' clothing with the seasons.
- 76 percent use a special voice to speak to their pets.
- 48 percent consider themselves to be emotionally dependent on their pet.
- 89 percent say they believe their pet understands all or some of what they say.
- 83 percent say they would likely risk their lives to save their pet.
- 53 percent believe their pet would come to their rescue if they were in distress.

According to the Old Farmer's Almanac (survey methods unexplained):

- 63 percent of dog owners and 58 percent of cat owners give a holiday gift to their pet.
- 49 percent of dog owners and 37 percent of cat owners hang a Christmas stocking for their pet.

According to answers (survey methods not explained) to the Purina Dog Chow "Best Friends Every Day" survey of dog lovers:

- 90 percent take pictures of their pet and 23 percent carry those pictures in their wallets; 73 percent brag about their dog.
- 21 percent arrange the furniture so the dog can look out the window; in return, 66 percent of respondents' dogs wait at the door for them to return home.

ACTIVE TIMES CALENDAR

CASA DE AMIGOS

Casa de Amigos is located at 1101 E. Garden Lane. Call 682-9701. Activities include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards/bowling; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. gem and mineral; 10:15 a.m. sing-a-long; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. bingo.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. advisory meeting; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. table games.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. adult classes; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.
- Friday: 9 a.m. billiards; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Bible study.

MIDLAND YMCAs

Midland YMCAs have activities scheduled for Prime Time adults. Call Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, 682-2551; Alamo YMCA, 901 N. Midland Drive, 694-2528; Northeast YMCA, 2301 Butternut, 682-8469.

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Low impact aerobics; 7 a.m. YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.
- Call for information, Y's Way to a Healthy Back.

Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:

- Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 10:15 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 pm. and 5 p.m. Arthritis Water Class.
- Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 1-1:45 pm. P.A.C.E. class, dry land class for people with arthritis (arthritis classes co-sponsored by Northwest Texas chapter of the Arthritis Foundation).
- Monday-Friday 11 a.m.-1 p.m. lap swim, open swim and water walking.

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

The Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. Call 685-7231. Activities include:

- Monday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, needlework and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.
- Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. Call 681-7636. Activities for March 1-5 include:

- Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 9:30 a.m. art class; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. line dancing for fun; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. art class; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes, cards and tax help.
- Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes, ceramics class and exercise; 10 a.m. Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12 noon Just One Club; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.
- Thursday: 9 a.m. prescription help, billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 9:30 a.m. county western dancing and line dancing; 10 a.m. craft class; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12 noon craft class; 12:30 p.m. art for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes, cards and tax help.
- Friday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 10 a.m. advisory board meeting; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. bridge, cards and dominoes.

AARP Income Tax Help, designed for low-income elderly, will be offered 1 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday from through April 15. For more information, call the center at 681-7636.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 6:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 5212 Sinclair. The center is closed for major holidays. For more information call 522-1221. Weekday schedule includes:

- 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., singing or live music; noon lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.
- Activities include visits from Gospel groups, line dancers and country groups, and golfing.

Skilled nursing services with registered nurse director and certified activity director. Medicaid licensed, with adequate, caring skilled staff and transportation available.

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City of Midland Aquatics has programs of water exercise for seniors. The schedule is:

- Monday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
- Tuesday: 7-10 a.m. water walking; 10-10:45 a.m. arthritis plus; 12:30-1:30 p.m. arthritis plus.
- Wednesday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
- Thursday: 7-10 a.m. water walking; 10-10:45 a.m. arthritis plus; 12:30-1:30 p.m. arthritis plus.
- Friday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.
- Saturday: 10:30 a.m.-noon water walking.

CITY OF MIDLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

Recreation and leisure activities at Hillcrest Manor, Langtry Village and Parker Place are managed by City of Midland Housing Authority and coordinated through Community and Senior Services. The schedule is:

- Tuesday: 10 a.m. shopping at Walmart for Hillcrest Manor and Langtry Village, and exercise at Parker Place; 2 p.m. exercise at Hillcrest Manor; 2:30 p.m. exercise at Langtry Village; 3:30 p.m. senior update at Hillcrest Manor.
- Wednesday: 10 a.m. bingo at Parker Place; 2 p.m. bingo at Hillcrest Manor; 3 p.m. crafts at Hillcrest Manor.
- Thursday: 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place; 2 p.m. exercise at Hillcrest Manor; 2:30 p.m exercise at Langtry Village; 3 p.m bingo at Langtry Village.

RSVP

The Retired and Senior Volunteer Program (RSVP) is recruiting persons 55 years and older to volunteer with non-profit agencies. RSVP will match volunteers' skills and interests to community agencies' needs. The program is sponsored by Community and Senior Services, 3301 Sinclair. For more information, call 689-6693. A sample of current opportunities include:

- Lee High School needs two volunteers to collect tickets during junior varsity and varsity soccer games. Shifts are 2:15-5:15 p.m. Tuesdays and Saturdays at LHS. Support and assistance provided.
- Arts and crafts helpers are needed to lead small group of mentally challenged people once or twice a month. Hours are 1-2 p.m. Thursdays or on a day more convenient to the volunteer. Support and assistance provided.
- Nita Haley Library Museum needs docents to give tours to local third-grade students, while telling them about western history and life on the range. Tours are given during the school year; volunteers can work one tour each week. Training and support provided.

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PRIME TIME

Nursing is career of a lifetime for 75-year-old

By Lana Cunningham



Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Vera Jackson, 75, has been a nurse for 30 years. After raising her children, she began her nursing career when she was 45. She is one of the patients' favorites at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center's Same Day Surgery unit.

Tense, uncertain, not knowing what to expect, patients walk into Same Day Surgery at Memorial Hospital and Medical Center. Greeting them at 6 a.m. is a smiling, joking nurse who quickly turns those fears into laughter.

Vera Jackson has been making patients smile at MHMC for almost 30 years. This is a second career after raising her children, starting it when she was 45. Do a little math and that means she is 75. But one look at her makes one wonder where she found a Fountain of Youth.

A visitor to Same Day Surgery asked at the desk for Vera Jackson, and a woman at the other end replied, "She's not here."

Another nurse sitting at the desk answered, "Yes, she is and she's standing right there," and pointed to the woman who had given the first response. A smile curled up at the corners of her mouth.

"I've always wanted to be a nurse," said Mrs. Jackson whose face displays few wrinkles and whose gait is quicker than many people half her age. Born in Wichita Falls, she graduated from high school there while spending her summers with grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. H.W. Batie, in Midland. After graduation, she made a permanent move to the Tall City.

"I never wanted to be a schoolteacher," she reflected. "I admire schoolteachers. They have to have lots of courage."

Nursing, though, is her calling. It gives Mrs. Jackson the opportunity to help people in various ways, whether it's through medications after surgery, a smiling face to lift a spirit or a chat to ease fears of the future.

"I really wanted to get into this after I took care of a daughter who was ill for over a year before she died," said Mrs. Jackson. Her daughter died in 1969, and the mother of three other children started nursing school shortly after that.

"School was hard; I hadn't studied for years. And we still have to keep up on everything or we lose our license."

She works the early shift, coming in at 6 a.m. And she enjoys Same Day Surgery. "I love to see the people come in and get done what needs to be done, and they're laughing and talking when they leave.

"I like to joke around with the patients. I rarely find an old sorehead," she said with a laugh.

Her abilities as a nurse and her specialty in handing out TLC (tender loving care) have been recognized by the MHMC staff. In the 1980s, she was named Nurse of the Year. Another time, it was the title of Ambassador given her. And she proudly wears the pins and diamonds saluting her years of service to the hospital.

"She's an excellent employee," said Cindy Koonce, R.N., B.S.N. "She's very dependable, very good with children, gives great shots (ouch!), and works well with everybody," said the director of Same Day Surgery. "I wish I had more like her."

Mrs. Jackson hasn't always been on the giving end of that care. About 20 years ago, she discovered a lump in her breast and had a mastectomy to remove the cancer. "I was taking a bath and found the lump," she recalled. "I fooled around, hoping it would go away." It didn't. After surgery, this tough-as-nails woman went to M.D. Anderson Hospital for radiation treatment.

"I've been at work ever since," she said. With no recurrence of cancer in 20 years, M.D. Anderson Hospital released her.

"I feel real lucky — blessed is the word. I never had a sick day, not even with the radiation."

She had enough unused sick leave that Mrs. Jackson never skipped a paycheck while she was recovering. "I had worked years without taking time off for sick leave.

"All sentences are not death," she said in a reassuring manner. "So many people give up when they hear the word 'cancer.' Maybe I'm here so I can help these people." That's just what she had done earlier that morning — talked to a woman who had just undergone a mastectomy.

Work doesn't constitute her whole life. "I love home — there's nowhere like home." And she loves her grandchildren. "I adore and love and cater to them. That makes my whole day." She has eight grandchildren from her three children: Carolyn Palmer, Almafaye Palmer and Johnny Jones, Jr.

Looking around at the SDS desk, Mrs. Jackson noted the calm day and listened to the laughing nurses — unlike the previous week when all the rooms were filled with patients and the nurses were on the run.

"When all the rooms are filled and all the lights are going off everywhere — these are the good days. They keep me busy.

"I don't like to give orders," she said, then sat while the lips curled into a slow smile. "The staff would laugh if they heard me say that. I enjoy the people I work with. I like every one of them. We have fun."

Slowing down is not in Mrs. Jackson's vocabulary. "You just don't give up. The more you do, the more you want to do.

"I'll be dying, and I'll still be fighting," said the spunky septuagenarian, ambling down the hall to take care of a patient.

DR. PAGE

Don't ignore pain in 'gut'

By Henry F. Page, M.D.



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One of the favorite tea-time medical discourses is the gut problem of diverteculosis, frequently called "divers" by those in the know. It is a protrusion of the lining of the large bowel through the outer smooth muscle layers, often in more than one area. Basically it constitutes a geriatric disease because 40 percent of people older than 65 are so afflicted; the percentage increases with age. In about 20 percent of these people, the pouches become inflamed and the term diverticulitis applies.

Pain usually does not manifest itself in simple diverticulosis except perhaps if the patient has irritable bowels. Conversion into diverticulitis is indicated by acute, spastic pain, usually in the lower left quadrant of the abdomen (often misdiagnosed as appendicitis), tenderness and low-grade fever — the whole process can last up to three days. In elderly people, the symptoms may be minimal and disregarded with "there goes that gas again" as so often occurs with appendicitis; therefore complications may develop, including abscess formation and possible rupture, which causes peritonitis. One rare occasions the infection may burrow small pathways (fisulas) that penetrate into the urinary tract, causing infection which ultimately leads to urosepsis, a lethal development. As stated, these complications are rare but do have a way of getting one's attention.

Easily available investigative studies, such as barium enema X-rays, ultrasound imaging, colonoscopy and possibly angiography, along with blood and urine studies, can clarify the situation. The X-rays and instrumentation are best delayed until the acute phase has passed.

As with other diseases, prevention is the best approach. A high fiber diet, plenty of fluids and bulk laxatives if necessary can help. One reason the term "divers" is used is because of the diversity of prescribed diets. When the term "itis" applies, then all roughage should be eliminated — including corn, seeds as in figs and strawberries, beans, peas, course cereals and so forth. The thrust of treatment focuses on control of the infection with appropriate antibiotics. If, after aggressive therapy, the situation has not resolved in 72 hours, surgery is probably indicated — certainly in elderly patients with peritonitis in whom it is an immediate necessity. Again, comfort yourself with the realization that we are talking about very rare occurrences, but do pay attention to your digestive tract.

It was that renowned philosopher, Josh Billings (1818-1885), who said: "I have kum to the konclusion that a good set of bowels is worth more to a man that enny quantity of brains!"

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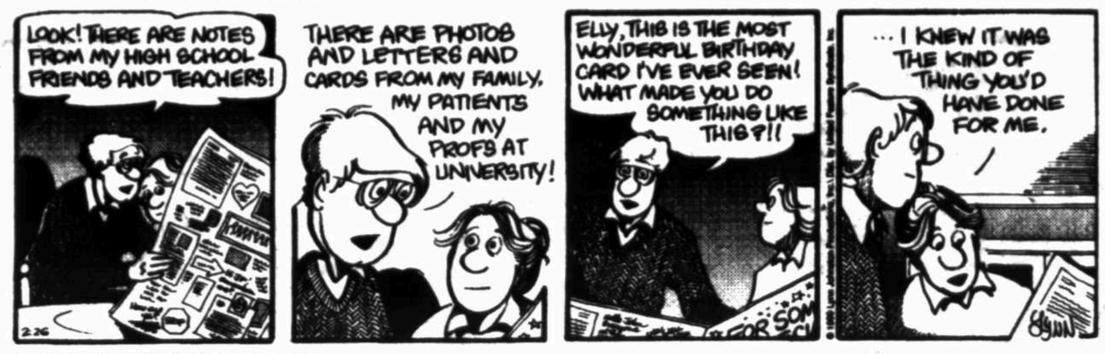
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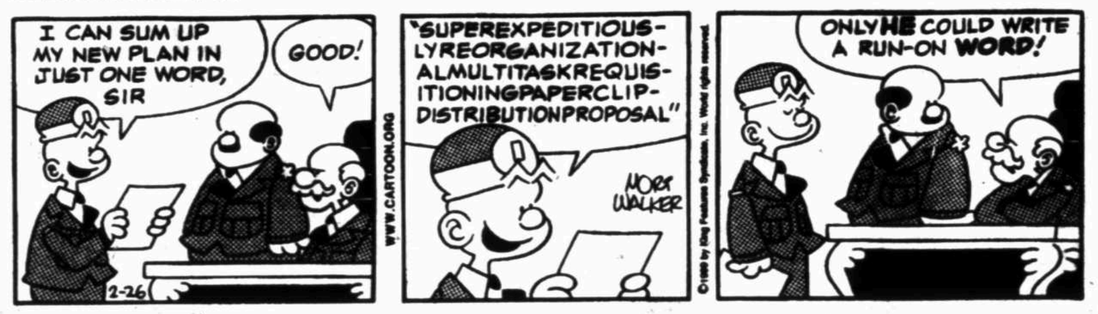
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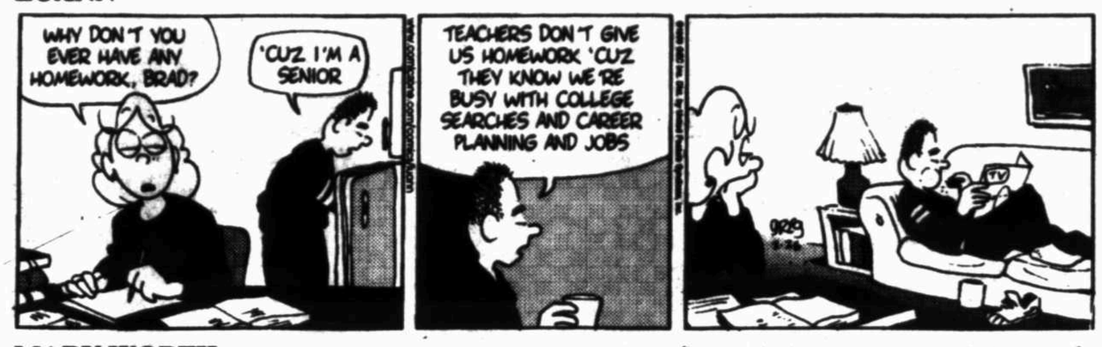
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, Feb. 26, 1999:

You say what you mean, and others hear you. You are verbal, creative and dynamic. As a result, you hit the bull's-eye more often than not. Money comes in at an all-time high. Stash some away for the proverbial rainy day, even if the current picture seems bright. Extremes mark your finances, and careful planning is needed. If you are single, romance scores high on your priorities list. You offer a lot and draw many admirers. If attached, your relationship hits a peak year. Let it all happen. Be open to more indulgent moments and caring. CANCER is thrilled by you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Excellent communication helps your ideas hit home. Discussions are animated and lively; an unusually creative tone is present. Don't feel disappointed and/or pressured by another. Review your expectations; that might be why you feel let down. Tonight: Kick up your heels.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Take an overview. Think through a decision before implementing it. Perhaps you are being slightly rigid. Creativity soars if you don't get locked into negative thinking. Together with a boss, you give birth to some novel concepts. You impress others with your vision. Tonight: Make it an early night.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★ Deal with financial matters; dig in and find out what is going on. If you consult an expert, you learn what is necessary. Brainstorm with a partner; he has surprising solutions. You could be pleased by what comes forward, as long as you don't get bogged down in negatives. Tonight: As you like it.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★★ Be more direct. Your upbeat personality allows creativity and high energy to come together. Others help you in odd ways. Pull back and don't get hung up on details. How you see a problem could change considerably once talks begin. Tonight: Don't let a boss push you.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★ Intuition helps you better understand a current situation. When talking with another, you might be amazed at how much he can help. Seek this person out more often. You feel very good, full of energy. Take an overview, following through on what you want. Tonight: Adjust plans to suit you.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★★ Keep your eye on the big picture. A co-worker helps you make money and adds to your success. A partner might be undermining you, even if he doesn't mean to. Help him understand the implications. Don't take another's point of view personally. Tonight: Go for the bottom line.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★ Stay on top of work. You enjoy friends and creativity is high, but a partnership continues to drag you down. You might want to change the direction in which this relationship is going. A child or loved one adores being with you; schedule time with him in the near future. Tonight: In the limelight.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ You might make light of a child's or loved one's point of view. Think through a decision that involves work and/or health. Creativity soars; unusual solutions pop up. Others look to you for answers. Accept responsibility in your customary style. Tonight: A must appearance.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Get to the bottom of issues. You accomplish a lot more than you think possible. Avoid "tunnel vision." A child is difficult and recalcitrant. You know what is going on with him. Handling the problem is another story! Your intuition serves you. Tonight: Time for fun!

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★★ Difficulties arise around a family member and his expectations. You might want to put an end to the problem. Use your financial instincts to build security and goodwill. Another's complaints might not be unfounded. Start up talks and find out what is what. Tonight: With a special friend.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★ Be industrious. You could stun another with how much you get done. Make calls, follow your intuition, start a project. Remain confident about your abilities. A conversation could weigh heavily on your soul. Clear up a misunderstanding as soon as possible. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Talk about feelings; stop holding back. A loved one will be responsive when he grasps where you are coming from. Others don't always understand your intuition. Money remains a key issue. In some way, you feel like your checkbook is a rubber band, stretching and contracting. Tonight: Off to the gym!

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

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	Dbl	2♡	Pass
4♡	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Four of ♡

This hand is a finesser's paradise. It is also a finesser's nightmare.

Note North's raise to two hearts over the takeout double. Had there been no intervening double, North would have made the same forward-going response, so South had no problem jumping to four hearts on the second round. Despite only 4 points in high cards, East should have bid three clubs over two hearts to get partner off to a safe lead, if for no other reason.

Reluctant to lead from any tenace, West chose to start a trump. Declarer can count seven winners in high cards and two club ruffs in hand, so one extra trick from either spades or diamonds would do. There are three finesses available, but all are doomed to fail. The auction did indicate, however, that an endplay is sure to produce the desired trick.

Declarer should win the first trick in hand, cross to the ace of clubs and ruff a club high. South returns to dummy with a trump to ruff the remaining club. Now declarer simply exits with the king of spades!

West, marked with the ace of spades by the takeout double, must win the trick, and then has no safe exit. A spade sets up declarer's jack; a diamond is into South's major tenace; and a club permits declarer to discard a loser from dummy while ruffing with the last trump in hand. Finis.

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"I HOPE IT'S NOT MY SWEET ONE!"

PEOPLE TODAY

McConaughey in flap over racial term

BURBANK, Calif. — An Asian-American group condemned **Matthew McConaughey** for using a racial slur on **Rosie O'Donnell's** show.



Remark on "Rosie" gets actor in trouble.

McConaughey, who is filming the World War II movie "U-571" in Italy, made the comment Tuesday when Ms. O'Donnell referred to his short hair.

"I take it you're doing a movie. That's the new hairdo?" she asked.

"Yeah," McConaughey answered. "I'm over in Rome fighting Germans and Japs from World War II."

There was no audible reaction from the studio audience and Ms. O'Donnell continued the conversation without pause.

"The term 'Jap' has historically been used to dehumanize an entire race of people — not just Japanese nationals. During World War II, the slur was used against Japanese-Americans," said Masaru Kent Kawai, president of the watchdog group Media Action Network for Asian Americans.

McConaughey publicist Jennifer Allen and Laura Mandel, a spokeswoman for Ms. O'Donnell's show, said Thursday that the actor meant no offense.

"He's the nicest young man there is," Ms. Allen said.

CULVER CITY, Calif. — **John Lee Hooker** is returning $20,000 he received as part of his Lifetime Achievement Award from the Rhythm & Blues Foundation.

"I'm very honored to receive this award and I'm glad to be part of helping out by returning the funds from this award to help those who need the help right now," the 81-year-old Hooker said before a Thursday night gala.

The foundation provides emergency assistance to needy artists. Northwest Airlines sponsors the award and contributes the money.

NEW YORK — **Donna Hanover** was happy to chat about herself, her career, her weight loss and even her views on **Hillary Rodham Clinton**.

But don't ask about her hubby, **Mayor Rudolph Giuliani**. The New York Times said Thursday she refused to talk about the mayor in a recent interview.

Asked whether she was committed to her marriage, she responded: "I'm committed to my family." She and Giuliani have two children.

The interview was conducted before Mrs. Clinton indicated her potential interest in a Senate seat from New York. Ms. Hanover called Mrs. Clinton "very interesting. ... She's dynamic, and I think she's very smart, and she's an amazing speaker."

Ms. Hanover had no comment on a possible contest between Mrs. Clinton and her husband.



Bluesman Hooker returns $20,000 gift from Rhythm & Blues Foundation "to help those who need the help right now."

Ms. Hanover, a reporter for the local Fox affiliate's "Good Day New York" and a Food Network personality, ceased attending political events in 1996 in order to concentrate on her career. She did not campaign for the mayor's re-election.

ATLANTA — Former **President Carter** and wife **Rosalynn** are the first recipients of a "Global Understanding" award developed by the University of Georgia and sponsored by Delta Air Lines.

Michael [illegible]ams, the school's president, said Tuesday about 70 nominees were considered.

The Carters will be honored in April after a symposium about their Carter Center, which they founded after his presidency to promote peace, health and human rights around the world.

"Rosalynn and I are honored to accept this award on behalf of all those at the Carter Center who work with us to prevent and resolve conflicts, promote freedom and democracy, and fight disease around the world," Carter said in a statement.

The award includes $10,000.

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(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	[illegible]		[illegible]		Mad About You	The Nanny 67591	Jerry Springer 91133		Cops 75807	NewsRadio 56794
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 3317	Entertain. Tonight	Kids Say/Things	Candid Camera	The Magnificent Seven: The Trial 54094		Nash Bridges: Pump Action 34220		News 2122171	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married ... Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 3571	Seinfeld 4881	Providence: Blind Faith 92268 (TVPG)		The 15th Annual Soap Opera Awards 72404 (TV14)				News 8503171	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	The Kendalls	John Hagee 30084	Faith Pleases God Church 78220		The Light of the Southwest 98084				Richard Roberts 77591		News 51065	Ask Joe Good
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 117317		Washington Week	Wall St./Rukeyser	Africans In America: Judgment Day (Part 4 of 4) 730317 (TVPG)		Foto-Novelas		Telecourse 503065			
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(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Family Matters	[illegible]				News 640681		MacGyver: Lesson in Evil 850268 (TVPG-V)		In the Heat of the Night 960046 (TV14-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	Roseanne 456125	Roseanne 456305	[illegible]									
(14) FAM		14	[illegible]				[illegible]				The 700 Club 588881		Show Me	Show Me
(20) DISC		20	Body by Nature 773997 (TVG)		Oz Encounters: UFOs in Australia 863713		Discovery News	Inferno 249220	Storm Warning! 889997 (TVG)		Oz Encounters: UFOs in Australia 862084		Discovery News	Inferno 938997
(21) AMC		21	[illegible]		[illegible]				WENN	[illegible]			[illegible]	
(22) TNN		22	The Waltons 470084		WSL Rollerjam 357794 (TVG)				Motor Madness 560046		Dallas 563133		Champ. Bull Riding	
(23) TNT		23	ER 463794 (TV14)		NBA Basketball: New York Knicks at Boston Celtics 581881					Inside NBA	Kung Fu: The Legend		[illegible]	
(24) BRAV		24	Inside Actor's Studio		[illegible]				Jazz Masters: T. Monk		[illegible]			
(26) BET		26	Planet Groove Top 10		[illegible]				Comicview 271775		Rap City Top 10		Sparks	227
(27) DISN		27	[illegible]		[illegible]					Jett Jackson	[illegible]		Zorro 909046	Mickey Mouse Club
(28) CNN		28	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today		Larry King Live 409775		Cold War 429539		Sports	Moneyline		Larry King Live 206171
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(33) TLC		33	48 Hours: On Hero Street 465152		Paramedics: On the Streets 599930 (TVPG)		Vietnam: The Soldiers' Story 575978		Vietnam: The Soldiers' Story 588442		Paramedics: On the Streets 558201 (TVPG)		Vietnam: The Soldiers' Story 348046	
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(36) LIFE		36	Oh Baby 603539	Maggie 687591	Chicago Hope 592084 (TVPG-LV)						New Attitudes	Golden Girls	Golden Girls	Unsolved Mysteries
(39) OUTDR		39	Symphony in the Shallows 2533510		Blue Fly-Fishing	Saltwater Sports	Sportsman Journal	Country Fly Fishing	Pull 7164881	Canadian Sportfish	Blue Fly-Fishing	Saltwater Sports	Sportsman Journal	Country Fly Fishing
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(44) COM		44	Daily Show/Stewart	San Stein's Money	Paula Poundstone: Cats, Cops and Stuff						Kids in the Hall	Kids in the Hall	[illegible]	
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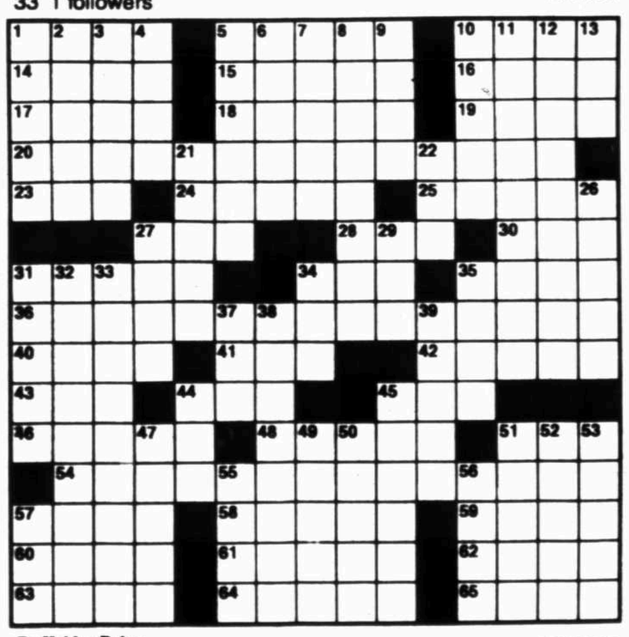
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1 Do the dishes
5 Signals for the butler
10 Slippers go-with
14 Confused
15 Outdated, but "in"
16 Dalgliesh the sleuth
17 Knocked off
18 Not before
19 Kind of pattern
20 Answer to "How long?"
23 MA, VA, etc.
24 Hoard
25 Leading
27 Boxing promoter D'Amato
28 Brit's levy
30 Author Levin
31 Beach near Utah
34 Opinion
35 Rubber-stamp
36 Answer to "How long?"
40 Guitar ridge
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44 Marsh
45 Comic Philips
46 Kitchen aid
48 Comic Poundstone
51 "This — stickup!"
54 Answer to "How long?"
57 La Scala production
58 Ill-chosen
59 Tramp's dress
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61 Hillside debris
62 Plaster
63 "What — rare as..."
64 Pays attention
65 Storm centers

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1 Forsaken children
2 Fancy cravat
3 Soothsayers
4 Fifth Pillar of Islam
5 Loaf ends
6 Slow, at the Met
7 Rose oil
8 "This is the forest —"
9 Go it alone
10 Eucharist dish
11 Station house picturing system
12 Beethoven's Sixth
13 CPR specialist
21 Customary
22 Clever remark
26 The tab's his
27 Easy exchange
29 "For" vote
31 Sales pitch
32 Humiliates
33 1 followers
34 Messy joint
35 "— be in England..."
37 Tina's ex
38 Small change, in Surrey
39 Queen or princess, e.g.
44 Brother
45 They're best of all
47 Clio's sister
49 Sensing
50 Called a strike?
51 Slovenia neighbor
52 Follow, musically
53 Ninnies
55 Angle
56 Impulse
57 "Who — to say?"

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DEATH NOTICES

Buddy Jobe

Donald Royce "Buddy" Jobe died Tuesday, Feb. 23, in an automobile accident. His son, Zachary Ryan Jobe, also died.

Services are to be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at First Assembly of God Church with the Revs. Randall McDonald and Joe Gregg officiating. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Visitation is to be 6-8 p.m. today, Feb. 26, at the funeral home.

He was born Oct. 16, 1960, in Midland.

He worked for Texaco in Pecos, before moving back to Midland in 1985. He was a deacon for Calvary Assembly of God Church, Sunday School leader, youth coach and praise and worship leader. He was a member of Lee High School Choir Board and volunteer YMCA basketball coach.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Haskell and Inez Jobe.

Survivors include his wife, Janet Jobe of Midland; a son, Shane A. Jobe of Midland; a daughter, Sommer N. Jobe, of Midland; two brothers, Ronald H. Jobe of Lewisville and Lloyd P. Jobe of Houston; two sisters, Dorothy Nelson of Midland and Betty J. John of Houston; and several nieces and nephews.

Memorials may be made to Praise and Worship Fund, Calvary Assembly of God, 908 S. Johnston, Midland, Texas 79701.

Zachary Jobe

Zachary Ryan Jobe died Tuesday, Feb. 23, in an automobile accident. His father, Donald "Buddy" Jobe, also died.

Services are to be at 10 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at First Assembly of God Church with the Revs. Randall McDonald and Joe Gregg officiating. Burial is to follow at Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Visitation is to be 6-8 p.m. today, Feb. 26, at the funeral home.

He was born April 26, 1985, in Midland.

He was an eighth-grader at Abell Junior High School. He played guitar and basketball at school and church. He was active in the youth group at Calvary Assembly of God Church.

He was preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Haskell and Inez Jobe.

Survivors include his mother, Janet Jobe of Midland; a brother, Shane A. Jobe of Midland; and a sister, Sommer N. Jobe, all of Midland; his grandparents, Bob and Beverly Sundet of Levelland; and great-grandmother, Thelma Johnson of Williston, N.D.

Memorials may be made to Youth Group, Calvary Assembly of God Church, 908 S. Johnston, Midland, Texas 79701.

Brett Smola

Brett Ronald Smola, 32, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, in an automobile accident.

Services are to be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, at Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home Chapel of Memories in Abilene, with the Rev. Arthur Lowe officiating. Burial is to follow at Elmwood Memorial Park in Abilene under the direction of Elliott-Hamil Funeral Home.

He was born April 15, 1966, in Kingfisher, Okla.

He moved to Midland from Abilene in 1996. He was seafood manager for the Midland H-E-B. He was a member of First Christian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Patricia (Scott) Smola of Midland; two daughters, Brittni Smola and Baije Smola, both of Midland; his father, Ronald Smola of Bynton Beach, Fla.; his mother, Linda Snow of Abilene; a brother, Scott Smola of Granada, Miss.; and a sister, Sunni Verret of Baton Rouge, La.

Memorials may be made to the Brett Smola Memorial Fund, c/o First National Bank of Abilene, P.O. Box 701, Abilene, TX 79604.

John Davis

DALLAS — Former Midlander John Davis died Thursday, Feb. 25.

Services are to be at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at Restland Wildwood Chapel in Dallas. Arrangements are under the direction of Restland Funeral Home. Visitation is to be 5-7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at the funeral home.

He was born March 9, 1906, in Taylor County.

He was a farmer, stockman and independent landman. He was a 32nd degree Mason in Scottish Rite Order.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Rubye Davis; and a daughter, Sue Koen.

Survivors include two sons, John T. Davis of McAllen and Bill R. Davis of Plano; a daughter, Betty Fenton of Plano; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Mary Nelson

UTOPIA — Mary B. Nelson, 78, of Utopia, mother of Midlander Mary E. Thompson, died Wednesday, Feb. 24, in a Kerrville hospital.

Graveside services are to be at 4 p.m. today, Feb. 26, at Heard Cemetery in Reagan Wells under the direction of Nelson Funeral Homes of Leakey.

She was born Jan. 13, 1921, in Chickashee, Okla.

She was preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah K. Liles; a sister, Elaine Barnes; and two brothers, Roland B. Berry and Tommy M. Berry.

Other survivors include her husband, M.E. Nelson of Utopia; four sons, C.W. Thompson of Artesia, N.M., Perry J. Liles and Jerry G. Liles, both of Austin, and Kerry L. Liles of Dayton; three sisters, Mrs. Walter Flower, Modena Huffstetler and Jean Albritton; two brothers, Carroll Berry and Charles Berry; eight grandchildren; one great-grandson.

Florence Hallam

BIG SPRING — Florence Story Hallam of Stanton died Tuesday, Feb. 23, in Big Spring.

Memorial services are to be at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 28, at First Christian Church with the Rev. Paula Brooks officiating. Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home in Big Spring. Burial will be at a later date in Eureka, Ill.

She was born April 8, 1904, in Greensburg, Pa.

She lived in Big Spring, before moving to Stanton two years ago. She was active in First Christian Church, sang in the choir, and was church secretary until retiring. She was a member of Big Spring Country Club.

She was preceded in death by her husband, R. Clyde Hallam.

Survivors include a sister, Jane McCullagh; three nieces and two nephews.

Memorials may be made to First Christian Church, 911 Goliad, Big Spring, Texas 79720; or Stanton Care Center, P.O. Box 400, Stanton, Texas 79782.

Dave Nelson

BIG SPRING — Dave Nelson, 89, died Tuesday, Feb. 23, at a Big Spring hospital.

Services are to be at 11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 27, at Myers & Smith Funeral Home Chapel with Eddy Nelson and James Anderson officiating. Burial is to follow at Mount Olive Memorial Park under the direction of Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

He was born Jan. 18, 1910, in Salado.

He moved from Belton to Big Spring in 1936. He was a member of McGee Chapel Church of God in Christ. He worked for Continental Trailways, Ferguston & Steer Trucking, and D&C Trailers.

He was preceded in death by three children, David J. Kirk, David R. Nelson and Jessie F. Nelson.

Survivors include his wife, Jessie (Tucker) Nelson of Big Spring; two daughters, Mittie P. Russell of Belton and Gloria J. Long of Holly Hill, Fla.; two sons, Billy R. Nelson of San Antonio and Eddy Nelson of San Angelo; four brothers, N.L. Nelson of Belton, J.B. Nelson of Dallas, Jimmy Nelson of Temple and Willie Nelson of Dallas; a sister, Lula A. Brooks of Dallas; 24 grandchildren; 32 great-grandchildren; 12 great-great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews.

3 Big Spring teens indicted on charges of memorial vandalism

T.E. Jenkins
Big Spring Correspondent

BIG SPRING — Three Big Spring teen-agers were indicted Wednesday afternoon by a Howard County grand jury in connection with vandalism at the Big Spring Vietnam Memorial in December.

Mike Lasoya Jr., 18, Ishmael Rivera, 17, and Norma Godina, 19, were indicted shortly after punishment was dealt out to two other Big Spring youths, who were reportedly involved in the damage, estimated at $4,000.

The youths, ages 16 and 15, were sentenced to probation until their 18th birthdays and to 300 hours of community service assisting the Vietnam Memorial Committee in the maintenance and upkeep of the memorial. The pair will also have to pay restitution in the amount of $1,200.

Committee member Charlie Lewis said he had a chance to speak to the two juveniles during the proceedings and doesn't believe they actually participated in the vandalism of the memorial, but were in the wrong place at the wrong time, and with the wrong people.

"They were just a boyfriend and girlfriend who were along for the ride," said Lewis following the court's ordering the juveniles to assist the committee.

Lewis said that the committee is looking at improving the surveillance equipment at the memorial site.

"We're looking at upgrading the security system at the memorial. One of the companies that designs and provides the local prisons with their systems is helping us build one that will help stop this kind of vandalism. Basically, if you move out there, it's going to see you."

The five arrests were facilitated by a tip to Crime Stoppers of Big Spring.

"If it hadn't been for Crime Stoppers, I don't think we would have ever caught these kids," said Detective Dave Mohn following their arrest. "There weren't any witnesses to the actual crime, so the only people who knew who was responsible were the ones who committed the crime."

A trial date has not yet been set for the three others in the ease.

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Lady Dawgs face nation's No. 1 team

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

It's a given that some of the best teams in the state will be coming to town this time of year in the Class 5A Region I girls basketball tournament at Chaparral Center beginning tonight. While this year is certainly no exception, there are two definite twists: a local angle and the No. 1 team in the nation.

Those last two elements will meet this evening at 6 p.m. when Midland High (28-3) faces Copperas Cove (31-1) in the first game of a doubleheader. The second game will feature Mansfield against Amarillo High at approximately 7:30 p.m. The semifinal winners will then meet for the regional championship Saturday at 1 p.m., with the winner going to the state tournament in Austin.

