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Family reunites with missing woman

By Shanna Sissom
City Editor

Family members of Bonnie Duncan arrived in the San Francisco area Sunday and reunited with their loved one after the missing woman made contact with authorities there late Saturday night.

"The family arrived in the Bay area early this morning," said Daly City, Calif. Police Department officer Matthew Fox on Sunday. Fox had told the Reporter-Telegram Saturday he was sitting with Duncan, 53, whom he described as a "sweet lady."

Fox said no foul play is suspected, at least in California, and the Andrews Police Department had not released any information suggesting otherwise as of late Sunday.

Meanwhile, Andrews residents are just happy Duncan is alive.

"Everyone's real happy about it, but they're also anxious to see what happened," Mayor Robert Zap said. "Bonnie is very well known and well liked, and I guess we'll know soon what happened."

Until Saturday, Duncan, co-owner of Buddy's Drive-In, was last heard from on the night of March 1, and the community joined together in efforts to find her. She made contact with police in a San Francisco suburb late Saturday and was said then to be "disoriented" but in otherwise good health.

Duncan apparently also won over the hearts of those at the police department, where she sat with Fox Saturday night as the good news spread in Andrews that the woman had been found alive.

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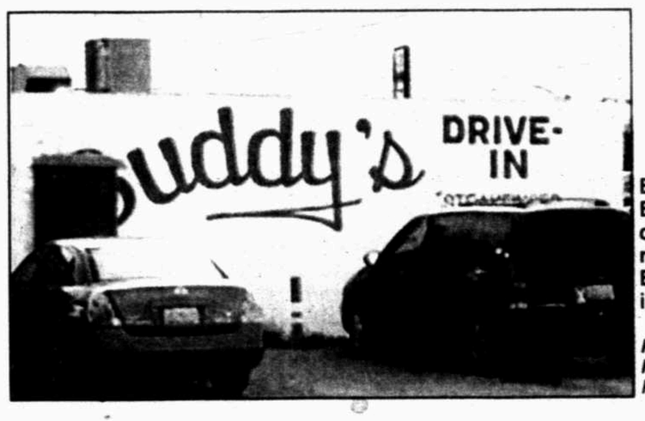

BUDDY'S DRIVE-IN Bonnie Duncan is a co-owner of this restaurant on Broadway Avenue in Andrews.

Photo by Alec Richards Reporter-Telegram

remembering THE ALAMO

TEXAS HISTORY The Texian army marches during the San Antonio Living History Association's "Dawn at the Alamo," a ceremony commemorating the fall of the Alamo, Sunday in San Antonio.

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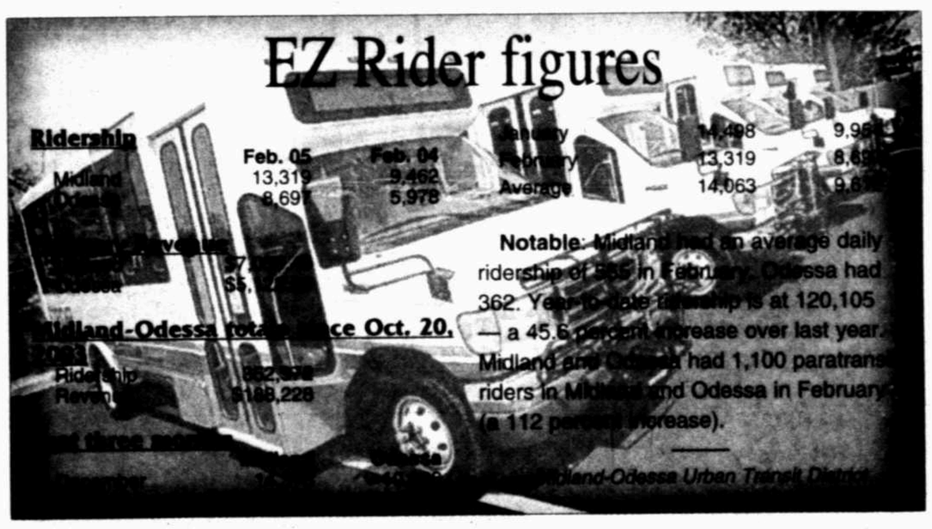

Keep Midland Beautiful hopes for more participation at annual event

By Stewart Doreen
Managing Editor

Having citizens take ownership of their respective areas is the message Keep Midland Beautiful is trying to push as its marquee event of the spring approaches.

The Great American Cleanup/Don't Mess with Texas Trash-off is set for April 2, and KMB President Doreen Richardson is hoping for more than the estimated 1,400 who participated last year.

"Expecting 1,400 people to clean up a city with a population of 98,000 ... that ratio is not what we would like to see," said Richardson. "We would like to see 2,500."

Richardson's request may seem ambitious although higher numbers, she said, can greatly impact one of KMB's signature events. She said KMB has benefited from increased participation from families and neighborhood groups in recent years.

"We need to see the resurgence of companies getting involved," Richardson said.

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Companies consider creating policies for employee blogging

Editor's Note: This is the second part of a series about Internet opinion sites, their place as a medium and their impact on the media, workplace and society.

By Anick Jesdanun
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Flight attendant Ellen Simonetti and former Google employee Mark Jen have more in common than their love of blogging: They both got fired over it.

Simonetti had posted suggestive photographs of herself in uniform, while Jen speculated online about his employer's finances. In neither case were their bosses happy when they found out.

Though many companies have Internet guidelines that prohibit visiting porn sites or forwarding racist jokes, few of the policies directly cover blogs, or Web journals, particularly those written outside of work hours.

"There needs to be a dialogue going on between employers and employees," said Heather Armstrong, a Web designer fired for commenting on her blog about goings on at work. "There's this power of personal publishing, and there needs to be rules about what you can or cannot say about the workplace."

Coming Tuesday:
The ultimate message board for the West Texas high school sports fan — the Little Southwest Conference.

On blogs, which are by their very nature public forums, people often muse about their likes and dislikes — of family, of friends, of co-workers.

Currently, some 27 percent of online U.S. adults read blogs, and 7 percent pen them, according to The Pew Internet and American Life Project.

With search engines making it easy to find virtually anything anyone says in a blog these

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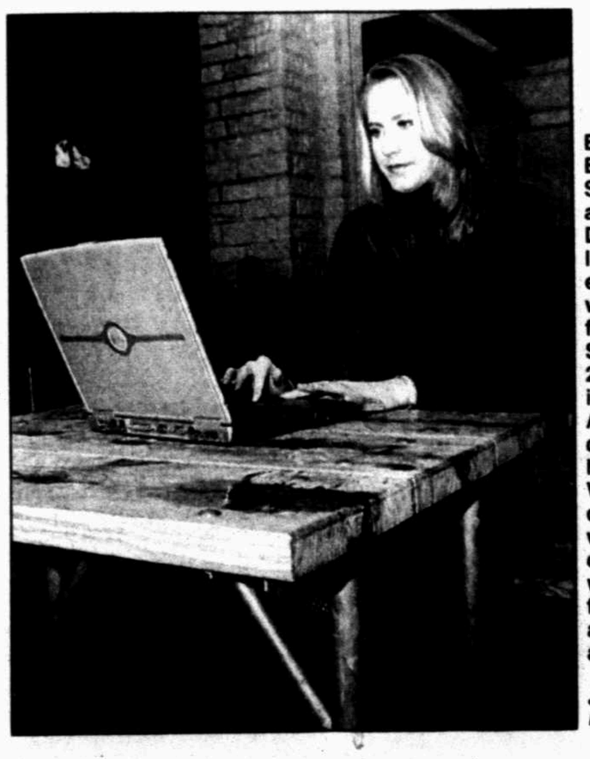

BLOGGER Ellen Simonetti, a former Delta Airline employee who was fired in September 2004, sits in an Austin coffee house, Wednesday. She was employed with Delta for 8 years as a flight attendant.

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OBITUARIES

Dejuan Andrews

Funeral services for Dejuan "D.A." Erskine Andrews, 23, of Midland, will be Tuesday, March 8, 2005, at the First United Methodist Church of Midland at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. William Palmer officiating. Dejuan Erskine Andrews was born April 21, 1981, to Randall Erskine Carter and the late Debra (Dikaye) Andrews. Dejuan parted this life March 2, 2005.

He was a former student at Midland High School where he was active in soccer, football, basketball and baseball. He also coached Kesmond's, his son, soccer team, t-ball team and basketball team. Dejuan was a much loved and exciting person to be around.

Dejuan leaves to cherish his memory, his father, Randall E. Carter; stepfather, Jason "Big Lew" Lewis; companion, Krystal Nichols; grandfather, Billy Ray Andrews (Marie Hill), Richard Carter; two brothers, Dreyfus Andrews and Dewayne "Shugg" Andrews; and two sons, Kesmond Kobe Andrews and Kaiden Andrews.

Dejuan is preceded in death by his mother, Debra Kay Andrews; his aunt, Barbara J. Andrews, Posey; uncle, Kenneth Carter; two great-grandmothers and his grandmothers, Ella Mae Andrews and Gwendolyn Carter.

He also leaves to mourn, four aunts, Josephine Johnson (Craig "C.J."), Gayla Carter Clark (Danny), Cynthia Hille and Herminda Hille; five uncles, Billy "Scrapioron" Galloway (Norma), Tony "Possum" Andrews, Manuel "Mutt" Galloway, Brian Galloway and Tony Hille; two beloved sisters, Tisha Jones and Dreaka Andrews. He also leaves behind his best friend and favorite cousin, Jaquan "J.Q." Andrews; and many more close cousins and friends.

Interment will be in Resthaven Memorial Park North, under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home.

Russel Norton

Russel Norton, 53, of Midland, passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2005, at his residence. Honoring his request, there will be no services.

He was born on June 19, 1951, in Liberal, Kansas, and grew up in Hobbs, New Mexico, and later Ft. Stockton, Texas. He was a 1969 graduate of Ft. Stockton High School. Russel also attended Odessa College.

Russel and Doris Jeter were united in marriage on June 12, 1971 in Ft. Stockton.

He had been a volunteer firefighter with the Ft. Stockton Fire Department for 14 years, and had worked as a plant mechanic for Valero Energy Corp. for over 22 years. He liked to hunt and fish, and enjoyed welding and carpentry work. He was an excellent mechanic.

Surviving Russel is his loving wife of 33 years, Doris of Midland, a daughter, Dena Cox of Nacogdoches, TX, two sons, Rex Norton of Big Spring, and Ross Norton of San Diego, CA., 12 grandchildren, his parents, Remmel and Margaret Norton of Midland, a brother, Randall Norton of Midland, and a sister, Lark Underwood also of Midland.