It's tempting, even considering the homecourt advantage Midland High will enjoy, to write in Copperas Cove for Saturday's final. After all, Cove isn't only the No. 1 Class 5A team in the state, but is also ranked No. 1 in the nation according to USA Today.

"There's not going to be anybody out there who's going to give us a chance except us," said Midland High coach Jim Raughton, an optimist whose views are nonetheless tempered by reality. "Naturally, they're a shoo-in. They have some phenomenal players and a great coach."

Raughton isn't merely hyping an opponent to motivate his team. Cove is coached by a 25-year veteran, Skip Townsend, and features one of the best players in the state, 6-foot junior post Sherika Wright, who was featured in Sports Illustrated's Faces in the Crowd in the Feb. 8 issue.

Wright averages 26.7 points a game and presents a matchup problem for the Lady

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Region I-5A

Friday's Semifinals of the Girls' Region I-5A Basketball Tournament, which will be held at Chaparral Center in Midland.

Midland High (28-3) vs. Copperas Cove (33-1), 6 p.m. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

Amarillo High (27-7) vs. Mansfield (34-0), 7:30 p.m.

SPORTS BRIEFING

WJCAC Basketball

WOMEN

	Conference W	L	Season W	L
xy-Midland College	14	0	28	2
x-Howard College	12	2	27	3
x-South Plains	9	5	18	12
x-New Mexico JC	8	6	20	9
x-Western Texas	6	8	17	12
Odessa College	5	9	16	11
Clarendon	1	13	7	15
Frank Phillips	1	13	6	23

x-clinched Region V playoff spot
y-clinched conference championship

Thursday's Results
Midland College 78, Western Texas 38; New Mexico JC 74, Odessa College 72; Howard 81, Frank Phillips 45; South Plains 79, Clarendon 64.
End of Regular Season

MEN

	Conference W	L	Season W	L
xy-Howard College	14	0	24	5
x-South Plains	9	5	18	12
x-Odessa College	9	5	17	12
x-Midland College	6	8	17	13
New Mexico JC	6	8	12	18
New Mexico Military	5	9	11	19
Frank Phillips	5	9	9	18
Clarendon	2	11	11	13

x-clinched Region V playoff spot
y-clinched conference championship

Thursday's Results
Midland College 64, New Mexico Military Institute 51; Odessa College 75, New Mexico JC 72; Howard 72, Frank Phillips 59; South Plains at Clarendon, not available.
End of Regular Season

4-5A Soccer

BOYS

	District W	L	Overall W	L
San Angelo Central	6	2	12	2
Abilene High	6	2	14	3
Odessa Permian	6	2	12	4
Midland Lee	6	3	9	4
Midland High	5	4	10	6
Odessa High	1	8	5	14
Abilene Cooper	0	9	4	14

Thursday's Results
Midland High 2, Abilene Cooper 0; Abilene High 2, Midland Lee 1; San Angelo Central 7, Odessa High 0. Non-district: Odessa Permian 4, San Angelo Lake View 0.
Saturday's Games
San Angelo Central at Midland High; Odessa High at Abilene High; Abilene Cooper at Odessa Permian. Midland Lee is open.

GIRLS

	District W	L	Overall W	L
x-Midland Lee	9	0	17	2
San Angelo Central	6	2	13	4
Odessa Permian	4	4	8	8
Abilene High	4	4	7	7
Midland High	4	5	9	8
Abilene Cooper	3	6	7	8
Odessa High	0	9	3	12

x-clinched a UIL playoff spot

Thursday's Results
Midland Lee 2, Abilene High 0; Abilene Cooper 3, Midland High 1; San Angelo Central 4, Odessa High 1. Odessa Permian was open.
Saturday's Games
Midland High at San Angelo Central; Odessa Permian at Abilene Cooper; Abilene High at Odessa High. Midland Lee is open.

TV Sports

GOLF — Senior PGA Ace Group Classic, first round, noon, ESPN.

GOLF — Andersen Consulting Match Play Championships, third round, 2 p.m., ESPN.

NBA — New York Knicks at Boston Celtics, 7 p.m., TNT.

NHL — Pittsburgh Penguins at Dallas Stars, 7:30 p.m., FSN.

BOXING — Champion Israel "Pito" Cardona (30-2-0) vs. Joel Perez (24-2-2) for NABF and USBA lightweight championship, 8 p.m., ESPN2.

Texas Scores

NBA — Atlanta Hawks 93, Houston Rockets 87.

Dallas Mavericks 90, Denver Nuggets 81.

WPHL — Monroe Moccasins 3, Odessa Jackalopes 2, shootout.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL — Men, No. 12 Utah 75, UTEP 70.

Tulsa 78, SMU 77.

TCU 63, Rice 62.

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WPHL — Waco Wizards at Odessa Jackalopes, 7 p.m., Ector County Coliseum, Odessa. RADIO: KMCM (96.9 FM).

JUCO SOFTBALL — Midland College at Sun City Classic, El Paso.

JUCO BASEBALL — Odessa College Invitational, Christensen Stadium:

Odessa College vs. Garden City Junior College, 10 a.m.

Garden City Junior College vs. Ranger Junior College, 1 p.m.

Odessa College vs. Ranger Junior College, 4 p.m.

PREP BASKETBALL PLAYOFFS — Girls, Region I-5A Tournament, Semifinals, Chaparral Center:

Midland High (28-3) vs. Copperas Cove (33-1), 6 p.m. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

Amarillo High (27-7) vs. Mansfield (34-0), 7:30 p.m.

Boys, Class 5A Area, Midland High (28-3) vs. El Paso Coronado (18-12), 7:30 p.m., Monahans. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

Class 2A Area, Stanton (12-4) vs. Sonora (15-6), 7:30 p.m., Merkel.

Class A Area, Rankin (23-7) vs. Fort Hancock (20-7), 6 p.m., Friday, Alpine.

PREP SWIMMING — UIL State Swim Meet, Austin.

PREP GOLF — Tall City Invitational, 8 a.m., Midland Country Club, Green Tree Country Club and Ranchland Hills Country Club.

PREP SOFTBALL — West Texas Classic, Bill Williams Softball Complex, Hogan Park.

MIDLAND COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Chaps stay alive

■ Midland College men's win over New Mexico Military — combined with loss by New Mexico Junior College — puts Chaps in Region V tourney.

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The Midland College Chaparrals did their part to make the Region V playoffs with a 64-51 win over New Mexico Military Institute Thursday at Chaparral Center — and then they got some help.

The Chaps were left to sit and wait to see the outcome of the Frank-Phillips at Howard contest and the Odessa College at New Mexico Junior College game. If both Frank Phillips and NMJC lost, the Chaps would be in.

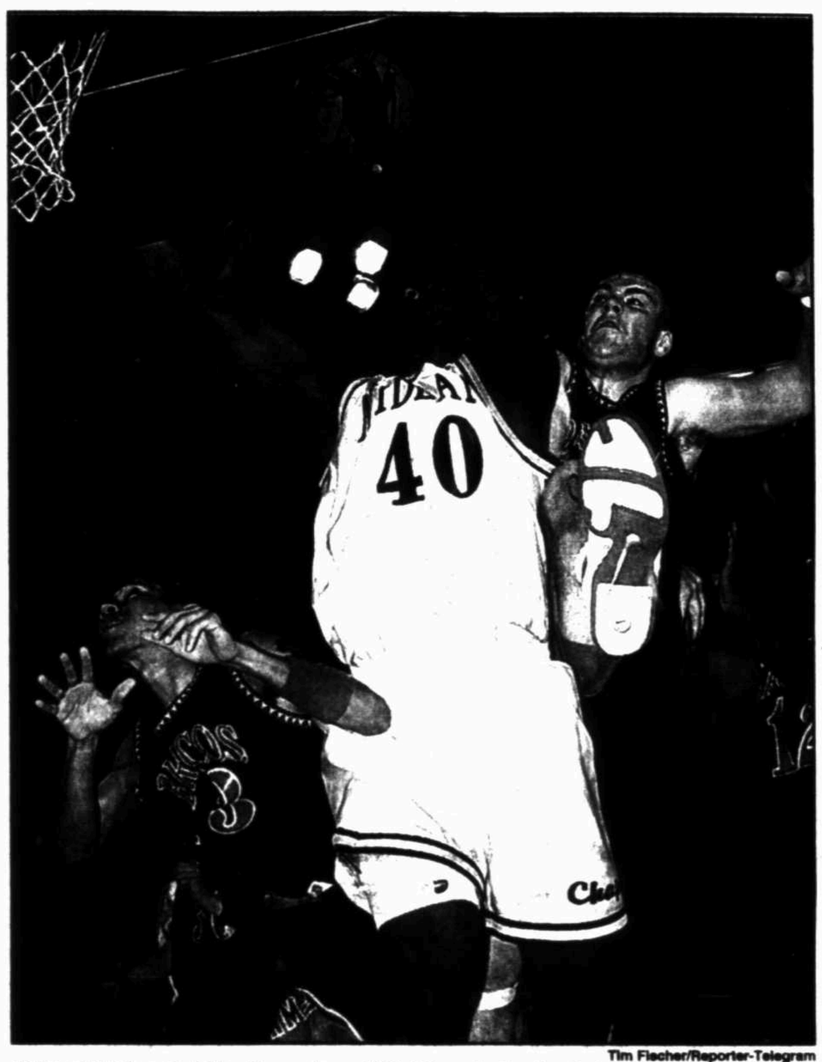
Frank Phillips lost to the Hawks 72-59, while New Mexico fell to Odessa College 75-72. Thanks to the Wranglers, the Thunderbirds' loss sends the Chaps to the Region V playoffs as the No. 4 seed and will face Weatherford at 6 p.m. Thursday at Abilene's Hardin-Simmons University.

The Chaps officially got the word at "Casino Night" being held on the Midland College campus.

"I'm pinching myself. It feels good," said MC coach Pat Rafferty about finding out that the Chaps were officially in. "Its like we have a new life. Unfortunately, we needed and got some help, but we're just real glad I'm happy we were able to persevere in spite of ourselves. I was happy to see the guys' reaction when they heard about it. They wanted to go play and have another chance."

It was also a good day for the Lady Chaps of Midland College as they concluded an undefeated Western Junior College Athletic Conference schedule

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Midland College's Mike Cummings (40) drives to the basket and gets fouled from behind by NMMI's Mike O'Neill fouls him — and nearly kicks him. NMMI's Marvin Reese, left, looks for a rebound. The Chaps earned a playoff berth with a 64-51 win.

Dawgs hit playoffs vs. T-Birds

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

MONAHANS — After a long wait, Midland High finally begins defense of its state basketball championship here at 7:30 p.m. today, but not against the opponent the Bulldogs expected.

M
Boys Area
El Paso Coronado vs. Midland High

El Paso Coronado, not El Paso Hanks, will show up at the Monahans gym for the Class 5A area contest. Coronado, the third seed out of District 1-5A, upset El Paso Hanks, 41-38 in overtime, Tuesday night in bi-district action to earn the first right to try to unseat MHS from its lofty state perch and No. 2 state ranking.

The Bulldogs, 28-3 on the season, drew a first round bye by virtue of winning the District 4-5A title in a 12-0 unbeaten fashion. Coronado is 18-12 and the two teams have never met on a state playoff floor.

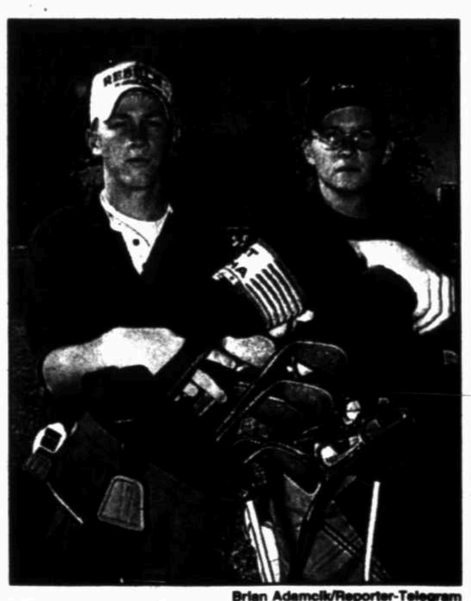
Coronado's bi-district victory eliminates the possibility of a Hanks-MHS playoff region quarterfinal rematch of a year ago. MHS had already beaten Hanks in the first round of the Tall City Oilman's tournament in December by a 74-46 margin. Much the same is expected tonight against the defense-minded Thunderbirds, who would consider 50 points a scoring explosion.

MHS coach Jack Stephenson has mixed emotions about meeting the T-Birds tonight.

"I thought we played one of the best games we had all year against Hanks, and I was hoping they would win," Stephenson said. "Coronado wasn't supposed to win. They scored only nine points in the first half against Hanks, but Hanks had only 18 and let them (Coronado) hang around.

"Also, I hate that we have to play this game on Friday night. I'm elated that we

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Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram
Midland Lee's Chance Finley, left, and Midland High's Matthew Gerhard will lead their teams into this weekend's Tall City Invitational. Midland teams start Friday at Midland County Club.

Two 2nd-half goals sink Lee

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

The Midland Lee boys soccer team must not have known just how good it was sitting. If it did, the two goals surrendered in the last minutes of against Abilene High might not have happened.

With 13 minutes to play against the Eagles, Lee not only held a 1-0 lead, but were about to take its position in the driver's seat of the District 4-5A race. A win Thursday at the Lee Soccer Field would have been huge. The Rebels would have been at the top of the district and been in possession of the easiest schedule of any of the 4-5A contenders.

LEE
Boys Soccer
Abilene High 2
Midland Lee 1

In the end, it was all too perfect, because Lee was finally punished for bad second half play, giving up those two goals to lose 2-1.

"It makes it more interesting for everyone else and tougher for us," Lee coach John McCulloch said. "If we can't follow through with a game plan and do what we talk about and practice every day, this is going to continue to happen. Our whole game fell apart in the second half. It was Midland High all over again."

Like the Midland High game, where Lee played its worst game of the year, the Rebels played on their heels. Unlike the first half, when the Rebs got some good looks on goal, including a goal by Justin Smith in the game's eighth minute, the game was dominated by Abilene High's midfield and played in Lee's half of the field.

"We did nothing in the second half but pass the ball directly to the other team, let them come down and have opportunities to score," McCulloch said. "When they do that, they (the other team) will win the game."

AHS' Kirk Jackson was the first to capitalize in the 78th minute. Lee keeper Keith Butts had tried to punch a ball out of the Rebs' goal face, but Jackson was there to contain the ball and slip it in the net.

With two minutes left in the game, AHS' Daniel Flores was left unguarded in the Lee penalty area. When he got the ball, he had no trouble cranking a shot into the right side of the goal. For the game, Lee actually did well to get outshot 7-6.

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Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram
Midland Lee's Colter Marcum, right, outraces Abilene High's Elias Tonche to the soccer ball during their game Thursday as Lee's Eric Mora (background) looks on. AHS won, 2-1.

Tall City golf tournament gets started

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

One of the biggest and best golf tournaments in the state takes place this weekend as 44 teams compete in the 1999 Tall City Invitational taking place at all four Midland golf courses.

The tournament will be a showcase of the some of the best prep golf talent this state has to offer. The invitational will not only be good experience for the Midland teams but it will also probably determine who's going to be in the starting five for both Midland High and Midland Lee once District 4-5A competition begins.

The tourney is broken down into three divisions. Division I features Class 5A varsity teams and will play at Midland Country Club on Friday. Division II is composed of Class

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Midland High, Lee both win on first day

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

■ West Texas Classic

On the first day of the West Texas Classic softball tournament Thursday at Bill Williams Softball Complex, Midland High and Midland Lee showed it wasn't so much how you start as how you finish.

Both Midland teams gave up early runs in their first round games, but came out unscathed, as MHS defeated Lubbock Coronado 8-1 and Lee held off pesky Greenwood 5-2 in Division I games. They will now play in the championship bracket at 10:30 a.m. this morning, with Midland High playing El Paso Andress and Lee taking on El Paso Irvin.

In the only other Division I game of the evening, El Paso Socorro rallied for five runs in the bottom of the sixth to defeat Kermit 8-6. Socorro will play Midland Christian today at noon while in the other Division I game El Paso Franklin will face defending Class 2A champions Coahoma at 9 a.m.

The Lady Bulldogs and Lady Rebels both needed relievers to pitch the final three innings and seal their wins, although Midland High's came a little easier. MHS collected 11 hits in the six-inning game (all games were limited to 80 minutes) to cruise past Coronado, the second time this week as MHS girls team has humbled a team from Coronado, including Midland High's 78-74 win over the Lady Mustangs in the Region I-5A basketball quarterfinals Tuesday night.

"We played solid ball tonight," said first year Midland High coach Shawnda Vines, whose team improved to 8-2-1 on the season. "We've had a hard time staying back on the ball and swinging at strikes."

Coronado actually struck first, when

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Tiger hangs on as Duval, more top seeds lose

Associated Press

CARLSBAD, Calif. — With only three players in the top 20 still alive, the Match Play Championship suddenly looks more like the Quad Cities Classic than an elite tournament of the top players in the world.

For Tiger Woods and the other 15 survivors, it's starting to feel more like the Ryder Cup.

"This is nerve-wracking stuff," Fred Couples said after holding on for a 1-up victory over Scott Hoch. "I don't even know who I play tomorrow, but this stuff makes me so nervous I will be choking like a dog."

At least he'll be around for a chance to experience what Greg Norman did Thursday, when he blew a 3-up lead with four holes to go and lost on the third extra hole to Eduardo Romero of Argentina.

"That's match play," Romero said. "Anything can happen."

For the second day in a row, anything did.

One day after five of the top seven players made an early exit from La Costa Resort, they were joined by David Duval, Nick Price and Justin Leonard, leaving the No. 1 Woods as the only player in the top 10 still in the hunt for the $1 million first prize.

"Am I really?" Woods said. "Wow."

Wow, indeed.

Duval ruined the delicious possibility of No. 1 vs. No. 2 in the final by losing to Bill Glasson. Price stumbled to a bogey on the final hole to lose to Jeff Maggert, while Leonard ran into the "Smiling Assassin" — Shigeki Maruyama, who dusted off the former British Open and U.S. Amateur champion.

Woods could have joined them. He escaped going extra holes when Bob Tway missed a 10-foot par putt on the 18th hole. He clasped the back of his neck with both hands, looked toward the heavens, puffed his cheeks and let out a huge sign of relief.

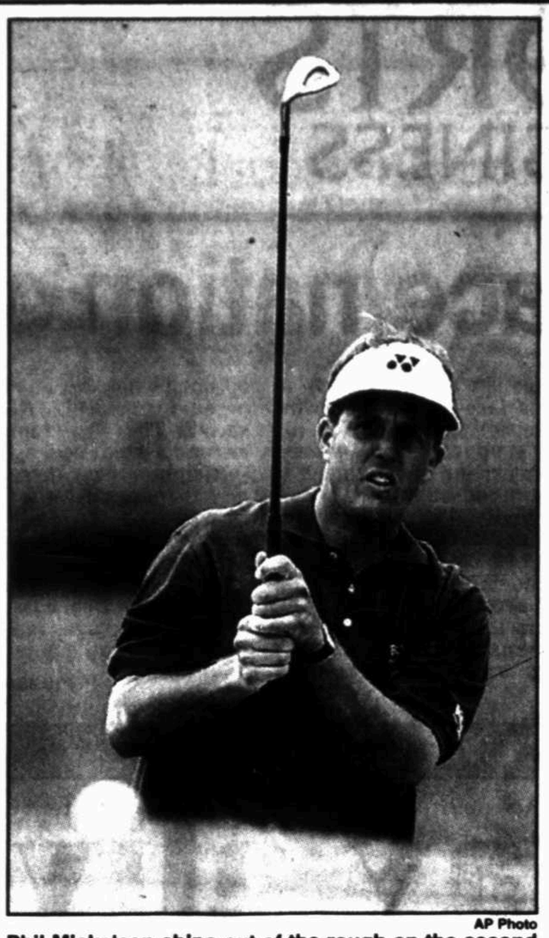
"To be able to survive a match like this and get through to the next round ... I'm relieved, no doubt about it," Woods said. "As soon as you let down, when it's over, then you feel it. I really did expend a lot of energy out there."

Of the top 64 players in the world who started on Wednesday, Woods, Phil Mickelson (12) and Fred Couples (13) are the highest seeds left. Friday morning's third-round matches include Glasson vs. Andrew Magee, John Huston against Patrick Sjoland and Maruyama against Loren Roberts.

"We knew some top seeds would lose, but we didn't expect 90 percent of them to lose," Mickelson said.

Duval had only three chances to take a lead on Glasson, the last coming on No. 12. He bogeyed the 13th to give Glasson a 1-up lead and never recovered, losing 2 and 1.

"I could have done better," Duval said. "I'm ready to go home."



AP Photo

Phil Mickelson chips out of the rough on the second hole during Thursday's second round of the Andersen Consulting Match Play Championship in Carlsbad, Calif. Mickelson won his match against Lee Janzen.

Woods will play Stewart Cink in the third round Friday morning, with a possible quarterfinal pairing Friday afternoon against Maggert or Bernhard Langer. That's assuming Woods gets by Cink. Just two days of the inaugural event already has proven that there is no such thing as a sure thing.

And as Norman proved yet again, no lead is safe.

Norman, in his first big tournament since his return from shoulder surgery, showed he may be back to his old self. He blew another big lead with the kind of shots that have cost him so many major championships.

He was 3-up over Romero when they walked off the 14th green, but then lost the next two and missed an 8-foot birdie putt on No. 17 that would have closed out the match. Romero hit a 7-iron into a foot on the last hole to square the match — "I think it was the best shot of my life," he said. — and then won on the third extra hole with a 25-foot birdie putt.

"This is what match play is all about," Norman said. "Congratulations to him."

Couples and Mickelson could still meet in the quarterfinals, and might find Woods waiting in the semifinal.

Midland High girls soccer team suffers costly loss to Cooper

Staff Report

The Midland High girls soccer team tripped up when it could least afford to with a 3-1 loss to Abilene Cooper Thursday at the MHS Soccer Field.

MHS (9-8 overall) falls to 4-5 in district play, which puts them behind Abilene High and Odessa Permian in the hunt for third place in the district. This game, however, was not a loss the Lady Bulldogs could afford. Cooper is a team lower the standings, and losing this game means MHS has to make up one later on to keep their string of three consecutive playoff appearances going.

That "get one back" game might be Saturday's 4-5A contest with second place San Angelo Central. They will have to do so without leading scorer Kim Elger, who got a red card against Cooper.

"Personnel-wise, we have our backs to the wall, and with regard to the playoff picture, our backs are also against the wall," MHS coach Scott Hodkinson said. "We have to win out. There is no room for us slip up again."

MHS took the early lead on a goal from Ali McCallum. Cooper tied the game before the half, and then after Elger's red card, which forced the Lady Bulldogs to play a man down, Cooper scored twice in the second half. Faith Hines scored two for the Lady Coogs (7-8 and 3-6).

"I felt like in some of our games we played really, really well," Hodkinson said. "Today, I don't know what it was. There were times we looked as good as we have all year. There were other times ... I don't know."

Abilene Cooper 3, Midland High girls 1

Abilene Cooper	1	2	—3
Midland High	1	0	—1

First Half: 1. MHS, Ali McCallum (Ashlee Winkler), 14th minute. 2. CHS, Faith Hines. Second Half: 3. CHS, Hines, 78th, 4. CHS, Heather Ray, 80th. Shots: CHS 4, MHS 8.

■ 4-5A Soccer

Bulldogs keep playoff hopes alive

ABILENE — The Midland High boys soccer team won its fourth straight game to stay in the hunt for a District 4-5A playoff spot.

The Bulldogs defeated Abilene Cooper 2-0 at the Lee Complex, thanks to two goals late second half.

MHS, which improves to 5-4 in district, is two games out of third place, but starts a three-game stretch Saturday, where it can make up serious ground. They play San Angelo Central at home and follow with games versus Abilene High and Odessa Permian. All three teams are in a three-way tie for first.

"We play three games in six days where we will find out what we are made of and if can keep this thing going," Pierce said. "We got to get past Central first and then worry about the next one. We will try to keep this thing rolling."

In the win over a tough Cooper team, MHS got on the board as Ross Brunner crossed a ball across the goal face. The ball was headed in by Greg Hunter, whose body was parallel to the ground as he dove for the header.

"That could be the best goal I have every seen," Pierce said. "It was awesome."

Johannes Schoen scored the second goal three minutes later. Again Brunner had the assist.

The MHS defense registered its fourth straight shutout.

MHS boys 2, Cooper 0.

First Half: No Scoring. Second Half: 1. Greg Hunter (Ross Brunner), 72nd minute. 2. Johannes Schoen (Brunner), 75th.

Shots: MHS 13, CHS 6. Corners: MHS 3, CHS 4. Saves: MHS 4 (J.P. Thompson 2, Justin Booth 2).

Lee girls grab playoff spot

ABILENE — The Midland Lee girls soccer team clinched its fourth consecutive playoff spot with a tough 2-0 District 4-5A win over Abilene High at the Lee Complex.

Lee (17-2 overall) improves to 9-0 in district, which guarantees the Lady Rebels at least the second seed in the UIL playoffs. The team's magic number to clinch sole possession of the district title is two (the number of Lee wins and/or San Angelo Central losses).

Lee will have the open date on Saturday. The Lady Rebels return to action Tuesday against Abilene Cooper.

In this game, Abilene High (7-7 and 4-4) held Lee at bay. Lee did outshoot the Lady Eagles 11-5, but the narrow Lee Complex field and an aggressive AHS team fought Lee hard. The Lady Rebels first goal came in the 55th minute as Kylie Yonts fired a shot, which was saved by the AHS keeper, but not until it crossed the goal line.

Later, Linsey Johnson scored her sixth goal in her last four district games.

"We really didn't start playing until the last 10 minutes. That is when we wore them down," Lee coach Mike Simpson said. "Our defense (Brandy Mullins, Suzy Prucka Kristi Taylor, April Rankin and Katie Williams) played exceptionally well. The backline did a super, super job."

Midland Lee 2, Abilene High 0

Midland Lee	0	2	—2
Abilene High	0	0	—0

First Half: No Scoring. Second Half: 1. Lee, Kylie Yonts (unassisted), 55th minute. 2. Lee, Linsey Johnson (unassisted), 66th minute. Shots: Lee 11, AHS 5. Saves: Lee 3 (Brandice Zachry), AHS 5. Fouls: Lee 8, AHS 7.

Other Scores from around the district

San Angelo Central girls 4, Odessa High 1. SAC goals: Amy Bales, Kendra Speciale, Kelly Bragg, Kelli Larsen. SAC Assists: Katie Knight, Stephanie Artnak, Speciale, Larissa Steinke. OHS Goal: Chella Gonzalez. Central outshot OHS 24-3.

San Angelo Central boys 7, Odessa High 0. No details were reported.

Monroe hands Jacks another loss

■ Shootout results in third straight loss for Odessa, but Jacks still gain ground.

Staff Report

ODESSA — The Odessa Jackalopes continued their current losing skid, dropping their third straight Western Professional Hockey League game to Monroe 3-2 Thursday night at the Jack Shack, but still gained ground for the playoffs.

The Jacks scored two goals, the last coming in the third period, to come back from a 2-0 deficit and force a shootout. Rick Girhiny and Paul Vincent scored for the Jacks.

In the shootout, however, Monroe was just a little better than the Jacks and their goaltender Michael Tornquist, who stopped 28-of-30 shots in regulation.

Amarillo, who leads Odessa by two points now, fell to Fort Worth as the Jacks picked up a point with the shootout loss.

Monroe had three of five shooters score while Odessa converted on two of five chances.

Odessa is still right in the middle of the WPHL wildcard race. Odessa, which got a point for the shootout loss, has 56 points while Amarillo has 58. Amarillo lost to Fort Worth 5-1 on Thursday.

Monroe is tied for third in the Eastern Division with 68 points.

The Jacks host Waco, the first place team out of the Central Division, today.

Monroe 3, Odessa 2 (SO 3-2)

Monroe	0	2	0	1	—3
Odessa	0	1	1	0	—2

First Period: None. Second Period: 1. Monroe, Van Tigham (Friesen, Anneck), 3:43. 2. Monroe, Smith (Parent), 12:49; 3. Odessa, Girhiny (Rodrigue, Morque), 18:59. Third Period: 4. Odessa, Vincent (Laine, Hagman), 9:33.

Shootout: Monroe 3 (Parent, Boni, Johnson), Odessa 2 (Laine, Hagman)

Shots: Monroe 10-11-9—30; Odessa 10-9-10—29. Power Plays: Monroe 1-4, Odessa 1-3. Penalties: Monroe, five penalties for 12 minutes; Odessa, 8 penalties for 24 minutes. Goaltenders: Monroe, Racicot 27 saves; Odessa, Tornquist 28 saves.

LOCAL SPORTS

Mustangs win game

Midland Christian's varsity won its first baseball game of the year, beating the San Angelo Junior Varsity, 10-0 in five innings in the first round of the Midland High JV Baseball Tournament.

Josh Miller tossed a three-hitter and hit a three-run homer while Brandon Lucas had three hits, including a triple. Ryan Hellums had two hits.

MHS baseball wins two games

BOSWELL — The Midland High baseball team used the long ball to win two games Thursday at the Eagle Creek Classic at Boswell High School.

In the first game, MHS ripped 4A Everman 21-3 in five innings. In the game, MHS had 17 hits, including many of the home run variety. Laynce Nix had three homers, including two in the first inning which saw MHS score 10 runs. Nix was 3-for-3 with three runs scored and five RBI. Nix has 20 career homers.

Also, Jayson Nix was 3-for-3 with three runs and five RBIs, including a grand slam. John Schlaffer was 4-for-4 with 4 RBI, including a three-run homer.

Jeff Beard and Jerrel Garibay pitched.

In the nightcap, MHS beat host Boswell 6-1 as Jayson Nix went 3-for-3 with two doubles. Cotey-Joe Cswaykus was 2-for-2 with two homers and Beard had a two-run double. MHS plays Castleberry today at 3:45 p.m.

Hawks sweep Frank Phillips

BIG SPRING — Howard College swept Frank Phillips College in Western Junior College Athletic Conference play here Thursday night.

The Hawks beat FPC 72-59 and finished conference play with a perfect 14-0 record and will carry the conference's No. 1 seed into the Region I tournament in Abilene next Thursday.

Donald Ceasar led the way with 16 points while Derrick Franklin had 15 and Justin Rhodes 14.

The Lady Hawks, 12-2 in conference play and the No. 2 seed for the women's side at the Region V tournament next Wednesday, posted a 81-45 drubbing of FPC.

As usual, Karlita Washington led the way with 23 points, but Howard also got 18 from Yolanda Grant, 17 from Jovanae St. Cyr and 12 from Aiesha Love.

Basketball

Seventh Grade Girls

Abell Silver 44, San Jacinto Purple 29: AS: Megan Rhoads 26, SJP: Williamson 14.

Goddard Black 44, Alamo Red 24: GB: Crystal Knox 18, Sarah Bertelson 10. AR: Kerri McKenzie 6.

Goddard Red 26, Alamo Maroon 17: GR: Jessic Harkins 6, JoAnn Martin 8. AM: Natalie Delgado 8.

Goddard Purple 49, Alamo Gray 23: GP: Lindsey Moore 18, Amy Lawler 11. Elyse Laufler 7 steals, one turnover. Lizzy Mata 5 steals.

San Jacinto Green 36, Abell Maroon 31: SJG: Traci Mayfield 15. AM: Jessica Gray 12. SJG is now 5-2.

Abell White 37, San Jacinto White 36. AW: Summer Ragsdale 10, Twimplya Howard 16.

Abell Blue 51, San Jacinto Gold 29: AB: Christie Rasmussen 21, Greggnesha Webster 15 rebounds. SJG: Tova Olmo 11. AB is now 7-0.

Eighth Grade Girls

Alamo Red 44, Odessa Nimitz 31: AR: Rachel Dillon 20 points, 12 rebounds, 9 blocks.

Odessa Bowie 44, Alamo Red 40: AR: Rachel Dillon, 14 points, 12 rebounds; Colleen Kimbro, 11 points; Barbra Butts, 19 rebounds.

Alamo Maroon 59, Goddard Red 28: AM: Amy Gillette 12, Kristyn Neatherlin 12, Jenna Rountree 16.

Abell White 45, San Jacinto Green 43: SJG: Amy Schantz 12, Shannon Creamer 10. AW: Neisha Washington 24 points, 17 rebounds; Brandy Parker 12 points.

Alamo Gray 42, Goddard Black 27: AG: Summer Straker 12.

SOCCER: Abilene High rallies past Lee

(From 1C)

"Every time we play Lee, it is a classic game. They don't give us anything," AHS coach Mike Wiersema said.

Flores' goal was the fifth AHS has scored on Lee in the second half of their game's this season. In the first meeting, AHS scored three in the second half to tie Lee 3-3. The Rebs won that game in a shootout.

"All three of those goals were in the last eight minutes," Wiersema said. "Our guys have a lot of heart."

Abilene High also took a big step toward a district title. Abilene High (14-3 overall) improves to 6-2 in district and is in a three-way tie for first with Odessa Permian and San Angelo Central for first at 6-2 in district.

"This was huge," Wiersema said. "We haven't lost at home since I have been here, so if we can take care of business next Tuesday in Midland, we will be right where we ant to be — in position to win this thing."

Lee, on the other hand, falls to 9-4 and 6-3.

"We will have to win the rest of our games," said McCulloch about his team's district title chances.

Abilene High 2, Midland Lee 1

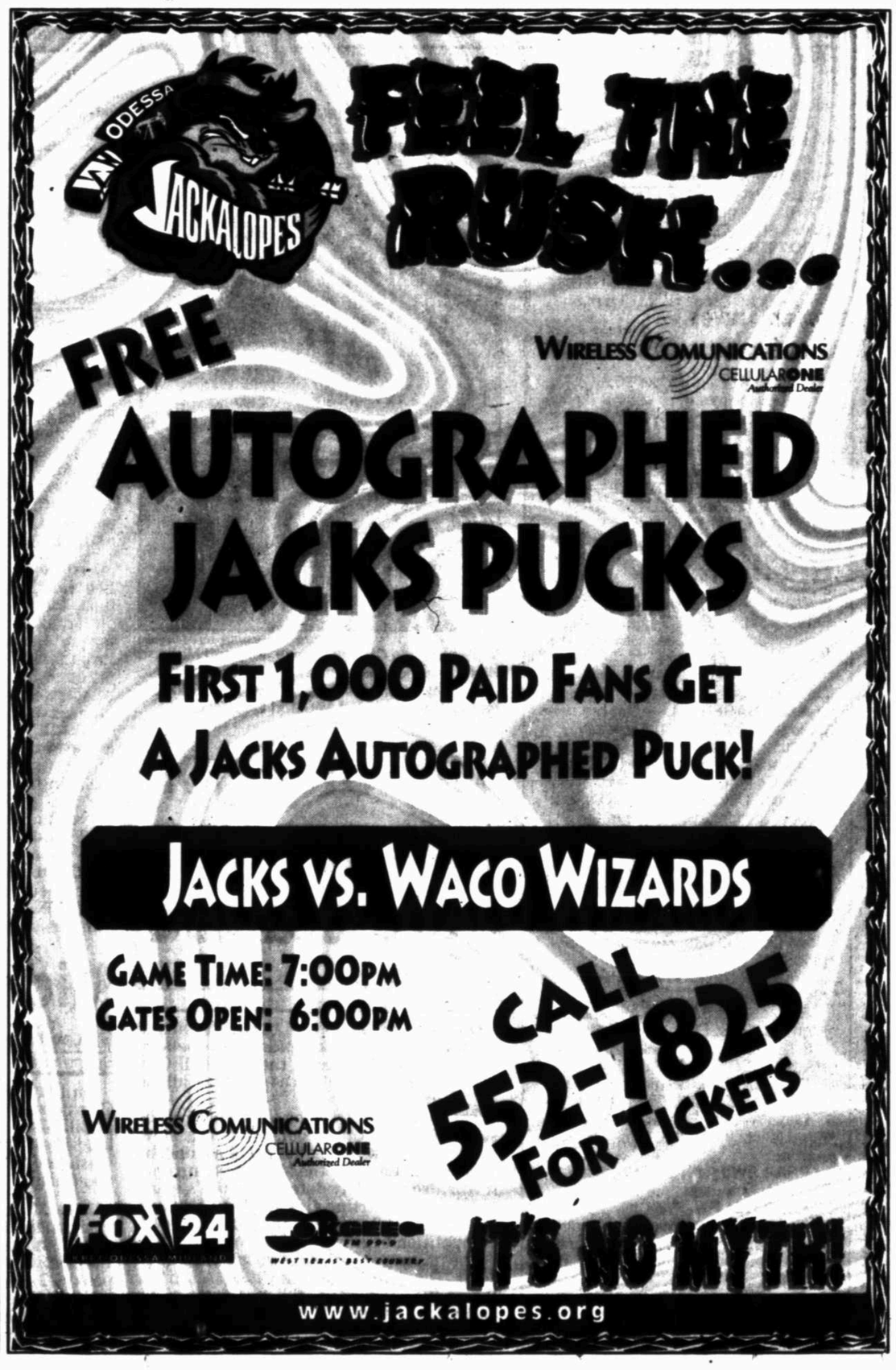
Abilene High	0	2	—	2
Midland Lee	1	0	—	1

First Half: 1. Lee, Justin Smith (Danny George), 8th minute.

Second Half: 2. AHS, Kirk Jackson (unassisted), 68th; 3. AHS, Daniel Flores (unassisted), 78th.

Shots: AHS 7, Lee 6. Corners: AHS 4, Lee 0. **Saves:** AHS 4 (Kenneth Russel); Lee 4 (Keith Butts). **Fouls:** AHS 19, Lee 12. **Offsides:** AHS 3, Lee 1. **Cards:** Yellow - AHS, Cheno Rodriguez.





SPORTS SCOREBOARD

Match Play

CARLSBAD, Calif. (AP) — Results Thursday from the second round of the $5 million Andersen Consulting Match Play Championship, played on the 7,022-yard, par 72 La Costa Resort and Spa course:

Upper Bracket

Tiger Woods def. Bob Tway, 1-up.
Stewart Cink def. Craig Parry, 3 and 2.
Bernhard Langer def. Vijay Singh, 2 and 1.
Jeff Maggert def. Nick Price, 1-up.
Steve Pate def. Brandt Jobe, 1-up.
Fred Couples def. Scott Hoch, 1-up.
Eduardo Romero def. Greg Norman, 21 holes
Phil Mickelson def. Lee Janzen, 2 and 1.

Lower Bracket

Bill Glasson def. David Duval, 2 and 1.
Andrew Magee def. Thomas Bjorn, 2 and 1.
Loren Roberts def. Paul Azinger, 2 and 1.
Shigeki Maruyama def. Justin Leonard, 4 and 2.
Jose Maria Olazabal def. Michael Bradley, 2 and 1.
Steve Jones def. Scott Verplank, 5 and 4.
John Huston def. Craig Stadler, 2 and 1.
Patrik Sjoland def. Carlos Franco, 1-up.

Tucson Open

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — Results Thursday from the first round of the $2.75 million Tucson Open, played on the 7,148-yard, par 72 (36-36) Tucson National Golf Club course:

R.W. Eaks	33-31 — 64
Tom Scherrer	30-35 — 65
Tommy Tolles	32-34 — 66
Tim Herron	33-33 — 66
Doug Dunakey	31-35 — 66
Jerry Kelly	32-34 — 66
Gabriel Hjertstedt	34-33 — 67
Steve Flesch	33-34 — 67
Dennis Paulson	32-35 — 67
Robert Allenby	34-33 — 67
Per-Ulrik Johansson	34-34 — 68
Sandy Lyle	35-33 — 68
Jim Gallagher	29-39 — 68
Mike Brisky	34-34 — 68
Katsumasa Miyamoto	34-34 — 68
Paul Goydos	34-34 — 68
Scott Gump	32-36 — 68
David Toms	34-34 — 68
P.H. Horgan III	33-35 — 68
Mike Weir	35-34 — 69
John Daly	34-35 — 69
Scott Simpson	31-38 — 69
Don Pooley	34-35 — 69
Kirk Triplett	32-37 — 69
Kevin Wentworth	34-35 — 69
Kaname Yokoo	33-36 — 69
Jim Carter	32-37 — 69
Jay Don Blake	34-35 — 69
Kenny Perry	33-37 — 70
Franklin Langham	35-35 — 70
Greg Kraft	33-37 — 70
Tommy Armour III	35-35 — 70
David Frost	36-34 — 70
Bob Burns	36-34 — 70
Emlyn Aubrey	35-35 — 70
Doug Martin	35-35 — 70
Grant Waite	34-36 — 70
Perry Moss	36-34 — 70
Eric Rustand	34-36 — 70
Sean Murphy	34-36 — 70
Barry Cheesman	35-36 — 71
Scott McCarron	39-32 — 71
Paul Stankowski	36-35 — 71
Nolan Henke	34-37 — 71
Brad Fabel	34-37 — 71
Kent Jones	34-37 — 71
Pete Jordan	33-38 — 71
Robert Gamez	35-36 — 71
Mike Reid	34-37 — 71
Doug Tewell	35-36 — 71
Corey Pavin	34-37 — 71
Mike Standly	35-36 — 71
Chris DiMarco	34-37 — 71
John Maginnes	36-35 — 71
Peter Jacobsen	34-37 — 71
David Berganio	35-36 — 71
Briny Baird	35-36 — 71
Joe Ogilvie	35-36 — 71
Charles Rauleson	34-37 — 71
Mike Springer	37-35 — 72
Lanny Wadkins	36-36 — 72
Olin Browne	35-37 — 72
Esteban Toledo	37-35 — 72
Gary Hallberg	38-34 — 72
Jay Delsing	35-37 — 72
Greg Chalmers	35-37 — 72
Michael Burke Jr.	37-35 — 72
Deane Pappas	33-39 — 72
Geoffrey Sisk	35-37 — 72
Steve Lowery	35-37 — 72
Frank Nobilo	35-37 — 72
Brandel Chamblee	35-37 — 72
Brent Geiberger	36-36 — 72
Jay Williamson	37-35 — 72
Jonathan Kaye	35-37 — 72
David Seawell	35-37 — 72
Tim Loustalot	36-36 — 72
Jeff Brehaut	35-37 — 72
Doug Barron	34-39 — 73
Kevin Sutherland	36-37 — 73
Ronnie Black	36-37 — 73
Mark Wiebe	36-37 — 73
Omar Uresti	32-41 — 73
Fulton Allem	36-37 — 73
Lee Rinker	37-36 — 73
Todd Pence	35-38 — 73
Mike Sposa	36-37 — 73
Alan Bratton	34-39 — 73
Dicky Pride	35-38 — 73
Dan Forsman	34-39 — 73
Phil Blackmar	35-38 — 73
Blaine McCallister	36-37 — 73
Brad Bryant	37-36 — 73
Chris Kamin	34-39 — 73
Rory Sabbatini	38-35 — 73
John Elliott	38-35 — 73
Steve Jurgensen	37-36 — 73
Brian Gay	36-37 — 73
Brian Hull	36-37 — 73

Australian Ladies Masters Scores

GOLD COAST, Australia (AP) — Scores Thursday after the first round of the LPGA Tour's $750,000 Australian Ladies Masters, played on the 6,300-yard, par-72 (37-35) Royal Pines Resort course:

Karrie Webb	32-31 — 63
Anna-Jane Esthome	33-32 — 65
Jane Geddes	34-32 — 66
Michelle Estill	34-33 — 67
Nicole Lowien	36-31 — 67
Karen Weiss	35-32 — 67
Janice Moodie	33-34 — 67
Kris Tschetter	35-33 — 68
Jane Crafter	34-34 — 68
Chikayo Yamazaki	33-35 — 68
Hisako Ohgane	35-33 — 68
Joanne Morley	35-33 — 68
Helen Hopkins	35-33 — 68
Alison Nicholas	35-33 — 68
Jill McGill	33-35 — 68
Lorie Kane	35-33 — 68
Jenny Lidback	34-35 — 69
Nanci Bowen	35-34 — 69
Tina Barrett	35-34 — 69
Akemi Yamaoka	35-34 — 69
Kelly Robbins	35-34 — 69
Becky Iverson	35-34 — 69
Akiko Fukushima	36-33 — 69
Eva Dahllof	36-33 — 69
Harumi Sakagami	37-33 — 70
Dale Reid	35-35 — 70
Young Kim	36-34 — 70
Nadene Gole	35-35 — 70
Kim Saiki	35-35 — 70
Catriona Matthew	37-33 — 70
Nancy Scranton	37-34 — 71
Laura Davies	36-35 — 71
Fiona Pike	37-34 — 71
Karen Pearce	37-34 — 71
Park Hyun-soon	37-34 — 71
Fumiko Muraguchi	36-35 — 71
Alison Munt	38-33 — 71
Jane Leary	37-34 — 71
Corinne Dibnah	35-36 — 71
Sandra Belkoff	36-35 — 71
Shani Waugh	35-36 — 71
Laura Philo	37-34 — 71
Smriti Mehra	37-34 — 71
Mamie McGuire	35-36 — 71
Emilee Klein	36-35 — 71
Denise Killeen	33-38 — 71
Lisa Kiggens	36-35 — 71
Rachel Hetherington	35-36 — 71
Kristi Coats	37-34 — 71
Luciana Bernvenuti	37-34 — 71
Gail Graham	35-37 — 72
Li Wen-lin	35-37 — 72
Song Chae-eun	37-35 — 72
Kyoko Ono	35-37 — 72
Michie Ohba	36-36 — 72
Joanne Mills	36-36 — 72
Loraine Lambert	37-35 — 72
Yuri Fudo	36-36 — 72
Chung Il-mi	36-36 — 72
Kathryn Marshall	38-34 — 72
Nicole Jeray	38-34 — 72
Leslie Spalding	37-35 — 72
Charlotta Sorenstam	34-38 — 72
Carin Koch	36-36 — 72
Sophie Gustafson	38-34 — 72
Jackie Gallagher-Smith	38-34 — 72
Wendy Doolan	38-34 — 72
Helen Dobson	36-36 — 72
Sean Bartholomew	38-34 — 72
Susie Redman	39-34 — 73
Cindy McCurdy	36-37 — 73
Carmen Savy	39-34 — 73
Gloria Park	39-34 — 73
Melissa McNamara	36-37 — 73
Lee Jung-youn	35-38 — 73

NBA Results

NBA Standings
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	9	3	.750	—
Miami	8	3	.727	1/2
New York	8	3	.727	1/2
Philadelphia	7	5	.583	2
Boston	4	5	.444	3 1/2
Washington	4	6	.400	4
New Jersey	2	9	.182	6 1/2
Central Division				
Indiana	9	3	.750	—
Milwaukee	6	3	.667	1 1/2
Atlanta	7	5	.583	2
Detroit	6	6	.500	3
Cleveland	5	6	.455	3 1/2
Toronto	3	7	.300	5
Chicago	2	10	.167	7
Charlotte	1	8	.111	6 1/2
WESTERN CONFERENCE				
Midwest Division				
Utah	9	2	.818	—
Minnesota	8	3	.727	1
Houston	7	5	.583	2 1/2
San Antonio	6	6	.500	3 1/2
Vancouver	4	6	.400	4 1/2
Dallas	4	9	.308	6
Denver	3	9	.250	6 1/2
Pacific Division				
Portland	7	2	.778	—
Seattle	7	4	.636	1
Phoenix	6	4	.600	1 1/2
L.A. Lakers	6	6	.500	2 1/2
Sacramento	6	6	.500	2 1/2
Golden State	5	6	.455	3
L.A. Clippers	0	9	.000	7

Thursday's Games
Late Games Not Included
Sacramento 115, Washington 105
Indiana 81, Cleveland 74
New York 115, Minnesota 113, OT
Dallas 90, Denver 81
Philadelphia 98, Chicago 80
Atlanta 93, Houston 87
Phoenix at Vancouver (n)
L.A. Lakers vs. L.A. Clippers at Anaheim (n)

Friday's Games
Minnesota at Toronto, 6 p.m.
Portland at Charlotte, 6:30 p.m.
Indiana at Orlando, 6:30 p.m.
Miami at Detroit, 7 p.m.
New York at Boston, 7 p.m.
Milwaukee at Denver, 8 p.m.
Dallas at Utah, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Seattle, 9 p.m.
Phoenix at Golden State, 9:30 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, 9:30 p.m.

Mavericks 90, Nuggets 81

DENVER (81): Washington 1-6 0-0 3, McDyess 5-18 3-4 13, LaFrentz 1-3 0-0 2, Billups 5-11 3-3 14, Van Exel 7-15 0-0 16, Fortson 5-10 5-10 15, Stith 3-8 0-1 8, Alexander 2-10 2-2 6, Meyer 1-3 0-0 2, Clark 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 31-87 13-20 81.

DALLAS (90): Ceballos 6-14 8-12 20, Green 2-6 1-2 5, Bradley 1-7 6-6 8, Finley 8-16 2-2 20, Nash 2-6 3-3 7, Pack 2-6 2-2 6, Nowitzki 0-3 0-0 0, Davis 2-4 0-0 4, Trent 7-17 4-5 18, Walker 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 31-80 26-32 90.

Denver	17	21	24	19 — 81
Dallas	26	18	23	23 — 90

3-Point Goals—Denver 6-25 (Stith 2-5, Van Exel 2-7, Billups 1-3, Washington 1-3, Clark 0-1, LaFrentz 0-1, McDyess 0-1, Alexander 0-4), Dallas 2-8 (Finley 2-3, Ceballos 0-1, Trent 0-1, Nash 0-3). Fouled out—Fortson. Rebounds—Denver 57 (Fortson 24), Dallas 61 (Ceballos 13). Assists—Denver 16 (Alexander 6), Dallas 14 (Nash 5). Total fouls—Denver 25, Dallas 17. Technicals—Van Exel, Finley. Flagrant fouls—Meyer. A—13,203 (18,042).

Hawks 93, Rockets 87

ATLANTA (93): Long 9-18 2-2 20, Ellis 5-15 2-2 12, Mutombo 1-6 0-0 2, Corbin 6-13 2-4 17, Blaylock 7-20 1-2 16, McLeod 5-12 2-2 12, A.Johnson 4-7 2-2 10, West 1-1 2-3 4. Totals 38-92 13-17 93.

HOUSTON (87): Pippen 6-14 1-4 15, Harrington 5-9 2-4 12, Olajuwon 7-14 1-2 16, Dickerson 6-12 0-0 14, Mobley 5-11 0-0 13, Price 2-4 0-1 5, Miller 0-1 2-2 2, Bullard 4-6 0-0 10. Totals 35-71 6-13 87.

Atlanta	19	30	17	27 — 93
Houston	22	20	17	28 — 87

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 4-10 (Corbin 3-4, Blaylock 1-4, McLeod 0-1, Long 0-1), Houston 11-23 (Mobley 3-7, Dickerson 2-3, Bullard 2-4, Pippen 2-5, Olajuwon 1-1, Price 1-3). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 50 (Long 10), Houston 51 (Olajuwon 16). Assists—Atlanta 18 (Blaylock 8), Houston 24 (Pippen 11). Total fouls—Atlanta 18, Houston 17. A—16,285 (16,285).

76ers 96, Bulls 80

PHILADELPHIA (96): Lynch 2-7 3-5 7, Ratliff 3-9 6-6 12, Geiger 3-7 1-1 7, Iverson 10-20 11-11 33, Snow 4-6 4-6 12, Hughes 5-9 0-0 10, Grant 1-2 0-0 2, Mahorn 0-0 0-0 0, Mohammed 2-3 0-0 4, McKie 3-4 1-2 7, Thomas 1-2 0-0 2, Shaw 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 35-72 26-31 96.

CHICAGO (80): Bryant 5-8 2-3 12, Kukoc 6-15 3-5 16, Simpkins 2-7 3-4 7, R.Brown 3-9 2-2 8, Harper 4-9 1-2 9, Barry 5-9 0-0 13, Lang 0-3 0-0 0, David 0-4 1-2 1, Jones 0-0 1-2 1, Carr 1-3 0-0 2, Booth 2-4 1-2 5, LaRue 3-6 0-0 6. Totals 31-77 14-22 80.

Philadelphia	18	28	24	26 — 96
Chicago	17	19	18	26 — 80

3-Point Goals—Philadelphia 2-3 (Iverson 2-3), Chicago 4-12 (Barry 3-6, Kukoc 1-2, Booth 0-1, Bryant 0-1, Carr 0-1, LaRue 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Philadelphia 47 (Geiger 8), Chicago 49 (Simpkins 12). Assists—Philadelphia 20 (Iverson, Snow, Geiger 4), Chicago 23 (Kukoc, Barry 4). Total fouls—Philadelphia 19, Chicago 22. Technicals—Harper, Chicago coach Floyd 2. Ejected—Chicago coach Floyd. A—22,337.

Kings 115, Wizards 105

SACRAMENTO (115): Webber 7-15 2-3 17, Williamson 7-11 2-2 16, Divac 7-13 7-8 22, Abdul-Wahad 4-7 4-4 12, J.Williams 6-16 0-0 17, Barry 1-2 0-0 2, Funderburke 3-11 2-2 8, Maxwell 5-8 0-0 13, Stojakovic 3-7 0-0 8. Totals 43-90 17-19 115.

WASHINGTON (105): Howard 8-18 1-2 17, Jackson 7-8 3-4 17, Wallace 3-5 2-4 8, Richmond 5-14 6-7 16, Strickland 5-13 4-8 14, Cheaney 3-5 0-0 7, Whitney 2-4 0-0 6, Murray 1-7 0-0 2, Thorpe 7-11 2-2 16, Davis 0-0 0-0 0, McInnis 0-1 2-2 2, White 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 41-86 20-29 105.

Sacramento	34	26	25	30 — 115
Washington	28	24	24	29 — 105

3-Point Goals—Sacramento 12-22 (J.Williams 5-10, Maxwell 3-4, Stojakovic 2-5, Webber 1-1, Divac 1-2), Washington 3-10 (Whitney 2-3, Cheaney 1-1, McInnis 0-1, Murray 0-2, Richmond 0-3). Fouled out—Maxwell. Rebounds—Sacramento 54 (Divac 17), Washington 49 (Howard 8). Assists—Sacramento 32 (Webber 10), Washington 27 (Strickland 14). Total fouls—Sacramento 25, Washington 18. Technicals—Sacramento Illegal Defense. A—16,813 (20,674).

Pacers 81, Cavaliers 74

INDIANA (81): Mullin 3-5 1-2 9, D.Davis 4-8 1-1 9, Smits 10-13 0-0 20, Jackson 6-10 3-3 15, Miller 4-14 2-2 12, A.Davis 0-3 3-8 3, Rose 1-6 2-4 4, Croshere 1-2 0-0 2, Perkins 2-8 1-2 7, Best 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 31-70 13-22 81.

CLEVELAND (74): Henderson 3-8 0-0 6, Kemp 3-13 10-10 16, Potapenko 6-10 1-2 13, Knight 3-8 0-0 6, Anderson 3-9 0-0 6, Ferry 4-8 0-0 8, Sura 1-3 2-2 5, Newman 3-10 6-7 12, Lang 0-0 2-4 2. Totals 26-69 21-25 74.

Indiana	20	24	18	19 — 81
Cleveland	24	23	16	11 — 74

3-Point Goals—Indiana 6-21 (Mullin 2-3, Perkins 2-6, Miller 2-8, Croshere 0-1, Jackson 0-3), Cleveland 1-8 (Sura 1-1, Anderson 0-1, Ferry 0-2, Newman 0-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 52 (Jackson 12), Cleveland 43 (Potapenko 9). Assists—Indiana 23 (Jackson 11), Cleveland 19 (Knight 7). Total fouls—Indiana 23, Cleveland 24. Technicals—Indiana coach Bird. A—14,253 (20,562).

Knicks 115, 'Wolves 113 OT

MINNESOTA (113): Garnett 9-20 7-7 25, Smith 9-18 2-4 20, Garrett 6-8 1-3 13, Peeler 1-3 2-2 4, Marbury 7-25 6-8 20, Sealy 5-12 0-2 10, Mitchell 2-10 6-8 10, Jackson 3-4 0-0 6, Curley 1-3 0-0 2, Hammonds 0-0 0-0 0, Carr 1-3 0-0 3. Totals 44-106 24-34 113.

NEW YORK (115): Johnson 8-11 5-5 22, Thomas 4-8 1-1 9, Ewing 7-14 6-9 20, Houston 8-16 8-9 26, Ward 8-18 0-0 18, Childs 5-6 0-0 10, Camby 1-3 3-5 5, Wingate 0-0 0-0 0, Brunson 0-0 0-0 0, Scott 2-5 0-0 5. Totals 43-81 23-29 115.

Minnesota	30	31	17	26 9 — 113
New York	24	29	31	20 11 — 115

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 1-11 (Carr 1-3, Curley 0-1, Mitchell 0-1, Peeler 0-1, Sealy 0-1, Marbury 0-4), New York 6-16 (Houston 2-4, Ward 2-6, Johnson 1-2, Scott 1-4). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 73 (Smith 16), New York 43 (Ewing 11). Assists—Minnesota 29 (Marbury 9), New York 29 (Ward 13). Total fouls—Minnesota 25, New York 23. A—19,763 (19,763).

NHL Results

NHL Standings
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EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Philadelphia	30	15	13	73	181	127
New Jersey	32	20	8	72	177	152
Pittsburgh	32	18	7	71	180	153
N.Y. Rangers	23	28	7	53	160	165
N.Y. Islanders	18	35	7	43	140	182
Northeast Division						
Ottawa	33	17	8	74	169	124
Toronto	33	21	5	71	190	175
Buffalo	27	19	12	66	158	126
Boston	24	24	10	58	150	137
Montreal	23	29	8	54	140	157
Southeast Division						
Carolina	27	22	11	65	158	151
Florida	22	21	15	59	147	150
Washington	24	29	5	53	146	152
Tampa Bay	12	41	5	29	119	213

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
Detroit	31	24	5	67	177	150
St. Louis	23	24	10	56	158	148
Nashville	21	32	6	48	140	190
Chicago	17	35	8	42	134	191
Northwest Division						
Colorado	29	22	8	66	160	146
Edmonton	22	28	8	52	156	151
Calgary	21	28	10	52	153	170
Vancouver	18	32	9	45	147	187
Pacific Division						
Dallas	36	11	9	81	164	112
Phoenix	30	18	10	70	148	129
Anaheim	25	25	9	59	157	148
San Jose	20	25	14	54	133	137
Los Angeles	22	32	5	49	138	160

Thursday's Games
Late Game Not Included
New Jersey 3, Boston 3, tie
Ottawa 3, Montreal 1
Toronto 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
Pittsburgh 3, Colorado 2

Friday's Games
Phoenix at N.Y. Rangers, 6:30 p.m.
Philadelphia at Tampa Bay, 6:05 p.m.
Florida at Detroit, 6:30 p.m.
Buffalo at Edmonton, 7 p.m.
Los Angeles at Chicago, 7:30 p.m.
Pittsburgh at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
St. Louis at Calgary, 8 p.m.
Carolina at Vancouver, 9 p.m.
San Jose at Anaheim, 9:30 p.m.

Devils 3, Bruins 3

New Jersey	1	0	2	0—3
Boston	0	1	2	0—3

First Period—1, New Jersey, Rolston 18 (Carpenter, Niedermayer), 16:49.

Second Period—2, Boston, Allison 17 (Kristich, Belanger), 11:32.

Third Period—3, New Jersey, Arnott 14 (Sykora, Elias), 2:15. 4, Boston, Bourque 6 (T.Taylor), 3:21. 5, New Jersey, Arnott 15 (Sykora, Elias), 10:04. 6, Boston, Mann 4 (Thornton, Timander), 18:19.

Overtime—None.

Shots on goal—New Jersey 14-9-15-1—39. Boston 7-11-7-3—28. Power-play Opportunities—New Jersey 0 of 2; Boston 0 of 2. Goalies—New Jersey, Brodeur 26-17-8 (28 shots-25 saves). Boston, Dafoe 18-19-8 (39-36). A—16,058 (17,565).

Maple Leafs 4, Islanders 1

Toronto	2	2	0	— 4
N.Y. Islanders	0	1	0	— 1

First Period—1, Toronto, Sundin 22 (Sullivan, Thomas), 19:33. 2, Toronto, Berezin 22 (Valk, Korolev), 19:51.

Second Period—3, New York, Donato 8 (Palffy), 6:49 (pp). 4, Toronto, Kaberle 4 (Cote), 7:56. 5, Toronto, Domi 6 (Johnson), 15:28.

Third Period—None.

Shots on goal—Toronto 9-8-5—22. New York 3-14-11—28. Power-play Opportunities—Toronto 0 of 4; New York 1 of 5. Goalies—Toronto, Healy 4-1-0 (28 shots-27 saves). New York, Salo 16-21-5 (22-18). A—8,355 (16,297).

Senators 3, Canadiens 1

Montreal	1	0	0	— 1
Ottawa	1	1	1	— 3

First Period—1, Ottawa, Johansson 18 (Prospal), 6:11. 2, Montreal, Brunet 13 (Quintal, Damphousse), 17:54.

Second Period—3, Ottawa, Johansson 19 (Alfredsson, Prospal), 14:32.

Third Period—4, Ottawa, Yashin 28 (Dackell, Redden), 7:43.

Shots on goal—Montreal 13-6-6—25. Ottawa 8-8-12—28. Power-play Opportunities—Montreal 0 of 5; Ottawa 0 of 2. Goalies—Montreal, Hackett 17-14-6 (28 shots-25 saves). Ottawa, Rhodes 16-10-3 (25-24). A—18,500 (18,500).

Racing Schedules

CART

By The Associated Press

1999 CART FedEx Championship Series schedule, and 1998 driver point standings:

March 21 — Marlboro Grand Prix, Homestead, Fla.
April 10 — Japan 500, Motegi.
April 18 — Toyota Grand Prix, Long Beach, Calif.
May 2 — Bosch Spark Plug Grand Prix, Nazareth, Pa.
May 15 — Rio 400, Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.
May 29 — Motorola 300, Madison, Ill.
June 6 — Miller Lite 200, West Allis, Wis.
June 20 — Budweiser-G.I. Joe's 200, Portland, Ore.
June 27 — Medic Drug Grand Prix, Cleveland.
July 11 — Texaco-Havoline 200, Elkhart Lake, Wis.
July 18 — Molson Indy, Toronto.
July 25 — U.S. 500, Brooklyn, Mich.
Aug. 8 — Tenneco Automotive Grand Prix, Detroit.
Aug. 15 — Miller Lite 200, Lexington Ohio.
Aug. 22 — Target Grand Prix, Chicago.
Sept. 5 — Molson Indy, Vancouver, British Columbia.
Sept. 12 — Texaco-Havoline 300, Monterey, Calif.
Sept. 26 — Texaco Grand Prix, Houston.
Oct. 17 — Honda Indy, Surfers Paradise, Australia.
Oct. 31 — Marlboro 500, Fontana, Calif.

IRL

By The Associated Press

Indy Racing League schedule, winners in parentheses, and driver point standings:

Jan. 24 — Indy 200, Orlando, Fla. (Eddie Cheever)
March 28 — MCI WorldCom 200, Phoenix.
May 1 — VisionAire 500, Concord, N.C.
May 30 — Indianapolis 500.
June 12 — Longhorn 500, Fort Worth, Texas.
June 27 — Radisson 200, Fountain, Colo.
July 17 — Atlanta 500 Classic, Hampton, Ga.
Aug. 1 — Pep Boys 200, Dover, Del.
Aug. 29 — Colorado 200, Fountain.
Sept. 26 — Las Vegas 500k.
Oct. 17 — Lone Star 500, Fort Worth, Texas.

WPHL

By The Associated Press

Eastern Division

	W	L	SOL	Pts	GF	GA
Shreveport	36	17	4	76	253	199
Arkansas	32	20	5	69	231	205
Lake Charles	32	20	4	68	224	192
Monroe	32	22	6	68	216	217
Alexandria	22	26	10	54	224	260
Tupelo	17	37	3	37	162	265
Central Division						
Waco	32	17	5	69	207	171
Corpus Christi	32	21	5	69	213	186
Central Texas	28	18	10	66	235	209
Fort Worth	26	20	8	60	166	183
Austin	22	25	9	53	172	216
Western Division						
Abilene	38	17	2	78	224	184
San Angelo	31	20	4	66	220	201
El Paso	30	24	3	63	206	187
Amarillo	26	24	6	58	205	217
Odessa	26	27	4	56	177	179
New Mexico	23	28	7	53	203	243

NOTE: Two points are awarded for a victory; one for a shootout loss. Shootout losses are separate from losses.

Thursday's Games
Shreveport 5, Alexandria 3
Monroe 3, Odessa 2, SO
Central Texas 8, El Paso 4
Arkansas 6, Lake Charles 3
Corpus Christi 2, Austin 1
Fort Worth 5, Amarillo 1

Friday's Games
Shreveport at Alexandria
El Paso at Amarillo
Waco at Odessa
Abilene at San Angelo
Central Texas at New Mexico
Arkansas at Tupelo
Corpus Christi at Lake Charles
Austin at Fort Worth

Saturday's Games
San Angelo at Abilene
Fort Worth at Alexandria
Central Texas at Amarillo
Waco at El Paso
New Mexico at Odessa
Monroe at Corpus Christi
Tupelo at Arkansas
Shreveport at Lake Charles

Transactions

Sports Transactions
By The Associated Press

BASEBALL
National League

CINCINNATI REDS—Agreed to terms with RHP Manuel Barrios, RHP Rob Bell, RHP Scott Sullivan and LHP Gabe White on one-year contracts.

FLORIDA MARLINS—Agreed to terms with RHP Antonio Alfonseca, RHP A.J. Burnett, LHP Vic Darensbourg and C Mike Redmond on one-year contracts.

SAN DIEGO PADRES—Agreed to terms with RHP Domingo Guzman, RHP Rodrigo Lopez, RHP Jim Sak, RHP Bryan Wolff, INF Cesarin Carmona, INF Juan Melo, OF Mike Darr, OF Gary Matthews Jr., OF Pete Tucci and C Ben Davis.

National Association of Pro Baseball Leagues

NAPBL—Named Jeannette Alvarado administrative assistant-special operations.

FOOTBALL
National Football League

SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Signed WR Thomas Lewis to a one-year contract.

Arena Football League

GRAND RAPIDS RAMPAGE—Signed OL-DL Corey Mayfield, WR-DB Eldren Milton and DS Elton Rhoades. Placed Mayfield on the exempt list.

Canadian Football League

SASKATCHEWAN ROUGHRIDERS—Agreed to terms with-LB Dan Rashovich on a one-year contract.

HOCKEY
National Hockey League

FLORIDA PANTHERS—Recalled D John Jakopin from New Haven of the AHL. Placed D Gord Murphy on the injured list, retroactive to Feb. 20.

NEW YORK RANGERS—Call up F Christian Dube and F Scott Fraser from Hartford of the AHL.

East Coast Hockey League

DAYTON BOMBERS—Added G Mike Sherman as an emergency backup.

HAMPTON ROADS ADMIRALS—Placed RW Louis Bedard on the 10-day injured reserve list. Activated RW Rob Boleski from the injured reserve list.

RICHMOND RENEGADES—Waived F John Lovell.

WHEELING NAILERS—Added D Tom Brown.

WPHL

WPHL—Suspended Arkansas C Darin Kimble and Central Texas F Gary Co pal.

AUSTIN ICE BATS—Placed C Tyler Perry on the season-ending injured reserve list.

SAN ANGELO OUTLAWS—Waived D Aigars Mironovics.

COLLEGE

CAL STATE-SAN MARCOS—Named Steve Scott men's and women's track and cross country coach.

MANSFIELD—Announced the retirement of Henry Shaw, wrestling coach.

WESTERN ILLINOIS—Named Parker Wilderman defensive line and strength and conditioning coach.

Tennis

IGA SuperThrift Classic

OKLAHOMA CITY (AP) — Results Thursday from the $180,000 IGA SuperThrift Tennis Classic:

Singles
Second Round
Lilia Osterloh, Canal Winchester, Ohio, def. Miho Saeki, Japan, 6-4, 6-3.
Cara Black, Zimbabwe, def. Alexia Dechaume-Ballert, France, 7-6 (7-5), 7-6 (7-5).
Amanda Coetzer, South Africa, def. Elena Wagner, Germany, 6-1, 6-3.

Doubles
Second Round
Mariaan De Swardt, South Africa, and Anna Kouraikova, Russia, def. Olga Barabanschikova, Bulgaria, and Elena Wagner, Germany, 6-1, 6-4.

Guardian Cup

LONDON (AP) — Results Thursday of the Guardian Direct Cup:

Singles
Second Round
Thomas Johansson (8), Sweden def. Davide Sanguinetti, Italy, 6-0, 6-7 (7-3), 6-2.
Yevgeny Kafelnikov (1), Russia def. Byron Black, Zimbabwe, 6-3, 6-2.
Karol Kucera (5), Slovakia, def. Guillaume Raoux, France, 6-2, 6-0.
Dominik Hrbaty, Slovakia, def. Jan Krosiak, Slovakia, 6-2, 6-3.
Greg Rusedski (3), Britain, def. Petr Korda, Czech Republic, 6-3, 7-6 (7-4).

Doubles
First Round
Byron Black, Zimbabwe, and Wayne Ferreira, South Africa, def. Tomas Carbonell, Spain, and Chris Haggard, South Africa, 6-4, 6-2.
Joshua Eagle and Andrew Florent, Australia, def. David Adams and John-Laffnie de Jager, South Africa, 6-1, 6-4.
Yevgeny Kafelnikov, Russia, and Daniel Vacek, Czech Republic (2), def. Goran Ivanisevic, Croatia, and Nicolas Kiefer, Germany, 6-2, 6-

BUSINESS & OIL

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BUSINESS BRIEFING

OIL PRICES

POSTED
Thursday $10.00
Previous $10.00

FUTURES
Thursday $12.68
Previous $12.60

NATURAL GAS
Thursday $1.659

Pipeline safety

Longhorn Partners Pipeline, under construction to bring gasoline from the Gulf Coast to the Permian Basin and El Paso, said today that it was entering into an agreement to settle its dispute with the Austin City Council. Under the terms of the agreement, Longhorn will conduct an environmental assessment of the pipeline. The assessment will be conducted by an independent contractor, according to federal specifications. "Longhorn's goal is 100 percent safe operation of the pipeline," said Carter Montgomery, Longhorn president.

Gas futures

Gasoline futures led other energy prices higher Thursday on the New York Mercantile Exchange as a spate of refinery outages boosted concerns about availability going into the peak driving season.

Gasoline futures jumped 3.4 percent after San Antonio-based Ultramar Diamond Shamrock Corp. said it will reduce crude processing in March by 10 percent at its 52,000 barrel-a-day refinery in Michigan and on Monday will cut processing by 55,000 barrels a day for 10 days at a unit in Texas.

The announcement comes on the heels of Tosco Corp.'s decision to shut down a refining unit in New Jersey for six weeks and as others shut down amid fires or maintenance operations.

Gasoline for March delivery rose 1.18 cents to 36.03 cents a gallon; April crude rose 7 cents to $12.68 a barrel; March heating oil rose 0.60 cent to 32.95 cents a gallon; April natural gas fell 3.8 cents to $1.659 for each 1,000 cubic feet.

Stocks plunge

NEW YORK — Stocks beat a hasty retreat in the final hour of trading Wednesday, giving back more than half of Monday's big gains, as interest rates rose to the highest level in six months in the bond market.

The Dow Jones industrial average slid 144.75 to close at 9,399.67, surrendering more than two-thirds of Monday's 212-point gain.

The Dow, which slipped 8.26 points on Tuesday, now sits about 250 points, or 2.5 percent, below the record close of 9,643.32, set Jan. 8. Even so, the barometer of 30 major companies still holds again of 2.4 percent for the new year.

Stocks actually rallied in the morning after a weak opening, briefly lifting the Dow over 9,600. The market began retreating by late morning however, then staged an outright retreat in.

Dollar falls

NEW YORK — The dollar fell against major currencies Thursday, undercut by a sharp selloff in U.S. stocks and bonds.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 119.63 Japanese yen, down from 121.80 on Wednesday. Also in late trading, the euro was quoted at $1.1032, up from $1.0990.

Dollar traders took their cues from the Treasury and equity markets, which fell sharply again in the aftermath of comments by Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan hinting at a boost in the central bank's lending rates.

In his semiannual report to Congress Tuesday and Wednesday, Greenspan presented a balanced outlook on the economy, but indicated the Fed was done cutting interest rates and might even raise them to prevent inflationary growth.

Texans fall prey to high-interest loans

By Earl Golt
N.Y. Times News Service

AUSTIN — Cash-strapped Texans are paying rates as high as 800 percent on an annual basis for loans to tie them over from one payday to another, the Southwest Regional Office of the Consumers Union said Thursday.

The so-called payday lenders disguise their transactions — and avoid conflicts with state law — by claiming they charge "fees," not interest rates which are subject Texas' usury laws. The fees can, over time, amount to an interest rate of several hundred percent a year.

The Consumers Union and American Association of Retired Persons have asked two Texas agencies — the Consumer Credit Commission and Attorney General's Office — to step up enforcement to stop the growing problem of payday lending.

Payday lending has had "substantial growth" in the last 12 to 24 months in Texas, said Consumer Credit Commissioner Leslie Pettijohn.

Attorney General John Cornyn is "very interested in protecting Texas consumers and halting this practice" of payday loans, said spokeswoman Andrea Horton.

Payday lenders require a personal check that serves as collateral for a loan, said Rob Schneider, an attorney for Consumers Union.

"If a borrower cannot repay or renew the loan at the end of the loan period, typically 14 days, the lender cashes or threatens to cash the check," Schneider said. "One business told Consumers Union, 'If you don't repay us, we will cash your check. If your check bounces then we will file for a hot check.' "

In the payday lending practice, borrowers with insufficient funds to cover the check risk criminal theft-by-check charges if they cannot keep up with the steep renewal payments. Payday lenders thus enlist justices of the peace to act, in effect, as their collection agencies.

The Consumers Union has asked the Texas Legislature to make it illegal for lenders to pursue or threaten to pursue hot check collection against borrowers on payday loans. Bills calling for such a ban have been introduced in the House and Senate.