The family suggests memorials to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, West Texas Division, 1031 Andrews Highway, Suite 201, Midland, TX 79701.

Arrangements are under the direction of Nalley-Pickle & Welch Funeral Home & Crematory of Midland. Online condolences can be made at: www.npwelch.com.

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Louise Howle

Louise Howle, 85, of Brownfield, and formerly of Midland, passed away on Saturday, March 5, 2005. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Midland, with Rev. Larry Bailey, officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park in Midland.

Louise was born on July 15, 1919, in Memphis, Texas, to Charles and Mary Williams. She graduated from Texas Women's University and taught school in White Deer and Floresville. She moved to Midland in 1948 and owned and operated Louise's Interiors for many years. She married Walter N. Howle on December 21, 1961 in Midland. He preceded her in death in 1999. Louise was a member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church.

Louise is survived by a son, George Howle of Brownfield, TX, a daughter, Dicia Putnam of Dallas, TX, a grandson, Sam Putnam of Dallas, TX, two brothers, Charlie & George Williams and nieces and nephews.

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

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DEATH NOTICES

Nona Stanley

BIG SPRING — Nona La Verne Broyles Stanley, 69, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 5 at her residence. Services will be 4 p.m. Tuesday, March 8 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with Rick Cunningham officiating. A private family interment will follow at Trinity Memorial Park. A visitation with family will be at her home, 4900 Wasson Road.

She was born Feb. 6, 1936, in Rio Hondo and married Alfred J. Stanley May 4, 1956 in Harlingen. He preceded her in death. She had worked for the Texas Veterens Commission at the VA Medical Center from 1982 until she retired in August 2003. During her marriage, she had lived in Plattsburg, N.Y.; Omaha, Neb.; Las Vegas; Harlingen; and Okinawa, Japan. She was a member of 14th and Main Church of Christ.

Survivors include two sons, D.F. Stanley and A.J. Stanley, both of Big Spring; one daughter, Betty Thixton of Big Spring; two brothers, Malcolm Broyles of Pasadena and Sidney Broyles of Harlingen; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Vernon and Eura Stambaugh Broyles, and one brother.

Memorials may be made to Sunnyside Children's Home, P.O. Box 1373, San Benito, 78586.

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John H. Day

BIG SPRING — John H. Day, 81, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 5. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

Theeo Bowers

BIG SPRING — Theeo Bowers, 82, of Big Spring died Saturday, March 5 in Odessa. Services are pending at Myers & Smith Funeral Home.

OBITUARY & DEATH NOTICE POLICY

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

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

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

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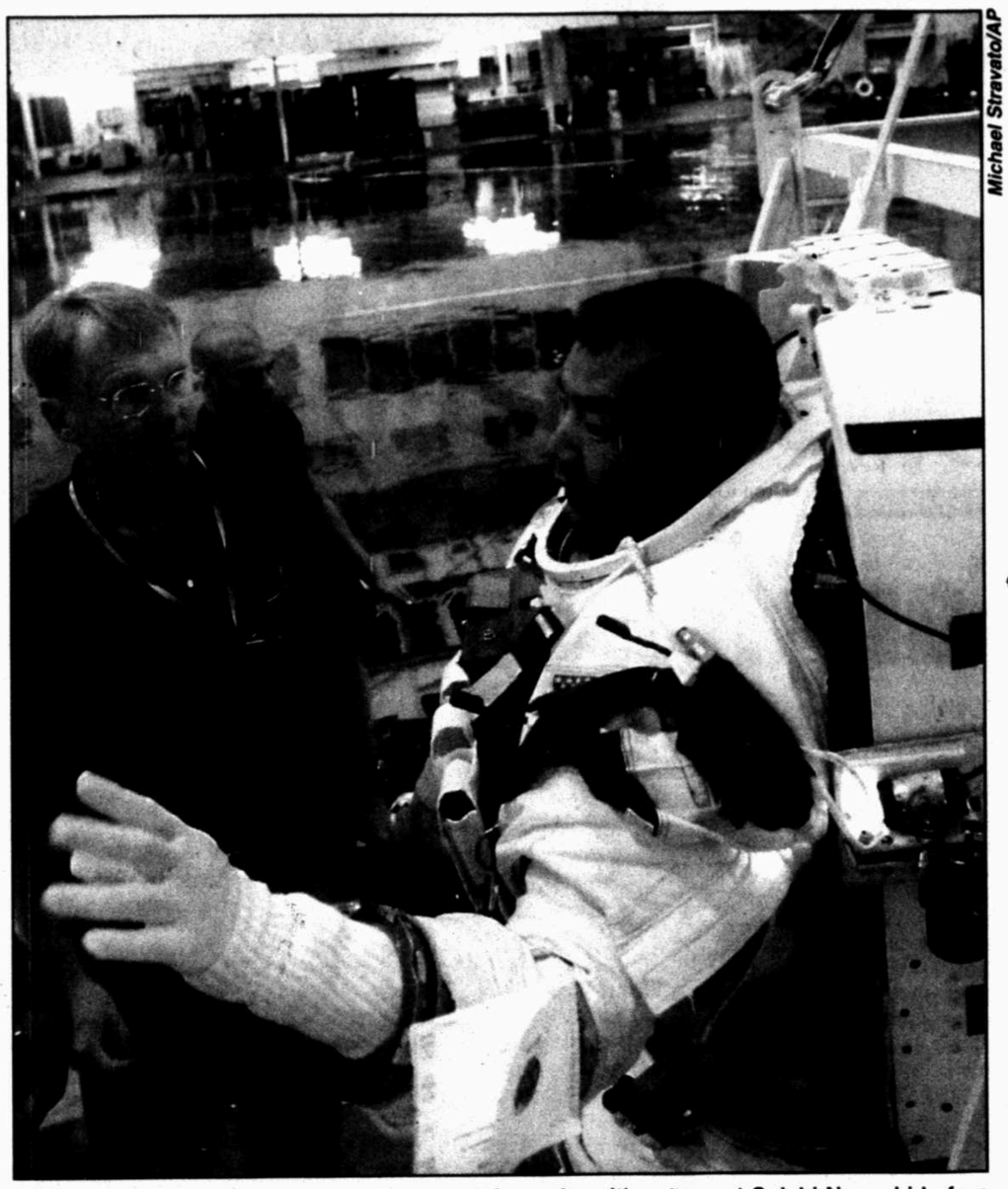

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WAITING TO FLY Astronaut Andy Thomas, left, works with astronaut Soichi Noguchi before a space walk training exercise in the neutral buoyancy lab at Johnson Space Center Oct. 1, 2004. Thomas is among a group of NASA astronauts who have never flown in space.

Grounded astronauts wait to fly as shuttle program nears its end

By Pam Easton
Associated Press

SPACE CENTER, Houston — George Zamka has been an astronaut for almost seven years and he still hasn't made it to space. But he's far from alone.

Grounded for two years, a third of the nation's nearly 150 astronauts have never flown in space, and some wonder when they will.

"Part of being at NASA is very few people get to fly in space," Zamka said. "Everyone else gets their enjoyment by contributing to the space mission."

The last class of astronauts has already been warned that it's unclear whether any of them will fly during the shuttle era — which ends in five years. All face an uncertain future and development of the next-generation space vehicle could take until 2015.

"They knew very well that they arrived at the sunset of the shuttle and the dawn of the new vehicle and they may be exposed to the gap in between the two," Zamka said of the newest class of astronauts. "For the last classes, there has been an effort made to make sure they are informed as to what the wait may be like. And they come anyway."

Forty-six of the nation's 142 astronauts have not flown in space; some of them are rookies, others have waited for years.

Zamka didn't think his wait would be so long. He expects to be assigned to a flight in another two years and hopes to fly within the next four.

By that time, he'll have waited a decade.

"The nature of the business is it is a risky business, and certainly, part of that risk is delays and unforeseen events," Zamka said. "A lot of these things are just out of my control."

Astronaut Mark Polansky, who has flown one space mission and is set to command a mission next year, said some of his colleagues have expressed concern about where they are in line and when the opportunity to fly will come their way.

Zamka tries not to focus on it and says it only crosses his mind when he's idle.

"We are not stewing over here because we are not flying," he said. "We are all busy trying to get back to flying. We all turn ourselves to the task at hand and that is how we deal with it."

They get inspiration from former astronauts, such as Story Musgrave, who waited 16 years to fly. He was selected as an astronaut in 1967 and didn't make it to space until 1983.

"I never had the attitude: 'I finally made it,'" Musgrave said from his Florida home. "That wasn't the way I was thinking."

Instead Musgrave said he concentrated on the tasks before him and working to be the best in the business.

"Space is my calling," Musgrave said. "It was not a stepping stone to something greener. It was a calling, so I just took it as far as I could."

Musgrave ultimately flew on six shuttle missions before leaving NASA in 1997. Since his departure, Musgrave has written numerous scientific papers and worked as a consultant.

Shuttle missions have been halted since the Columbia accident two years ago that killed all seven crew members. May is the target for the next shuttle flight, but even that is a tentative date.

There was a similar grounding of shuttles after the Challenger explosion in January 1986 while repairs were made. But back then, only two or three astronauts worked full-time to correct the solid rocket booster problem that caused that disaster, said astronaut Pam Melroy.

This time it's different.

Virtually all astronauts are intimately involved in the shuttle improvements, which include the ability to make repairs in space.

"The focus is very heavily on the astronauts and the crew, because they are going to have to actually go out and do this," Melroy said of the in-orbit repairs.

Almost everyone in the astronaut office is involved with return-to-flight in some way. The training, studying and additional work have been relentless, the astronauts say.

Those who aren't in a shuttle crew are assigned a variety of return-to-flight tasks and research on the development of a new space vehicle and President Bush's moon-to-Mars plan outlined last year.

Astronaut Andy Thomas, one of the crew members tentatively set to fly in May, has been concentrating on the three spacewalks for the next mission, which will test a variety of inspection and repair techniques.

"Even though we are not flying, it is a very busy time, it really is," Thomas said as he made sure two of his colleagues were properly strapped in and lowered into the neutral buoyancy lab pool. "It is an ambitious undertaking."

NASA would like to get a few more flights out of its three aged shuttles — built on 30-year-old technology — before they are phased out in 2010.

Once the shuttles are retired, it could take until 2015 for NASA to have a new vehicle ready to go.

"People are not shirking that opportunity just because there is a wait in front of them," Zamka said. "This is a wonderful opportunity to be in the line or the window to fly in space at some time."

POLICE REPORTS

Compiled from staff reports

Theft from person:
Nathan Lee Anders, 29, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies Saturday in the 100 block of West Industrial Avenue on a charge of theft from person. $15,000 bond.

Felony driving while intoxicated:
Randall Gene Bell, 37, of Lamesa was arrested by Midland Police Department officers Saturday in the 4100 block of Big Spring Street on a charge of felony driving while intoxicated. No bond.

Possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram:
Margie Bustillos Lopez, 31, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police Department officers Saturday in the 1000 block of East New York Avenue on a charge of possession of a controlled substance, less than 1 gram. $2,000 bond.

Evading arrest or detention:
Jermine Lecharles Bryant, 24, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police Department officers Saturday in the 100 block of South Big Spring Street on a charge of evading arrest or detention. $7,500 bond.

Unauthorized use of a motor vehicle:
Jino Lonyang Chan, 31, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police Department officers Saturday on a charge of unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. $5,000 bond.

Evading arrest or detention:
Monty Ray Garmon, 34, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police Department officers Saturday in the 800 block of North Main Street on a charge of evading arrest or detention. $1,000 bond.

Failure to stop and render aid:
Macario Augustine Lopez, 26, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police Department officers Saturday in the 1200 block of Eisenhower Drive on a charge of failure to stop and render aid. No bond.

Note: All reported arrests are felonies.

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Civil rights-era figures observe 40th anniversary of Selma march

By Samira Jafari
Associated Press

SELMA, Ala. — Aging civil rights-era figures and a bipartisan congressional delegation walked across an Alabama bridge with a throng of thousands Sunday to commemorate the 40th anniversary of the Selma voting rights marches that opened ballot boxes to blacks across the South.

Among those participating was Coretta Scott King, whose husband, the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., led a 1965 march to the state Capitol after participants in an earlier march were turned back by law enforcement.

"The freedom we won here in Selma and on the road to Montgomery was purchased with the precious blood of many," said King, who crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge in a car.

Police estimated the crowd at nearly 10,000.

Others on hand to commemorate the marches across the bridge included singer Harry Belafonte, who also took part in the demonstration 40 years ago, the Rev. Jesse Jackson, Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, and Lynda Johnson Robb, whose father, President Lyndon Johnson, signed the Voting Rights Act into law in 1965.

"President Johnson signed that act, but it was written by the people of Selma," said Rep. John Lewis, D-Ga., who was clubbed on the head during the "Bloody Sunday" attack on marchers by state troopers and sheriff's deputies on March 7, 1965. He was among 17 blacks hospitalized as that march was turned back while crossing the bridge.

A second march two weeks later, under the protection of a federal court order and led by King, went 50 miles from the bridge over the Alabama River to the steps of the state Capitol in Montgomery.

The attack and the marches inspired passage of the Voting Rights Act, which barred obstacles such as literacy tests that were set up by segregationists to keep blacks from registering to vote.

A re-enactment of the five-day march is planned this week, culminating with a rally at the Capitol on Saturday.

In a service at Brown Chapel, six blocks from the bridge, Lewis cited former President Bill Clinton, who crossed the bridge with Selma marchers in 2000, and former Alabama Gov. Don Siegelman as white politicians who have greeted modern civil rights concerns with open arms.

"Five years ago, this governor had all the state troopers line up on that bridge. Five years ago, state troopers, black and white, men and women, stood and saluted us," Lewis said amid applause for Siegelman.

Certain provisions of the Voting Rights Act, such as the use of federal examiners and a requirement for Justice Department approval of election law changes, will be up for renewal by Congress in 2007.

The Rev. Joseph Lowery, longtime head of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference, urged the nearly three dozen House and Senate members who participated to renew those portions of the law.

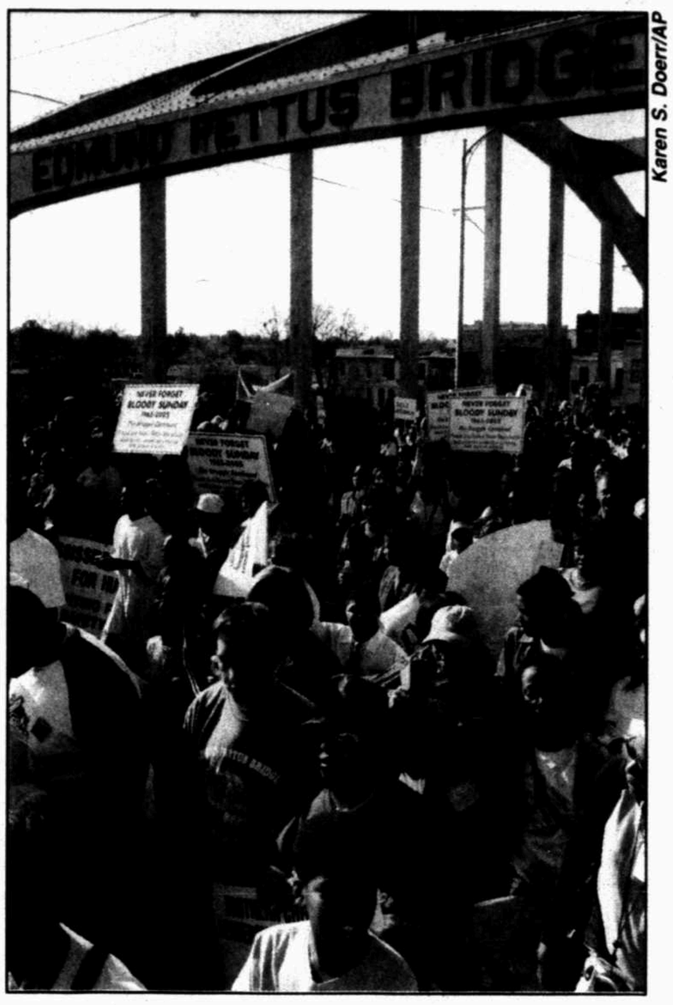
"Their presence here is a mockery unless they go home and do the right thing," said Lowery, who also joined King on the march to the Capitol.

The crowd on the bridge included many young people such as Teresa Prevo, 29, of Selma, whose four children came along for the observance.

"I brought them here so they can get to know their history," Prevo said.

Currently, 74 percent of voting-age blacks in Alabama are listed as active voters. That compares with 77 percent of voting-age whites, based on figures compiled by the secretary of state and the Census Bureau's estimates of voting-age residents.

In March 1965, only 19.3 percent of eligible blacks were registered in Alabama, compared with 69.2 percent of whites.



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CIVIL RIGHTS Marchers cross the Edmund Pettus Bridge, left, Sunday in Selma, Ala., during a 40th anniversary commemoration of the historic civil rights-era Selma voting rights march. ABOVE: As several hundred marchers crossed the Edmund Pettus Bridge to begin a protest march to Montgomery, Ala. March 7, 1965, state troopers assaulted the crowd with clubs and whips.

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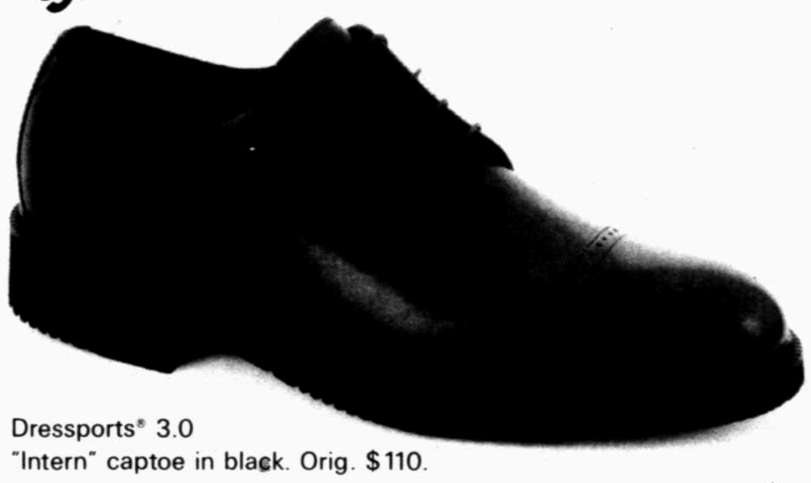

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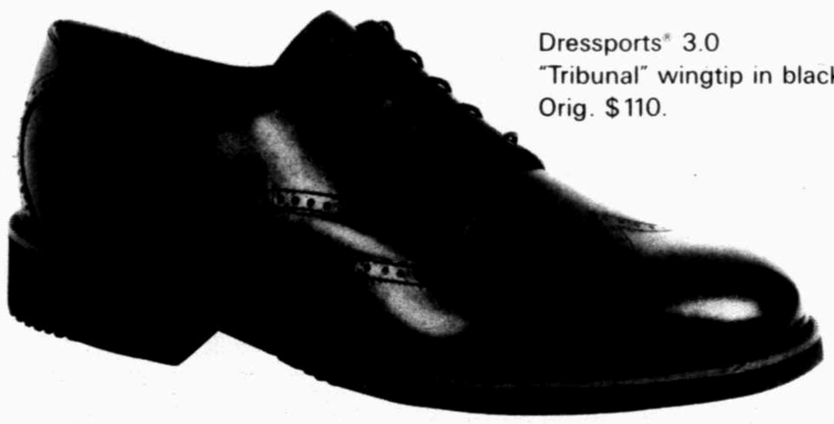

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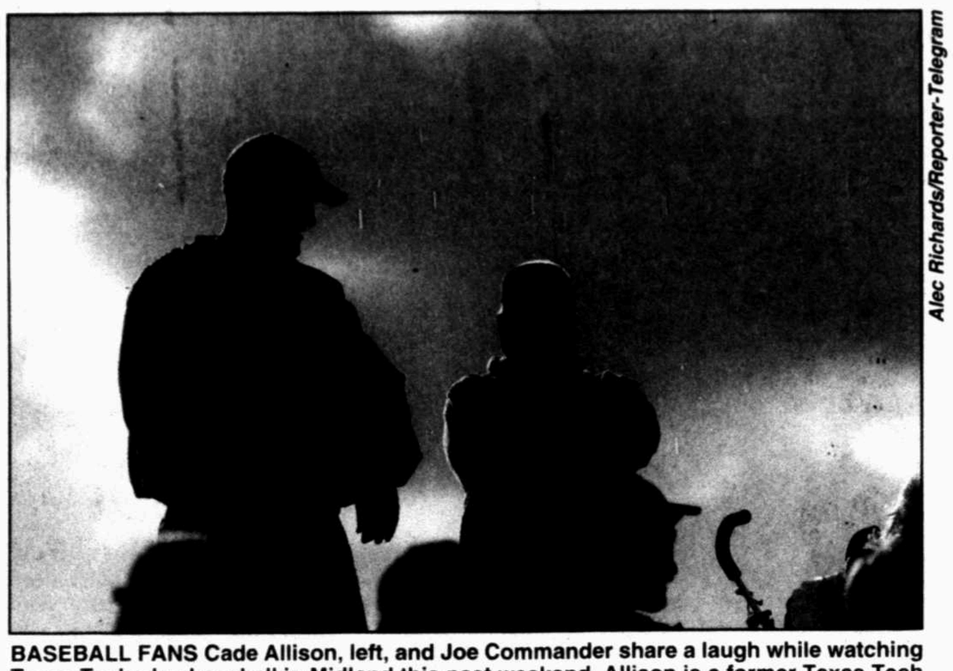

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BASEBALL FANS Cade Allison, left, and Joe Commander share a laugh while watching Texas Tech play baseball in Midland this past weekend. Allison is a former Texas Tech pitcher from Midland.