"It is unconscionable that these lenders use the criminal hot check collection system to enforce these high-cost loans," said Wilhelmina Gladden, chair of the AARP's Texas Legislative Committee. "The threat of criminal hot check prosecution is a powerful tool lenders use to get people to renew these loans that should not have been made in the first place."

The Consumers Union surveyed 27 payday lenders in Texas, including 12 in the Austin area, and found several payday loan variations. A large number called themselves "sales-leaseback" companies that claim to buy home appliances from their customers and lease them back for a "rental fee."

The companies all advance money for an initial period of less than one month, taking a personal check as collateral. They typically charge $33 per $100 borrowed every 14 days. Borrowers may renew this advance over and over, quickly repaying the lender in fees more than was borrowed. The fee is the equivalent of nearly 800 in annual percentage rate interest, Schneider said.

One company included in the survey disputed the results.

Cash Plus, a sales leaseback company in Austin that was included in the survey, denied it loaned as much as the $270 maximum per loan amount listed by Consumers Union. Cash Plus manager Patricia Mings also said the $33 fee listed per $100 borrowed also was not accurate. She said she could not disclose the amount for competitive reasons.

Texas' Constitution bans usury or exorbitant rates for loans. Still, signature lenders may charge more than 90 percent on an annual percentage rate, including $4 per month per $100 borrowed and an up-front fee of $10 to cover processing costs. Signature lenders in Texas make more than 3.5 million loans for $1 billion annually, according to Pettijohn.



AP Photo

World's biggest SUV

A Ford Excursion is shown in Dearborn, Mich. The nine-seat, 3.5-ton truck is nearly a foot longer than the current biggest sport utility vehicle (SUV), the Chevrolet/GMC Suburban, which will be the Excursion's primary competition when it goes on sale next fall as a 2000 model.

Ruling makes per-minute charges for 'Net possible

By Mike E. Kanell
N.Y. Times News Service

ATLANTA — A ruling Thursday by the Federal Communications Commission throws open the door for per-minute charges for Internet users and threatens current offerings of unlimited access to the Net for a flat monthly fee.

Federal regulators ruled that dial-up Internet connections are long-distance even when made through a local number. FCC officials Thursday said they will now start considering how those charges should be assessed.

"This decision has the potential to change the pricing model that we've seen in the last few years," said Jeff Kagan, an Atlanta-based telecommunications analyst. "This is a big decision that should keep everything tied in knots for months longer."

While the FCC decision would directly affect only what phone companies pay each other for Internet traffic, many Internet Service Providers buy lines from upstart phone companies competing with big regional companies like BellSouth. If the upstarts lose out on profit, they may have to raise their rates to the ISPs.

"This threat is that Internet Service Providers could be in the position where they cannot offer flat rates," said Peter Lucht, spokesman for MCI WorldCom, the giant telecommunications and Internet company. "Then the ISP must either pass on the costs or find another form of revenue."

FCC members have so far shown no inclination to chill the Net — and they know that predictable, reasonable rates spur consumers to log on. Moreover, the political danger of using regulation to strangle the Net's growth makes the FCC unlikely to set a tough rate scheme, said Dave Baker, vice president of MindSpring Enterprises, the region's largest Internet Service Provider.

"I can sum this up in two words: don't panic," he said. "This just shouldn't affect what consumers pay to use the Internet."

But local communications are for state regulators to monitor, and the FCC also seems eager to keep a handle on the nation's fastest growing medium.

Most users of the Net now use a computer modem that dials the local number of an Internet service provider (ISP).

To the user, it only matters that he or she can get to the Net and surf indefinitely without worrying about the kind of per-minute charges that pile up on a long-distance voice call. That is possible because users are charged for a local call only.

Home sales foster enthusiasm among local Realtors

By Melia McEwen
Staff Writer

Despite concerns about the area's energy industry, Midland's real estate market remains active, local Realtors say.

While the National Association of Realtors reported Thursday that sales of existing homes climbed 0.8 percent to 5.07 million in January, setting a new record, local home sales were down from December levels.

According to the Permian Basin Board of Realtors:

- 71 homes were sold in January at an average price of $95,776;
- 103 homes were sold in December for an average $87,920;
- 1,642 homes were sold in 1998 for an average price of $93,686; and
- 1,499 homes were sold in 1997 for an average $90,873.

There were 586 active listings as of the first of February.

Even though sales were down 32 from December, Skeet Doss of Langston Realtors, president of the Permian Basin Board, said "We're still showing houses, people are coming to open houses, the phones are still ringing in our offices."

That compares favorably to the oil bust of the 1980s, he said, "when it was like jumping off a cliff. Now we've gone through a valley and are climbing back up the hill."

He said that the number of active listings is down and the average list price is up, to $114,315 from $110,398 in January 1998. Also, the average days on the market has fallen, to 103 from 118 a year ago.

Unlike the last oil depression in 1986, interest rates have remained low — hovering between 6.5 and 7 percent, Doss said. Though they have recently begun moving slightly higher, "they'd have to (move) way up to get where they were in the 1980s," he said.

He and other Realtors have also pointed out that the city is benefiting from retirees settling in Midland and new workers from other fields, such as medicine, moving into the city.

Dayna Beikirch, owner of West Texas Mortgage Co., said the home mortgage business remains strong.

"I'm still seeing a lot of refinancing, and new purchases are picking up," she said, observing that new purchases for March are outpacing refinances.

Like the Realtors, she is seeing new people moving into the city, including retirees.

As for her customers, "I'm seeing a mixture of situations, but more so, families upgrading because of the low rates. A lot of people have done a good job with investments."

Customers are also refinancing to lower their mortgage payments as a way to help cope with layoffs or low oil prices, she said.

Ms. Beikirch said she is also seeing a lot of investment situations.

"People are buying properties and will turn around and lease them," she said.

Technology has been another boost to the mortgage industry, she said, making it easier and faster for a qualified buyer to refinance or purchase a home.

"From start to finish on a refinance, I'm closing in 10 days," she said.

Local builders are continuing to see demand for new homes, said Midland builder Troy Hunt. He said he is completing a second speculative house and has been talking with eight potential clients.

"The Realtors tell me the big demand is for homes between $70,000 and $100,000, but there's still demand for the big-dollar homes," he said, adding that he has one for sale that's just under $400,000.

He does't think that many "spec" homes will be built this year.

Hunt, who is active in Grasslands Estates and in Odessa, said Realtors are showing his houses to retirees and people from various industries, including the energy industry.

"I have a contract on one of my big houses with a guy from El Paso Natural Gas who's moving in to town," he said. "So there' still activity in oil and gas."

INVESTORS' GUIDE

Staying with a brokerage firm can be difficult decision

By Eric Tyson

Q: I recently retired from a large company and took my pension in a lump sum that has been rolled over into an IRA. The person with whom I worked to develop my portfolio was fired from a major brokerage firm, citing internal philosophical differences surrounding the pushing of home grown/proprietary instruments as opposed to ones that are chosen because of desired attributes or being especially suited to the clients personal position. He has now signed on with another brokerage firm and of course wants us to move with him. My concern is that I just came across an SEC filing about his new firm settling a lawsuit surrounding the bankruptcy of Orange County, Calif.! How does one go about researching the advisability of following this person to the new firm?



Tyson

A: The commission-based brokerage firms are fraught with pitfalls for investors. While it's a credit to your broker that he stood by his principles and chose not to push home-grown products to suit his previous employer's bottom line, it sounds as if he will be still be working under the conflict-ridden, commission-based compensation system.

Also, the fact that his new employer was sued successfully regarding the Orange County bond investing debacle does not speak well of that firm's approach to the investing business.

To take a step back, did this broker advise you to get a lump sum distribution rather than drawing a monthly pension? That decision may or may not have been the right one for you but certainly provided investment dollars for the broker to derive commissions from.

You should have researched this broker's qualifications and references before hiring him. Too many investors select brokers and advisers on what I call their "bedside manner" rather than what should matter — ethics, competence, etc.

The choice is yours, but at a minimum you should educate yourself more about the world of investments and your options, including those that you can buy without going through a commission-based broker.

Q: I am looking for ways to invest in the indexes through no-load funds or the stock market. Would you have a few ideas?

A: Index mutual funds, which track specific stock market indexes such as the Standard & Poor's 500 index of 500 large company stocks, offer investors an excellent way to participate in the stock market. Likewise, you can purchase bond index funds as well.

First, efficiently run index funds have low operating expenses which result in more of the fund's profits being returned to you, as opposed to going into the fund management company's coffers. When comparing two index funds which track the same market index, the fund with lower fees has a major advantage.

Secondly, most index funds are managed in a tax-friendly manner. Specifically, this means that such funds tend to do little trading, which minimizes taxable, capital gains distributions.

Third, index funds stay invested. Many actively managed stock mutual funds, by contrast, keep a healthy portion of assets in cash which places a drag on a fund's returns in a rising market. Also, some managers attempt and often fail to add value to their investment returns by engaging in market timing.

As for stock market index funds, my favorites now are Vanguard's Index Total Stock market, which invests in U.S. companies of all sizes, and Vanguard's Index Total International, which invests in established as well as emerging economies overseas.

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Allison Morgan - Piano/Variety • 5:30
Mary Beth Cole - Piano/Variety
7:00 & 8:00
Jennifer Mahan - Country
6:15 & 7:15 & 8:15
Crystal Rose - Vocal Variety
6:30 & 7:30
Balloon Man - Balloon Sculpture
5:00 - 9:00

SATURDAY • FEBRUARY 27
Sandhills Bluegrass - Bluegrass
12:30 & 1:30
Merrett Whisner - Vocal Variety
2:30 & 3:30
Black Gold Trio - Country • 4:30 & 5:30
Jill Hatley - Vocal/Country • 6:45 & 7:45
Sam Zachary - Vocal Variety
2:00 & 3:00 & 4:00
Joe Takeda - Country • 7:00 & 8:00
Larry Breeze - PianoVariety
12:00 & 1:00 & 2:00
Marty Banner - Piano/Jazz
3:00 & 4:00 & 5:00
Ruth Natase - Piano/Vocals/Gospel
6:30 & 7:30
Balloon Man - Balloon Sculpture
1:00 - 7:00

SUNDAY • FEBRUARY 28
Ricky Boen & Texas Mud - Western Swing
2:30 & 3:30 & 4:30
Tony Smith - Vocal Variety • 2:00 & 3:00
Randy Bandy & Rhonda McMurrian
Vocal Variety • 4:15 & 5:15
Richie Taylor & Teddy Seals - Country
1:30 & 2:30
Eldon Bruce - Piano/Variety/Vocals
4:00 & 5:00

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AmOnline s	202715	87 3/16	–3/8
Compaq	169716	41	–1 7/16
AT&T	122524	84 1/2	–1/16
Citigrp	112694	56 5/8	– 5/16
BellSo s	95348	46	–1 9/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Pediatrx	31	+6 1/2	+26.5
Trnmedia	5 1/8	+1 1/16	+26.2
ChicBy	3 1/2	+5/8	+21.7
SpeedM	31 5/16	+5 5/16	+20.4
R&B Falc	6 1/16	+13/16	+15.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CHS El	7 13/16	–2 3/8	–23.3
Windmr	4 3/4	–1 1/16	–12.6
TelSuCel n	13	–1 3/4	–11.9
QMS	3 1/4	– 7/16	–11.9
VintgPt	4 7/16	– 9/16	–11.3

DIARY

Advanced	1,062
Declined	1,966
Unchanged	537
Total issues	3,565
New Highs	13
New Lows	134
Volume	891,392,973

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	116330	124 1/16	–1 3/16
SP Tech n	25662	35 1/8	+3/32
DJIA Diam	14386	93 3/16	–1 1/16
ViacB	10839	86 3/4	+1/8
SP Mid	10565	67 3/4	+1/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
GSE Sy	5	+1 9/16	+45.5
ICH Cp	7 1/4	+1 1/4	+20.8
AndreaE	7 3/8	+1 1/8	+18.0
Selfcare	3 1/8	+ 7/16	+16.3
AudioBC	8 7/8	+1 1/8	+14.5

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
AutoB pfA	2 9/16	–1 9/16	–37.9
Iomed n	2	–5/8	–23.8
SncFnd wt	2	–3/8	–15.8
FarmTel	2 1/16	– 5/16	–13.2
Stage	2 1/8	–1/4	–10.5

DIARY

Advanced	224
Declined	341
Unchanged	163
Total issues	728
New Highs	6
New Lows	30
Volume	42,691,185

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
DellCptr s	310147	81 3/4	–1 1/2
Intel	198675	127 3/4	–2 5/8
Novell	196517	20 7/8	+1 7/8
Amazon s	183448	125+141 1/16	
Cisco s	177353	98 1/2	–1 7/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
K-tel s	12 5/8	+4 1/4	+50.7
SunPhm	2 1/8	+5/8	+41.7
Bigmar	4 1/16	+1 3/16	+41.3
Jenkonl n	3	+7/8	+41.2
Elcom n	3 5/8	+1	+38.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Brdlees wi	3 1/4	–1 1/4	–27.8
FSouth un	3	–1	–25.0
Burke	2 7/32	–2 1/32	–22.8
OptnCr	2	– 9/16	–22.0
Intcardia	7 13/16	–2 3/16	–21.9

DIARY

Advanced	1,611
Declined	2,264
Unchanged	1,326
Total issues	5,201
New Highs	28
New Lows	82
Volume	858,696,300

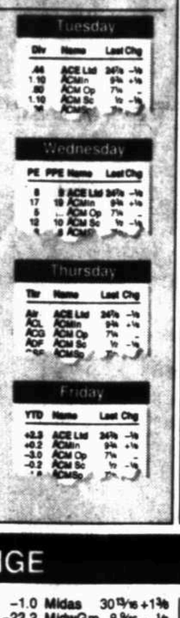
HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least $5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional fields rotated through the week, as follows:

Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...
YTD: Percent change in price since December 31.
How to use: The year-to-date percent change compares the most recent price with the company's price as of Dec. 31. The number is a good way to compare and track the performance of different companies in the same industry or the same town.

Benchmarks are important in investing and the year-to-date percent change can be a useful field of information when used as a benchmark. If you were considering investing in the automotive industry, for example, you could watch to see which auto stock was enjoying the best performance so far this year by looking at this field.

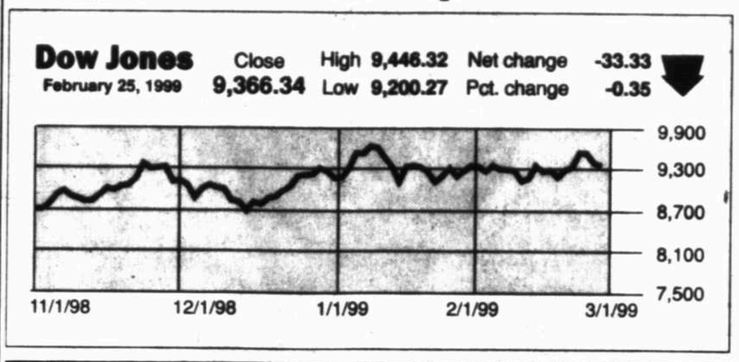
These numbers can be helpful in following stocks but as with all financial data are only one of many factors to use in determining how to invest. Consult your financial advisor before making any investment decision.



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

Source: The Associated Press. Sales figures are unofficial.

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INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
9,647.96	7,400.30	Dow Jones Industrials	9,366.34	–33.33	–.35	+2.01	+10.31
3,701.42	2,282.18	Dow Jones Transportation	3,220.15	–29.45	–.91	+2.25	–5.32
322.21	267.13	Dow Jones Utilities	294.11	–3.33	–1.12	–5.82	+8.49
612.20	462.69	NYSE Composite	587.43	–4.14	–.70	–1.41	+8.10
753.75	554.70	Amex Index	693.47	–2.32	–.33	+.85	–.99
2,533.44	1,357.09	Nasdaq Composite	2,326.82	–12.56	–.54	+6.12	+30.93
1,283.84	923.32	S&P 500	1,245.02	–8.39	–.67	+1.26	+18.72
492.28	303.87	Russell 2000	392.69	–2.57	–.65	–6.94	–14.92
11,724.83	8,620.80	Wilshire 5000	11,348.83	–79.18	–.69	+.26	+13.49

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

YTD	Name	Last	Chg
	A-B-C		
–36.9	AAR	15 1/16	–1/16
– .7	ABNAm pf	25 5/8	–3/16
–18.7	ACE Ltd s	28	–1/4
–2.1	ACMIn	8 15/16	+1/16
–1.5	ACM Sc	8 1/4	...
–3.0	ACMSp	6	...
–9.5	ACNiels	25 9/16	– 5/16
–12.3	ACX Tech	11 3/8	...
–20.3	AES Cp	37 3/4	...
1 7/16			
+2.8	AFLAC s	45 1/16	–3/16
–15.1	AGCO	8 11/16	–1/4
–17.6	AGL Res	19	+1/4
–8.0	AK Steel	21 5/8	–3/4
–5.4	AMR s	56 3/16	–
1 5/16			
–29.2	APT Sat	27/8	–1/16
–30.7	ARM Fncl	15 3/8	–1/16
+11.6	AT&T	84 1/2	–1/16
+ .5	ATT D28 n	25 3/8	–1/8
–18.8	AVX Cp	13 3/4	+3/16
–33.3	Aames	2 1/16	+3/16
–5.6	AbtLab s	46 1/4	+1/2
+4.2	AberFitch	73 7/16	–
1 7/16			
–16.4	Acptins	d16 15/16	–11/16
– .4	Acuson	14 3/4	–1/8
–1.4	AdaEx	26 1/4	–1/8
+9.0	AdvCmG	4 9/16	+1/16
–37.5	AMD	18 1/16	–7/16
–23.7	AdvoInc	20 1/8	...
–13.6	Aegon s	105 5/8	+1/8
+89.6	AeroVick	56 3/4	–1/8
–2.5	Aetna Inc	76 11/16	–1/2
+3.6	AffCmpSv	46 5/8	–1/4
+28.8	Agnico g	5 5/16	–1/16
–7.9	Agrium g	8	–1/16
–20.5	AirProd s	31 13/16	+1/16
+9.9	AirbFrt	39 5/8	–3/8
–4.9	Airgas	8 1/2	+1/4
+27.8	AirTouch	92 9/16	–1 1/16
+23.8	AirTch pfC	127 1/2	–2
–2.7	AlaPw pfNd	24 49/64	–5/16
–2.2	AlaPC pfQ	25 3/16	–1/4
+14.7	AlskAir	50 3/4	–1/16
–14.1	AlbCuiA	21 11/16	–3/16
–15.0	Albertsn	54 1/8	–3/8
–11.3	Alcan	24	+3/4
–10.0	Alcatel	22	–1/8
+10.2	Alcoa	82 25/32	–51/64
–14.1	AlldEngy	29 5/8	...
+3.7	AlliedTeldy	21 3/16	+1/16
–24.3	AllenTel	5 1/16	–1/4
+27.4	Allergn	82 1/2	–1/4
–1.2	AlliCap s	25 7/16	–3/8
+7.4	AllWrld2	9 1/16	–1/16
–4.1	AldSgnl	42 1/2	+3/16
–22.5	AldWaste	18 5/16	+7/16
–8.7	AlstmEn	52 3/16	+3/8
–1.5	Allstate s	37 5/16	+1/4
+1.5	Alltel	60 11/16	+7/16
+9.4	Alpharmau	38 5/16	+4 5/16
–1.4	Alza	51 1/2	–1 3/8
–7.4	AmbacF	55 3/4	–3/16
+40.1	Amdocs n	24	–
1 7/16			
–6.5	AmrUs01	n22 9/16	
+ 5/16			
–9.9	AmHes	44 13/16	+7/8
–13.2	Ameren	37 1/16	–1/4
+12.3	AmOnline	s87 3/16	–3/8
+5.1	AmWest	17 7/8	–3/8
–6.0	AAnnuity	21 5/8	–1/4
–8.7	AmAxle n	15 1/8	–1/2
–87.9	ABkNHol n	2 1/16	+1/16
– .9	ABankrs	47 15/16	–1/4
–11.6	AEP	41 5/8	–1/2
+5.2	AmExp	107 7/8	+3/16
– .5	AExp pfA	25 23/32	–3/32
–14.5	AFnclGp	37 1/2	+1/16
–7.5	AGenCp	72 1/16	–1/16
–43.8	AGreet	d23 1/16	–13/16
+4.5	AHomeP	s58 5/16	–
5/16			
+15.9	AmIntG s	112	–2
+15.7	AMedia	6 7/16	...
–6.1	AmStd	33 13/16	–7/16
–13.7	AmStor	31 7/8	...
–10.1	ATower	n26 9/16	+13/16
–20.4	Americdt s	11	–1/4
+2.4	Ameritch	64 7/8	–5/8
–6.7	AmerUs	20 7/8	–1/8
+2.0	AMP	53 1/16	–3/16
+3.8	AmSouth s	47 7/16	–3/8
–19.9	AmwyAs	7 5/16	...
–7.1	AmwayJ	4 15/16	+1/16
–9.9	Anadrk s	27 13/16	+3/8
–13.7	Analog	27 1/16	–
1 5/16			
–5.1	Angiogld	n18 9/16	+1/2
+15.0	Anheus	u75 7/16	
+2 3/16			
–38.2	Anixter	12 9/16	+9/16
– .2	AnnTayl	39 3/8	–5/8
–9.6	AnthCap	n 7 1/16	–3/16
+6.8	Aon Cp	59 1/4	+5/8
–21.0	Apache	20	+3/16
+3.5	Aptinv	38 1/2	–1/4
+6.5	Aptinv pfG	23 1/2	+1/4
–33.3	ApplMg	4 1/8	–1/16
–32.0	ApldPw	25 1/2	–1/4
+.7	Apria	9	+3/8
+60.9	Aracruz	12 7/8	+7/16
+8.6	ArcadiaFn	3 15/16	+1/16
+60.4	ArchCh n	19 3/4	–3/4
–11.7	ArchDan	15 1/4	– 5/16
–2.2	ArchstnC	19 13/16	–1/4
+ .5	ArdenRlt	23 5/16	+1/4
+48.8	Argosy	4	–1/16
+10.0	Armco	4 13/16	+1/16
–17.1	ArmWl	50	–3/16
–44.3	ArrowEl	14 7/8	–5/8
+43.3	Artra	6	+1/16
–7.0	Asarco	14 1/16	+3/16
–4.0	Ashanti	9	+5/16
–9.0	Ashland	44	–1/16
–14.4	AsiaPlp	7 1/16	+1/16
+2.0	AsetInv	13	...
–10.3	AscFCap s	38	–1 7/8
–1.5	AstraA	20 1/16	–1/16
–15.6	AtlRich	55 3/16	+5/16
–11.1	AtlasAir s	29	– 7/16
–25.6	ATMOS	24	+3/4
+ .4	AtwdOcn	17 1/16	+1/16
+ .6	AutoDta	s40 5/16	–3/4
+6.3	AutoZone	35	– 5/16
+17.3	AveryD	52 7/8	–3/4
+18.6	Avnall	13 15/16	– 7/16
+10.8	Aviation	45	–1/16
–16.6	Avista	16 1/16	– 7/16
–32.7	Avnet	40 11/16	–1 1/16
–2.0	Avon s	43 3/8	+3/16
–1.2	Aztar	5	–3/16
–9.3	BB&T s	36 9/16	–1/16
+6.6	BCE g	40 7/16	–11/16
–7.6	BJS	14 7/16	+ 7/16
–5.3	BJS wt	7 7/16	+9/16
–7.0	BJs Wh	43 1/16	+1/2
–19.0	BMC	51 1/16	–3/16
–6.6	BP Amoco	84 3/16	+1 3/16
–1.3	BRE	24 7/16	+1/16
–1.6	BakrF	15 1/16	–1/16
+3.9	BakrHu	18 5/16	+3/16
–12.6	Ball	40	+1/16
– .8	BallardM	24 1/8	+1/16
–14.3	BallyTotF	21 5/16	+1/16
–17.0	BaltGE	d25 5/16	–3/16
–5.9	BcoBilV	15 1/16	...
–19.3	BncoFrn	16 3/4	–3/16
–26.9	BcoRioP	9 1/2	–1/4
– .6	BcoSant	s 19 7/16	–11/16
+13.4	Banctec	14 1/4	+3/16
–21.4	Bandag	31 3/8	– 7/16
–25.4	Bandag A	d26	–15/16
+2.2	BankOne	52 3/16	
+1 3/16			
+13.1	BkTokyo	11 7/8	+5/16
–14.0	BkNY s	34 5/8	– 7/16
+7.5	BankAm	64 5/8	+11/16
+4.2	BkBost s	40 9/16	–1/16
+ .6	BankTr	85 15/16	–1/16
–24.0	Banta	d20 13/16	+3/16
+14.3	Bard	u56 9/16	–1/16
–32.4	BarnNbl	28 3/4	–1 1/4
–23.8	BarrLab	36 9/16	+1/4
–31.5	BarrettRs	16 7/16	+5/16
–8.7	BarrickG	17 13/16	+1/16
–16.9	BatlMt	3 3/8	+1/16
– .8	Bauschl	59 1/2	–9/16
+8.1	Baxter	69 1/2	– 9/16
+18.6	BearSt	42 1/4	–
1 5/16			
–10.6	BeckCoult	48 1/2	–1/16
–21.5	BectDck s	33 1/2	–
1 5/16			
–14.5	Beiden	18 1/16	+1/16
+6.8	BellAtl s	57 11/16	–7/16
–7.8	BellSo s	46	–
1 9/16			
–11.3	BeloAH s	17 11/16	+1/16
–9.7	Bemis	34 1/4	+3/16
–4.2	BentonOG	2 7/8	+3/16
–27.8	BergBr s	25 3/16	–3/16
+2.7	BerkHa A	71900	–
100			
– .7	BerkRity	9 7/16	+1/16
–31.7	BerryP	9 11/16	...
+52.1	BestBuy s	93 3/4	–1 1/2
–12.2	Bestfds s	46 3/4	–1 1/4
+10.4	BethStl	9 1/4	...
–24.1	Beverly	5 1/16	–3/16
+9.8	BigFlower	24 3/16	+3/8
+2.4	Bindley s	26 5/8	+3/8
+25.3	Biomatrix	u73	+8 1/4
–4.0	Biovail	38 5/16	...
–13.7	BlackD	48 3/16	+5/16
–15.4	BlkHlCp	22 5/16	+1/16
	Blk2001	9	...
–1.8	BlkIT	6 13/16	–1/16
–2.8	BlkIQT	8 9/16	–1/16
–1.4	BlkStr	9 1/16	–1/16
– .6	BlkTT	9 11/16	...
–1.1	BlckHR	44 1/2	–5/16
+7.3	Boeing	35	–5/16
–4.2	BoiseC	29 11/16	+1/16
–28.4	Bombay	3 15/16	–1/16
+8.7	BordCh	5	...
–44.9	Borders	d13 3/16	–9/16
–22.7	BorgWA	u 43 1/16	–1 1/2
–2.3	BostSci s	26 3/16	–3/16
– .5	Bowatr	41 1/4	+1/4
–3.5	BoxHill	5 3/16	–5/16
+26.4	BoydGm	4 3/16	+1/16
–9.8	BradRE	18 1/2	+1/4
–21.9	Brahma	7 3/8	+1/16
–4.9	Brandyw	17	+1/16
–10.9	Brazil	9 11/16	–1/16
–56.7	BredTch	3 9/16	–5/16
–2.5	BrigStrat	48 5/8	–1/2
+1.3	Brinker	29 1/4	–3/8
–4.6	BrMySq	127 5/8	–
1 9/16			
+34.2	BritStl	19 5/8	+3/16
–14.0	BrwnFA	60	–1/16
–14.3	BrwnFB	647/8	+9/16
+7.7	BrwnFr	30 5/8	+5/16
–14.4	Brunswick	21 3/16	+3/16
–5.9	Brylane	21 7/8	+7/16
–14.6	BuckTch	12 3/4	–1/16
–25.2	BudgetGp	d11 7/16	+7/16
–20.7	BurlCoatd	12 15/16	
+3 9/16			
–45.5	BurlInds	d6 1/16	–1/16
– .7	BurlNSF s	34	+3/16
–8.0	BrlRsc	32 15/16	+1 1/16
–15.5	BurnPP	10 3/16	–1/16
+12.6	CBS	36 15/16	–1/2
+9.0	CEC Ent	30 1/4	+1/4
–53.9	CHS El	7 13/16	–23/16
+3.8	CIGNAs	80 1/4	–3/4
+ .9	CIGHi	7 5/16	–1/16
–9.2	CIT Gp	28 7/8	–1 1/8
–13.0	CKE Rst	25 3/4	+1/4
–17.7	CLECO	d28 1/4	– 7/16
–9.5	CMAC Inv	41 9/16	–
13/16			
–11.9	CMP Grp	16 5/8	–3/8
–14.3	CMS Eng	41 1/2	–5/8
–14.9	CNA Fn s	34 1/4	+7/16
–33.3	CNA Sure	10 1/2	+5/16
+13.1	CNF Tran	42 1/2	...
+27.4	CSK Auto n	34	–5/8
–4.8	CSX	39 1/2	– 7/16
–3.8	CVS Cp s	52 15/16	–3 1/2
+10.0	CablWire	40 7/16	–3/16
–29.1	CablDsg	13 1/16	–1/8
–3.0	Cablitrn	8 1/16	–1/16
–13.0	Cabot	24 5/16	–1/16
–23.8	CbtOG	d11 7/16	–1/2
–12.6	Cadence	26	–15/16
–16.4	Calenergy	29	+3/8
+8.7	CalGolf	10 15/16	+1/16
+30.2	Calpine	32 7/8	+3/16
–7.0	CamdnPd	24 3/16	–1/4
+12.5	CmpR g	9 3/32	...
–26.5	CampSp	40 7/16	– 9/16
–6.3	CdnRy g	48 5/8	– 9/16
–1.7	CdnPc g	18 9/16	+1/16
+7.7	CapOne	123 7/8	–5/16
–19.6	CapRe s	18 1/16	–11/16
–31.8	CapSenL	9 1/2	–11/16
–11.5	CapstrR n	20 1/4	–1 1/16
+30.0	Capstd	47/8	+1/16
+19.0	CapM pfB	12 1/16	+1/16
–3.9	CardnlH s	72 15/16	–
1 13/16			
–17.8	Caribnr	7 1/2	+1/16
–4.9	CarnvCp s	45 5/8	–11/16
–15.3	CaroPw	39 7/8	–5/16
–23.4	CarpTech	d26	+1/4
–12.3	CrmpKnl	18 5/16	+5/16
–30.0	CaseCp	19 9/16	–1/16
–20.6	CashAm	12 1/16	–1/16
–7.1	CatMkt	63 1/2	–1 5/8
+1.3	Catelus	14 1/2	+1/16
– .7	Caterpillr	45 11/16	–5/16
–19.8	CavalrH	9 1/16	+5/16
–25.6	Cavangh n	8	+3/16
+16.2	Celestic	gn28 11/16	–
7/16			
–15.2	Cendant	16 3/16	–11/16
–19.8	Centex	36 1/8	–1/16
+10.0	CenSoWst	24 11/16	–1/4
–6.0	CntyTel	s63 7/16	
+1 7/16			
+1.8	Ceridian	71 1/16	–3/16
–28.5	ChmpE	19 9/16	– 7/16
–11.1	Chmpin	36	–1/16
+12.6	ChaseM s	79 1/2	+1/16
–27.0	Checkpnt	8 5/16	–3/16
+17.6	Chspk	30 3/8	– 9/16
–20.0	ChesEng	3/4	
–5.4	Chevron	78 1/2	+3/16
+8.8	ChileTel	22 1/2	–1/2
+16.7	ChinaFd	6 7/8	–3/16
–13.1	Chiquta	8 5/16	+1/16
–12.2	ChkFull	5 1/8	+3/16
–5.8	Chubb	61	–5/16
+15.5	ChrDwt	41 1/2	+3/16
–10.3	CIBER s	24 5/16	–1/16
+27.5	CinnBell	s 19 11/16	–1/4
–16.0	CINergy	d28 7/16	–1/16
+10.4	CircCtyCC	55 1/16	–2
+49.2	Circus	18 7/8	+3/16
+14.0	Citigrp	56 3/8	– 5/16
+4.3	Citigp pfQ	24	+7/16
+6.1	Citigp pfR	23 3/4	+3/16
–4.7	CitzUtil	7 5/8	+1/16
–22.7	CityNC	32 3/16	– 5/16
+6.1	ClairesStr	21 3/4	–1/16
–7.5	Clarcor s	18 1/2	+1/16
–11.8	ClaytnH s	12 3/16	+1/4
+9.5	ClearC s	59 11/16	– 9/16
+3.4	ClemGlb	13 5/16	...
–7.8	ClvCif	37 3/16	+1/16
+1.9	Clorox	119 1/16	–3/16
–30.5	CoachUS	24 1/16	–
1 13/16			
–9.8	Coastal s	31 11/16	–1/4
+1.5	Cstl pfT	25	–1/16
+4.1	CocaCl	64 1/4	
+1 7/16			
–10.0	CocaCE	32 3/16	–1/16
+20.3	Coeur	5 9/16	+3/8
–8.2	ColgPal	85 1/16	–13/16
+2.4	CollAir	5 1/4	+3/8
+2.6	ColBgp s	12 5/16	+1/16
–6.8	ColonPT	24 13/16	+1/16
–7.6	Coltec	18 1/16	–15/16
–12.9	ColumEn s	50 5/16	–3/8
–26.5	ColHCA	18 3/16	–1/4
–30.0	Comdisc s	11 1/16	+5/16
–4.9	Comeric s	64 13/16	–1 1/16
–17.5	ComfrtS	14 3/4	–1/16
–22.8	CmceGp	27 3/8	+1/2
–6.5	CmcFdl	21 11/16	–1/4
+10.4	ComScop	18 9/16	–1/2
–14.4	CmpUSA	11 3/16	–9/16
–2.4	Compaq	41	–
1 7/16			
+ .6	CompAs	42 7/8	–7/8
+5.0	CompSci	s67 7/16	–
1 9/16			
–16.8	Comsat	29 15/16	+5/16
–14.3	ComstkRs	2 5/8	+1/16
–3.8	ConAgra	30 5/16	–9/16
–13.8	Conectiv	21 1/16	+1/4
–14.3	ConnEn	26 1/16	–9/16
–2.7	Conoco n	20 3/16	+1/4
– .4	Conseco	30 3/8	–3/16
+2.4	Consc pfF	39 1/2	–7/16
+1.3	Consc pfV	25 3/16	
–11.1	ConEd	47	–1/16
–8.8	ConsGph	61 5/8	+5/16
+2.1	ConsNG	55 1/4	+1/4
–20.9	ConsPap	s21 3/4	
+1 3/16			
+15.2	ConStor	23 1/4	+3/4
+2.8	CtlAir B	34 7/16	–1/16
–21.2	Cnvrgys	n 17 5/8	–7/16
+55.3	Converse	3 11/16	+1/16
+2.8	CoopCam	25 3/16	+5/16
–32.8	CoopCo	13 15/16	–1/16
–9.8	Cooper	43	–11/16
–4.0	CooprTr	19 5/16	–1/4
–35.1	Copel	4 5/16	–1/16
	CoramH	1 7/8	–1/16
+4.3	Cordant s	39 1/16	–1 1/16
–3.6	CoreLab	18 7/16	+3/16
–4.0	CorPrpt	15	+1/16
–9.5	CornerRt	9 1/2	–1/16
+17.5	CornD pf	82 1/4	+9/16
+20.0	Corningin	54	+5/16
	CpHlYIII	12 1/16	
+9.6	CorpOffP	n 7 13/16	+3/16
–32.0	CortBus	16 1/2	+3/16
–24.5	CntwCrd	37 7/8	–2 3/16
–5.8	Covance	27 7/16	–5/16
+1.8	CoxCm	70 3/16	–4 1/16
–9.1	Crane s	27 7/16	–3/4
–1.4	Credicp	8 7/16	+1/16
–5.2	CresRE	21 13/16	–5/16
–14.5	Crestline n	12 1/2	+9/16
–12.3	CrmpKnl	18 5/16	+5/16
–30.0	CrosTbr	5 1/4	+1/16
+6.3	CrosTim	9 7/16	+1/16
–9.3	CwnCork2	27 5/16	–
+16.0	CumEng	41 3/16	–1/4
+15.8	CypSem	9 5/16	+3/16
+14.4	Cyprus	11 7/16	+3/16
+25.6	Cytec	26 11/16	+1/16
	D-E-F		
–18.8	DPL	17 9/16	–1/16
–12.9	DQE	38 1/4	–3/16
–28.5	DR Horton	16 7/16	–
5/16			
–1.2	DSP Com	15 1/16	+1/4
–3.2	DST Sys	55 1/4	–
1 9/16			
–8.6	DTE	39 3/16	– 7/16
–21.4	DVI Inc	14 1/4	+1/16
– .3	DaimlrC	n95 13/16	–5/16
+5.1	DainRaus	31	–1
–12.0	Dal-Tile	9 1/16	+1/16
–10.1	DalSem	36 5/16	+1/4
–44.1	DanRtvr	6 9/16	–1/16
–4.3	DanaCp	39 1/16	–1/16
–11.2	Danaher s	48 1/4	+1/16
+24.7	Darden	22 7/16	+7/16
–14.8	DataGn	14	–15/16
+16.0	DaytHud	s82 5/16	
–18.6	DeVry s	24 15/16	+5/16
–10.3	DeanFd	38 5/16	+5/16
–3.1	DebtStr2	n 7 15/16	+1/16
–3.9	DebtStrt	7 11/16	
–1.1	Deere	32 1/2	–15/16
–20.0	DelMnte	nd12 1/2	–13/16
–2.0	DelphiA	n18 1/16	
–1.4	DelphFn	5 11/16	–3 1/16
–13.0	DeltPne	32 3/16	–9/16
+14.7	DeltaAir s	59 3/16	–1 3/16
–6.3	Deluxe	34 1/4	–5/16
–12.5	Dept56	32 7/8	+1 3/16
+27.8	DeRigo	7 3/16	+9/16
+38.5	DeutTel	45 3/16	+1 3/16
–10.9	DevDv s	15 13/16	
–4.9	Diageo	44	–3/8
+ .2	Dial	28 15/16	+3/16
–10.0	DiaOffs	21 1/16	+1/4
–19.8	Dibold	28 5/16	–1 5/16
–11.9	Dillards	25	–1/4
–7.4	DimeBcp	24 5/16	–1/2
–41.2	Dimon	d4 3/8	–5/16
+15.0	Disney s	34 1/2	– 9/16
+5.0	Dole	31 1/2	+1
+25.7	DollarG	s29 11/16	–3/16
–15.6	DomRes	39 7/16	+1/16
+31.7	DonLuJ s	54	–7/16
–11.5	DKaran	6 3/4	+13/16
–21.5	Donlley	34 3/8	–1/16
–8.9	Dover	33 3/8	–3/8
+16.6	DoverD s	14 1/16	
+1 9/16			
+7.4	DowCh	97 11/16	+1
–2.2	DowJns	47 1/16	+5/16
–22.4	Downey