KMB

(From 1A)

Taking ownership of a respective community, though, is what may help drive numbers in a positive direction. The Great American Cleanup will take part in all areas of town, hitting major thoroughfares and tucked-away lots.

At-large City Councilman Bill Dingus said the more removed a piece of property is the more likely it is to be littered and that litter can often breed litter.

Midland's south and east sections of town will be among the priority areas throughout town. KMB recently debuted its Neighborwoods tree project, during which 126 trees were planted on Midland's south and east parts of town.

And similar to how the city spends certain grant money, Richardson believes the targeting of certain areas of town and the citizens who live in those neighborhoods to participate and take ownership can make a big difference in the program.

'Expecting 1,400 people to clean up a city with a population of 98,000 ... that ratio is not what we would like to see. We would like to see 2,500.'

Doreen Richardson, president of Keep Midland Beautiful

Dingus said the success of the cleanup revolves around numbers. More people are needed to make a greater impact city-wide.

"When you pick up a little litter in the entire city, no one notices the difference," Dingus said.

Keep Midland Beautiful, which is dedicated to the improvement of Midland through litter prevention, waste reduction, environmental education and beautification, is coming off an award-winning year, bringing home the Governor's Community Achievement Award and the President's Circle Award from Keep America Beautiful.

Anyone interested in being a part of the Great American Cleanup can call 687-7400 or go to KMB's Web site — www.keepmidlandbeautiful.org. The KMB has a form both in English and Spanish.

Richardson said those not able to take part in the clean-up efforts on April 2 can do their part during the clean-up season, which she said is currently underway and lasts until April 30.

BLOG

(From 1A)

days, companies are taking notice — and taking action.

"Because it's less formal, you're more likely to say something that would offend your boss," said Lewis Maltby, president of the National Workrights Institute, a workers' rights group.

Armstrong, who wouldn't name the company that fired her in 2002, said some of her bosses took issue with such posts as "Comments Heard In, Around and Consequent to the Company Christmas Party Last Evening."

Soon after she was sacked, sympathizers coined the term "dooced," meaning "to have lost one's job because of one's Web site," in her case dooce.com.

In 2003, a Microsoft Corp. contractor was fired after posting photographs of computers from rival Apple Computer Inc. at a loading dock. Because Michael Hanscom had described a building in his posting, Microsoft said he had violated security, he said.

Last fall, Simonetti posted photographs of herself posing in a Delta Air Lines uniform inside a company airplane, her bra partly revealed in one. She was fired weeks later.

And in January, Jen was fired by Google over a blog that discussed life at the company, even though he said "it's all publicly available information and my personal thoughts and experiences."

Upon reflection, Jen said, he understood Google's concerns, given readers' tendencies to read between the lines and draw conclusions based on "random comments I made."

He said he hoped his case would prompt workers to "talk to their managers at length about blogging before they begin."

Simonetti said she still doesn't know what she did wrong, saying that plenty of employee Web sites and dating profiles identify Delta and include photos in uniform.

"If there is a policy against this, why weren't all these people punished before?" she said.

Delta and Google officials would only say that Simonetti and Jen no longer worked for them.

In 1997, blogging pioneer Cameron Barrett lost a job at a small marketing firm in Michigan after co-workers stumbled upon "experimental" short stories from his creative writing class on his site. Now, he's much more cautious, and he suspended his blog while campaigning for Wesley Clark during the Democratic presidential primaries.

"I knew that everything I wrote would be scrutinized at (a) microscope level by the other campaigns and their supporters," Barrett wrote in an e-mail.

Annalee Newitz, a policy analyst at the civil liberties group Electronic Frontier Foundation, said employees often "don't realize the First Amendment doesn't protect their job."

The First Amendment only restricts government control of speech. So private employers are free to fire at will in most states, as long as it's not discriminatory or in retaliation for whistle-blowing or union organizing, labor experts say.

A few companies actually do encourage personal, unofficial blogs and have policies defining do's and don'ts for employees who post online. They recognize there can be value in engaging customers through thoughtful blogs.

"There's always a risk, but you always have that risk anytime you put an employee on the phone," Forrester Research analyst Charlene Li said.

Sun Microsystems Inc. encourages blogging, offering server space for personal blogs but warning bloggers not to reveal secrets or make financial disclosures that might violate securities law. Sun also offers advice on how to keep blogs interesting.

Only in rare cases are employees "unofficially asked to soften some wording," said Tim Bray, the Sun policy's chief architect. Rather, he said, the policy creates a structure for discussions between employees and their managers.

Jeff Seul, general counsel at Groove Networks Inc., said the policy he wrote for his company aims to tolerate dissent but not disrespect.

Microsoft refused to comment on Hanscom's case, but pointed out that it encourages blogging and has more than 1,500 unofficial bloggers — the bulk on Microsoft's official Web sites.

Christopher Cobey, an employment lawyer at the Littler Mendelson law firm's Silicon Valley office, said publicity over recent blog-related firings has prompted increased inquiries from companies about developing policies.

But some experts question whether a separate blogging policy is needed at all, given more general employment guidelines and common sense.

Anil Dash, vice president at blog software developer Six Apart Ltd., said publicized firings have been generally not over blogging but over other violations that happened to be done through blogging.

Mark Dichter, chairman of labor and employment at the law firm Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, said policies can tie the hands of employers.

"It requires you to anticipate and draw lines," he said, "and once you set policies then you get into litigation into which side of the line it fell."

ANDREWS

(From 1A)

"We never would have thought that the sweet lady with the southern accent on the other end of the phone was such a well loved and missed lady," dispatchers from the Daly City Police Department wrote on the Web site, www.bringbonnieback.com. "We wish Bonnie, her family and friends the best of luck. We are so happy that she will be reunited with everyone who loves her."

Andrews Police Department Chief Bud Jones said from the beginning Duncan's disappearance was out of character, and a criminal investigation began when she was discovered missing.

Police said Duncan had dinner with relatives at an Andrews restaurant Tuesday night and talked on the telephone with a friend at about 10:30 p.m., then did not show up at her place of business the next morning.

Florida schools test diet research

By Mike Schneider
Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — Nine-year-old Kelly Ferrer no longer gets the waffles, pancakes and sugar cereals that she loved eating for breakfast last year in her school cafeteria.

This year, instead, she is served whole-wheat bread, lowfat cheese and fruit.

Does she like it? No.

"I want to go back to the old menu," said the fourth-grader at Mill Creek Elementary School. "We had better food last year."

Kelly's is one of six schools in this Orlando suburb taking part in a study by a research center founded by Dr. Arthur Agatston, the author of "The South Beach Diet."

'We're trying to provide healthier options for these children, and in the long run we hope they learn to eat healthier and incorporate that into their daily living.'

Danielle Hollar, deputy director Agatston Research Institute

The goal of the study is to figure out whether school cafeterias are capable of serving more nutritious food, whether kids will eat it and whether their health will improve.

The program underscores growing concerns across the nation about childhood obesity. Government data suggest about 15 percent of U.S. youngsters are severely overweight or obese, a problem that may lead to diabetes, high blood pressure and heart disease. Some state surveys indicate the obesity rate could be higher.

"We're not putting the children on the South Beach Diet," said Danielle Hollar, deputy director of research at the Agatston Research Institute. "We're trying to provide healthier options for these children, and in the long run we hope they learn to eat healthier and incorporate that into their daily living."

Although the 3,000 students in the study haven't been put on the low-carb diet per se, many of the diet's guiding principles have been incorporated into school menus.

TROOPS DEPLOY

SAYING GOODBYE Patrick Zoerner, above right, with the 3rd Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment, participates in a mobilization ceremony prior to his unit's deployment to Afghanistan, Sunday at the Veterans War Memorial of Texas in McAllen. LEFT: Brittany Cortez, 9, holds an American flag as she honors her uncle, Michael Brewster, who is among the five hundred soldiers from the 3rd Battalion, 141st Infantry Regiment deploying to Afghanistan Sunday. RIGHT: Felix Guerra, a retired U.S. Army soldier who was born in Mission, Texas, stands quietly in the back of the crowd and salutes the members of the 3rd Battalion 141st Infantry Regiment.

Photos by Jerome T. Nakagawa/AP

Bolivian president offers resignation in midst of protests

By Alvaro Zuazo
Associated Press

LA PAZ, Bolivia — Bolivian President Carlos Mesa announced Sunday he would submit his resignation, in a nationally televised speech that came amid of growing protests and frustration with his government.

Mesa took office in October 2003, succeeding President Gonzalo Sanchez de Lozada, who resigned in the wake of bloody street protests that took the lives of at least 56 people. Mesa's government has struggled with a growing push for greater political autonomy in Bolivia's most prosperous region.

"Tomorrow, I will submit my resignation to the president of Congress, so Congress can make a decision," Mesa said in a nationally broadcast address.

In February, he shuffled his cabinet after massive street protests calling for regional autonomy and objecting to a planned increase in the price of fuel oil.

An autonomy drive by Santa Cruz, the nation's richest province, had earlier forced Mesa to grant concessions clearing the way for provinces to elect their own governors, who are now appointed by the president.

Mesa, a historian and journalist turned politician, said the recent protests by a variety of political and social organizations were "blocking the country."

Mesa blamed Indian legislator Evo Morales and social leader Abel Mamani of the neighboring city of El Alto for what he called an atmosphere of instability in the Andean nation.

As the president made his emotional address, scores of people gathered in front of the presidential palace to express support for the historian turned politician.

Mesa made clear that a final decision on whether his resignation will be accepted will be made by Bolivia's Congress.

Whether Congress will accept his resignation remains uncertain. If Congress accepts the resignation its president, Sen. Hormando Vaca Diez, would become Mesa's constitutional successor.