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
+2.01	+10.31
+2.25	-5.32
-5.82	+8.49
-1.41	+8.10
+.65	-.99
+8.12	+30.93
+1.28	+18.72
-6.94	-14.92
+.26	+13.49

Name	NAV	Chg	%Rtn
AAL Mutual A:			
CaGr	33.62	-.40	+187.4
MidCSt	13.19	-.17	+68.5
MuBd	11.50	-.08	+38.5
AARP Invst:			
BalS&B n	19.66	-.07	NA
CaGr n	58.55	-.48	+151.9
GlobalI n	15.06	-.05	+33.4
GlbGr n	18.32	-.11	NS
GlbInc n	46.67	-.12	+128.0
HQSTBd n	16.01	-.04	+31.5
TxFBd n	18.67	-.07	+33.1
AIM Funds A:			
Agrsv p	43.61	-.65	+87.3
BalAp	27.78	-.28	+112.1
BlChipAp	41.79	-.39	+201.2
CapDevp	13.49	-.15	NS
ChartAp	15.17	-.14	+155.1
Const p	29.04	-.54	+100.4
EuropAp	18.01	-.17	+84.9
GloAgGp	17.05	-.14	NS
HYdAp	8.72	-.04	+38.4
Incop	8.20	-.08	+44.1
IntEqAp	18.11	-.03	+67.8
LimMp	10.08	-.01	+29.7
Summit	17.84	-.20	+172.7
Valup	41.69	-.49	+166.1
WeingAp	25.22	-.31	+168.7
AIM Funds B:			
BalB t	27.71	-.25	NA
BlChipB t	41.24	-.38	NS
CapDvB t	13.26	-.14	NS
ChartB t	15.06	-.14	NS
ConstB t	28.67	-.53	NS
GlAgGtB t	16.85	-.14	NS
GlGrthB t	8.19	-.03	+79.3
HYldB t	8.72	-.03	+33.1
IntlEqB t	17.89	-.03	NS
SGrthB t	18.09	-.25	+116.2
ValuB t	40.86	-.47	+154.8
WeingB t	24.44	-.31	NS
AIM Funds C:			
AdvFinC t	19.73	-.08	+100.1
AIM Global Theme:			
HiCrAp	23.53	-.24	+118.6
TelecmAp	20.35	-.17	+84.4
TelecmB t	19.65	-.15	+80.4
AMF Funds:			
AgInq n	9.92		+32.7
ARCH Funds Tr:			
NtlMuBd n	10.11	-.04	NS
ARK Funds:			
ValEq n	14.45	-.14	NS
Acorn Funds:			
AcornF n	18.07	-.15	+78.3
Intl n	20.69	+.03	+40.4
Aetna CI I:			
GrwInd	15.49	-.15	+156.8
Alger Funds B:			
GrwthB t	13.70	-.17	+184.4
SmCapt	9.14	-.12	+88.6
Alliance Advisor CI:			
GwthAdv	51.41	-.60	NA
Alliance Cap A:			
Altap p	5.83	-.09	+98.0
BondAp	12.80	-.18	+38.3
GovtAp	7.40	-.05	+29.0
GrincAp	3.40	-.03	+155.8
GtrhFp	51.02	-.59	+158.2
MtggAp	8.45	-.03	+29.8
MMSAr	8.52	-.01	+24.2
MCAAp	11.27	-.03	+40.5
NMuAp	10.95	-.03	+38.6
NAGvAp	7.36	-.08	+38.9
PGthAp	31.74	-.34	+264.1
QuasrAp	22.80	-.16	+83.4
TechAp	80.78	-1.83	+289.0
Alliance Cap B:			
CpBB p	12.79	-.17	+31.5
GovtB p	7.41	-.04	+24.4
GwthB t	40.41	-.47	+149.4
GrincB p	3.36	-.03	+146.7
HYldB t	10.11	-.03	NS
MuWAB t	10.85	-.03	NS
NAGB t	7.38	-.08	+32.8
PGthB p	30.31	-.34	+252.8
QuasrB t	20.49	-.14	NA
TechB t	77.02	-1.74	NA
Alliance Cap C:			
PrGthC t	30.36	-.33	NA
GwthC t	40.43	-.47	+149.4
TechC t	77.00	-1.74	NA
AmSouth Fds Prem:			
Equity	23.13	-.18	NS
Amer AAdvent Inst:			
IntlEqIns	16.57	-.04	+88.0
Amer Century:			
Balanced n	18.25	-.10	+81.0
EqGrol n	22.42	-.14	+198.1
IncGro n	29.15	-.16	+195.1
StrMod n	6.09	-.03	NS
Valuelnv n	5.80	-.03	+107.7
Amer Century 20th:			
Gift n	18.77	-.29	+31.5
Growth n	27.86	-.38	+142.8
Heritage n	11.13	-.08	+62.4
IntlDisc n	9.78	+.01	NS
IntlGrol n	9.60	-.05	+77.9
Selectl n	48.76	-.33	+152.4
Ultra n	34.96	-.33	+159.0
Vista n	10.20	-.29	+27.7
Amer Century Benh:			
CalnitTF	11.28	-.05	+32.1
GNMA n	10.61	-.04	+38.7
ITreasl	10.41	-.06	+34.2
SGov	9.44	-.02	+29.2
Tg2005	73.29	-.58	+46.5
Tg2020	33.06	-.58	+73.0
Amer Express IDS A:			
BluChpA	11.55	-.10	+167.7
BondA	5.00	-.03	+40.2
DiscvA	10.01	-.19	+47.9
DEIA	9.22	-.06	+88.3
EqValA	11.01	-.07	NS
EqSelA	14.10	-.21	+125.2
ExtlA	3.99	-.01	+38.8
FdInA	4.98	-.02	+35.2
GlBdA	6.05		+33.9
GloGrA	9.51	-.07	+68.0
GwthA	38.97	-.46	+184.8
HiYldA	4.85	-.02	+33.8
InsrA	5.83	-.02	+29.9
IntlA	11.85	-.08	+41.9
MgdAgA	10.41	-.08	+89.3
MinvA	5.42	-.01	+33.2
MutlA	12.96	-.08	+79.5
NwDA	29.33	-.31	+186.9
PropA	7.18	-.04	+69.7
RschCpA	7.51	-.08	NS
SelectA	9.07	-.08	+38.0
SmCoA	5.80	-.06	NS
StockA	26.35	-.30	+117.2
StrAgA	21.83	-.46	NS
TEBdA	4.15	-.01	+33.1
UtilInA	9.11	-.08	+107.9
Amer Express IDS B:			
BluChpB t	11.45	-.10	NS
BondB t	5.01	-.02	NS
DvrExpB t	9.22	-.06	NS
EqValB t	11.00	-.07	+86.8
ExtlB t	3.99	-.01	NS
FdInB t	4.98	-.02	NS
GwthB t	37.72	-.45	NS
IntlB t	11.80	-.07	NS
MutlB t	12.86	-.08	NS
NwOB t	28.80	-.31	NS
StrAgB t	20.85	-.46	+86.4
Amer Express IDS Y:			
GrwthY n	39.17	-.46	NS
MutlY	12.97	-.08	NS
NwOY	29.35	-.31	NS
StockY	26.36	-.30	NS
American Funds:			
ABal p	15.29	-.06	+94.2
Amcp p	17.91	-.20	+155.1
AMutl p	29.26	-.12	+121.1
Bond p	13.37	-.06	+36.9
CapiBp	48.75	-.10	+102.1
CapWp	15.82	-.03	+35.8
CapWGp	25.90	-.07	+111.7
Eupac p	29.17	-.01	+78.0
Fdinv p	28.84	-.27	+146.8
Govt p	13.08	-.06	+31.4
Gwth p	23.39	-.44	+166.7
HI Trp	14.08	-.06	+47.9
HlnMun	15.90	-.02	NS
Incop	16.90	-.06	+89.8
IntBd p	13.30	-.06	+31.1
ICAp	31.42	-.18	+155.7
NEcop	23.62	-.23	+133.4
N Per p	23.81	-.14	+125.4
SmCp p	23.77	-.19	+63.9
TxExp	12.37	-.04	+38.9
TECAp	16.36	-.05	+36.0
Wshp	32.26	-.15	+170.2
Amer Skandia Adv:			
OpLCGB p	12.08	-.15	NA
Aquila Funds:			
AZ TF A	10.82	-.04	+32.0
HI TF A	11.68	-.04	+31.8
Armada Funds:			
Bondl p n	10.12	-.05	NS
EqGrol p n	24.84	-.29	+182.3
Eqlnl p n	17.04	-.07	NS
Artisan Funds:			
Intl	17.30	-.08	NS
SmCap	9.85	-.09	NS
BB&T Funds:			
GroincT n	19.63	-.07	+126.4
BEA Instl Funds:			
IntlEq	21.91	-.12	+47.3
SelValue	17.74	-.12	NA
USCFxIn	15.40	-.06	NS
BNY Hamilton Instl:			
Eqlnc n	18.40	-.23	NS
IntlnGvd n	10.35	-.06	NS
LgCpGth n	13.17	-.11	NS
BT Index Funds:			
InstEqIx n	158.84	-1.06	+200.7
InvEqIx n	158.04	-1.05	+198.3
BT Instl Funds:			
InstAstM n	12.89	-.09	+111.0
IntlEq n	13.38	-.10	NS
BT Investment Fds:			
InvIntEq n	23.33	-.17	+84.8
Babson Group:			
Gwth	19.79	-.46	+161.0
Value	45.05	-.11	+115.2
BairdAdj	8.67	+.01	NA
Baron Funds:			
Asset	49.35	-.31	+143.9
SmCap	11.21	-.11	NS
Barr Rosenberg:			
US SmCp	7.69	-.05	+103.2
Berger Group:			
SocialAp	32.61	-.23	+83.4
TxF Lt x	10.70	-.03	+21.6
Cnt Shs	42.28	-.23	
+137.0			
Chase Funds:			
Balncd	34.83	-.20	+110.9
CoreEq	27.26	-.17	NA
EqGro	54.32	-.38	+204.3
Eqlnco	46.32	-.23	+158.2
Income	19.89	-.10	+35.2
IntmBd	12.63	-.04	NS
ShTmGv	12.41	-.03	+29.4
SmCap	18.12	-.20	+81.9
Chase Vista A:			
CapGro p	39.53	-.51	+85.9
Grolnc p	41.56	-.40	+113.7
Chase Vista B:			
CapGro t	38.57	-.51	+81.4
FocusB p	9.75		NS
Grolnc t	41.20	-.39	+108.5
Chase Vista Sel:			
Bond	39.80	-.22	NS
Eq Inc	27.90	-.26	NS
IntmdTF	10.84	-.04	NS
LgCapGr	41.16	-.32	NS
SmCpVal	52.05	-.09	NS
TF Inc	6.54	-.03	NS
Chesapeake Funds:			
Agg Grw	16.15	-.32	+50.8
Chestnt n	348.45	-1.46	
+170.1			
Chicago Trust:			
Grolnc	25.27	-.32	+207.5
CitiFunds:			
LgCpGr	22.95	-.26	+182.5
NYTF p	11.86	-.05	+34.3
Citizens Funds:			
CitIdx	27.87	-.26	NS
Clipper	72.75	-.43	
+152.6			
Cohen & Steers:			
RltyShrs	37.38	-.21	+54.2
Colonial Funds A:			
FedSA	10.74	-.07	+35.3
FundA	10.48	-.10	+106.1
HiYldA	6.77	-.02	+51.9
IntlUSGv	6.58	-.04	+33.1
StctVlA p	20.45	-.27	+127.9
SmCapp	26.45	-.34	+71.4
StrtrnA	6.97	-.03	+43.7
TxExAp	13.79	-.05	+34.9
Colonial Funds B:			
FundB t	10.45	-.10	+98.4
HYSecB t	6.77	-.02	+46.3
StrtInB t	6.97	-.03	+38.4
US G&IB t	19.47	-.21	+145.8
UtilB t	20.97	-.25	+102.0
Columbia Funds:			
Balance n	23.29	-.15	+101.6
ComStk n	24.94	-.18	+182.9
Fixed n	13.08	-.08	+37.9
Grth n	43.76	-.47	+169.0
Munin	12.43	-.05	+30.7
Specl n	21.24	-.22	+71.1
Commerce Funds:			
Growth	38.07	-.42	NS
Concert Alloc A:			
GrthA	13.96	-.11	NS
Concert Alloc B:			
GrthB t	13.99	-.10	NS
Concert Inv I:			
Grlnc t	19.99	-.21	+136.8
Grwth t	21.71	-.26	+157.9
CG Cap Mkt Fds:			
IntrFx	8.05	-.03	+31.2
IntlEq	11.31	-.01	+44.6
LgGrw	22.99	-.23	+190.2
LgVal	12.92	-.07	+129.3
SmGrw	18.01	-.18	+86.1
SmVal	9.85	-.03	+59.6
CrestFunds:			
ValueTr n	14.56	-.11	+129.1
Davis Funds A:			
NYVen A	25.09	-.18	+167.2
FinclA	28.82	-.28	+214.2
Davis Funds B:			
NYVen B	24.74	-.18	NS
FinclaI t	28.19	-.26	NS
Davis Funds C & Y:			
NYVenY	25.31	-.18	NS
NYVen C	24.85	-.18	NS
Delaware Invest A:			
DecInAp	17.90	-.09	+122.7
DeTRAp	16.72	-.10	+132.7
DelBlA	22.40	-.24	+92.3
DelchA	5.80	-.01	+33.3
DelcpAp	22.96	-.43	+84.2
TrendAp	15.74	-.27	+85.1
TxPaAp	8.28	-.03	+30.5
TxUSAp	11.68	-.03	+27.9
Delaware Invest B:			
DelchB	5.80	-.01	NS
Del-Pooled Trust:			
GloFix	10.66	-.08	+49.1
IntlEq	16.30	-.01	+58.3
Delaware Voyageur:			
MNTF	12.91	-.03	+34.2
ORTFAp	10.42	-.04	NA
Dimensional Fds:			
IntSmVa n	8.95	+.08	NS
US Lrg n	36.82	-.25	+198.8
USLgVa n	19.68	-.09	+134.4
USLgVa3 n	18.45	-.09	NS
US Sml n	10.32	-.04	+69.4
US6-10Va n	16.75	-.12	+74.2
Fixd n	10.20		+31.8
GlBd n	10.55		+48.7
IntVa n	11.50	+.02	NA
TM5-10Va	9.75	-.07	NA
TMMktwV	10.01	-.05	NA
2YGlFxd n	10.26		NS
Diversified Funds:			
Balance p	15.70	-.11	NA
EqGrw p	24.15	-.21	NA
Eqlnc p	20.75	-.10	NA
GvCorp p	12.45	-.06	NA
Grolnc p	24.34	-.33	NA
EqValp	11.93	-.08	NS
SpecEq p	20.00	-.23	NA
Dodge&Cox:			
Balan	64.62	-.18	+89.8
Inco	12.12	-.06	+42.3
Stock	89.80	-.13	+124.9
Domini Funds:			
SocEq	35.15	-.31	+208.4
Dreyfus:			
ABond n	13.85	-.07	+30.8
Apprec n	42.49	-.33	+209.7
BasSA&P r	26.22	-.18	+198.1
CalTx r	14.94	-.05	+27.3
Discp	37.32	-.23	+183.8
Dreyf n	11.88	-.08	+80.7
Dr500Idx n	36.87	-.24	+192.7
GNMI p	14.47	-.02	+32.0
GMBd r n	14.55	-.08	+29.5
Grinc n	18.16	-.15	+74.4
GthOp n	10.72	-.06	+100.4
Interm r n	14.05	-.04	+30.7
MunBd r	12.51	-.04	+29.7
NJMun r n	13.32	-.05	+31.0
NwLd r n	40.52	-.46	+72.6
NY Tax r n	15.53	-.05	+31.4
NYTE r	18.84	-.07	+31.8
ShtGv n	10.62	-.03	+30.9
Thrd Cn	12.76	-.13	+179.7
Dreyfus Premier:			
CorVlv p	29.26	-.13	+119.1
LtdHmBp	11.18	-.05	NS
MuBdA	14.37	-.07	+32.4
WWGrBt	32.27	-.30	+150.1
Drey StrGvt	....	....	0.0
Dupree Mutual:			
KYTF	7.68	-.02	+32.5
Eaton Vance CI A:			
CapE	484.20	-3.77	+197.9
InstSTTy	70.39	+.01	NA
TxMgGA	19.50	-.15	NS
UtlA	10.52	-.06	+92.5
Eaton Vance CI B:			
FLMBt	11.24	-.04	+27.2
HlncBt	7.42	-.02	+60.3
NYMBt	11.43	-.04	+29.5
NatlMBt	10.62	-.06	+38.2
TxMGBt	19.13	-.15	NS
Eaton Vance CI C:			
TxMGCp	18.40	-.15	NS
Enterprise Group:			
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GwthB	21.23	-.17	NS
Evergreen A:			
BalanA	11.12	-.09	NS
DivrBdA	15.49	-.10	NS
FoundA	20.61	-.17	NS
MunBdA	7.56	-.04	NS
SmCoGA	5.15	-.07	NS
StkSalA p	19.02	-.12	NS
StrGrthA	10.46	-.13	NS
ValuAp	22.89	-.12	+121.8
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IncPlus	5.80	-.04	NS
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TotRet	96.24		NS
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Newinc	10.84	-.03	+39.9
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FinSvr	99.54	-.85	+200.9
Health r	136.65	-1.30	+288.9
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Insur r	41.96	-.33	+190.3
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USGovAp	6.83	-.02	+38.6
UtilsAp	9.99	-.10	+61.6
VATFAp	11.85	-.04	+33.4
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SharesCt	19.48	-.06	NS
Fremont Funds:		

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'Eight Millimeter' bit of deja vu for director

By Craig Marine
Hearst News Service



Schumacher

LOS ANGELES — In his new film, "Eight Millimeter," director Joel Schumacher takes Nicolas Cage on a journey into the abyss, an exploration of the dark subculture of pornography, kinky sex, addictions and redemption.

If there's one person who would seem to be a fitting guide for Cage, it's the filmmaker himself, who knows a thing or two about hell.

Schumacher's father died when he was 4. At 9, he started drinking. He had sex at 11, and was on drugs and out of the family house in Brooklyn the summer he turned 16. Schumacher knows about survival, even if it took him more than 40 years to clean up.

Lounging in an over-stuffed chair in the Presidential Suite of the Century Plaza Hotel, decked out in a casual-chic black sport coat over a T-shirt, Schumacher's tough road is easy to read in the lines surrounding eyes that peek out from his long, gray-black hair. But any new lines are more likely to have been etched by his constant laugh. He'll be 60 this year, he's turned out blockbusters like "Batman Forever" and "A Time to Kill," and he's excited about his latest release.

"The conversations around this film tend to be a lot more interesting," he says with deliberate understatement about a work that involves Cage's character's attempts to learn if a "snuff film" — a filmed murder — is real. The path to discovery is littered with hustlers and junkies, and Schumacher carried both labels for parts of

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Tom Welles (Nicolas Cage, right) and adult bookstore clerk Max (Joaquin Phoenix), work together to track down a runaway girl in "Eight Millimeter."



'October Sky' makes most of its time, place

By Jay Carr
N.Y. Times News Service

■ Movie review

You don't have to be a rocket scientist to love "October Sky." Based on the memoir of retired NASA scientist Homer Hickam, it traces his struggle as a teenager in Coalwood, W. Va., inspired by Sputnik when everyone else was afraid of it and the Soviets who launched it. Their gaze is downward-directed, into the coal mine whose owners call the shots in the town. The gaze of Jake Gyllenhaal's young Homer, however, is resolutely upward. Inspired by his hero, Wernher von Braun, he and three buddies experiment with homemade rockets in a far from encouraging climate.

The fact that we know Homer went on to a career with NASA never undercuts the suspense. So solidly are he and his pals characterized, so persuasively is the texture of the community laid in, that the film not only is convincing, it's affecting in a moment-to-moment way. We want to know how he did it, how he overcame skepticism and initial failure. "October Sky" isn't afraid to be unabashedly inspirational. But its message wisely takes a back seat to its storytelling skills, which are as compelling as they are considerable, starting with our amusement at the seriousness with which the inhabitants of Coalwood take the Cold War.

But quickly we realize that fearfulness is bred into communal life there, including the fear of economic devastation. That's one reason Homer's father, played by the underappreciated Chris Cooper in one of his finest performances, automatically thinks in terms of sending his sons down into the mine, unless an athletic scholarship should enter the picture. Not that Homer and his family are poor. They belong to Coalwood's version of an aristocracy, since the senior Hickam is the mine supervisor.

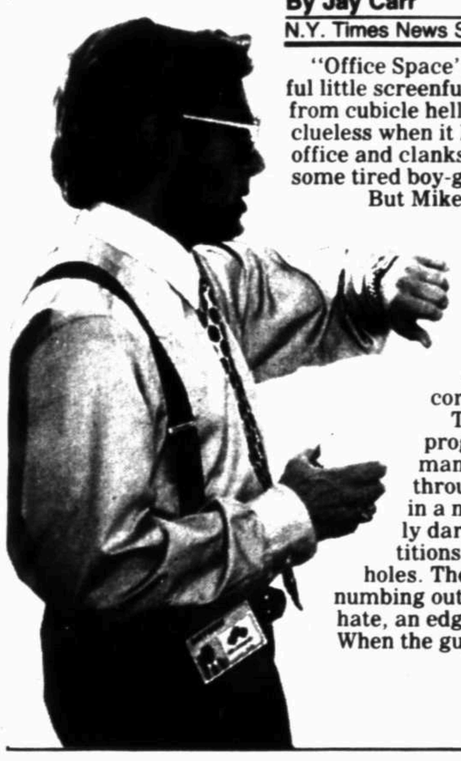
It's momentarily startling to hear Cooper, so unforgettable as the union organizer in John Sayles's "Matewan," intensely voice the management's anti-union line. But it's a measure of the strength of "October Sky" that Cooper's John Hickman is no mere cardboard heavy. Never do we doubt that he loves his family, or that he is, in his own skewed way, conscientious, a hard-working and honest man whose intrinsic pride and self-reliance have been used against him, turning him away from a communal ethos. It's out of misplaced love that he wants to literally give his sons the shaft. So urgently does Cooper project his conflicted character that it would be criminal if he didn't nail down one of next year's Oscar nominations.

But while Cooper's John Hickam is the film's most complex character, there's nothing lacking in Gyllenhaal and the other young actors playing his

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'Beavis and Butt-head' mastermind gives moviegoers screenful of corporate hell

By Jay Carr
N.Y. Times News Service



■ Movie review

"Office Space" is a cheerful little screenful of payback from cubicle hell. It's pretty clueless when it leaves the office and clanks through some tired boy-girl and computer-theft plot mechanics.

But Mike Judge must have worked some godawful jobs before he became the "Beavis and Butt-head" mastermind. His feature filmmaking debut really digs in and takes some swings at the soul-corroding corrida known as the corporate world. At its best, "Office Space" is "Dilbert" with sharp teeth, at its funniest in its matter-of-fact assumption of corporate viciousness as a given.

The film opens with a trio of software programmers (Ron Livingston, David Herman, and Ajay Naidu) sweating their way through meaningless jobs in a bland building in a nondescript office park, only occasionally daring to raise their heads above their partitions like prairie dogs popping out of their holes. The only thing that keeps them from numbing out entirely is fear of losing the jobs they hate, an edge the company exploits ruthlessly. When the guys learn that two consultants have been

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At top, Ron Livingston stars as a computer programmer who cannot endure another day of the mind-numbing, soul-sucking annoyances that assault him at work in "Office Space." Above, Livingston, David Herman and Ajay Naidu take their revenge on the the office fax machine. At right, Jennifer Aniston lifts the spirits of her boyfriend Livingston. At far right, Gary Cole plays Livingston's boss.

'The Other Sister" is surprisingly watchable. Mainly that's due to Juliette Lewis' emotional translucence. She has moments onscreen that are as breathtakingly truthful as the script is dishonest.

Luminous Lewis lifts uneven 'Sister'

By Steve Murray
N.Y. Times News Service

■ Movie review

Juliette Lewis' off-kilter, eccentric acting style makes her performance in "The Other Sister" seem inevitable. As a mentally challenged woman determined to live life on her own terms, she brings focus and electricity to a gooey-glossy film that sometimes plays like a lavish Movie of the Week.

Co-written and directed by Garry Marshall ("Pretty Woman"), "Sister" unfolds in a rarefied stratum of San Francisco, where the Tate family awaits the arrival of Carla (Lewis). She's the daughter of Elizabeth Tate (Diane Keaton), sent years ago to a private boarding school for "special" students.

It's a decision Elizabeth still regrets. We know, because she tells her long-suffering husband, Radley (Tom Skerritt), "I'm gonna make it up to that girl!"

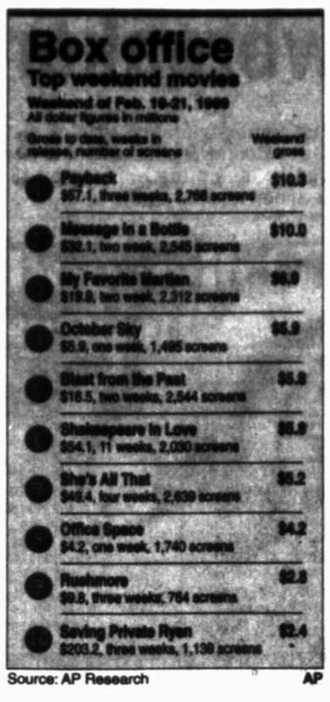
But mom can't distinguish loving from smothering. She frets when Carla enrolls in the local poly tech, when Carla insists that she wants her own apartment, and most of all when Carla falls for another mentally challenged person, Danny (Giovanni Ribisi).

If this sounds familiar, you might be remembering "Like Normal People," a 1979 TV movie that starred Linda Purl and Shaun Cassidy as a similar young

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Carla Tate (Juliette Lewis, right) is a slightly retarded young woman who, after years of special education at a private boarding school, successfully has transcended many of her limitations — except her overprotective mother, Elizabeth (Diane Keaton).



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Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission:

Top 10 Kids Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Mulan," Walt Disney Home Video.
2. "Lion King II: Simba's Pride," Walt Disney Home Video.
3. "Lady And The Tramp," Walt Disney Home Video.
4. "Teletubbies: Dance With The Teletubbies," Warner Family Entertainment.
5. "Pokemon: Vol. 1," Viz Video.
6. "Mary-Kate & Ashley Olson: Billboard Dad," Dualstar Video.
7. "Blue's Clues: ABC's and 123's," Nickelodeon Video.
8. "Blue's Clues: Blue's Birthday," Nickelodeon Video.
9. "Scooby-Doo On Zombie Island," Warner Family Entertainment.
10. "Teletubbies: Here Come The Teletubbies," Warner Family Entertainment.

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Top Video Rentals

(Compiled from a national sample of rental reports)

1. "There's Something About Mary," FoxVideo.
2. "The Truman Show," Paramount Home Video. Paramount Home Video.
3. "Mulan," Walt Disney Home Video.
4. "Rush Hour," New Line Home Video.
5. "Lethal Weapon 4," Warner Home Video.
6. "Out Of Sight," Universal Studios.
7. "54," Miramax Home Entertainment.
8. "Antz," Dreamworks Home Entertainment.
9. "Blade," New Line Home Video.
10. "How Stella Got Her Groove Back," FoxVideo.

Top Video Sales

(Compiled from a national sample of sales reports)

1. "Mulan," Walt Disney Home Video.
2. "Austin Powers," New Line Home Video.
3. "Antz," Dreamworks Home Entertainment.
4. "Playboy's Girlfriends," Playboy Home Video.
5. "Tae-Bo Workout," Ventura Distribution.
6. "The Wedding Singer," New Line Home Video.
7. "Armageddon," Touchstone Home Video.
8. "'N The Mix With 'N Sync," 'N Sync. BMG Video.
9. "Jackie Brown," Miramax Home Entertainment.
10. "Tekken: The Motion Picture," A.D.V. Films.

SISTER: Strong performances undercut by glitz

(From 8C)

couple. "The Other Sister" does a big-bucks variation on the theme, filling the screen with plush Bay Area interiors and honey-gold cinematography from Dante Spinotti ("L.A. Confidential").

It's the kind of movie in which Radley blows off steam by tinkering with his sailboat and Elizabeth says things like, "You remember the club, don't you, Carla dear?" When mother and daughter finally have their big emotional blowup, it happens on a pristine golf course and the ladies are wearing formal gowns. (Director Marshall makes sure we realize that this is a big, teary moment by having the lawn sprinklers whirl on at the climax of their argument.)

These silver-spoon trappings are nice to look at, but they lower the dramatic stakes. No matter what happens, you know that nobody's in danger of losing much. The big issue is Carla's self-worth, not where her next meal is coming from or how she would get by if all she had to rely on was a welfare check. All the Tates love one another, including Carla's smart, blond sisters. (One of these has a lesbian lover whom Elizabeth refuses to meet, but the subplot seems to be there for P.C. flavoring, because it sure doesn't add any extra dramatic interest.)

Keaton, that nimble comedian, seems uncomfortable playing a fussy matron. Because Elizabeth is a control freak, we're encouraged to dismiss her concerns out of hand. We never have to face the reality that, whether Carla and Danny are in love or not, Elizabeth has good reasons to be worried about their life together.

That said, "The Other Sister" is still surprisingly watchable. Mainly that's due to Lewis' emotional translucence. She has moments onscreen that are as breathtakingly truthful as the script is dishonest. She also knows how to have naughty-girl fun as Carla, reveling in the newfound pleasures of just sitting around in her very own apartment, belching aloud because she can. Ribisi, who was so good in "Saving Private Ryan," holds his own with a performance that's fearless, but respectful.

You can't say as much for the script. It keeps manipulating us by putting Carla and Danny through the same series of events. First it shows them being cute, then it shows them being humiliated, then it shows them crying. Carla's big dream is to be a veterinary assistant, and that's no surprise: The movie treats her and Danny like adorable puppies, always in danger of accidentally peeing on the rug. Danny even has to wear a puppy costume at one point (Carla gets a swan outfit), and the script turns their sexual stirrings into the source of nudge-nudge comedy.

Maybe the most effective scene in "The Other Sister" is Lewis' angry, tearful outburst when she thinks a roomful of people are ridiculing her. You can understand her frustration, because of the inconsistent way the movie treats its mentally challenged characters. It wants us to laugh with them, but too often it's laughing at them.

DIRECTOR: Some filming blurred line between fiction, reality

(From 8C)

his life.

"I hustled in the sense that I always had to find a way to eat, a way to afford my habit," Schumacher admits. "Did I ever sell my body for money? Yeah, but in slightly different ways. I was never out there standing on the street corner, flagging cars. But I would pick people up and have sex with them if they would buy me a meal or give me some money. Being a drug addict for years you do a lot of things you might not be too proud of.

"When you go to AA, they tell you that all addicts are liars, cheats, thieves and whores, and that if you can't accept that, you won't make it. I was just like, 'Yep, that's me all right.' It's true, you put your addiction before your kids or your lover or your wife or your God," he says.

One cold winter day in January 1970, Schumacher went out to Central Park and dug a deep hole and buried all of his needles along with the rest of his works.

"I dug way down so no other sorry soul would find my stuff and use them," he says. "But my problem was, I thought, 'Well, OK, I'm over that now. What's wrong with a few drinks and some recreational drugs now and then?' Only it wasn't 'now and then.' I beat that one habit, but it took me a very long time to get clean."

There were other moments during the filming of "8MM" that blurred the line between fiction and reality. Schumacher used a lot of sex-industry actors and actresses to simulate the pornographic action necessary to push the plot. But for one scene that required sado-masochism, things got a bit too real.

"These two dominatrixes came in and they brought their own slave," Schumacher recalls. "He had paid them something like $250 to carry all their suitcases and be humiliated. Well, they stripped him down to a little black G-string, tied him up, put a ball gag in his mouth, wrapped Saran Wrap around his head with just a tiny opening to breathe through and just proceeded to beat the living tar out of him. It was the only point in the movie where it was not a movie anymore — we were watching somebody's pathology."

Schumacher credits screenwriter Andrew Kevin Walker, who also wrote "Seven" in 1995, with creating an original work that helped lure an excellent cast. He also said he had no problem with the premise of using a snuff film to anchor a plot.

"As opposed to what, cannibalism in 'Silence of the Lambs?'" he laughs. "This movie works on a lot of levels, it's a thriller, a private-eye story, one man's journey to a dark place. But it takes a turn that's very unusual. Most scripts are retreads or recycled schlock. I'd never seen something like this before."

OCTOBER: Film isn't afraid to be unabashedly inspirational

(From 8C)

buddies. He's rightly unpolished but characterful and doesn't give up when his first experiments fail. Prospects improve when he enlists the aid of his three friends believably played by Chris Owen, William Lee Scott, and Chad Lindberg. The biggest boost comes from Owen's geeky math whiz, Quentin, who lives at the low end of the Coalwood scale, in a rickety shack. One of the strands in the film's huge emotional pull involves us wishing Quentin can escape Coalwood along with Homer.

Although the high school principal is discouraging, and represents the Coalwood majority strongly enough to make you ask why they're so invested in the boys' failure, Homer and the others do get some backing, most notably from Laura Dern's teacher, who points them toward a science fair. Dern's low-key naturalism sits perfectly in the film's unerring evocation of time and place and community texture. It may sound corny in the telling, but you'll be caught up in the boys' attempts to end their long string of misfires, launch one of their homemade rockets according to plan, and, in doing so, launch their lives as well, blasting them beyond the soul-crushing life that awaits them in the pits. As a movie, the biggest obstacle "October Sky" faces is a pall of uplift. But with the old-fashioned resoluteness of its era, it soars beyond that, too.

Coburn 'feels good' about work on 'Payback,' 'Affliction'

By Louis Parks
Hearst News Service

Nobody in the movies grins bigger than James Coburn, and this month those wall-to-wall teeth have reason to shine.

Coburn is enjoying his best movie month in years.

In "Payback," the Mel Gibson shoot 'em down, Coburn plays the kind of charming, lovable rascal that made him a big star in the 1960s. Only this time, he's doing it as a gangster.

In "Affliction," Paul Schrader's hard-hitting film version of the novel by Russell Banks, Coburn gives an absolutely frightening performance as an abusive, vile father to Nick Nolte's character.

It would be enough just to have those two hugely different characters on screen at the same time. The icing on the cake was getting his first Academy Award nomination, as best supporting actor in "Affliction."

Coburn, fresh out of the shower after a workout in his Beverly Hills home, admitted it was a surprise — after more than 40 years of film acting and dozens of films — to finally get Academy recognition.

"It feels really good," Coburn said. "It's an honor and everything, but it's definitely a surprise. When we started, it was just, let's do a film and hope it works.

"People were saying all along, well, this is worthy of an Oscar nomination. I said, yeah, yeah, yeah, that and a dollar and half will get you a cup of coffee."

Anyone who has seen Coburn's starring films — "Our Man Flint," "Waterhole No. 3," "The President's Analyst," "Duffy," "Duck You Sucker" — remembers the big, booming personality, the wide grin and the infectious laugh that defined many of his roles. Coburn kept his lean, tall body in tight control, so when the grin came, smart and joyously wicked, it was startling.

Coburn is 70 now. He's bulkier, and one hand is twisted a bit from the rheumatoid arthritis that severely restricted his career for many years. But he's healthy and active — the arthritis no longer a problem — and the booming signature laugh is still very much evident. Coburn laughs a lot.