Schools

By Ben Feller
Associated Press

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Schools moving to rid mercury from science labs

By Ben Feller
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — As mercury spills in schools disrupt classes, teachers and environmental groups want to rid student labs of the versatile but dangerous metal.

Since late February, mercury has been found twice in stairwells and corridors of Cardozo Senior High School in the nation's capital. The building had to be closed twice for decontamination and still more traces were found Sunday as cleaning crews were wrapping up their work in preparation for reopening the school today.

"We're shocked," District of Columbia Public Schools spokeswoman Leonie Campbell said.

The building would be closed again today, school officials announced. They were looking for another location to hold classes.

Although the spills get headlines, the use of mercury in schools actually is declining, said Ken Roy, a physics teacher in Glastonbury, Conn., and co-chairman of the National Science Teachers Association's safety advisory board.

"The awareness is so high now that I would say a good part of (mercury) is gone from schools," Roy said. "The problem comes when a teacher retires, and someone new comes in and finds a horde of it in a cabinet in a chemical storeroom."

In its elemental form, mercury is shiny, silver and odorless. It is the only metal on Earth that is liquid at room temperature.

In schools, mercury is found in fever thermometers, electronic light switches and other basic equipment. It is most common in science labs, where mercury-filled instructional tools have been used for decades.

But the fascination with small beads of mercury has given way to talk of their potential risks.

Mercury turns into a problem when it is spilled and evaporates into airborne vapors, which can be absorbed into the body through breathing.

Exposure to high levels of metallic mercury can damage the brain, kidneys and lungs. Prolonged exposure to lower levels can cause problems with sleep, sight, hearing and memory, according to the federal Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry.

The Environmental Protection Agency has encouraged schools to remove mercury compounds and mercury-containing equipment. The agency is helping schools get rid of those materials.

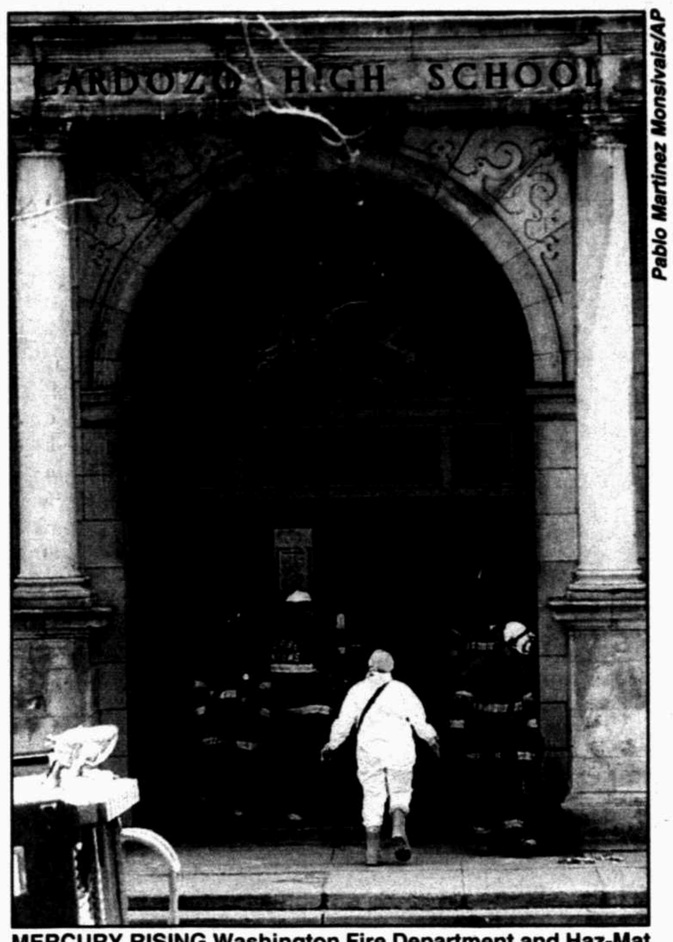
At least nine states have created programs to speed up the removal of mercury from schools through lab clean-outs and outreach to teachers, the EPA says.

Schools are finding safe alternatives, such as electronic thermometers and generally have not reduced their science labs, Roy said. "If anything, more lab activities are being done," he said.

No firm statistics on all mercury spills at schools are available, federal officials say.

But the number of reported spills in schools is on the rise, according to the EPA. The agency responded to 12 emergency removals in 2004, with cleanup costs as high as $200,000.

Over the past few years, reports of mercury spills have come from schools in Arizona, Kentucky, Michigan, Massachusetts, Mississippi and Nevada.



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Martha Stewart about to become highly visible

Martha Stewart, the lifestyle trendsetter who built a media empire, walked out of a West Virginia prison early Friday after serving five months for lying to investigators about a stock trade.

Stewart later landed at Westchester County Airport in suburban New York and left for her 153-acre, $16 million suburban estate in Bedford, N.Y., where she will spend another five months under house arrest.

Stewart, whose trial and sentencing by a federal court last year captured national attention, will resume a whirl of TV and media projects despite having to be under house arrest. Wearing an electronic surveillance bracelet and monitored by federal authorities, Stewart, 63, will be allowed to leave her home for 48 hours weekly to go to her office.

Stewart has been in jail, but she hasn't been out of the public eye. Now that she is out of jail, there is little doubt she will be with us in a much broader public venue.

And she has plenty to do. Pending projects include a new television show, "The Apprentice: Martha Stewart," a spin-off of the popular Donald Trump reality TV show, to be produced by Mark Burnett, who also created the hit show "Survivor."

She will also have a new daytime cooking and lifestyle TV show and will resume collecting her $900,000-a-year salary plus bonuses as the creative force of Martha Stewart Living Omnimedia.

In her five-month absence, the value of stock in her company has more than doubled. It is a far cry from last year when, in the wake of her conviction, the stock price sank, CBS dropped her TV show and advertisers shunned her company magazines.

But already there are cries from some segments of the public who see an inherent danger of a convicted criminal in the money game not really suffering financial consequences. It looks as if Stewart not only will land on her feet, but actually will profit from her experience.

Stewart undoubtedly will suffer from the ordeal emotionally if not financially. She is now "that woman who went to prison" and no one really wants that distinction. But she is a survivor.

America has a penchant for forgiving mistakes because our society allows individuals to proceed with their lives after doing the time.

We hope that is a good thing.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, March 7, the 66th day of 2005. There are 299 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

Forty years ago, on March 7, 1965, a march by civil rights demonstrators was broken up in Selma, Ala., by state troopers and a sheriff's posse.

On this date:

In 1849, horticulturist Luther Burbank was born in Lancaster, Mass.

In 1850, in a three-hour speech to the U.S. Senate, Daniel Webster endorsed the Compromise of 1850 as a means of preserving the Union.

In 1875, composer Maurice Ravel was born in Cibourne, France.

In 1876, Alexander Graham Bell received a patent for his telephone.

In 1911, the United States sent 20,000 troops to the Mexican border as a precaution in the wake of the Mexican Revolution.

In 1926, the first successful trans-Atlantic radio-telephone conversation took place, between New York and London.

In 1936, Adolf Hitler ordered his troops to march into the Rhineland, thereby breaking the Treaty of Versailles and the Locarno Pact.

In 1945, during World War II, U.S. forces crossed the Rhine River at Remagen, Germany, using the damaged Ludendorff Bridge.

In 1975, the Senate revised its filibuster rule, allowing 60 senators to limit debate in most cases, instead of the previously required two-thirds of senators present.

In 1981, anti-government guerrillas in Colombia executed kidnapped American Bible translator Chester Allen Bitterman, whom they accused of being a CIA agent.

Ten years ago: New York Gov. George Pataki signed a death penalty bill into law.

Five years ago: Texas Gov. George W. Bush and Vice President Al Gore were the big winners in Super Tuesday primaries. The Nasdaq composite crossed the 5,000 mark for the first time before retreating. Country singer Frank "Pee Wee" King died in Louisville, Ky., at age 86.

One year ago: Fourteen Palestinians were killed in the deadliest Israeli raid in Gaza in 17 months. An investiture ceremony was held in Concord, N.H., for V. Gene Robinson, the Episcopal Church's first openly gay bishop.

GEORGE WILL

Justice misses point in death penalty case

WASHINGTON — In 1992, before delivering the Supreme Court's ruling in an abortion case, Justice Anthony Kennedy, who has a penchant for self-dramatization, stood with a journalist observing rival groups of demonstrators and mused: "Sometimes you don't know if you're Caesar about to cross the Rubicon or Captain Queeg cutting your own tow line." Or perhaps you are a would-be legislator, a dilettante sociologist and freelance moralist, disguised as a judge.

Last Tuesday Kennedy played those three roles when, in yet another 5-4 decision, the court declared it unconstitutional to execute persons who murder when under 18. Such executions, it said, violate the Eighth Amendment proscription of "cruel and unusual" punishments because ... well, Kennedy's opinion, in which Justices Stephen Breyer, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, David Souter and John Paul Stevens joined, is a tossed salad of reasons why those five think the court had a duty to do what state legislatures have the rightful power and, arguably, the moral responsibility to do.

Although the court rendered an opposite decision just 16 years ago, Kennedy says the nation's "evolving standards of decency" now rank such executions as cruel and unusual. One proof of this, he says, is:

Of the 38 states that have capital punishment, 18 bar executions of those who murder before age 18, five more than in 1989. So he constructs a "national consensus" against capital punishment of juvenile offenders by adding a minority of the states with capital punishment to the 12 states that have decided "that the death penalty is inappropriate for all offenders."

George Will's column is distributed by the Washington Post Writers Group.

But "inappropriate" is not a synonym for "unconstitutional." Kennedy simply assumes that those 12 states must consider all capital punishment unconstitutional, not just wrong or ineffective or more trouble than it is worth — three descriptions that are not synonymous with "unconstitutional."

While discussing America's "evolving standards of decency," Kennedy announces: "It is proper that we acknowledge the overwhelming weight of international opinion against the juvenile death penalty." Why is that proper when construing the U.S. Constitution? He is remarkably unclear about that. He says two international conventions forbid executions of persons who committed their crimes as juveniles. That, he thinks, somehow illuminates the meaning of the Eighth Amendment.

Kennedy, self-appointed discerner of the national consensus on penology, evidently considers it unimportant that the United States attached to one of the conventions language reserving the right "to impose capital punishment ... for crimes committed by persons below eighteen years of age." The United States never ratified the other convention Kennedy cites. In his extra-judicial capacity as roving moralist, Kennedy sniffily disapproves of that nonratification as evidence that America is committing the cardinal sin of being out of step with "the world community."