Told that he was very scary to watch in "Affliction," he gave one of those laughs.

"Good," he said. "That was my job."

"Affliction" is about a small-town underachiever, Wade Whitehouse (Nolte), who slowly loses the nominal control he has over his better nature. He becomes more and more like his aging father, who was a tyrant in his own home when his children were young.

"He (the father) is the full-blown affliction," Coburn said, now much more serious.

Nolte is a big man and a strong presence on screen. Director Schrader needed an actor who could be believably intimidating to Nolte.

"He wanted somebody of another generation of actors who was powerful enough to play with Nick," Coburn said. But Coburn said Schrader (director of "American Gigolo" and "Touch," but better-known for writing such screenplays as "Taxi Driver" and "Raging Bull") gave him little instruction, beyond not being his usual likable screen personality.

"He told me, 'Well, you know, Jim, this guy is not a charming man.'" Coburn laughs. "I said yeah, I understand. He said, 'Well, you know, I'm just going to let you two guys go at each other.' And (Nick and I) just looked at each other and said, 'Ooookay.'"

Coburn's role as Pop Whitehouse was only a few minutes here and there in the movie, yet the character's presence dominates the film's dark corners.

Coburn got to get back to the charm in "Payback." He has even less screen time in that film, although his role ended up being longer than originally intended.

"That (movie) was really a lark," said Coburn, who has been friends with Gibson since "Maverick." "Mel called me up and said, 'How would you like to do a little thing in 'Payback?'"

Coburn shot a few days and was done. But the movie was plagued with troubles between Gibson and rookie director Brian Helgeland (scripter of "L.A. Confidential" and "Conspiracy Theory"). Helgeland was fired, and much of the movie was reshot so Gibson's bad guy seemed, well, not so bad.

"About five months passed, and I got another call. 'Listen, we took some stuff out, and so we need to put something in to make it work.'"

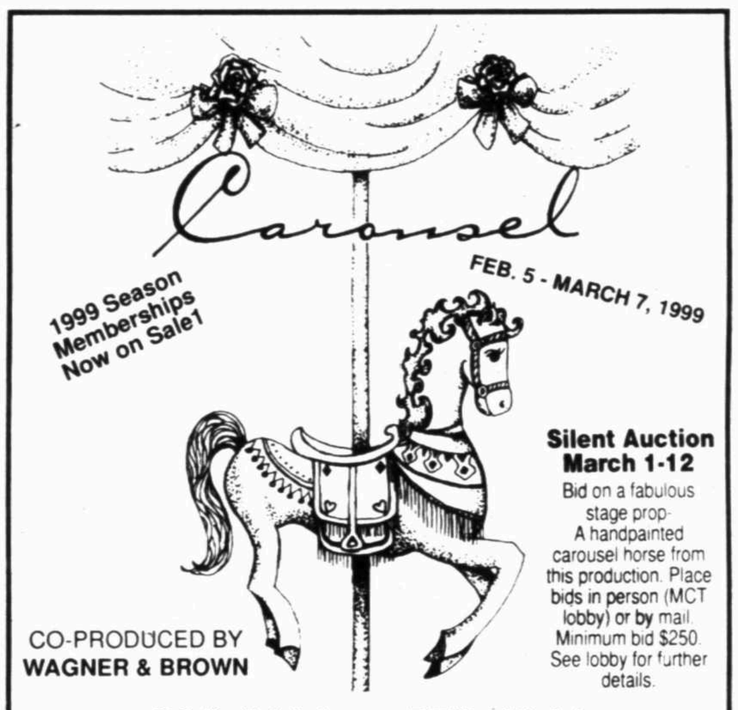
In "Payback," a remake of the Lee Marvin classic "Point Blank," Gibson is a crook trying to regain stolen money that was taken from him by a member of the crime syndicate of which Coburn is an officer. In one comic scene, when he's under Gibson's gun, Coburn's character seems concerned only that the bad man will shoot his expensive luggage. It's the movie's most entertaining moment.

Although Coburn enjoyed doing "Payback," it was "Affliction" that was the real treat.

"The independent films are the ones that are worthwhile doing," Coburn said. "Others are, like, build a set and blow it up. Who cares? It gives you a little titillation for about 20 minutes, and that's it.

"But if you have good literature that comes from a book, like Russell Banks', you've got something to work with. You can say something with it."

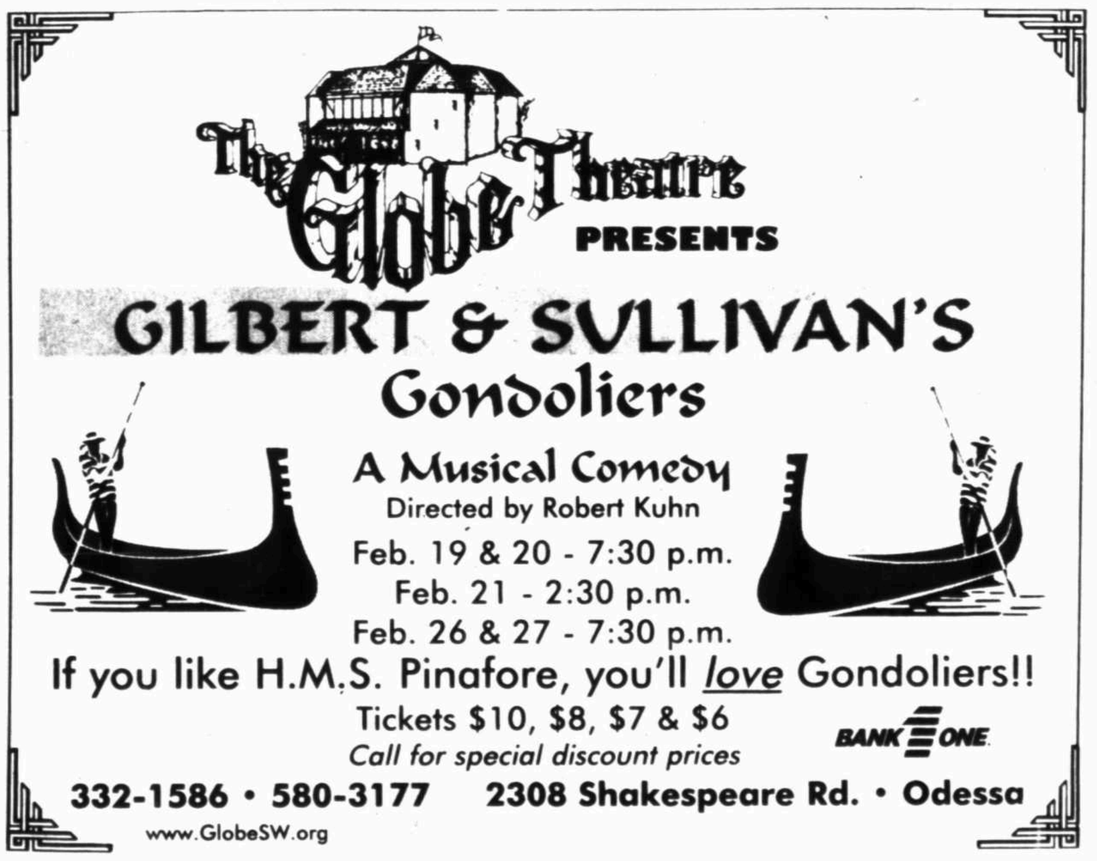
In his long career, Coburn has come full circle to character acting. He started out in small roles, often in westerns. The roles slowly but steadily got larger. He had one of his first stand-out bits as the knife-throwing member of "The Magnificent Seven," and another as the Manufacturer in "The Great Escape."



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Readers' picks

✔ The following reviews were provided by Midlander Sally Ribera, who says she's an avid movie fan who regularly goes to the movies, rents videos, and sometimes laments at the lack of diversity in films that are shown in Midland.

"Smoke Signals" - recently released video

"Smoke Signals" follows the lives of two Native American young men, Victor and Thomas, who have experienced tragedy in their lives. The death of Victor's father brings him face to face with his hurts as well as his resentment of Thomas's sunny and naive outlook on life. Their coming of age story is touching, funny, and completely satisfying.

"Elizabeth" - currently showing at Midland Park Mall

Don't expect a milquetoast period piece in "Elizabeth." The court intrigues of 16th century England are not for the timid of heart. The story of how a carefree young girl becomes queen and survives the plots against her to become one of the mightiest sovereigns of England is violent, fascinating, and makes you glad that you live in the 20th century.

✔ Midlander William Krause, 12, tells us about his favorite actor:

My favorite actor is Jim Carrey. he is a great comedian and actor. I think he deserved the Golden Globe that he received recently for his performance as Truman Burbank. He has also done some great comedic performances like in "Liar Liar" and "Dumb and Dumber." This rubberfaced comedian is one of the best actors right now.

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Few redeeming qualities in 'Jawbreaker'

By Renee Graham
N.Y. Times News Service

JAWBREAKER
Written and directed by: Darren Stein
Starring: Rose McGowan, Rebecca Gayheart, Julie Benz, Judy Evans Greer, Carol Kane, Pam Grier
At: Copley Place, suburbs Running time: 90 minutes
Rated: R (violence, salty language, sexual situations)

■ 'Jawbreaker' is showing at Midland Park Mall.

It was announced this week that Rose McGowan, perhaps best known for almost wearing a dress to an MTV awards show a few years back, is engaged to become the future Mrs. Marilyn Manson.

If you think that's frightening, you should see McGowan in "Jawbreaker."

Let us not mince words: "Jawbreaker" is a terrible movie, and McGowan is terrible in it. This is supposed to be McGowan's breakthrough film, but it's the kind of swill that has derailed far more established careers. Obstensibly an offbeat comedy in the style of "Heathers," it's the dull-as-dishwater story of a high school prank that goes fatally wrong. But really, the most lethal mistake here is the pathetic, humor-starved script by Darren Stein, who also directed, and some of the worst acting anyone is likely to see this year.

The setting for all this is Reagan High School. Three teen queens — Courtney (McGowan), Julie (Rebecca Gayheart), and Marcie (Julie Benz) kidnap their galpal Liz (Charlotte Roldan) as a joke on her birthday. They tie her up, and to stifle her screams, they jam a cueball-size jawbreaker — those nasty dreadful things we used to eat as kids — into her mouth.

Bad move. The jawbreaker lodges in Liz's throat, and she suffocates. Instead of reporting the accident to the cops, Courtney, the relentlessly amoral ringleader, concocts a scheme to make it look as through Liz was whoring it up with the local trade, and was raped and murdered.

Are you, like poor Liz, gagging yet?

"Heathers," the devastatingly dark 1989 comedy that launched the careers of Winona Ryder and Christian Sláter, was wicked and funny, while making some pithy observations about teen suicide. But Stein isn't interested in doing anything except carting out the same old dusty jokes about cliques, clueless teachers — heavens, what is Carol Kane doing in this movie?! — and every other cliche of high school movies.

In her slathered makeup and tootight clothes, McGowan plays Courtney as a vixen without a single redeeming quality. It's a tiring, one-note performance. (Marilyn Manson, sans makeup, has a brief, don't-blink-or-you'll-miss-it appearance.) And not to be overlooked is that McGowan simply looks too old to play a high school senior — not that Gayheart or Benz are any more convincing.

Pam Grier turns up as a detective named Vera Cruz investigating Liz's death, and her participation here is proof that "Jackie Brown" didn't provide the same career resurrection John Travolta has enjoyed since "Pulp Fiction."

Perhaps the best bit in the film is the brief appearance of William Katt and P. J. Soles as Liz's parents. In 1976, Katt and Soles costarred in the ultimate high school horror film, "Carrie." Stein certainly knows his movies — even the name of Grier's character comes from the title of a 1954 Gary Cooper western. But it would really be saying something if he learned how to make one.

OFFICE: Film is 'Dilbert' with sharp teeth

(From 8C)

brought in to start the downsizing process, they freak. But Livingston's hapless drudge named Peter is dragged to a therapist, where he catches a lucky break.

No sooner does the therapist hypnotize him into laid-back blissfulness than the doc drops dead of a heart attack. Blissed to the gills, Livingston's nerd prospers. By coming to work whenever he pleases, exuding easy confidence, and describing the company's operations with brutal frankness, he's tabbed as upper management material. But when he sees his buddies about to be canned, he realizes this isn't enough, and figures out how to scam the company with what looks like, but of course isn't, a foolproof computer larceny scheme.

Livingston is funny simply because his eyebrows don't line up. They look like false brows slapped on in a hurry. His pals are more sympathetic than funny. Most of the laughs come from the guys Judge is satirizing. Gary Cole is best as their power-tripping piranha of a boss who makes a point of coming on cool and casual, beginning every sentence with a slowly drawled, "Yeahhhhh," as if he's going to agree with his subordinate, then ending it by barking an order and saying, "Great!" Stephen Root is hugely funny, too, as the company scapegoat, a maladroit loser who's either going to go nuts or explode.

"Office Space" is mostly populated by live cartoons. I'm thinking of the maniacally gleeful hatchet men played by John McGinley and Paul Willson. Richard Riehle has his moments, too, as a character who has spent 30 years worrying about being kicked out of job purgatory, and Diedrich Bader is a plus as Peter's down-market neighbor. As a waitress who also despises her job, and addresses the specter of corporate fascism more directly than any of the others, Jennifer Aniston is nice to have around, although Judge is only going through the motions in her romantic sequences. "Office Space" is scattershot, but 9-to-5ers will find stuff to like in its satire of the so-called work environment.

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Buffs start playoffs after 17-day layoff

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

A Stanton boys basketball team coming off another shortened regular season heads into another postseason at 7:30 p.m. today in Merkel.

The Buffaloes, which won the District 3-2A title despite playing a limited pre-district schedule due to the success of the football team, will play 15-16 Sonora in area round action.

Sonora, which competed in Class 3A last season, should add to the task which faces the Buffs. Stanton has not played a real game since Feb. 9, when Stanton defeated Post en route to a 9-1 run through one of the toughest 2A districts in the state. That is a span of 17 days without the intensity of meaningful game.

Still, Stanton basketball coach Doug Gordon put his team through four practice games, but he wonders whether that will be the same.

"We have been waiting two and a half weeks," Gordon said. "We have played a bunch of games. I just don't know if they benefited us. They are not like the intensity of district games.

"The biggest concern is to see if we are focused and the intensity is high."

Gordon had the games available to keep his team in shape over the two-week span thanks to the number of games the team missed due to another extended football season. Last year, that team made it to the regional tournament where it lost out to state tournament qualifier Lockney.

Gordon is hoping that this trip in the playoffs gives his team another chance at Austin.

"Hopefully, it is a run and not a quick jog home," Gordon said. "We have six seniors (Kyle Herm, Justin Cobb, Chad Smith, Austin Kelly, Maurice Martinez and Jeremy Smith) and they are all important players to us. This is their last shot at it.

"They have been there and know what highs are like and what the lows are like. Hopefully, that can help us."

Tonight, Stanton faces a Coahoma team that experienced a great deal of changes en route to another playoff berth. Since winning the District 4-3A title last year, the Broncos lost their coach (Scott Harrelson and leading scorer (Ty Harrelson) to Wichita Rider and another starter (Brad Legan), who left Sonora after football season to go to Abernathy.

Still, there is talent left.

"(Guard Anthony) Luna is a prime time player, averaging 17 points a game," Gordon said. "(Isaac) Ramos is 6-1, shoots the three-pointer, takes the ball to the basket and is strong on the glass."

With a win today, Stanton could face 21-4 Reagan County in the regional quarterfinals. Reagan County handed Stanton two losses in the pre-district, so there will probably be some vindication. Although Gordon is not thinking about that.

"Our kids want to advance in the playoffs," Gordon said. "We have learned that lesson (of looking ahead) before. You have to play the game first. If you win, then you wait and see who you play. As long as we are in it, we don't care who the opponent is."

Stanton vs. Sonora

Round: Region I-2A area round.
Where: Merkel. When 7:30 p.m.
Records: Stanton is 12-4. Sonora is 15-16.

Who's Next: Winner will play the winner of 21-4 Reagan County and 19-9 Farwell.

About Sonora: The Broncos, the second seed from District 2, made the leap down to Class 2A from 3A where they were a playoff team last year. Unfortunately, three key cogs off that 21-6 district title team are gone. That includes Ty Harrelson, one of West Texas' leading scorers in 1998, went with his father, to Wichita Falls Rider. Ty is averaging 31.2 points this season... Sonora is coached by 24-year-old Brian Lowe... Anthony Luna leads the team with 17 points a game. Isaac Ramos is scoring 10.1... The team is scoring 52.3 points and giving up 53.0...

About Stanton: Stanton got a bye in the first round of the playoffs thanks to its fifth-straight district title... Chad Smith leads the team with a 15.7 points-per-game average to go with 9.9 rebounds. Kyle Herm is scoring 13.2 and Justin Cobb 12.7... Cobb also leads the team in rebounds (12.0) and blocks (5.9) per game... Herm is dishing out 9.3 assists... Of the four teams (Borden County, Ira, O'Donnell and Kermit) Stanton played in practice games, three won their first round games. Only Kermit lost and that was in overtime to Lamesa...

Region I Hoops Playoffs

Girls

Class 5A

Regional Quarterfinals
Midland High 78, Lubbock Coronado 74
Copperas Cove 62, Duncanville 27
Amarillo High 68, Odessa High 44
Mansfield 47, Flower Mound Marcus 28.

Regional Tournament at Chaparral Center, Midland
Friday's Semifinals
Midland High (28-3) vs. Copperas Cove (33-1), 6 p.m.
Amarillo High (27-7) vs. Mansfield (34-0), 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's Final
Semifinal Winners, 1 p.m.

Class 4A

Region Quarterfinals
Canyon 55, Plainview 35
Granbury 58, Cleburne 55
Amarillo Palo Duro 67, Hereford 37
Sweetwater 35, Stephenville 33

Regional Tournament OC Sports Center, Odessa
Friday's Semifinals
Canyon (32-0) vs. Granbury (32-4), 6 p.m.
Sweetwater (27-4) vs. Amarillo Palo Duro (29-6), 8 p.m.
Saturday's Final
Semifinals Winners, 3 p.m.

Class 3A

Regional Quarterfinals
Shallowater 76, Perryton 63
Merkel 52, Graham 35
Dimmitt 72, Muleshoe 66
Bowie 46, Comanche 40

Regional Tournament Municipal Coliseum, Lubbock
Friday's Semifinals
Shallowater (29-4) vs. Merkel (28-6), 6:30
Dimmitt (22-9) vs. Bowie (29-3), 8 p.m.,
Saturday's Final
Semifinal winners, TBA

Class 2A

Regional Quarterfinals
Hale Center 58, Stanton 36.
Idalou 32, Stratford 19
Farwell 64, Coahoma 43
Canadian 54, Abernathy 43

Regional Tournament Moody Coliseum, Abilene
Friday's Semifinals
Hale Center (26-3) vs. Idalou (25-7), 6:30 p.m.
Canadian (23-4) vs. Farwell (25-8), 8 p.m.
Saturday's Final
Semifinal winners, 1:30 p.m.

Class A

Regional Quarterfinals
Sudan 57, Sterling City 21
Smyer 57, Meadow 46.
Vega 73, Garden City 41
Whiteface 45, Whitharral 26

Regional Tournament Texan Dome, Levelland
Friday's Semifinals
Sudan (29-2) vs. Smyer (25-6), 6:30 p.m.
Vega (21-12) vs. Whiteface (27-7), 8 p.m.
Saturday's Final
Semifinal Winners, TBA

Boys

Class 5A

Bi-district
El Paso Coronado 41, El Paso Hanks 38
Midland High, bye
Abilene High 61, Amarillo Tascosa 56
El Paso Bel Air, bye
Flower Mound Marcus 58, L.D Bell 54
Killeen, bye
Arlington Martin 52, Copperas Cove 36
Euless Trinity, bye
El Paso Montwood 55, El Paso Irvin 44
Amarillo High, bye
Abilene Cooper 51, Lubbock Coronado 35
El Paso Franklin, bye
South Grand Prairie 87, Haltom 54
Duncanville, bye
Killeen Ellison 62, Arlington Bowie 40
Lewisville, bye

Area Round
El Paso Coronado (18-12) vs. Midland High (28-3), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Monahans.
Abilene High (22-11) vs. El Paso Bel Air (20-9), 5 p.m., Saturday, Monahans
Flower Mound Marcus (24-9) vs. Killeen (29-4), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Bursleson
Arlington Martin (21-9) vs. Euless Trinity (21-9), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Colleyville Heritage
El Paso Montwood (25-6) vs. Amarillo High (26-5), 5 p.m., Friday, Odessa Permian
Abilene Cooper (22-6) vs. El Paso Franklin (21-10), 5:30 p.m., Friday, Midland Lee
South Grand Prairie (23-10) vs. Duncanville (28-3), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Wilkerson-Greines, Fort Worth.
Killeen Ellison (26-8) 63, Lewisville 46.

Class 4A

Bi-district
El Paso Riverside 68, Mountain View 43
Plainview, bye
Frenship 65, Hereford 63 (2 OT)
Clint, bye
Snyder 48, North Crowley 45, OT
Justin Northwest, bye
Wichita Falls 84, Fort Worth Brewer 69
Crowley, bye
San Elizario 52, El Paso Bowie 50
Amarillo Palo Duro, bye
Canyon Randall 73, Borger 53
El Paso Parkland, bye
Cleburne 70, Andrews 41
Denton Ryan, bye
Weatherford 75, Wichita Falls Hirschi 74
San Angelo Lake View, bye

Area Round
El Paso Riverside (17-15) vs. Plainview, 5 p.m., Friday, Seminole.
Frenship (23-9) vs. Clint (14-16), 5 p.m., Friday, Fort Stockton.
Snyder (19-12) vs. Justin Northwest (23-8), 8 p.m., Friday, Vernon
Wichita Falls (20-9) vs. Crowley (27-4), 7 p.m., Friday, North Texas, Denton
San Elizario (18-14) vs. Amarillo Palo Duro (30-1), 3:30 p.m., Friday, Odessa Permian.
Canyon Randall (23-8) vs. El Paso Parkland (24-6), 6 p.m., Friday, Hobbs, N.M.
Cleburne (30-4) vs. Denton Ryan (24-6), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Grand Prairie
Weatherford (17-13) vs. San Angelo Lake View (25-8), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Cisco

Class 3A

Bi-district
Littlefield 67, Dimmitt 60
Crane, bye
Lamesa 58, Kermit 57
Muleshoe, bye
Graham 53, Brady 39
Waco La Vega, bye
Breckenridge 54, West 37
Clyde, bye
Shallowater 77, Sanford Fritch 63
Seminole, bye
Denver City 74, Greenwood 57
Tulia, bye
Bowie 69, Merkel 59
Glen Rose, bye
Waco Connally 56, Eastland 50
Childress, bye

Area Round
Littlefield (23-10) 62, Crane 59 (OT)
Lamesa (17-13) vs. Muleshoe (23-7), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Lubbock Monterey.
Graham (16-12) vs. Waco La Vega (22-4), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Crowley.
Breckenridge (21-9) vs. Clyde (26-4), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Hardin Simmons
Shallowater (21-11) vs. Seminole (31-2), 8:30 p.m., Friday, Lubbock Coronado.
Denver City (16-14) vs. Tulia (28-2), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Levelland.
Bowie (19-11) vs. Glen Rose (27-2), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Haltom.
Waco Connally (17-11) vs. Childress (20-6), 7:30 p.m., Friday, Wylie

Class 2A

Bi-district
Wall 70, Iraan 45
Hale Center, bye
Tahoka 60, Sundown 54
Ozona, bye
Canadian 60, Quanah 39
Clyde Eula, bye
New Deal 79, Jim Ned 76, OT
Wellington, bye
Sonora 61, Van Horn 57
Stanton, bye
Farwell 45, Coahoma 44
Reagan County, bye
West Texas 59, Panhandle 50
Idalou, bye
Abernathy 85, Albany 73
Stratford, bye

Area Round
Wall (19-15) vs. Hale Center (21-4), 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Big Spring
Tahoka (16-13) vs. Ozona (20-10), 8 p.m., Friday, Dorothy Garrett Coliseum, Big Spring
Canadian (17-10) vs. Eula (26-4), Friday, 7 p.m., Vernon HS
New Deal (20-9) vs. Wellington (23-4), 6:30 p.m. Friday, Canyon HS
Sonora (15-16) vs. Stanton (12-4), 7:30 p.m. Friday, Merkel HS
Farwell (20-9) 82, Reagan County 74 (OT)
West Texas (20-7) vs. Idalou (18-13), 8 p.m. Saturday, Canyon HS
Abernathy (20-11) vs. Stratford (20-5), 8 p.m., Friday, Canyon HS

Class A

Bi-district
Fort Hancock 51, Balmorhea 47
Rankin 71, Marathon 46
Fort Elliott 58, Booker 48
Sudan 66, Hartley 47
Kress 80, Hedley 57
Lorenzo 71, Happy 42
O'Donnell 68, Whitharral 52
Motley County 53, Wilson 51
Sierra Blanca 49, Marfa 72
Grandfalls Royalty 44, Irion County 62
Gruver 46, Allison 25
Paducah 66, Groom 30
Whiteface 83, Lazbuddie 69
Aspermont 60, Maple Three Way 46
Guthrie 66, Jayton 36

Area Round
Fort Hancock (20-7) vs. Rankin (23-7), 6 p.m. Friday, Sul Ross State, Alpine
Fort Elliott (34-2) 52, Sudan 37
Kress (18-10) vs. Lorenzo (23-5), 7 p.m. Friday, Lubbock Cooper HS
O'Donnell (18-4) vs. Motley County (19-9), 7 p.m. Friday, Hutcherson Center, Plainview
Marfa (16-8) vs. Irion County (22-6), 8 p.m. Friday, Crane
Gruver (18-5) vs. Nazareth (17-10), 7 p.m. Friday, Palo Duro HS, Amarillo
Paducah (26-2) vs. Whiteface (24-7), 8:30 p.m. Friday, Idalou
Aspermont (14-3) vs. Guthrie (21-9), 7 p.m. Friday, Haskell

MHS: Dawgs' opponent likes to keep score low

(From 1C)

were able to get the game in Monahans, which is a short distance for our fans, but I hate the fact that we have to split our fan base since our girls team is in the region tournament in Midland at the same time.

"We tried to move the game to Saturday night, so we wouldn't have a conflict, but that didn't work out, so you gotta do what you gotta do. We're going to show up and play basketball."

El Paso coach Kenny John said, "We have a challenge on our hands. Midland High is one of the best teams in the state and certainly in our region. We're coming off an emotional win (over Hanks), so it's already been a tough road."

The toughest game the Bulldogs may face tonight, however, is the "hacking" game. Not the slapping of hands and arms, but the coughing type. Sickness is running through the Bulldog camp just as the playoff run starts.

"My biggest problem is that we've got the flu or something running through the team," Stephenson said. "Ronnie Brewster has the flu and has missed a couple of practices. Jay Christian has had a touch of bronchitis. Steeve Sanon and Trovice Jackson also missed Monday's practice sick."

As Stephenson held a practice on Wednesday, you could hear a lot of coughing around the gym, but work went on.

In addition, senior starter Brent Winter suffered a twisted right ankle in the practice game with Seminole Saturday.

"I think Brent will be all right," Stephenson said. "Our trainer, Morris Williamson, has done a good job getting him ready to play."

Winter said, "It (the ankle) is pretty sore, but I'm not going to miss this game. This is the playoffs, I'll play."

But the Bulldogs still have a lot of positives. Charles Tatum is coming off three consecutive 30-point games. Christian scored 24 points and hauled in 16 rebounds against Seminole. Winter had a career high 16 points against El Paso Parkland two games ago and came back with eight points against Seminole before being slowed by the ankle.

One player the Bulldogs will be all over tonight is Coronado's 6-2 Quentin Demeritte. The senior just became eligible to play recently and has only 12 games under his belt this year, but he scored a game high 15 points against Hanks and was the only T-Bird in double figures.

"Coronado has a nice player in Demeritte," Stephenson. "We've got to stop him. Hanks had beaten Coronado soundly earlier in the year, but Demeritte made a difference in this game."

Coronado has no player among the top 20 scorers in the El Paso area and that isn't surprising considering that the T-Birds have won games by scoring less than 40 points. Rarely do they score more than 50.

Joining Demeritte is 6-4 senior Jeff Hassler, 6-1 senior Scott Hawk, 5-10 junior Julio Acosta and 5-5 junior Danny Rojo. None average more than 10 points per game.

MHS will go with the usual: Tatum, Christian, Winter, Blake Johnston and Jesse Nicholson. All are seniors except Johnston, who is a junior. Tatum, Christian and Johnston all started every playoff game in 1998, the state championship campaign.

MHS PAWS: The Bulldogs have won six consecutive state playoff games... MHS has a 14-game winning streak on the line and hasn't lost a game since December... Tatum has set a new school record with 106 three-point baskets, breaking his own record of 99 set last year... Tatum leads Christian by only one point in the race for the team's scoring championship this year... Christian has 420 rebounds (13.5 per game) for the team and no one else has crossed the 100 barrier so far... The last playoff loss for MHS was to Duncanville in the 1997 Region I-5A tournament in Midland. MHS has since beaten Duncanville in the 1998 region tournament and the two could meet up again this year at Chaparral Center...

Bulldog Stats

Midland High Boys
(28-3, 12-0)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Charles Tatum	31	257	106	731	23.6
Jay Christian	31	291	138	730	23.5
Blake Johnston	31	139	88	391	12.6
Brent Winter	31	78	40	209	6.5
Jesse Nicholson	31	48	20	121	3.9
Randy Gardner	30	28	26	78	2.6
Ronnie Brewster	21	16	17	62	2.5
Trovice Jackson	1	1	0	2	2.0
Weldon Costa	18	11	8	30	1.7
Chris Oldham	30	14	8	39	1.3
Steeve Sanon	29	11	4	29	1.0
Lorenzo Williams	14	4	4	14	1.0
Jason South	3	1	1	3	1.0
Taylor Moody	24	5	8	19	0.8
Thomas Tennon	31	7	4	20	0.6
Tyler Shumaide	18	5	0	11	0.6
Justin Sharp	20	4	3	11	0.6
Jerone Lightfoot	15	3	2	8	0.5
Kalyn Poor	11	1	2	5	0.5
Jimmy Smith	3	0	1	1	0.3
Ryan Hightower	1	0	0	0	0.0
Scott Winter	2	0	0	0	0.0
Luke Conder	3	0	0	0	0.0

3-Point Goals: Tatum 106, Johnston 27, Christian 10, Nicholson 6, B. Winter 7, Oldham 5, Sanon 3, Brewster 3, Tennon 2, Williams 2, Poor 1, Moody 1.

MHS Basketball Playoff History (Since 1960)
1960: Lost to Borger in bi-district. 0-1.
1971: Lost to Wichita Falls Rider in bi-district. 0-1.
1972: Defeated Wichita Falls Rider in bi-district; defeated Lubbock Monterey in region semifinals; defeated Highland Park in region finals; lost to San Antonio Jefferson in state semifinals. 3-1
1973: Defeated Richland in bi-district; defeated Irving in region semifinals; defeated El Paso Austin in region finals; defeated Spring Branch in state semifinals; lost to Houston Wheatley in state finals. 4-1
1979: Defeated Wichita Falls in bi-district; lost to Fort Worth Dunbar in region semifinals. 1-1
1981: Defeated Denton in bi-district; lost to Fort Worth Dunbar in region semifinals. 1-1
1984: Lost to Amarillo High in bi-district. 0-1
1989: Lost to Amarillo High in bi-district. 0-1
1991: Lost to Plainview in bi-district. 0-1
1993: Lost to Amarillo Tascosa in bi-district. 0-1
1994: Defeated Lubbock Monterey in bi-district; defeated El Paso Andress in area; defeated Amarillo Tascosa in region quarterfinals; defeated Fort Worth Dunbar in region semifinals; defeated The Colony in region finals; lost to Sugar Land Willowridge in state semifinals. 5-1
1995: Defeated Lubbock Monterey in bi-district; lost to El Paso Irvin in area. 1-1
1996: Lost to Amarillo High in bi-district. 0-1
1997: Drew first round bye; def. El Paso Franklin in area; defeated El Paso Eastwood in region quarterfinals; lost to Duncanville in region semifinals. 2-1
1998: Drew first round bye; def. El Paso Eastwood in area; def. El Paso Hanks in region quarterfinals; def. Duncanville in region semifinals; def. Flower Mound Marcus in region finals; def. Pearland in sate semifinals; def. San Antonio Taft (63-51) in state finals. 6-0

Overall Playoff Record: 23-14 (.622). Coach Jack Stephenson's overall playoff record at MHS is 15-9 (.625)

GOLF: Invitational attracts top programs

(From 1C)

4A squads that are competing at Green Tree Country Club on Friday. And then there is Division III which is made up of Class 3A and junior varsity teams that will play at Ranchland Hills Country Club on Friday. On Saturday, all divisions play at Hogan Park Golf Course.

Looking at Division I, some of the big guns to watch should be Odessa Permian, the coaches' favorite at this time to win 4-5A; Lubbock Coronado, which boasts a nationally ranked player in J.J. Killeen; San Angelo Central, El Paso Franklin and, of course, both Midland Lee and Midland High.

"We could compete if we're capable of playing at the same time," said Lee coach Bobby Dunn about his team's inability to have every player score in the 70s.

"Every team in our district will be competing in this tournament along with all the Lubbock and Amarillo schools," said MHS coach Jack Ratcliff. "Our goal is to see how we stack up against the other teams."

In Division II, Andrews has to be the obvious favorite after some impressive showings in early-season tournaments. The Mustangs are coming off a win at the Big Country Invitational in Abilene this past weekend. The Mustangs also had the Big Country medalist in Brad Gibson.

In the same Abilene tourney, the Lee Rebels finished in seventh, while the Bulldogs placed eighth. The Rebels got off to a bad start as they shot a 340 first round, but did finish strong in the second round by shooting a 307 for a two-day total of 647. The Bulldogs, meanwhile, shot a 338 the first round and also recovered in the second to shoot 310 and finish with a 348 total.

Both teams have shown promise this season because of experience and depth. Now, all the coaches on each team have to do is find out who's their best top five players. Those puzzles should be solved after this weekend.

"I'm hoping somebody steps forward this weekend so we can see who is our top five," Dunn said.

Dunn's Rebels are still pretty young with only two seniors on the team. In four tournaments, Dunn has used 18 different players to try and find the right combination. Dunn said this year he has more depth than he's ever had and he's got at least 15 players who are capable of shooting par. The most consistent Rebel so far this season is senior Chance Finley, who's been averaging 77 at the No. 1 position. With the returning depth the Rebels possess, Dunn is hoping to improve on last year's fourth place finish in 4-5A.

"I'll be disappointed if we don't play for the district championship," Dunn said. "Permian has to be the favorite with eight seniors. Everybody else has two very good players but not much depth. The key to winning district is that you've got to beat everybody on your home course and then compete when you go to somebody else's course."

Midland High also hopes to better last year's third place finish in district play with plenty of returning Bulldogs.

"We have more depth this year, but we're still pretty young," Ratcliff said.

Ratcliff added that any of his top six could be playing No. 1 for him. But so far, the most consistent Bulldog has been senior Matt Gerhard, who's been averaging 77 in tournaments. Ratcliff has also been pleased with the play of freshman Blake Braun. Sophomore Jason Lindgren has been struggling a little this season, but Ratcliff expects him to get back on track and have another solid season like last year.

Ratcliff is hoping to use this weekend's tournament not just for preparation for district, but also as a confidence builder for his young troops.

"I think it'll be good to make a good showing in this tournament," Ratcliff said. "The kids need to get their confidence level built up."

Ratcliff also sees Permian as the early favorite to win District 4-5A, but also sees his team along with Lee's to be in the thick of the hunt.

"We're looking for good things down the road," Ratcliff said.

With the competition coming in for the Tall City Invitational, the Rebels and Bulldogs should find out where they stand in of the best golf tournaments in the state.

"We had to turn down eight to 10 teams that wanted to come play," Dunn said. "We've had great sponsors, great cooperation from the Midland golf courses. Just on Friday, the Midland country clubs are giving up about five hours of course time just so the kids can play."

Here are the teams participating in the 1999 Tall City Invitational Golf Tournament:
Division I — Abilene High, Abilene Cooper, Amarillo High, Amarillo Tascosa, El Paso Andress, El Paso Coronado, El Paso Franklin, El Paso Hanks, Lubbock High, Lubbock Coronado, Lubbock Monterey, Midland High, Midland Lee, Odessa High, Odessa Permian, San Angelo Central.
Division II — Abilene Wylie, Amarillo Caprock, Andrews, Big Spring, Borger, Canyon Randall, El Paso Burges, Fort Stockton, Wolfforth Frenship, San Angelo Lake View, Lamesa, Amarillo Palo Duro, Pampa, Pecos, Snyder, Sweetwater.
Division III — Abilene High II, Andrews II, Borger II, El Paso Irvin, Greenwood, Midland High II, Midland Lee II, Monahans, Odessa Permian II, Odessa High II, Seminole, Trinity.

REGION: Top team visits

(From 1C)

Dawgs. Cove is hardly a one-player gang, though, as 5-8 senior Shaquanda Thompson averages 13.2 points a game and guard Ryane Alexander is an excellent playmaker.