Kennedy the sociologist says "any parent knows" and "scientific and sociological studies" show that people under 18 show a "lack of maturity" and an "underdeveloped sense of responsibility" and susceptibility to "negative influences" and a weak aptitude for "cost-benefit analysis." All this means, he says, that young offenders "cannot with reliability be classified among the worst offenders."

Well. Is it gauche to interrupt Kennedy's seminar on adolescence with some perhaps pertinent details? The 17-year-old in the case the court was considering bragged about planning to do what he then did: He broke into a woman's home, put duct tape over her eyes and mouth, wrapped her head in a towel, bound her limbs with electrical wire, then threw her off a railroad trestle into a river where, helpless, she drowned.

Justice Scalia, joined in dissent by Justices William Rehnquist and Clarence Thomas (Justice Sandra Day O'Connor dissented separately), deplores "the new reality that, to the extent that our Eighth Amendment decisions constitute something more than a show of hands on the current Justices' current personal views about penology, they purport to be nothing more than a snapshot of American public opinion at a particular point in time (with the timeframes now shortened to a mere 15 years)."

WILLIAM F. BUCKLEY JR.

Lou Dobbs off base on free trade issue

What is going on, we learn from TV and the Internet, is a war led every night by commentator Lou Dobbs of CNN against current, and pending, trade practices. Last Monday night Mr. Dobbs looked very grim and resolute as he accused American legislators of lying to the American people about the consequences of free trade.

Singled out was the pending treaty with five countries in Central America. Mr. Dobbs gave graphic descriptions of farm laborers in that part of the world who earn 90 cents per day. He spoke of the consequences for U.S. labor of outsourcing work, otherwise available to Americans earning 100 times as much.

Roderick Boyd in the New York Sun reports: "One intellectual opponent of Mr. Dobbs' said he focuses on the costs of America's free-market policies without even trying to communicate the benefits. 'His reports are often unbalanced,' said an economist at the conservative Heritage Foundation, Daniel Mitchell. 'They resolutely do not measure the fact that our job growth is driven by the free movement of capital and workers in America.' Mitchell added, 'Protectionism never works.'"

That statement needs to be qualified. Protectionism can be made to "work" by the simple act of subsidy. Sugar imports into the United States are heavily restricted, with the result that harvesters in Louisiana are producing sugar at three to five times the cost of it in the Dominican Republic.

The protectionist argument was displayed on Mr. Dobbs' show by means of charts. "If free trade means lower prices in the USA, do you approve these lower prices?" About 12 percent of respondents said yes, they liked lower prices. But the next chart asks, "If the lower prices mean unemployment in the United States, do you approve?" No, 72 percent.

If one looks diligently for what represents itself as a fresh point in current protectionist rhetoric, one focuses on the question of motivation. Lorrie Willey of the Asheville (N.C.) Citizen-Times analyzes Dobbs' argument, made in his book "Exporting America." According to Dobbs, "offshoring," as they're now calling it, isn't necessitated by any lack of skilled domestic workers, nor by the unproductivity of the American worker, nor even by any need for American companies to compete in global markets. "The simple reasoning behind this step is cost reduction, or, as Dobbs would put it, corporate greed."

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The screen takes us to India, and the commentator tells us that India has bought $5 billion of American-made goods last year, while the United States bought three times as much Indian-made goods. Indians have a facility for cyberwork, we learn, so that Indian technicians are widely employed by other nations.

It is true of the current economic scene that there is something on the order of fungibility in the use of certain skills. Years ago, American Express hired typists in the Third World to transcribe charge slips, hundreds of millions of them, to avoid paying American typists. The harvest of that outsourcing flows back to American Express offices through the ether. There is no pausing to be done at interdictionist blockades pressing for import fees.

What is new is the immaterialization of many economic products. There isn't any way to send a banana through cyberspace, but that doesn't really affect the basic reason for free trade, which is the doctrine of comparative advantage. Even though there is a universalization of skills, in an age when anybody can type on a keyboard, the acquisition of such skills by a Third World country does not diminish the value of goods being produced; rather it adds to it. The worker in Central America can hope to buy the radio made in Japan, or the computer made in California.

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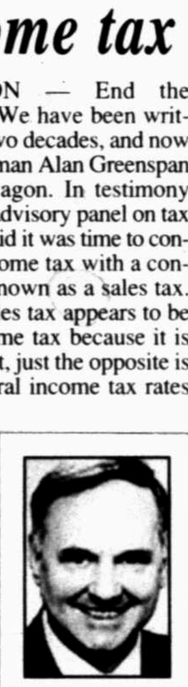
Greenspan joins forces trying to end income tax

WASHINGTON — End the income tax. We have been writing this for two decades, and now Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan has joined the bandwagon. In testimony before the president's advisory panel on tax reform, the Fed chief said it was time to consider replacing the income tax with a consumption tax, better known as a sales tax.

Theoretically, a sales tax appears to be less fair than the income tax because it is less progressive. In fact, just the opposite is true. The current federal income tax rates are 10 percent, 15 percent, 25 percent, 28 percent, 33 percent and 35 percent. The more you make, the higher percentage you pay, the theory goes. Here is reality: Most people fall in the 25 and 28 percent brackets, the same group that pays most of the Social Security and Medicare payroll taxes.



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Here is an example: a self-employed individual earning $70,350 per year pays $14,325 in federal income taxes, $10,763 in payroll taxes and $1,500 in tax preparation costs. This total of $26,588 represents 37.8 percent of the person's income. Meanwhile, the person earning $319,100 pays $92,593 in federal income taxes, $13,770 in payroll taxes (payroll taxes are only paid on the first $90,000 of earnings) and $1,500 in tax preparation costs for a total of $107,863. This represents 33.8 percent of the person's income, a full 4 percent less than the percentage paid by the person earning less than a quarter as much. So much for a progressive income tax.

The situation gets worse when expenses are subtracted because as often as not, the wealthier person receives a much larger mortgage interest and property tax deduction. This occurs because the wealthier person can afford to spend a greater percentage of his or her income on a house.

And this does not even count all the special deals and loopholes written into the tax code by representatives and senators who depend upon wealthy constituents for campaign contributions. This is why the income tax will never be progressive and why our $319,100 individual pays a lower percentage tax than does our $70,350 taxpayer.

Greenspan understands this, and he understands that it cannot be fixed within the boundaries of an income tax. Each time Congress passes income tax reform and tax simplification the result is less reform, increased complexity and an ever-growing income tax code that is literally incomprehensible.

The national sales tax solves these problems. By exempting essentials such as food, clothing and medicine, the weight of such a tax would primarily fall on nonessential spending. And wealthy people spend a much greater percentage of their incomes than do people of moderate means on nonessentials. Hence, it is progressive. Further, it is a pay-as-you-go tax, so no money or long hours are spent on tax preparation. Then, there is the privacy issue. No longer would government be able to delve into our private affairs. When asked how much money they make, most people say it is none of your business.

Syrian troops begin pullout as Hezbollah urges protest

By Zeina Karam
Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Lebanese officials said Syrian troops will begin pulling back toward the Syrian border on Monday, as the leader of the Hezbollah militant group called for a demonstration in Beirut to counter weeks of anti-Syrian protests here.

Syrians — not unexpectedly — backed President Bashar Assad's decision to pull troops toward eastern Lebanon and insisted Sunday he was not bowing to international pressure.

The withdrawal from central and northern Lebanon toward the Bekaa Valley will begin right after a meeting in Damascus, Syria, of the presidents of the two countries, Lebanese Defense Minister Abdul-Rahim Murad told The Associated Press. Assad and Lebanese President Emile Lahoud will decide on the timetable of the pullback and repositioning of forces.

"The Syrian withdrawal will begin Monday directly after the meeting in Damascus of the Syrian and Lebanese leaderships," Murad said.

Hezbollah's powerful leader, Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, called for a massive peaceful demonstration Tuesday in central Beirut to show loyalty to Syria. The protest, he said, was to denounce international interference, show support for resistance movements and foil any attempts to make a peace deal with Israel.

Underlining tensions between the two camps, a pro-Syrian supporter fired on an anti-Syrian activist and wounded him, police said. The two clashed near Martyrs Square in central Beirut.

Assad told his parliament Saturday that the redeployment of 14,000 Syrian troops to the Bekaa Valley is the first phase of a two-step pullback, but he left unclear whether troops eventually would leave Lebanon or remain near the border. He also said nothing about pulling out intelligence officials, who the United States said also must leave.

Syrian secret services and intelligence officials "that really keep the clamp of fear in the Lebanese people" must withdraw, White House counselor Dan Bartlett told CNN's "Late Edition."

President Bush said Friday that anything less than a full Syrian withdrawal by May — when Lebanese parliamentary elections are to be held — would be an unacceptable "half-measure." U.S. officials reiterated that demand Sunday.

"We'll continue to make clear that they understand that the international community is not going to stand by and let Assad continue to have these type of half-measures, but to live up to his international demands," Bartlett told "Fox News Sunday."

The 1989 Arab-brokered Taif Accord called for Syria to move its troops to the Lebanese border and for both countries to then negotiate the withdrawal.

A U.N. resolution, drafted by the United States and France in September, called on Syria to withdraw its forces from Lebanon, stop influencing politics in the country and allow Lebanon to hold presidential elections as scheduled. France and Russia also have demanded a full withdrawal.

Syria has had troops in Lebanon since 1976, when they were sent as peacekeepers during that country's 1975-1990 civil war. When the war ended, the troops remained while Syria dominated Lebanon's politics.

Lebanese opposition leaders, who have led the campaign to push Syria out, were skeptical of a complete withdrawal and warned against possible attempts to stir up trouble to scuttle the pullout.

"President Assad's speech was a political announcement. What the Lebanese are waiting for is implementation of this announcement," said Fares Soeid, an opposition legislator.

But Syrians praised their president's announcement and insisted the decision to pull back did not result from international pressure but rather continued a gradual process.

On the streets of Damascus, Syrians almost to a person said the Lebanese who have been demonstrating by the thousands for Syrian withdrawal are ungrateful for its help in stabilizing the country after its civil war.

"The Lebanese shouldn't have done this to Syrians," said Mohammed Jabali, 18.

Issam al-Jazaeri, 50, said in his carpet shop that Assad "made it clear that the army has been withdrawing for some time." Assad said in his speech that Syria has reduced its deployment in Lebanon by more than 60 percent since 2000.

Besides weeks of protests demanding a Syrian ouster, there have been reports of attacks on Syrian workers in Lebanon as well as some racist comments against Syrians.

"We have relatives, friends and interests in Lebanon" and Lebanese make it difficult to go there, hotel worker Imad Mansour said.

The weekly business newspaper Al-Iqtissadiya said thousands of angry Syrians have withdrawn their deposits from Lebanese banks in the past two weeks. Syrians are believed to have $10 billion in Lebanese banks — making up nearly 20 percent of the deposits.