As a Region II team before realignment last season, Cove reached the state tournament, leading by nine in the fourth quarter of the state semifinals before losing to eventual state champion Alief Elsik 47-46. Cove has rolled so far in the playoffs, beating South Grand Prairie 78-50 and crushing Duncanville in the regional quarterfinals, 62-27.

"There are certain teams you're going to play where you're going to find very few weak areas," Raughton said. "Cove is one of those teams."

Midland High, ranked No. 12 in the state, has already overcome one big postseason hurdle, beating No. 8 Lubbock Coronado 78-74 Tuesday in the regional quarterfinals. Most of the team answered above and beyond the call of duty, as four players scored in double figures, led by senior Heidi Lange with 19 points and 16 rebounds.

When you consider that point guard Michelle Acosta scored 16 points and made 12-of-14 free throws, and that Edrea Rogers and Clarissa Leonard combined for 27 points off the bench, with Leonard scoring six big points in the fourth quarter, it adds up to a clutch performance of the first order.

"We're playing was well as we have played all year," Raughton said. "Those are going to be the teams that are left at this point. I asked after the Coronado game 'Does anyone think they could have played any better?' and they all said yes."

They're all going to have to have any sort of a chance for victory tonight. Tonight will be the last game at the Chap Center for six seniors if the Lady Dawgs come up short.

Lange, for one, isn't ready to throw in the towel yet.

"All the seniors are just ready to go all out and have fun," Lange said. "I think everybody knows what we're capable of and I know we can win."

One advantage Midland High will enjoy is that of a hospitable crowd. Assuming that several MHS boosters stay home or delay their trip to the boys playoff game in Monahans later in the evening, the Lady Dawgs could have a healthy contingent behind them.

"We've got the home crowd advantage, no doubt," Raughton said. "The challenge is there. Throughout the year we've talked about accepting challenges and I'm not buying my ticket into Chap Center."

The rest of the public, though, can buy tickets at the Chap Center box office for $5 starting today at 3 p.m. for both semifinal games today. Tickets for Saturday's final will also be $5.

Mansfield and Amarillo High should also be an intriguing matchup. Mansfield is 34-0 and ranked No. 2 in the state while Amarillo is 29-7 and ranked No. 11.

The Lady Tigers of Mansfield have achieved their unbeaten status by using balance. Junior Kaira White is averaging 12.4 points a game while sophomore Tori Wilson is pulling down 8.1 rebounds. Mansfield has had little trouble in the postseason, beating Irving MacArthur 86-31 and Flower Mound Marcus 47-28.

Amarillo, on the other hand, ended up tied with Coronado for the District 3-5A title, but won a coin flip to claim the top seed. The Lady Sandies rely on Natalie Ritchie to carry the load and not much else. Ritchie was certainly up to the task against Odessa High in the regional quarterfinals, scoring 45 points in practically beating OHS by herself, 68-44.

Lady Dawg Stats

Midland High Boys
(28-3, 12-0)

Player	G	FG	FT	Pts.	Avg.
Heidi Lange	31	155	75	389	12.5
Edrea Rogers	31	134	85	351	11.3
Nina McAlister	31	105	78	288	9.3
Michelle Acosta	31	77	89	249	8.0
Tawney Foy	31	51	27	151	4.9
Morgan Kelley	31	57	26	140	4.5
Clarissa Leonard	31	53	32	138	4.5
Laura Koch	30	43	23	109	3.6
Lindsey Leaverton	10	9	2	24	2.4
Latrice Jackson	8	3	10	16	2.0
Becky Valdez	19	10	6	26	1.4
Terri Meldrum	29	10	18	38	1.3
Rebecca Nobles	16	4	5	13	0.8
Paige Price	5	1	1	3	0.6
Jenny Jones	5	0	1	1	0.2
Hillary Davis	2	0	0	0	0.0

3-Point Goals: Rogers 28, Foy 22, Lange 13, Acosta 8, Leaverton 3.

HOOPS: Lady Chaps finish WJCAC at 12-0

(From 1C)

with an impressive 78-38 win over Western Texas. The Lady Chaps conclude the first undefeated season under the current 14-game conference schedule.

"It's not easy to do and it almost seems anti-climactic because we won the conference championship and we got the No. 1 seed and we're just finishing it up. It's good and I'm glad to get it and we've got to play much better than what we have as far as being mentally sharp going into the playoffs."

The Lady Chaps next step is the Region V tournament next Wednesday at 6 p.m. against, in all likelihood, Ranger College, the fourth seed out of the Northern Texas Junior College Athletic Conference.

The Chaps will be in Abilene as well as they took care of some business and had some help from some of their most bitter rivals in the WJCAC.

"I told the guys before the game that it would be a tragic situation that if the other two scenarios were to develop and we do not do what we needed to do," Rafferty said.

It wasn't easy, and it certainly wasn't pretty, but unlike other games the Chaps took a lead late in the game and never relinquished it by doing the little things right.

"We did some things that don't show a good basketball IQ sometimes, but we defended some and we made free throws down the stretch and No. 12 (Eugene Costello) wanted to really win tonight and I think some of the guys fed off that."

Costello has been on a hot streak lately and he picked Thursday to have another solid game with 18 points. Ivan Gatto, a sophomore, playing in his last home game contributed with 14 and Mike Cummings, another sophomore added 10.

Lady Chaps are simply perfect

The Lady Chaps' victory was never really in doubt as they jumped out to a 46-17 advantage at the half and cruised from there to perfection.

The Lady Dusters' cause wasn't helped with a 25 percent (16-of-62) shooting clip from the field and turned the ball over 27 times.

"I thought in the first half our half-court defense was good and made it difficult for them to score," Jones said. "We got a lot of rebounds and quick outlets and got some easy baskets. In the second half we were kind of a little flatter but that was understandable since the game was over."

Now the goal for the Lady Chaps lies in getting out of the regional tournament for the first time.

"We've been to the regionals every year and we have gotten to the regional finals two of the last four years and we're ready to take the next step," Jones said. "It's not going to be easy and we're going to have to play really hard and want it more than the other team."

Maybe a key ingredient this year was the addition of assistant coach Christy Cates, who downplayed her role but was happy to see the girls she's been close to all year accomplish their goals.

"It's great to be champions and go 14-0 but we couldn't have done it with a better team and a better head coach," Cates said. "Once we started on our roll, I think they knew they could do it."

Shelley Alderman, who was one of six Lady Chap sophomores to play in their last home game, said Thursday's win was a big relief.

"With our talent I thought we could go undefeated but it was just a matter of putting it all together," said Alderman who was one of three players to score in double figures with 12 points.

A couple of freshman were key contributors on "sophomore night" as Julie Rampley had a game-high 15, while Fatime Ndiaye added 12 in a winning effort.

"We're ready to take the next step and it's going to be fun," Alderman said.

Men
Midland College 64, NMMI 51
NMMI (11-19, 5-9): Dantral Coleman 3-8 2-2 8, Packy Baker 0-1 0-2 0, Marvin Reese 4-10 0-0 10, Kaz Kennedy 1-6 0-0 2, Larry Davis 1-7 9-10 11, Kevin Bullock 1-6 2-4 4, Anthony Poullard 0-0 0-0 0, Eric Valencia 2-3 0-1 4, Mike O'Neill 5-10 2-4 12, Roman Holmes 0-2 0-2 0. **Totals 17-53 15-25 51.**
Midland College (17-13, 6-8): Alvin Brooks 1-4 4-6 7, Eugene Costello 4-10 9-13 18, Armon Whitaker 0-2 4-4 4, Teohn Conner 0-2 0-1 0, Ivan Gatto 4-10 6-8 14, Carl Alexander 1-1 1-2 3, Jaamal Jones 0-0 0-0 0, Mike Cummings 4-12 2-6 10, Mike Stewart 2-4 4-5 8. **Totals 16-45 30-45 51.**
Halftime: MC 26, NMMI 21. **3-point goals:** NMMI 2 (**Reese 2**), MC 2 (Brooks, Costello). **Total Fouls:** NMMI 32, MC 24. **Fouled out:** Conner. **Rebounds:** NMMI 29, MC 39 (Gatto 10). **Turnovers:** NMMI 17, MC 17. **Technical Fouls:** NMMI coach Peggie Franklin.

Women
Midland College 78, Western Texas 38
Western Texas (17-12, 6-8): Kathy Tran 1-4 0-0 2, Carrie Fincher 2-9 0-3 4, Heather Moon 0-1 0-0 0, Danielle Brown 1-5 1-2 3, Crystal Williams 3-8 0-0 6, Latasha Vizarrondo 1-3 0-0 2, Christy Wells 1-8 0-0 2, April Walker 3-9 2-4 8, Mary Cavazos 2-4 2-2 6, Rosalind Lawrence 1-6 0-0 3, Pamela Odhuong'o 1-5 0-0 2. **Totals 16-62 5-11 38.**
Midland College (28-2, 14-0): Tynesha Gregory 3-4 0-0 7, Fatimah Holiday 3-9 0-0 6, Nicole Villarreal 1-4 0-0 0, Shelley Alderman 6-19 0-2 12, Taqita Hunter 3-11 0-0 6, Jhudy Gonzalez 1-4 0-2 2, Natalie Goodall 0-3 0-1 0, Julie Rampley 6-10 2-2 15, Fatime Ndiaye 4-9 4-6 12, Rosana Barbosa 1-4 0-0 2, Autumn Johnson 3-7 0-0 6, Amie Kane 2-7 3-5 7. **Totals 33-91 9-18 78.**
Halftime: MC 46, WT 17. **3-point goals:** MC 3 (Gregory, Villarreal, Rampley), WT 1 (Lawrence). **Total Fouls:** WT 20, MC 16. **Fouled Out:** None. **Rebounds:** WT 26, MC 65 (Hunter 12). **Turnovers:** WT 27, MC 20. **Technical Fouls:** None.

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ORDINANCE NO. 7826

An Ordinance amending Chapter One, Title XI, of the City Code of Midland, Texas, by permitting the south 2.0-Acres of Tract 11, Wallace Heights, City and County of Midland, Texas which is presently zoned 1-F-1, One-Family Dwelling District to be used as PD, Planned District for a Shopping Center; providing for such use to be subject to certain special conditions and restrictions as set out herein; containing a cumulative clause; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty or fine of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00); and ordering publication

City of Midland
Kaylah J. McCord
City Secretary

LEGAL NOTICE

Sealed Bid(s) will be received until 11:00 am, March 17, 1999, to be opened at 11:00 A.M. in the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas for the following Bid(s):

Bid #044-99 for:
A request for Proposal for Police Department Records Management Software, Laptops and Misc. Peripherals for the CIS Department.

Information for Bidders, Proposal Forms, Specifications and General Conditions for bidding may be obtained from the office of the Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Midland, Texas.

Purchasing Division
City of Midland, Texas

ORDINANCE NO. 7827

An Ordinance amending Chapter One, Title XI, of the City Code of Midland, Texas, by permitting the property described in Section One hereof, which is presently zoned "Planned District" for a Transition District, to be used as an amended "Planned District"; providing for such use to be subject to certain special conditions and restrictions as set out herein; removing the property described in Section One hereof from the Fire District; containing a cumulative clause; containing a Savings and Severability Clause; providing for a maximum penalty or fine of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00); and ordering publication

City of Midland
Kaylah J. McCord
City Secretary

ORDINANCE NO. 7816

An Ordinance changing the Zoning Use Classification of certain property described in Section One hereof, which is presently zoned LR-2, Local Retail District, by permitting said property to be used under a Specific Use Permit with Term for the Sale of All Alcoholic Beverages in a Lounge for On- Premise Consumption; making said permit subject to certain conditions and restrictions contained herein; providing for a maximum penalty or fine of two thousand dollars ($2,000.00); and ordering publication

City of Midland
Kaylah J. McCord
City Secretary

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Bid #047-99 to purchase:

1 each Mobile Staging System for the Garage Division

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90 Legal Notices

Notice is hereby given that public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Midland, Texas, on **Thursday, March 11, 1999,** in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, beginning at 3:00 P.M., to consider the following:

1. **BD-99-002** Consider a request by Ernest & Pat Rodriguez for a **Special Exception** to the City Zoning Code concerning an expansion of a nonconforming structure located in the side yard setback on Lot 11, Block 25, Parkiea Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas, located at the Southeast corner of the intersection of Kessler Avenue and Alice Street, addressed as 2717 Kessler Avenue.

2. **BD-99-003** Consider a request by Albert Faychak for a **Special Exception** to the City Zoning Code concerning a side yard setback on Lot 7, Block 4-A, Sunset Acres Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas, located at the Northeast corner of Sinclair Avenue and Tarleton Street, addressed as 3412 Sinclair.

3. **BD-99-004** Consider a request by Johnnie Vines for a **Special Exception** to the City Zoning Code concerning the expansion of a nonconforming use located on Lots 5 & 6, Block 158, Southern Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas, located at the Northwest corner of the intersection Weatherford Street and California Avenue, addressed as 710 S. Weatherford Street.

4. **BD-99-005** Consider a request by James C. Carter dba Carter Furniture for a **Variance** to the City Zoning Code concerning the parking requirements on Lots 7 thru 12, Block 20, Original Town Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas, located on the East side of Dallas Street between Illinois Avenue and Ohio Avenue addressed as 501 E. Illinois Avenue.

NOTE:
The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7248. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC SALE
Pursuant to Chapter 59 Texas Property Code - Value Storage Ltd. (formerly Balcor/ Colonial Storage Income Fund 85) dba Colonial Storage Centers, will hold a public sale of property to satisfy a landlords lien. Property will be sold to highest bidder for cash. Property must be removed immediately and space broom swept. Seller reserves the right to reject any bid and to withdraw property from the sale. Property in each space may be sold item by item in batches or by space.

Value Storage Ltd.
1010 N. Loop 250 W.
Midland, Texas 79703
915/697-5932

Date: March 16th, 1999
Time: 10:00 AM

David Bartko- Boxes, floor jack, used lumber; Robbie Riddle- Furniture, boxes; Roger Becker- Misc. boxes; Shelby Crawford- Furniture, boxes; Tony Maldondo- Lumber; Fernando Carrasco- Furniture; Nancy Davis- Wall paper materials; Erma Kendrick- Garden tools, boxes Jerry Gay- CD player, stereo, chair; Scott McCormick- Stove, refrigerator; Shannon Rice- Furniture; Ralph Mungia- Tool box, paint shop, coke machine; Keith Porter- furniture, bicycle, TV; Karen Mosley- Electric stove, boxes; Lupe Franco- Furniture, bicycles, boxes; DyShaun Johnson- Boxes; Myra Thurrhan- Boxes.

95 Public Notices

PUBLIC VEHICLE Auction to be held February 27th at 9 AM at Action Wrecker Service, 1109 S. Midland Dr. 64 Vehicles will be sold. For further information please call 697-8697.

110 Lodge Notices

Midland Masonic Lodge #623
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Bert Bloodworth, WM
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Midland Shrine Club
2019 Trade Dr.
689-7003
Reg. mtng. 3rd Thurs. each mo.
Hosp. 6:30 pm,
dine 7 pm., Bus. mtng. 8 pm.
Keith Hughes, Pres.
Marvin Witcher, Secty.

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F.C. DEGREE
2/27/99.
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Tom Burns, W/M (P.T.)
Bob Ellwood, Sec. 570-0328

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115 Announcements

WEST TEXAS Trail Riders Association Membership pot luck supper. February 27th, 6:00 pm. George & Opal Bentley 4- H Center @ 3400 S. HWY 18, Monahans, Texas. For information, Call (915)943-4160 or 943-5848.

130 Personals

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BEAUTI CONTROL products sale. Shirley Whitehead, Beauty Consultant. 3306 Maxwell, Midland. Please call 520-0416.

150 Lost & Found

LOST: 75 lb, light brown male Lab mix, North of Wal- Mart. Reward. Pager 498-3287.

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REWARD LOST: Male Siamese missing since 02/ 18. Wydewood area. Please call 699-4157.

FOUND SET of Keys on corner of West 130 and Rankin Hwy. Call 687-3730.

FOUND: 2 Female puppies. Golden Retriever mix. Park and Holly area. Call 697-1668.

FEMALE Pit Bull, found on Midland Drive. Call to identify. 683- PETS.

LOST: TERRIER mix, male, vicinity of Penwell, TX., on 02/ 21/ 99. Family pet. Reward. 915-332-0311.

LOST Henderson vicinity, small black graying dog, old and blind. Reward. 697-1408.

↓FOUND↓
FOUND female Dachshund. Call to identify.XXX-XXXX.

↓FOUND↓
LOST male Pekingese, black/ cream corner of Edgewood and Illinois. Reward. xxx-xxxx.

HELP- FOUND lab mix puppies, about 3 months old, on Industrial. 689-2419.

LOST: GRAY CAT, short hair, solid steel gray. 2600 block Frontier, but may have hitched ride across town. 697-0221/ 686-8964.

FOUND: ring at Wall Street Bar & Grill, we lost your phone number, call with complete description. 684-8686.

LOST: MALE Dachshund, black with brown markings, wearing blue harness. Answers to the name "Junior", vicinity of 4000 block of Crockett. Please call 520-3572.

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stk#7049, 16" Alloy Cross Lace Wheels, 3.8 Litre V-6, Auto Trans., AM/FM/CD Player, Power Windows, Power Door Locks, Tilt, Cruise, Rear Deck Spoiler, Keyless Entry.
$289.00 mo
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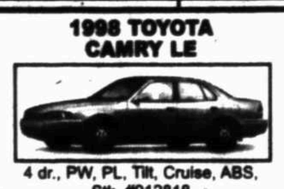
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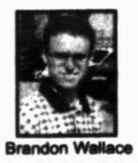
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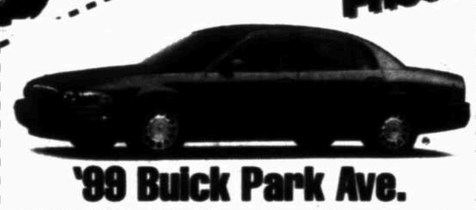
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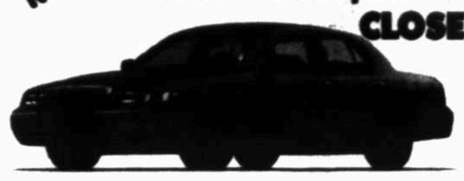
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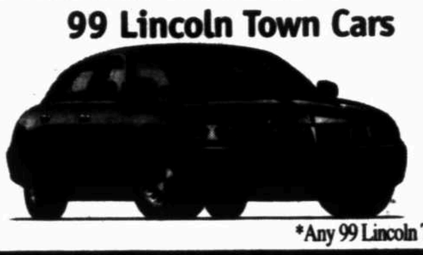


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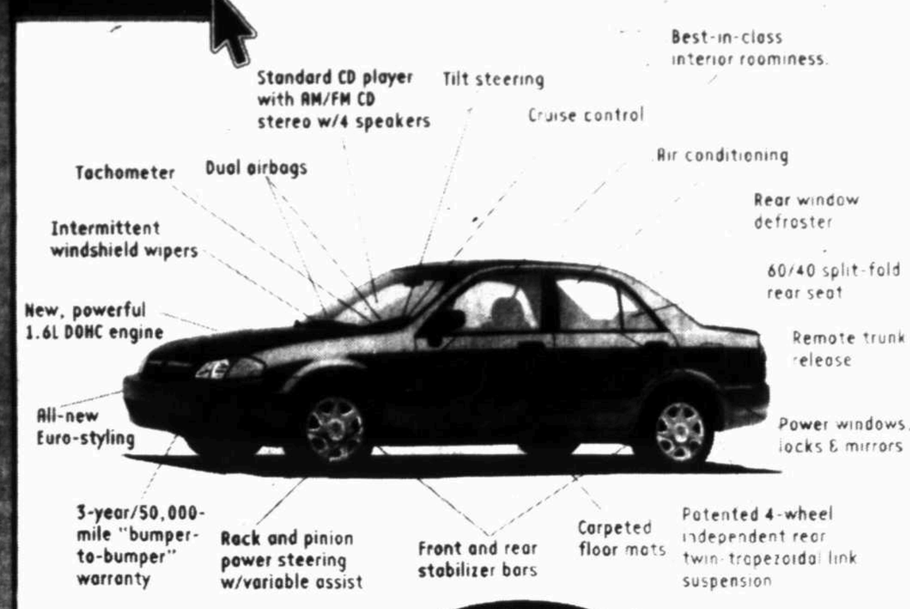
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FORD 1992 - Extended Cab. F150. "Nicest in town" Extra clean, 43K miles, lots of new. Must see! $11,500. 694-3625.

FORD 1994 Ranger Splash Super Cab. 3.0 Liter engine. 5 Speed. Air, Am- Fm cassette. Premium wheels. 63,000 miles. $8,500. 638-2367 or 697-4960.

FORD 1993 RANGER XLT. 5 Speed, 6 Cylinder, toolbox, all accessories! Custom wheels. Clean! 70K miles. $5,500. 699-5985.

FORD 1981 F- 250, Club cab, 4 X 4, 5 speed manual, 400 modified engine, new brakes- starter. $4,320. 697-3563.

TOYOTA 1995 Pickup. Sporty, 6 speed, very low mileage, bedliner, air, sun roof, custom wheels. $8,910. 694-8772.

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CHEVROLET 1976 Stepside. 1/2 Ton, Fuel injected 305, White, new tires, CD player. $2,500. 570-5442.

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CHEVROLET 1985 Pickup. Long wheel base, camper cover, good tires, great work truck. $1,500. xxx-xxxx.

CHEVROLET 1986 Crew cab dually. Western hauler with 5th wheel. New transmission and rear end. 78 gallon reserve gas tank. 468 engine. Call Ron's Engines, 685-1076.

220 Trucks

CHEVROLET 1988 Heavy Half 350. Five speed, 5th wheel, long bed, 4X4. New steering, shocks, balljoints. $3,500. 563-0992 after 5.

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CHEVROLET 1998 Z- 71, Off Road, C- 2500, Vortec 7400, 19K, black/ tan leather. Perfect condition. $24,999. XXX-XXXX.

DODGE 1998 Quad cab SLT, 5.9 V8, garage kept $21,900, 520-3413.

FORD 1994 Ranger XL- Rebuilt engine, new clutch, air conditioning, AM/ FM, tool box. $3,500. 694-0618.

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NEW COMBINATION Carport and storage building all- in- one, $49 a month. Delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

DODGE 1985 D150 Royal SE. 84,000 miles, fully loaded, two owner truck, must see. $3,750 firm. Please call 686-0335.

FORD 1995 F150. 5 Speed, tilt, cruise, am fm cassette, power windows/ locks, camper, new tires, real clean. $12,500. 570-8204.

FORD 1997 Ranger XLT- V6, auto, abs, cruise, 7,000 miles, roll top cover, great truck, $13,500. 699-6693.

CHEVROLET 1997 Z-71 Silverado extended cab, short bed, 3rd door, loaded, low mileage, autumnwood, $24,995, 580-3842.

GMC 1989 SLE, 3/4 ton, 4X4, extended cab, GM 350- 3 year warranty, automatic, tow package. Runs strong. $6,500. 689-3763

CHEVROLET 1996 1 Ton Dually. Loaded! Clean. One owner. Wife's truck! Automatic/ Overdrive. Vortec 454. Great gas mileage! $19,000. 687-3221.

CHEVROLET 1998 1/2 Ton, Short wide bed. Silverado exterior, AM/ FM/ Cassette, 6 Cylinder, manual transmission, 1,500 miles. $14,000. 686-9238.

FORD 1994 regular cab, inline 6, warranty, bed liner, clean, new tags/ inspection. $7,500. 686-8637 after 6 or pager 567-4388.

MAZDA 1995 B 2300, low miles, very clean, must see. $8,000. Please call 686-1857.

222 Suburbans & Vans

CHEVROLET 1991 Extended Astro van, burgundy with gray interior, 90K miles. $5,000. Please call 697-0932.

CHEVROLET 1992 Suburban Silverado. White/ blue interior. Rear air/ heat. Loaded! 95,000 miles. Excellent condition. $12,900. Call 682-0300.

CHEVROLET 1998 LS Suburban. Loaded! 27K miles. Excellent condition. $29,000. Call 563-4329 or 556-0222.

CHEVROLET 1998 Suburban LT, leather, all the extras. 32K miles, one owner, $29,500. 570-6559 or 332-9850.

CHEVROLET 1998 Suburban. Leaded, leather, towing, rear air, CD, excellent. $29,000. 694-3559.

FORD 1989 Aerostar Extended link Van. Clean, runs good, new tires, air conditioning, electric. Fully loaded. $3,900. 699-0604 days, 697-5832.

GMC 1990 Silverado Suburban, Limited edition, front & rear alr conditioning, rear doors. Excellent condition. $5,850. Call 366-6003.

GMC 1994 Safari. Extra clean. Loaded, new tires, runs great! Book $9,100, asking price $7,500. 699-0604, see at 205 Midkiff.

CHEVROLET 1984 Suburban Silverado. Excellent condition. See to appreciate! $4,500 or best offer. 520-7670.

CHEVROLET 1995 Suburban, loaded, dark blue, CD, towing, rear air, only 58k miles. $20,000. Call 699-2560.

CHEVROLET 1984 Suburban 1/2 Ton. 4 Wheel drive, new brakes and tires, dual air and heat, trail package, loaded, 27K miles on new motor and transmission. $3,500 Firm. 683-8020.

CHEVROLET 1989 Suburban Limited Edition. Loaded, captain's chairs, dual air, new engine. $5,495. 701 S. Big Spring. 687-2190, 682-2622.

CHEVROLET 1995 K 2500 LE. 7.4 Liter, 230 hp, 3/4 ton, 4 wheel drive, leather, CD, new tires, rear air, 45K miles, like new. One owner. 694-1967.

CHRYSLER 1994 Town & Country, extended mini van, original owner, fully loaded, 83K. Loan value $12,250, asking $10,000 negotiable. 689-3334.

222 Suburbans & Vans

FORD 1996 Windstar LX. 7 Passenger, quad, captain chairs, fully loaded, smoke free, garaged nightly. See to appreciate, call 682-8913 for appointment.

GMC 1993 G- 2500 conversion van, 65K miles, rear air, new tires. Like new in and out. $9,250. Call 684-7136.

CHEVROLET 1993 Conversion Van- full size. Loaded, captain's seats, rear air, TV, VCR connections, 97,000 miles. Great condition. $9,000. 689-7726.

CHEVROLET 1994 Suburban Silverado, white/ blue cloth, garage kept, non- smoking owner, extended warranty, alarm, running boards. $16,950. 915-264-0382.

DODGE 1993 Caravan, forest green, childs seats, alarm system, good condition. $4,900. 686-2026 days- ask for Bill, 1-800-588-8774 pager,

GMC 1994 Trailmaster Eleganté Suburban. Package. Loaded. Captain's chairs, TV, VCR, ear phones. high mileage. Many updates. $15,500. 699-0092, 685-1940.

NISSAN 1996 QUEST XE. Excellent condition. Navy, tinted windows, anti-theft system, power locks & windows. 38K miles. $15,900. 520-6436.

CHEVROLET 1989 , hi- rise van, 350, 3/4 ton, 67K miles, new air- tires- shocks, runs great, $7,200. Call 697-6078.

225 4x4 Vehicles

FORD 1973 BRONCO. Power steering, automatic transmission, $4,500. Please call 683-2630.

FORD 1999 F250 Crew Cab, Lariot. V10, black, beige leather, loaded, 600 miles. $33,000 firm. 520-4584.

JEEP 1992 Wrangler, 4 wheel drive, 6 cylinder, automatic, power steering, AM/ FM/ CD, new tires and chrome wheels, soft top, 63K miles, $9,500. Call 683-7443 or 684-7259.

CHEVROLET 1992 Suburban. Great shape, consider trade. $12,500 negotiable. 683-4540, 694-4976.

CHEVROLET 1997 Z-71 Loaded! Leather, 3rd door, all chrome, emerald green/ silver. See to appreciate. 697-4391.

225 4x4 Vehicles

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JEEP 1995 Wrangler, 4 X 4, 32K miles. Must sell, take over payments. Call 520-3985 to see.

JEEP 1988 Wrangler, 54K, lots of extras! Excellent condition. $7,400. Please call 697-8431 for information.

TOYOTA 1994 Extended Cab Pickup. Red. excellent condition, 63,000 miles, custom wheels, grill guard, towing package, tinted windows. $13,900. 520-6436.

CHEVROLET 1995 Silverado Extended Cab 4x4. Fully loaded, electric windows, cruise, etc., towing package, new tires, $13,200. Call 699-7368.

TOYOTA 1988 SR- 5 pickup, extra cab, 4 wheel drive, one owner. Great condition. $6,200 negotiable. Call 520-0443.

235 Cars,Trucks & Vans $3,000 & under

Mercury 1985 Grand Marquis, Low mileage, one owner, good condition. $1,800 firm. Call 520-5136.

CHRYSLER 1986 LeBaron Convertible, white, great school car, asking $2,500. Call Jennifer at 570-5989.

DODGE 1986, 3/4 ton, four speed, 366 engine, good work truck, $2,500 or best offer. Please call 683-6530.

FORD 1982 1/2 Ton V8. New engine, $1,800. Please call 683-8888 for information. .

FORD 1986 Escort station wagon. Excellent condition, great gas mileage. $1,750. Please call 570-0207.

FORD 1988 BRONCO II, new engine 2.9, V- 6, black and gray, good shape, $2,500. Please call 683-2969.

✔ FORD 1989 Mustang GT, needs front end work, asking $3,000 or best offer. Please call 570-1134.

NISSAN 1989 Pickup. $3,000. Call 682-6709 days and 699-5358 evenings and weekends.

PONTIAC 1981 Trans Am. 455, Buick engine, runs good, has T-Tops, 4 wheel disc brakes. $1,500 as is. 522-2417.

FORD 1990 Ranger XLT truck. Good shape, air conditioner, needs motor work. 685-0911.

235 Cars,Trucks & Vans $3,000 & under

PONTIAC 1989 Grand Am, White, needs work has a/ c. heater, AM/ FM radio, $900 cash. 570-1574.

CHEVROLET 1970 CAMARO. 307, new battery. As- Is. $1,200. Please call 684-8705 for more information.

CHEVROLET 1984 Caprice. 2 Door, clean, only 61K miles, loaded. Must sell. Asking $3,000. 689-0722.

MERCURY 1986 Grand Marquis. Very clean car! $2,300. Call 687-0167, ask for Bob or Evenings, 683-7236.

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240 Motorcycles

1997 YAMAHA YZ 250, Bill's pipe, White Brothers suspension. Pro taper bars. Excellent condition. $3,400. Call 689-0268.

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SUZUKI 1998 Intruder 1400, fully loaded, lots of chrome. $8,500. Call 557-2809 days, 694-3967 after 6 pm.

HONDA 1998 Shadow Ace Deluxe 750. 600 Miles, new drag pipes, drag bars. Leave message: 520-2019.

SHOEI RF 700 Helmut. Brand new. Black. Size m, gold spectra shield. $200. 686-7711 Russell.

YAMAHA 1996 V-MAX, 1,200 CC, 145 HP, Shaftdrive, 9K. Excellent condition, very fast, many extras. Book $7,995 asking $7,250, 687-1530.

240 Motorcycles

KAWASAKI 1996 Vulcan VN-1500C, like new, 1500 miles, wind shield, pipes, extended warranty, $8,000/ o. b. o. John, 686-7666 evenings.

HARLEY DAVIDSON Dyna-Wide, 1997, 8,500 miles, custom paint, lots of chrome, performance pipes, $18,000. Call 682-4235.

HARLEY DAVIDSON Road King, 1998, 1,300 miles. Perfect condition. Black, Stage I fuel injection, performance pipes, $21,000. 682-1704.

245 Trailers Utility

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TERRY'S Trailers, 1403 Garden City Hwy. Hitches, light wiring, trailer repairs. New and used trailers for sale. We also rent trailers. Truck/ pickup rigging a specialty. 688–5198.

250 Recreational Vehicles

1999 42' 5TH WHEEL Fiberglass, 3 slide, awnings, central air, dishwasher. Every option. $30,000. (817)367-6240.

1979 PROWLER: 23', Self contained, air conditioner, sleeps six, new tires, $2,500. Please call 697-3466 leave message.

1988 SOUTHWIND Eagle, 33' motorhome, 2 roof air conditioners, Onan generator, microwave, awning, queen. Excellent condition. $19,500. 682-5414. Serious only.

1996 TERRY FIFTH wheel, 25' slide out. Mint condition. non smoking owner. Used twice. $17,500. First come, first serve. Call 694-1678, leave message.

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1986 ROCKWOOD XL Pop-Up Camper. Sleeps 6. 12' Box. Carpet, Port-a-Potty. Queen & Full beds. $1,850. 694-1923

1995 19 Ft Chateau Travel Trailer. Air, microwave, tub/ shower, awning. Sleeps 4- 6. Excellent condition. $7,500. Call 686-7374.

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SUNDCREST 1985 32' Motor home. 2 roof air conditioner, 7.5 generator. Excellent condition $13,000. 683-8888.

WINNEBAGO 1974 18' Brave. Chrysler 318, completely remodeled. $3,500 or make offer. Call 699-5245.

1986 KOMFORT 5th wheel, 23', sleeps 6, fully self contained, good condition, $3,900. Call 683-0938.

1997 26 Ft Sportsmaster 5th Wheel Travel Trailer. Used 3 times. $15,300. Please call 520-2300.

250 Recreational Vehicles

★ 1981 ALLEGRA 29 Ft. 454 Engine, 2 roof air, awning, rear bed, lots more! $9,450. Call 522-1199, RV Super Center, 4600 W Wall.

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1999 JAMBOREE, Class "C", 32', slide- out, 5,000 miles, Ford Triton V- 10. Best in town. $60,000. Call 682-1704.

1998 ALPENLITE 36' fifth wheel with three slide outs. Immaculate/ warranted. Accessories included. Original cost $61,900, sell $37,000. Call 694-7396.

1994 32' WINNEBAGO, 454 Chevrolet, generator, 2 rooftop airs inverter, electric jacks, entertainment center, awning, rear queen, basement storage, $39,900. 697-9445.

260 Boats & Motors

1997 SKEETER. Excellent condition (Moving- Must Sell!) $8,000. Please call 520-2443 for information.

1989 16' BASSTRACKER, aluminum V- hull, 60 HP motor, new tires and battery, low hours. $3,900. 699-5258.

CHAMPION 1999 New Never used. 181 Dual console, 150 Mariner, trailer armor. $18,500. o. b. o. 686-8103 or Pager 560-6036.

TIDECRAFT 15.5' BASS Boat with 50 hp Evinrude motor, trolling motor and trailer. Good condition, $2,000. Call 684-4742.

1995 Kawasaki 750 SS jet ski with trailer, very good condition. $2,700 or best offer. Please call 915-570-7628.

1996 BAYLINER 1750 Capri LS Anniversary edition. Beautiful boat, trailer included. $6,800 o. b. o. Call 524-5897 for more information.

YAMAHA 1998 XL 1200 Jet ski with dual ski trailer. 3 Seater, 20 hours new, $6,250 o. b. o. 524-5897.

1978 JET BOAT, 396 engine, very fast, double axle trailer, paint in very good condition, $3,700 or best offer. 570-7628.

NEWMAN 17' Walkthru, super clean, lake ready, just completely serviced, New battery, new carburetor. Must See! $3,500. 689-7010.

1978 GLASTRON 17 foot, walk through fish & ski boat with 150 hp Johnston motor. $2,900. Please call 682-9342.

1997 CHAMPION Pro Team 202 Elite, 200 EFI Mariner, fully loaded with custom cover, trailer armor. $23,000. Please call 830-775-0892.

LOWRANCE ELECTRONICS. Ken Hines or Gabrel 5 Enterprises. Day or night- 915-694-3186, 3810 Neely, Midland, TX.

260 Boats & Motors

1995 STRATOS 19' dual console, 175 Johnson, trolling motor, depth finder, tandem trailer, cover. Excellent condition. $14,900. 686-8103/ 560-6036 pager.

290 Parts & Accessories

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FOUR 15X10 Five Star Aluminum wheels with tires- Ford or Chevy $300. Chrome rear bumper for Chevy pickup- $90. Bedmat short/ wide Chevy $15. 520-6409.

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NIGHT AUDITOR

Full time audit/ desk position available. 1 Year experience necessary. Apply in person at **The Victorian Inn & Suites 4714 W. Highway 80**

310 General Help Wanted

The Texas Workforce Center of Midland

is currently taking applications for the JTPA- Summer Youth Employment and Training Program in Midland, Gaines, Andrews, Upton and Martin Counties.

- Youth Ages 14- 21 Years Old
- Must be US Citizen
- Must be economically disadvantaged
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For more information please contact:

The Texas Workforce Center of Midland
2408 N. Big Spring
Midland, TX 79705
(915)687-3003 or (800)523-3003

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Cox Communications is currently looking for a full- time Dispatcher to join our Customer Service Team! If you enjoy a variety of tasks, have strong communication skills, can use a computer and like working with other employees, then our Dispatcher position is for you. As a dispatcher, you have the opportunity to communicate with employees as well as the public either by phone, radio or computer. Excellent communications skills a must! This position offers a variety of job tasks and is a key position to our strategy of providing the Midland community excellent customer service.

Cox offers a competitive salary based on experience. In addition, Cox provides excellent health, dental, life insurance, and long term disability coverage upon hire; paid vacations, holidays, and sick time; and the ability to sign up for our 401K savings plan upon eligibility. Interested candidates may complete an application at:

Cox Communications
2530 S. Midkiff, Midland, TX. 79703
NO PHONE CALLS PLEASE!
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*Customer Service/ Collection

FLEXIBILITY

Are you looking for an office type that can be a little bit flexible with hours? Do you love talking to people on the phone? Do you possess a minimum of basic computer skills? Then check this job out.

We are currently looking for a person who can make 60+ outbound calls per day to existing customers and log the information into the computer system. The main focus will be to encourage customers to make payment, thereby continuing their service with our company. This position is not a hard collection position, but rather a soft collection with more of a slant toward sales/ customer service.

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If you possess the skills, attitude and tenacity that this job requires, fax your resume: Attn: TAMI at 682-6999. Make sure to include daytime and evening phone numbers (Interviews to start immediately). No phone calls please.

Full or Part Time

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PART TIME WORK

Students interested in getting out service cards to people you know on Saturdays, this Winter & Spring, report to The Firestone Store, 709 North Big Spring, AT 6:30 pm SHARP, FRIDAY EVENING, FEBRUARY 26th ONLY. You will be at the store 30 minutes. Paid daily. Bring your friends. NO PHONE CALLS. Bring a pencil.

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Must be 21 years of age, valid Texas drivers license, clean driving record.
Temp to Perm position.
Please call our office today for an immediate appointment.
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NOW HIRING EXPERIENCED property manager for large Midland apartment community. Must be reliable, self motivated, organized, with strong computer skills. Experience in Rent Roll preferred. Professional appearance a must. Salary DOE. Apply in person at 4401 E 52nd St., Odessa TX No phone calls please. EOE.

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·EXPERIENCED CASHIER & WAITSTAFF

Must be willing to work evenings & weekends.
Apply in person only,

Warfield Restaurant
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Speak with Nita or Donna

ACCOUNTING Clerk needed for Odessa office. Computer experience required. Send resume to: D. Knight. P.O. Box 206, Snyders, TX 79550.

APPLICATIONS NOW Being accepted for leasing consultants for large Midland apartment community. Must be reliable and energetic with professional appearance. 4401 E 52nd St., Odessa, TX No phone calls please. EOE.

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BUSINESS CONTINUING to Grow!! Now hiring Cooks, Cashiers and Delivery Drivers. Drivers can earn up to $12.00/ Hour. Apply in person at Pinocchio's Pizza, 3303 N. Midkiff.

CUSTOMER SERVICE Representative Needed- Busy internet company needs a qualified person to answer heavy call volume in Customer Service Department. Good phone voice required. Some computer skills required. Please fax resumes to (915)686-0600, Attention: Marisa.

FOR RESUMES that get results call 699-1919. Professional, fast, courteous, affordable service.

GOLDEN CORRAL, 4709 N. Midkiff Rd. is now hiring front of the house positions. Apply in person after 3:30 pm.

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MANAGEMENT Opportunities available at Fuddrucker's. Please call 689-0448, fax 689-0458.

MURRAY & THE FRENCHMAN Catering is seeking experienced cook. Apply in person at 3211 W. Wadley #24.

NEED EXPERIENCED Commercial and Residential HVAC Technician. Must have clean driving record. Apply in person at Permian Air Conditioning, 311 W 42nd Street in Odessa.

NEED PEST & Termite Technician for established routes. Licensed technicians or certified applicators needed. Salary based on performance. Midland, Odessa and surrounding areas. All replies confidential. Send resume to: Human Resources, 4102 Buffalo Gap Road, Suite F-160, Abilene, TX., 79605.

NOW HIRING crew members for day/ evening shifts part/ full time. Flexible hours. Also taking applications for assistant manager. Must have previous fast food experience. Apply in person at Sonic Drive-Inn, 1109 N. Midkiff.

PART- TIME Bus Driver/ Maintenance person. CDL required. Only experienced need apply. 2100 Castleford Road or fax resume to 682-2478.

PIZZA DRIVERS wanted for relief and part time shifts. Great pay, flexible hours. Call 685-5032.

FURNITURE MOVERS with experience. Heavy lifting and drivers license required. Leave name /number (915)553-1464.

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RETAIL- Store Manager position available at local shoe store. Exciting career opportunities available now! Retail experience required. Keyholder positions also available. Competitive benefit package. Send resume to: Personnel, 3705 Cross Bend Drive, Arlington, TX 76016. EOE, M/ F.

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EOE
Assisted Living License #323

2 CNA'S needed for 2:00-10:00. We're looking for the best! If that's you, come join our team! Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main.

CNA'S and Medication Aides needed. All shifts. Go to work today! Apply in person, 3203 Sage, Midland. Good starting pay.

DENTAL ASSISTANT Needed hours 9- 6 Monday- Thursday, 8- 12 on Friday. Send resume with salary requirements to: PO Box 8560, Midland, TX 79708.

→NEW TODAY←

DENTAL ASSISTANT: Needed for busy pediatric dental office. Must be dependable, energetic and a team player. Excellent benefits. Experience and bilingual helpful but not mandatory. Please bring resume by 100 North "N" St., at "N" & Wall.

DENTAL ASSISTING. Lon Morris College, in association with local dentist, now accepting students for a class in dental assisting to begin March 8th. Enrollment limited. Call 683-5042.

LVN. Every 3rd weekend off. Vacation every 6 months, paid health insurance with prescription card. Accuracy and good work history a must. Best salary in the Basin. Apply in person: Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main.

MEDICAL ASSISTANT with other medical office duties. Will train the right person. Send resume to: Box J-5173, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NURSE. Terrace West Nursing Center has current openings for RN/ LVN. If interested, please come by in person. Terrace West Nursing Center, 2800 Midland Drive, Midland, TX 79707.

NURSES' NEEDED!!! Referral bonus. Call Nursefinders, 570-8080.

NURSES UNLIMITED Managed Care, Inc. CNA's and Sitters needed for home health and institutional staffing. Contact Elaine Dansby or Natalie Lawson at 580-2060, Monday- Friday, 8:00- 5:00. EOE.

RECEPTIONIST NEEDED in Doctors office. Insurance filing, computer skills, transcription, scheduling appointments, light bookkeeping. Experience preferred. Bring resume to: 1300 W. Wall.

RN'S/ LVN'S for staff relief. All shifts. Fax resume to 915-570-4390.

312 Professional Help Wanted

BUSINESS MANAGER NEEDED

Accounting degree and/ or minimum of two years of accounting experience required. This position oversees all financial reporting, A/ P, A/ R, Payroll, GL. Cost coding, computer knowledge, and experience in the construction/ contracting field. Must possess a strong office background, and can work with little or no supervision. Those persons interested in a challenging and fulfilling career can apply in person at 1110 No. Grimes, Hobbs, NM. No phone calls please.

→NEW TODAY←

ARCHITECTS OFFICE seeking Full Time Auto CAD Specialist or Intern Architect. 915-687-0781.

AUTOCAD DETAILER: Proficiency on Cad 13/ 14 required. Experience in detailing structural steel or architectural drawings preferred. Send resume in confidence to: Engineering Manager, P. O. Box 60335, Midland, TX., 79711-0335.

CPA with experience for successful Arlington CPA firm. Must have public accounting practice experience. Excellent pay and benefits. Fax resume and salary requirements to: 817-274-4452.

NEEDED: Swimming Pool Service Tech. Experienced in plumbing and electrical may send resume to: Pools West, 4417 50th Street, Lubbock, TX 79414 or call 1-800-491-5661.

312 Professional Help Wanted

GENERAL Superintendent for Multi family development in Midland. Must have experience in construction from undeveloped land through completion, including on- sites, off- sites, and ground- up wood frame construction of multi story structures. Competitive salary with benefits and immediate start. Fax resumes to ACTS Housing Developers, 972-745-2190.

→NEW TODAY←

Midland County Constable
Precinct 3 and Precinct 4

Applications for the positions of Constable for Precinct 3 and Constable for Precinct 4 will be accepted March 1, 1999 through March 5, 1999 in the office of the Midland County Judge, 200 W. Wall, Suite 006, Midland, TX. Applications will be available from 8:00 a.m.- 12 p.m. and 1:00 p.m.- 5:00 p.m. Applicants applying for Constable, Precinct 3 must reside in Justice of the Peace Precinct 3. Applicants applying for Constable, Precinct 4 must reside in Justice of the Peace Precinct 4. Applicants must have a high school diploma. The annual salary is $7,214, plus benefits. A complete drug screening and criminal background check will be run. Midland County is an equal opportunity employer.

PROJECT MANAGER. Established and growing environmental and construction services firm seeks motivated project manager to serve and expand existing client base. Environmental project management, field experience, and a desire to expand Permian Basin Area services are required. Geology and remediation experience a plus. Office location in Midland. Please send resume to Personnel Manager, Permian Basin Area at 13431 Cullen Blvd., Houston, TX 77047.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

ADMINISTRATIVE Assistant needed- Busy Real Estate Office needs assistant to help with heavy call volume and other administrative functions. Good phone voice and some computer skills required. Immediate Opening! Fax resumes to (915)686-9000, Attention: Angie.

EXPERIENCE COUNTS
* Secretarial * Oil & Gas
* Word Processing
TEMPORARY RESOURCES
684-0527

GENERAL. Accepting resume for oil well service Office Personnel. Heavy phones, two way radio dispatch. Computer experience required. References required. Please reply to: P.O. Box 3818, Midland, Texas 79702.

Global Personnel Network
Temp & Perm positions. Locally & around the globe! 686-8360.

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682-0033 or 570-0197

JOBS AVAILABLE
Select Staff
915-687-1545

KELLY IS YOUR JOB
Connection... To Quality Jobs!
Call Kelly Services 689-9801

Loretta's Answering Service, Inc. is looking for reliable people who are in dire need of a job for evening shifts weekends included. Typing required, minimum of 40 WPM. Apply at 1300 S. Midland Dr. 10 am- 3 pm Monday- Friday.

PROPERTY CASUALTY Insurance Customer Service Representative. Independent agency in Lubbock. Commercial experience preferred but will consider any property and casualty experience. Call 800-747-3404 ask for Ric.

316 Sales Help Wanted

ROUTE SALES. Sierra Springs Water company is currently recruiting for Route Sales personnel. Responsibilities include sales and delivery of bottled water products as well as solicitation of new accounts. The successful candidate will have excellent communication skills, good driving record and be in good physical condition (DOT Physical Required). Previous Sales/ Customer Service experience preferred. Requires CDL Class B. Please apply in person to: Sierra Spring Water Company, 605 S Marienfeld, Midland, Texas 79701. No phone calls please.

SALESPERSON WANTED. Must be energetic, reliable, interested in working with people, goal oriented. Some sales experience preferred, but not required. Commission sales. Apply in person, Travis Boating, 1920 North Loop 250 West. No phone calls please.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

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EXPERIENCED Pumper needed for part time relief work. Call xxx-xxxx.

FIELD TECHNICIAN: Independent service company seeking to hire individual with wireline/ slickline experience, willing to move to the Four Corners New Mexico area, must be self motivated, some sales experience needed and skilled in mathematics a must. Please send resume to: Box J-5070, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

320 Skilled Trades

INSPECTOR experienced in black light and dye penetrant for the Odessa area. Call (281)856-2846 or fax resume to (281)855-7518, ask for Dwight.

316 Sales Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←

AUTOMOBILE SALES OPPORTUNITY

Midland's fastest growing new car dealer is looking for EXPERIENCED SALESPERSONS to join our team selling 6 popular new car lines.

A background in automobile sales is preferred, but not required. But, a neat appearance, outgoing personality and a desire for success is necessary.

If you want to make well above an average income, come join our team!

Apply in person only please. Ask for Kenny Green.

Berg Motors
3205 W. Wall, Midland, TX

320 Skilled Trades

→NEW TODAY←

EXPERIENCED DIESEL mechanic needed. Mack experience preferred but not required. Excellent pay, health and dental insurance, 401K, profit sharing. Relocation to Dallas- Fort Worth area required. Call Richard or Ken, 800-274-6225.

HEAVY EQUIPMENT Mechanic: Hunter Industries, Inc., a highway contractor located in the Central Texas Hill Country, has openings for experienced heavy equipment mechanics. Competitive pay and benefits; vacation, medical and life insurance and 401K retirement. Drug screen, EOE employer. Apply in person to Hunter Industries, Inc. 4501 Hunter Road, San Marcos, TX 78666 or Call Bruce Wymer at 512-353-7757.

→NEW TODAR←

INSTALL TECHNICIAN. Number one natural gas irrigation engine company in US is seeking install technicians- light fabrication and welding in agricultural field. Mechanical knowledge and bilingual are a plus. Company based in Midland with travel to California, Arizona, Washington state and Florida required. Possible relocation. Pay is commensurate with experience. Call Lisa 8 am to 5 pm for appointment. 915/498-0702.

LOOKING FOR Experienced Journeymen Plumbers and HVAC/ Refrigeration Technician. Submit applications to: 1607 South Midkiff.

MOTORCYCLE MECHANIC. Will train right individuals must demonstrate strong mechanical skills, desire to work hard+ take direction. Midland Powersports. Rodger● 520-2080.

330 Situations Wanted

LAND LEASE Consultant- Oil and gas lease records, D/O's, title research, acquisitions, & divestitures. Notary Public. Call me, 20 years + experience. 689-4657, leave message.

336 Adult Care Providers

INHOME CARE for all your in home health needs. Bathing, cooking, cleaning, running errands, etc. Give us a call for more information at 570-4475, ask for Tonya or Jackie.

ADULT IN-Home Caregiver for all your needs to the elderly or disabled. Call Lacy, 689-2491.

TENDER CARE has private and semi private rooms available. 24 Hour care, adult day care also available. Call 570-5097 or 689-3455 for information.

ONE LOVING family taking in the elderly for all their health care needs. For more information contact LaDonna, 683-7832.

341 Child Care Providers

I DO Babysitting in my home. Reasonable rates. Please call 683-6562.

CHRISTIAN HOME has openings Monday through Friday, 6:30- 5:30. Breakfast, lunch, snacks provided. References. 522-1035.

CHRISTIAN MOM will keep children in my home Monday through Friday, 6 am to 6:30 pm. Morning and afternoon snacks provided. Lots of activities. 553-8121 and 522-7834.

350 Business Opportunities

WANT TO SELL Your Business? We have buyers. Call Bennett & Associates, Business Brokers, 684-5209.

350 Business Opportunities

LOCAL BUSINESSES for sale. Small and large. Some have low down payments and owner financing. Call for a free confidential interview- Sunbelt Business Brokers, 520-1515.

LOCAL BUSINESS for sale. Pine/ Hurricane, O/S. Owner financing. 580-5296.

Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277

Attention Readers

Occasionally, ads found in this section come from distant points & the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract/ or giving out your credit card or bank information.

CONVENIENCE STORE and Lounge on 13 acres. Grocery, beer & gas, Trailer park, Boat stalls, Laundromat on Highway 90. Established over 30 years. $135,000. Owner will finance partially. Comstock, Texas. Would consider Midland properties in trade. 915-292-4460.

RETAIL STORE for sale. 1998 Sales $170,000. Will sell $150,000 or best offer. Call 697-8506.

PRAYERFULLY considered. Established Christian bookstore/ art gallery/ frame shop. Priced right for the right person. 915-694-7800.

NEED PARTNER to build barnyard furniture. I furnish materials- you furnish labor. Materials abundant. 697-4712.

HAIR SALON: in affluent area. Full service. For sale. Reasonable. Call 697-1794, leave message.

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475 Crafts & Supplies
480 Cameras/Supplies
485 Electronics
490 Computers/Access.
495 FOR FREE

400 Auctions

TWO DAY AUCTION: Friday, February 26th, 10 am, 201 W. Washington, Midland. Restaurant equipment: Coke fountains, Vulcan Fry- o- lators, Wolf grill, cook stoves, pizza ovens. Kerry Fisher, Auctioneer, #12855. Saturday, February 27th, 10 am. Antiques & Interior Design: Blenko vases, bronzes, artwork, quilts, mirrors & frames, curio cabinet, cement patio table & stands, fabric, wallpaper, primitive furniture. Ricky Smith, Auctioneer, #10319. Call for more details, 570-9599.

410 Misc. Sales

HOT SPRINGS SPA Hot Tub- 7 Person Grandy. $3,000. Call 697-6836 after 7:00 pm.

30' X 15' ABOVE ground pool with accessories- $1,000. Double stainless steel sink, wall oven, music stand. 699-0746.

410 Misc. Sales

50% OFF ALL
Mary Kay Products
Cash Only!
Friday 02/ 26 10 till 2
3103 Haynes
697-7564 leave message.

LEFT OVER 6 + Yards blue carpeting and 4 + Yards beige carpeting. $50. 699-1744.

GARDEN WAY Chipper/ Vac. 4.0 HP engine. Like new. Antique Oak kitchen cupboard. 699-4408.

2 TRAILER HITCHES for vehicles '87- '95, Acclaim, Dynasty, Spirit, LeBaron. 3,500 lb, $75. 2,000 lb, $50. Call 697-6836 after 7:00 pm.

ANTIQUE BRASS glass fireplace cover $25. Please call 697-8376 anytime.

BROTHER WORD processor, works good- $200. Please call 697-9967.

OAK King 4 poster bed with under drawers plus bedding $300. Captain style king oak headboard $150. Triple dresser oak mirror $50. Love seat hide a bed newly reupholstered $250. Like new country blue recliner $150. 697-4454.

2- RACE TICKETS for Nascar Texas 500 and Busch Grand National. No split. Great Seats. Best offer. 699-4151.

NEW BRIDAL gown with royal train, veil, jewelry accessories. Absolutely beautiful, size 18-20. Paid $1,000 will sell for $500. 699-6927, 697-3281 days (Judy).

PARENT TAUGHT drivers education required DPS textbook cost $35. Looks new asking $30. Call 697-5464.

TWO LOTS: Resthaven Cemetery, "Garden of Love", retail $1,195 sell for $1,050 each. Call 800-299-7826 ask for Gary.

→NEW TODAY←

CHILDRENS WOODEN swing set with platform, best offer considered. Please call 699-1736.

ONE MANCO Dingo go cart, originally $900 will take $500. Please call 687-2839.

WASHERS, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, wicker 10 piece dining, loungers, couches, antiques, Plymouth, miscellaneous. 570-4851.

FINALLY HEALTH Insurance, at affordable rates, for the self employed and small business owner. 1-800-692-8299.

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

8 WEEK OLD male Rottweiler puppy. Jensen CD car stereo, Viper auto security system (new in package). 694-4043.

ELECTRIC HOSPITAL BED. Complete. Please call 694-0066 after 3 pm.

RESTHAVEN: FOUR Spaces, Garden of Prayer, 1/2 price. Please call (940)549-2655 for more information.

THREE WHEEL golf cart, winter cover, electrical re-charger, $500, call 689-6309 days or 697-5311 evenings.

FOR SALE By Owner: In Resthaven Memorial Park, Inc. Cemetery sites in the Memories area, Lot 45, Spaces 5, 6, 7 & 8. Interested parties call (210)824-0781.

NEW REESE tow bar with brackets- fits 94 to 98 Honda- $225. Blue fox coat- short length- $200. Film editor- $50. Vivatar camera- $20. Call 687-4620.

1999 MODELS, 5 to 6 person spas $57 a month. Delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

★ BIBLE TALK: Who Should Lead in Prayer During the Worship Service? 520-0381. Free recorded message.

415 Misc. Wanted

USED 1997- 1998 Mac Powerbook. Please send description and price to: Box 80064, 79708. Every offer will be acknowledge with no counters.

SMALL Oil Company wanting a good used copy machine. Call 685-0531.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

420 Good Things To Eat

BUYING PECANS! Bare root pecan trees, $24.95. Gardendale Pecan Processing, FM 554 in Gardendale. 550-7609.

430 Household ·Goods

NO ROOM: Need to sell, new Serta queen size bed set, trash compactor, new fireplace cover. B-B-Q charbroil gas grill with rotisserie- paid $300 will take $150. Other miscellaneous items. 699-3280.

432 Household Furniture

NON- Working wood maple console TV. Make into bookcase/ dry sink. $49. 694-6732.

→NEW TODAY←

ANTIQUE OBLONG Dining Table with 6 heavy carved chairs, cherry wood, $1,400. Please call 684-8135.

NEUTRAL COLOR Matching Couch and Loveseat. Small floral pattern. $250. 686-7300.

→NEW TODAY←

BLACK LEATHER couch, new, asking $400, gave $600. Call 520-3985 for more information.

QUEEN SIZE sleeper sofa, beige leather sofa, both in excellent condition- $500 each. Call 684-7965.

BLACK LACQUER bedroom furniture: Dresser, mirror, nightstand, queen size headboard, $400 or best offer. Call Missy at 689-0075 or 528-4531.

3 YEAR OLD Mayo Sleeper Sofa. Floral design. $650. Call 685-0092 after 5:30 pm.

WATER MATTRESS with heater. $250. Please call 685-1055 for more information.

WATERBED mattress and heater, "California King" size, great condition. 1202 West Golf Course. 685-1202. $50.

CUSTOM BUILT: Shelving unit Wood/ 3/4" glass construction, 7'L X 6'H. Must see! $100. 683-1989.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards- Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699-1224.

435 Household Appliances

↓SOLD↓

✓ WHIRLPOOL frost free refrigerator- ice maker, almond. Good condition. $200. xxx-xxxx.

→NEW TODAY←

GENTLY USED Gourmet Thermador gas stove top. Automatic ignition/ reignition. Please call 694-1858.

WHITE REFRIGERATOR, $175. White electric stove, $75. Super Single Waterbed with 6 drawer base & new mattress, $75. Call 522-2862.

★ FREE REMOVAL of unwanted appliances. 567-5221. Appliance Sales and Service. 567-5221.

→NEW TODAY←

MAYTAG dishwasher- 2 years old; Amana convection/ microwave oven; Kenmore Trash Compactor. Cash only. 699-1593.

FREE REMOVAL of unwanted appliances/ evaporative coolers. Pick up in 45 minutes or less, 631-3920.

440 Firewood

DICK'S FIREWOOD. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453–2151, Fax 1-(915)-453-4322.

EXCELLENT SEASONED Oak or Mesquite. Delivered, Neatly Stacked & Reduced priced. Jarod/ Bobby, 522-2519, 687-0123.

DENNIS WOOD Yard- Good seasoned oak. Delivered and stacked. 699-1670.

EAGER BEAVER Firewood. Seasoned Oak, Mesquite, Piñon, Juniper. Will deliver. Also sell- apartment cords. 685-3521.

SEASONED FIREWOOD- Split oak. Delivered/ stacked. Preston, 522-7862 if no answer leave message.

TURF SPECIALTIES- Best firewood in town! Neatly delivered and stacked. Open Weekends seasonally. 684-7166.

450 Sporting Goods

NORDIC TRACK: Walk fit 3500, Adjustable elevation, exercise computer. $125. Please call 694-7917.

BOYS 24" Huffy Mudslinger Bike. Black, purple & neon orange with padded bars. $50. 561-8272.

JIM'S GOLF Clubs. Adam's "Tight- Lie" $60. "Tri- Metal" woods, $85. King Cobra II irons $184 set (clones). Reshaft, Regrip, lowest price, 3115 Haynes. 694-1334.

PRO FORM TREADMILL, Excellent condition, $150. Please call 683-2625 for information.

460 Antiques & Arts

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH'S. Let our experienced team liquidate your estate. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

JUDY JACKSON'S Estate Sales. An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536, 682-6147.

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

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79701

3102 WEST LOUISIANA: Saturday, 7 until ? All sorts of good things for the whole family!

1611 WEST Wall. Friday only 9 am. Moving in sale (enter on J street) large variety, clothes, furniture, baby, and miscellaneous item.

1113 EAST ESTES: Saturday 8 until Noon only. Rain or shine! King size bed, dishes, antique typewriter, 25" console TV, sheets, clothing, computer, 4 gold oval banquet table cloths!

1203 DOUGLAS. Friday only 8 am- 2 pm. Multi Family Sale. Kids clothes, toys, washer, sofa, appliances, decorative items, etc.

1608 WEST WASHINGTON: Friday & Saturday, 8- ? Yard sale! Clothes, kitchen cabinets, word processor, desk, 1988 Suburban, lawn mower. Lots more! 683-2953.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY Half Price Mini Book Sale. Books, Records, Pictures, and Computer software. marked 1/2 price. (Oil related material not on sale). Dates: Saturday, February 27, 9- 5 and Sunday, February 28, 10- 5. 2305 W. Michigan (across from Luskey's) Bring your own bag and we'll fill it!!

308 SOUTH "F" St. Between Kentucky/ College. Inside sale! Moving. Baby things, pet stuff, furniture, craft supplies, scroll saw and more. Half off afternoon on Saturday. Friday & Saturday 9- ?

2204 PRINCETON- Baby clothes/ items, maternity, towels, tools, mower, boudoir chair, miscellaneous. Saturday 9- 4.

GRAND OPENING Sale! 10% to 30% All Inventory. 4,000 Square Feet. ABC and Old Town Antiques with Sam 'N' Dave's and Reta's all at one location packed with Furniture, Glassware, Advertising Memorabilia, Signs (Oil, Gas, Soda), Collectibles, Primitives and More! 108 & 110 Andrews Hwy.

2517 CUTHBERT: Friday 9 until 3, Saturday 9 until 1! Filing cabinets, Nagels, craft items, furniture, lots of miscellaneous!

★803 N. MARIENFELD (Off Big Spring, across from 1st American Bank) Southwest couches, waterbed with drawers, coveralls, girls infant- 3T clothes, green glassware, small stereo, miscellaneous. Everything really cheap!!! Thursday- Saturday, 8:30- 2:30.

3207 W ILLINOIS- Computer, patio furniture, kids clothe, adult clothes, miscellaneous. Friday/ Saturday 8 am.

79703

SOUTHWEST CORNER OF KINGSWAY (Dellwood) MALL
next to Senior Center
10 Family Garage & Bake Sale
Clothes, big screen TV, baby grand piano, toys, cakes, pies and hot burritos.
Proceeds will benefit the
West Texas Storm Girls Softball Team. Open 8 am Saturday only.

4016 MONTY. Saturday and Sunday 9- 6. Lots of Miscellaneous stuff. No early birds please!!

4607 RIC DRIVE: Friday, 9 until 1! Baby items, clothing- all sizes, dishes, shoes, miscellaneous!

3500 BLOCK OF KANSAS- Tower Little League Annual Garage Sale. Saturday 8- 4.

Another Chance Consignments
Let us save you the hassle of having a garage sale. Accepting Everything but clothes. Come in & Browse at our great stuff!
(across from K-Mart). Mon.- Sat., 10:30-5:00 * 520-5542

5100 W STOREY. 8:00- 4:00 & Friday 10- 4. Baby items, clothes, gun cabinet, microwave, movies, much more miscellaneous!!

5018 PLEASANT. Furniture, electronics, Beanie Babies, toys, clothes and lots of miscellaneous. Saturday only 8 am.

3918 MONTY. Saturday only, Opens 8:00 am. Baby stroller and walker, end table, shoes, TV, toys, clothes, household goods and miscellaneous!

79705

#10 STUTZ COURT. Beanie Babies. Millennium, Signature, Hope and more. Reasonable prices. 806-798-2585. Saturday 8- 4 only.

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

#9 LINDA Court- Saturday 8- 5. Moving sale! Household appliances, decorating, clothes, miscellaneous. No early sales please. Cash.

1407 WEST PINE Avenue: Moving sale! Friday & Saturday. 8 am! Sofa-Like new. Love seat, coffee table, bar refrigerator with ice maker, girls clothing- sizes 4 & 5's, lawn equipment, patio furniture, jewelry, audio books, other miscellaneous items!

#3 BELFIELD Ct. Multiple Families! Furniture, appliances, toys, adult/ children's clothes, household items, 8 am.

1005 BOYD: Saturday 8 until 12! Waterbed, two cellular phones, five office chairs, miscellaneous items.

3231 CIMMARON: Saturday, 8 am! Four family garage sale! Ladies clothes, curtains, sheets, furniture, battery operated baby swing, Dr. Martin boots, bicycle, little boys clothes and many other items.

Living
ESTATE SALE
2516 SINCLAIR
Fri. 9 - 2 & Sat. 9 - 1
Sun. 1 - 3

FURNITURE: Large dark Oak Hutch, Pair of club chairs, Lingerie chest, Maple desk/ chair, Bedroom suite, 3 Drawer chest, Bookcase, Brown-Jordan Patio Furniture & More.

COLLECTIBLES: Fully furnished French Victorian doll house, Franklin Mint scale replicas of Vintage Cars (10 - 15 years old), Frankoma mugs, Carnival doll from the 20's, David Winter Cottages, & More.

MISC.: Royal Doulton "Tiara" china, Silver plated tea service & other servicing pieces, Crystal, BrassFlatware, Pots & pans, Counter appliances including: ice cream maker, Pasta maker, Cuisanart food processor, Sheets, Towels, Pro-forma R-950 Exerciser Lady's clothes (8- 10), Girl's English Riding Apparel, Ski Clothes, Southwestern art,Records & More.

BOOK LOVERS: Don't miss this sale- hundreds of hardback novels & paperbacks- an unbelievable private collection!!

Sale conducted by
Judy Jackson's Estate Sales
All Major Credit Cards Accepted

#10 STUTZ COURT. Beanie Babies. Millennium, Signature, Hope and more. Reasonable prices. 806-798-2585. Saturday 8- 4 only.

→NEW TODAY←
3002 MOSS AVENUE
(in alley) Saturday, 8 - 2
Designer cleaning out storage unit! Bolts of designer fabric, accessories, some antiques, dorm size refrigerator, clothes, portable old Singer sewing machine.
Way to many things to list! Don't miss out

79706

4705 EAST COUNTY Road 140: (Garden City Hwy, turn right on FM 1213 go 2 miles left on 140, go 1 mile). Saturday, 8- ? Furniture, computer stuff, washer, dryer, appliances, plus size clothes, exercise equipment, picture frames, matboard, lots of everything.

3405 E. HWY 80. ESTATE Sale. Furniture, Avon collectibles, Tiara glassware, many treasures. Friday Noon- 5, Saturday 8- 5.

79707

5705 GRASSLAND BLVD. Garage Sale in alley! Saturday, 8:00 am. Multi-Family Sale as Fundraiser for Church Youth Group. Includes: Exercise equipment, washer, some furniture, other miscellaneous items!!

3701 NEELY. Sofa sleeper, Recliner, baby items, toys, furniture, dishes. Friday 8- 2.

4303 DAWN Circle (alley). Friday 8- 5. Dishwasher, Christmas items, bedding, fabric, tires, childrens clothing, large mens & womens clothing, computer items, toys.

3327 FANNIN: Saturday, 8 until 5! Couch, portable sewing machine, dishes, linens, clothes, lots of miscellaneous items!

3612 STANOLIND. Friday 8:30- 1. Baby strollers, car seat, baby bed, toys, firewood rack, fireplace screen, mini blinds, vacuum, miscellaneous household items, retail display case.

3043 FREDNA: 7 am- 3 pm, Friday & Saturday. Thinning collections of knick-knacks, china, jewelry, books, Christmas, plenty more! Clothes- girls- 2X. 1986 Ford Escort- $450. Fredna is 3 blocks West of Midland Drive off Dengar.

3006 WHITTLE WAY. Women's and girl's clothing, toys, miscellaenous. Saturday 8 am- 12 noon.

3305 CAMARIE: Friday only! 8:30 am! Big sale! Lots of jeans- tennis shoes- clothes, household decorations!

4409 ST. ANDREWS: Saturday, 8 until 12! Bed, couches, baby bed, clothes, lots of miscellaneous!

5307 N. County Rd 1275 Saturday only 8- 4 pm. Mans yard sale! Lots of tools and appliances, also Farmall M tractor with lots of extras.

4319 WEST DENGAR: Friday- Sunday, 8 until ? Seven families. All new stuff: Brand name clothing, baby beds, baby clothes, speakers, fishing equipment, animal cages, clothes dryer, miscellaneous. You have to see to believe.

4604 DEBBIE COVE: Friday & Saturday, 8 am! Everything brand new under $1:00!

5810 DEVLIN PLACE: (Grasslands, behind Abell Junior High), Saturday, 8 until Noon! Garage sale.

5504 DREXEL COURT (Grassland). Friday and Saturday 8 am through 12 noon Baby furniture, bedding, infant girl clothes, toys, microwave, smoker, swing set slide. Lots of miscellaneous. No early birds.

3310 Oakmont. Saturday 8- 12. Moving, home decorating items, new infant clothes.

4216 FERNCLIFF: Saturday, 7- ? Kids clothes, work clothes, dog kennel, and much more!

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1 YEAR Lease, 3602 Boyd, $750, security $500. 3 bdrm, 2 bth, 2 gar, 2 living, credit check required. No cats. Will accept dog under 25 lbs. with $300 nonrefundable deposit. Call Betty Ford, 684-4177. Carriage Company Realtors.

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667 Commercial Property

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3 BEDROOM Brick House, 1406 S. Colorado: for rent- $350, for sale- owner financing. 685-0502 or 683-3063.

KEY To Abbreviations

Bdrm.	Bedroom
Ba.	Bath
Kit.	Kitchen
Dbl.	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm.	Master Bdrm.
Gar.	Garage
Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying
	Assumable
QA.	Qualifying
	Assumable
Ac.	Acre
3/2/2	Bdrm./Ba./Gar.

FOR SALE by owner: 2303 West Kentucky, old Midland area. Original owner, two bedroom, one bath, one car garage with carport, water well with sprinkler system and well kept yard. Must sell! 683-0894.

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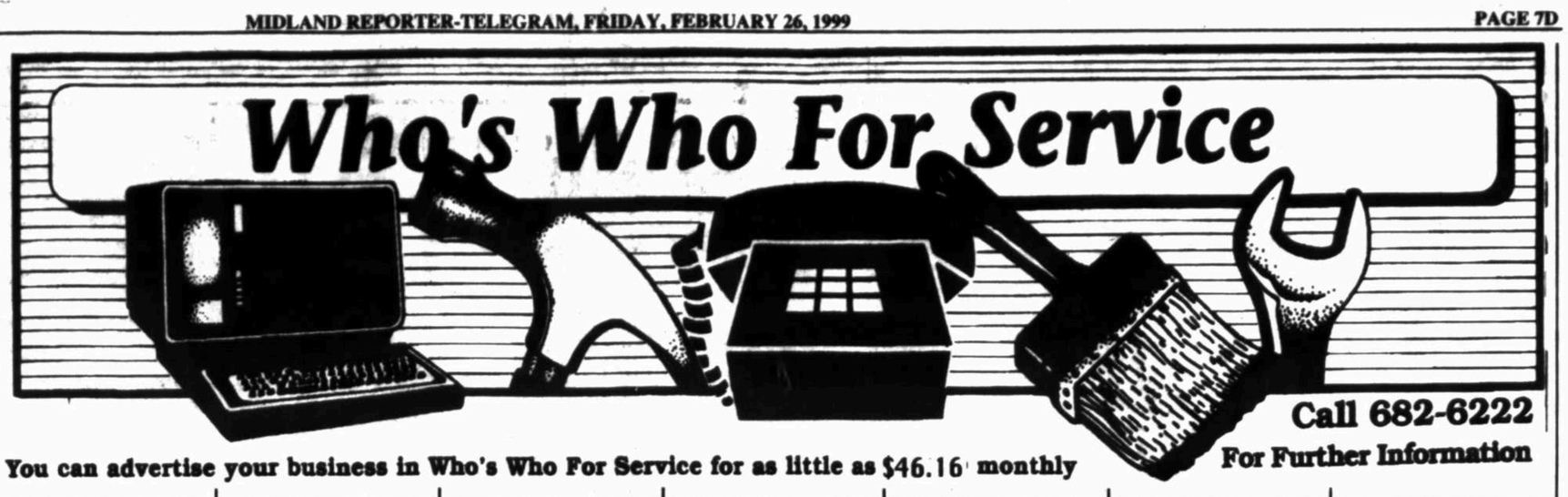
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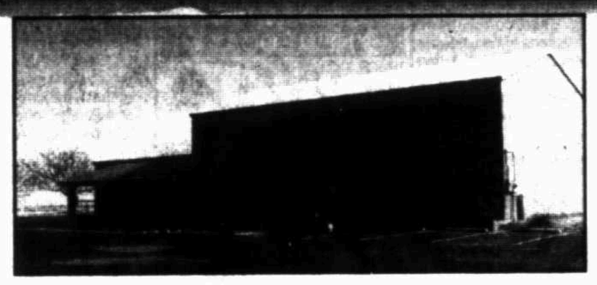
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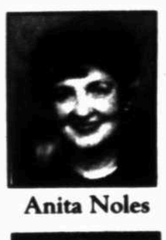


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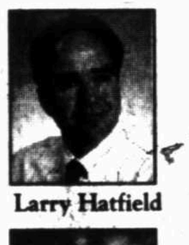


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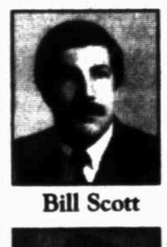

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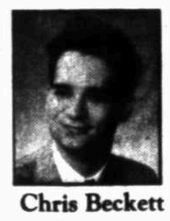

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