"I had some savings in Lebanon but withdrew them. I don't want to take any risks even though Lebanese banks pay higher interest," Mansour said.

Associated Press reporters Hussein Dakroub in Beirut and Bassem Mroue in Damascus, Syria, contributed to this report.

TV - TONIGHT

MONDAY EVENING — MARCH 7, 2005

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Woman finds comfort in creating art following husband's suicide

Person to Person with Jimmy Patterson

Wanda Streicher calls it a moment of clarity. A split second experienced on the way to work in a Houston law firm the morning of Nov. 26, 2001. For a flash, she felt the need to return home. She and husband Jack had been going through difficult times in their marriage for about five weeks and when she left for work that morning, she left him at home alone on his birthday. And it was somewhere between their Spring home and downtown Houston that she almost turned around. But didn't.

It was son Mike who found his dad Jack Streicher dead in the garage later that morning, and Wanda would ask herself over and over, "What if?" just as survivors of suicide will. And when authorities tried to take her husband away for the last time, she remembers yelling at them, pleading with them no, because it would be her last time to be with him.

"It was noon, and Michael called me and asked, 'Where's Dad? His car is here' " Streicher remembers. "I think inside me, I knew at that moment, but you can't wrap your mind around that.

"Jack was a wonderful man. He was well loved. His friends loved him. In 12½ years, he never told me no, not even in those last five weeks. We never fought."

Two years passed and Wanda Streicher lived each day with little more than the pervasive grief that comes when a person's soul has been ripped from them after a loved one's suicide. She says all the beauty of life was gone and she felt she may in fact be dead and just didn't know it.

It was when Streicher was filling a Day of the Dead box filled with mementos of his life and their life together when she said she felt the grief literally lift from her body.

"Filling that box was very painful, but very fulfilling for me," Streicher said. "I worked on it for a few weeks and at one point one day, something happened, and a weight lifted from me and I was able to breathe. I felt the grief go; almost two years to the day from Jack's suicide."

A few weeks after the grief lifted, Streicher, who by now had moved back to Midland and her native West Texas, said she was searching for a way to fully return beauty to her life now that she had reached a point where she finally felt it would be allowed back in. She went to local craft stores and learned how to make hand-sculpted wearable art.

"I can't understate that day when my grief was lifted," Streicher said. "It was a spiritual experience. I knew many things in that moment. I knew that Jack was healed from his pain. I was so grateful for that. Since his death, I had not been able to feel love for him without a tremendous amount of pain. In a moment, that pain was gone — what a wonderful thing after two years of the kind of grief I had experienced. In that moment, the grief was transformed into pure love for God and for Jack, and I was able to make that return I so desperately needed. That was the real gift — the grace of God — and it has stayed with me.

"People who do clay say I'm prolific. For me, picking up a bar of clay and getting to turn it into something neat is all about transformation. For me, it is representative of the return that I experienced. I don't do anything else."

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Popularizing indie bands' songs on TV yields smart synergy

By Ricardo Baca
The Denver Post

Even the more involved Interpol fans who watched the New York band work through a short set in Denver a month ago didn't recognize "Specialist" when the little-known track ignited its encore.

"Specialist" appeared on Interpol's first Matador release, a self-titled three-song single, and on numerous compilations. But a Denver fan who recognized the song shouted to her girlfriend, "This is that song from 'The O.C.' "

"Music from the O.C. Mix 2"
Various Artists
Warner Brothers Records
$13.98 CD list price

Was it possible that Interpol, NYC's graceful arbiters of post-punk style and proper indie music, would sell out to "The O.C," Fox's teen soap that defines indie sensibilities via $200 Ray-Bans?

Absolutely.

Track 5 on "Music From The O.C.: Mix 2," right after offerings from Death Cab, the Killers and Super Furry Animals, is Interpol's "Specialist." And why wouldn't Interpol rock "The O.C."? Bands utilizing TV (and vice versa) for extra bang is a smart business move that found its roots in the early and late '90s with Fox's "Beverly Hills 90210" and The WB's "Dawson's Creek." And it's now seeing a comeback via the same networks. Fox's "The O.C." has already released multiple soundtracks, and The WB's "One Tree Hill" has a soundtrack and, impressively, a full-scale tour.

'Everything felt so organic for us," said Joe Davola, president of television at Tollin/Robbins Productions and an executive producer on "One Tree Hill." "We had a story line where our girl Haley is exploring the musical side of her life, and then (singer-songwriter) Tyler (Hilton) comes out on the show, and then The Wreckers came out. ... Then Haley leaves the show, and at the end of the episode, we announce that the tour (viewers) thought was fictitious is real."

Music has been essential to TV programming for decades, but the biggest and most influential shows of the '90s brought musicians into a role beyond that of ambiance. Suddenly they were singing on-air at "90210's" Peach Pit or being pitched via song-placement and ad cards on "Dawson's Creek."

There was no asking "Who was that onstage?" (Brandon already said their name five times) or "Who played that song?" (an ad card at show's end told you and showed you their CD cover). And now it's happening all over again.

The Walkmen were "The O.C.'s" first music guest, and the band's song "Little House of Sav-

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MEET INTERPOL!

Indie bands using television to reach mainstream audience

CLASSIC DAVE BARRY

Dog spit and baldness: Medical community makes hair-raising discovery

Dave Barry is taking the year off. This best-of series will run while he's gone. His column is distributed by Tribune Media Services, Inc.

Our topic today, on Breakthroughs in Medicine, is: New Hope From Dog Spit.

I have here some very exciting scientific correspondence from William B. Yancey, M.D., who is a medical doctor and therefore legally allowed to (1) park anywhere; (2) give shots; (3) tell people to get naked; and (4) make scientific observations.

Dr. Yancey wrote to me about an observation that he scientifically made regarding his Labrador retriever, who is named Refrigerator. Refrigerator recently underwent hip surgery. In preparation for the operation, the veterinarian shaved his hindquarters. Then, realizing his mistake, he also shaved Refrigerator's hindquarters. No, seriously, the veterinarian's hindquarters have nothing to do with this, and I am instructing the jury to disregard them. The point is that Refrigerator had all the fur removed from his rear end (or, in medical parlance, his "bazooty").

If you know anything about dogs, you know how Refrigerator spent his recuperation period: He licked himself pretty much full time. Dogs are very big believers in the healing power of licking. If dogs operated a hospital, here's how it would work: A patient would arrive in the Emergency Room, and a team of doctor dogs would gather around to conduct an examination, which would consist of thoroughly sniffing the patient. (They would also sniff the floor, in case anybody had left food lying around.)

Then, the doctor dogs would hold a conference, and whatever the patient's symptoms were — coughing, lack of pulse, a spear passing all the way through the patient's head — the doctor dogs would agree that the best course of treatment was: licking. And we're talking about a LOT of licking. Not just the patient licking himself or herself, but also the doctors licking the patient, licking themselves, and licking the other doctors. This is state-of-the-art medical care for dogs.

So anyway, after his operation, Refrigerator was performing medical care on himself, and Dr. Yancey made a scientific observation; namely, that Refrigerator's hair "has grown fastest in the areas where he has spent significant time licking himself."

Using this observation, Dr. Yancey was able to form a scientific hypothesis — a term that is formed from two Greek words, "hy," which means "something," and "pothesis," which means "that pops into your head while you are watching a dog lick itself after you have maybe had a couple of brewskis."

Dr. Yancey's hypothesis is this: Dog spit grows hair. In fact, Dr. Yancey believes that unwanted hair, such as facial hair on women and nose hair on men, probably did not exist until the human race domesticated dogs and started getting licked all the time.

But the more important implication is that dog spit could be a revolutionary new hair-growth treatment for balding men. Granted, we do not yet have actual laboratory proof of this. But we do have a published report in the form of this column, which has been printed in a newspaper with professional-looking margins.

So I think it's time to move past the research phase of Dr. Yancey's hypothesis and go directly to the phase where we unleash the power of this amazing discovery to benefit humanity, to make the world a better place, and — most important — to make money.

Specifically what I am thinking of is a franchised line of hair-growth salons, perhaps with a sophisticated name such as La Spitte Du Chien Pour Les Hommes. Upon arriving at a salon, a client would undergo a pre-treatment interview, during which he would be asked a series of scientific questions ("Do you have money?" "How much?"). The client would then be ushered into the Preparation Area, where his scalp would be coated with a scientifically designed, nutrition-enhanced, precision-balanced formulation consisting of Skippy brand peanut butter.

Finally, the client would enter the Treatment Area, where he would be instructed to lie down on the floor with his arms at his sides. A door would then be opened, and a professional Hair Growth Technician, barking loudly, would sprint into the room at upwards of 400 mph, skid to a stop, and begin enthusiastically treating the client's scalp. All of the technicians at La Spitte Du Chien Pour Les Hommes would be carefully selected on the basis of friendliness, professionalism, and not peeing on the clients.

I grant you that this procedure has a few wrinkles that need to be worked out, such as the issue of creamy vs. chunky. But it makes at least as much scientific sense as the baldness cures you see advertised in magazines. I see no reason why we can't go ahead and start setting up franchise salons, and if any government agencies such as the Food and Drug Administration have any questions, well, they can just send their inspectors around to meet with our board of directors, Big Boy and Fang. They love inspectors. It's their favorite meal.

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FOR GAMERS ONLY

'MechAssault 2: Lone Wolf' best when played online

By Matt Slagle
Associated Press

"MechAssault 2: Lone Wolf"
Rated T (teen)
Genre: action, stealth
for Xbox from Microsoft
$50 list price

In the distant future, soldiers wage war from within building-sized robots that bristle with laser turrets, rocket launchers and thick armor. "MechAssault 2: Lone Wolf" lets you experience these fearsome battle mechs first-hand.

The single player story continues from the first game, with you and your ragtag team of honor-seeking warriors in a new struggle with the galaxy's reigning band of evildoers, called the Word of Blake.

What really gives "Lone Wolf" its legs, though, is the online factor (provided you have a subscription to Microsoft's Xbox Live online service). All the favorites are here, from kill-or-be-killed Destruction mode to the team-focused Capture the Flag.

Longtime fans of the various mech board games will probably miss the strategy "Lone Wolf" only hints at in the new Conquest mode. In what's easily the game's most promising feature, Conquest lets you join one of several rival factions in a never-ending online battle for galactic supremacy.

There are dozens of different mechs, and each class has its advantages and disadvantages. Light mechs sacrifice firepower for speed, while massive assault mechs plod across the battlefield

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TALKIN' TEXAS

Do not ignore that volcano on your skin

Tumbleweed Smith is a Big Spring story-teller and folklorist.

When we went to Belize in late December, we went deep into the jungle to explore some Mayan ruins. It was a thrilling experience to see the mounds and overgrown ball court that was once home to a fascinating group of people. We entered caves, which were the basements of their homes.

The man who was showing us around told us to watch out for fer-de-lance, the deadly snake. We didn't see any, but we were on alert.

I didn't dress for the jungle. I wore a T-shirt and shorts. It may have been my undoing.

A couple of weeks after I got back, my upper right arm over the muscle began to itch. I thought it was some sort of bite that would go away in a few days. It didn't. After several days of scratching it, my wife insisted that I go to the doctor. He told me that I had an insect bite of some kind. He poked a needle in it and some clear liquid oozed out. He told me to put some antibiotic cream on it and keep it covered.

Two weeks later the bite had formed what looked like a small volcano and it still itched like crazy. I returned to the doctor, who got out a small scalpel and made some incisions into my arm. He pulled out what looked like a black thread about two inches long. He told me he would send it to pathology.

A few days later he called me and said it was an external parasite. Very enlightening. I told my doctor that I was going to see a dermatologist in Lubbock to have some skin problems examined. My doctor said he would call the dermatologist and talk to him about my arm. As soon as he described my situation, the dermatologist said "Has he been to Belize recently?"

The dermatologist told me I had a bot fly bite. He performed surgery immediately, cutting all the way to the muscle, even removing part of it. He pulled out a critter the size of a grub worm. It seems a female fly lays eggs on the belly of a mosquito. When the mosquito lands on a person, body heat causes tiny larvae to hatch from one of the eggs. The larvae burrow into the body and starts growing. After a few weeks the full-grown larvae emerges to pupate and become a bot fly. I looked up bot fly on the Internet and found lots of stories about them. There's comfort in numbers. The surgery required a dozen stitches to close. I have a wonderful scar on my arm. I can't wait to tell my grandkids about it.

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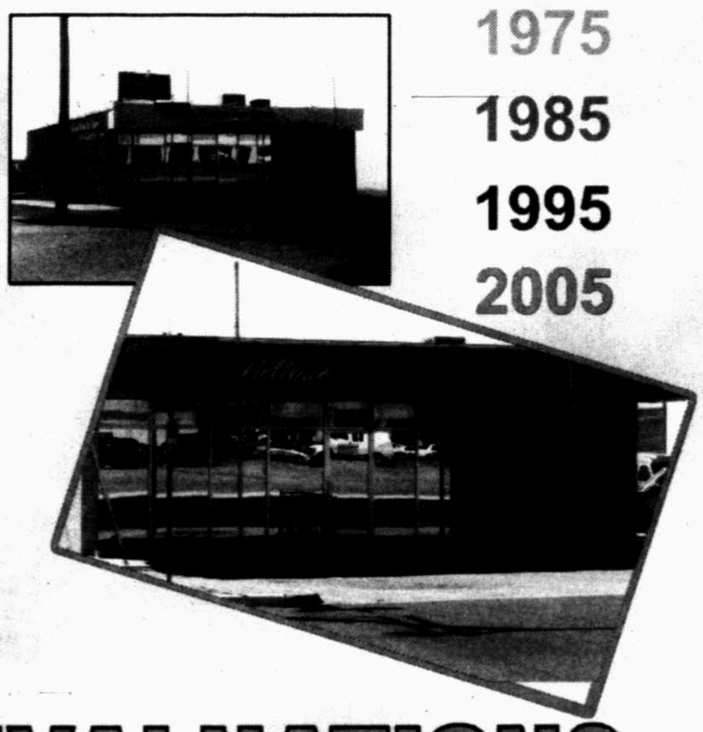

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Rap music becoming newest weapon on battlefield in Iraq

By Monica Davey
N.Y. Times News Service

On one more steaming day in Baghdad, Iraq, word filtered out to the artillery regiment that some of the younger guys were not going to get to fly home for their promised rest-and-relaxation break. Soldiers fumed. They'd spent months of long hours in this crazy place, knowing that at any moment a homemade bomb might explode, a rocket-propelled grenade might land or an Iraqi child might spit at them.

But though they were armed to the teeth, they chose to respond with a different kind of weapon. They stepped outside and, of all things, began to rap.

"I started doing some of the most outlandish freestyle you can imagine," Javorn Drummond, an Army specialist from Wade, N.C., recalled the other day. "We were just going off about how we do all the work, but we can't go home. We didn't care who could hear. We didn't have to care. I'll tell you, it felt good. At that time, they were killing us. We were working so hard we weren't getting sleep."

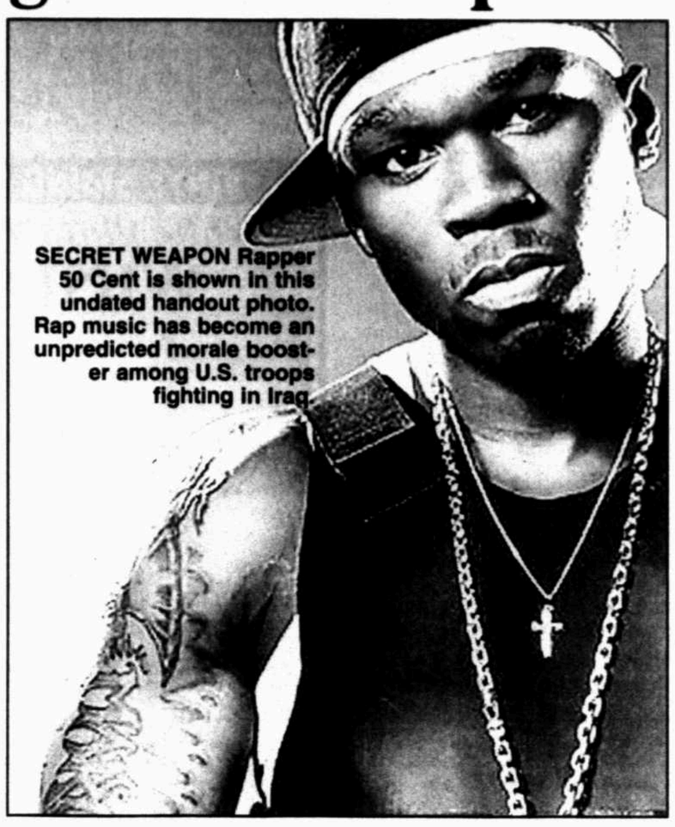
If rock 'n' roll, the sounds of Jimi Hendrix, Jefferson Airplane and Creedence Clearwater Revival, was the music of American service members in Vietnam, rap may become the defining pulse for the war in Iraq. It has emerged as a rare realm where soldiers and Marines, hardly known for talking about their feelings, are voicing the full range of their emotions and reactions to war. They rap about their resentment of the military hierarchy. But they also rap about their pride, their invincibility, their fallen brothers, their disdain for the enemy and their determination to succeed.

Plenty of soldiers still listen to the twang of country music or the scream of heavy metal. Many, in fact, said that metal — and albums like Slayer's "Reign in Blood" — helped psyche them up for combat as they roared across the desert in the very first days of conflict. But a great many say it was 50 Cent, Pastor Troy or Mystikal (himself, a Gulf War veteran) that kept them chugging along in trucks and Humvees — in one case, manning the Humvee machine gun — miniheadphone lines tucked away under Kevlar vests. They listened to get stirred up on the way to house raids, before tense guard duty assignments or simply when they awoke to another tedious day under that enormous sun.

The more than 1,500 American service members killed in Iraq have also left behind traces of hip-hop scattered in the memories. Sgt. Jack Bryant Jr., of Dale City, Va., who died last Nov. 20 when a makeshift bomb blew up near his convoy in Iraq, had written rap, his father remembered the other day. And Pfc. Curtis L. Wooten, of Spanaway, Wash., who was killed on Jan. 4 when a roadside bomb exploded near his vehicle in Balad, had planned to go to school when he got home, his brother said, to become a producer in the hip-hop world.

As for the many soldiers who are writing and performing their own raps, their lyrics sample the lexicon of the war — the Sandbox, IEDs (improvised explosive devices), ICDC (the Iraqi Civil Defense Corps) and Haji (the word many soldiers use derogatorily for the enemy) — and the wide scope of their feelings about it.

It is the music of Drummond and his colleagues in the 1st Armored Division's 2nd Battalion, 3rd Field Artillery that makes up much of the background sounds in a new documentary, "Gunner Palace," about the experience of one group of ordinary soldiers in Iraq. The movie, which will open in theaters on March 4 and was directed by Michael Tucker and Petra Epperlein, records the everyday lives of 400 soldiers living in the bombed-out palace of Saddam Hussein's son Odai after the fall of Baghdad.



SECRET WEAPON Rapper 50 Cent is shown in this undated handout photo. Rap music has become an unpredicted morale booster among U.S. troops fighting in Iraq

Rap might seem at odds with the conformity of military life, but Tucker, who served in the Reserve in the 1980s, sees it as an extension of the cadence, or the calling-out songs to which troops run. And from the lyrics they write, it's clear that some of these soldiers identify their role — urban guerrilla warriors fighting an unseen enemy — with that of the heroes of the genre. Even the USO has responded: They sent Nappy Roots, Bubba Sparks, 50 Cent and G-Unit to perform for soldiers in Iraq, and Ludacris appeared at a giant welcome home for soldiers at Fort Hood.

"Rap has become another part of barracks culture," Tucker said in a phone interview. "As far as soldiers go, rap is almost the perfect medium: They are able to say so much, to let off steam and also to have so many hidden meanings in what they say."

One day in April 2004 Sgt. Nick Moncrief, who said he had felt close to death many times during his 14 months in Iraq, felt at least four bullets whiz past his face while he was guarding the perimeter of an area in Baghdad. "Those bullets were close to me the way you're close when you're getting ready to kiss a girl."

Not long after that, he scribbled down a rap: "I noticed that my face is aging so quickly/Cuz I've seen more than your average man in his fifties/I'm 24 now/Got two kids and a wife/Having visions of them picturing me up out of they life."

Now back at his post in Germany, Moncrief, who also appears in Tucker's film, has turned 25. "My message in my rap is that I have a lot of anger about the war," he said. "Why are we there? Why me? That's basically what I want to say when I write: Why?"

Some soldiers described jotting down lyrics on scraps of paper at night, between power failures. They rapped to whatever beat they could find — a homemade CD on a boom box or just some drumming on the metal armor of a Humvee. The soldiers joked that they could have even rapped to the beat of gunfire.

In fact, they very nearly did in "mortar alley," a Baghdad spot where service members held freestyle contests outside their sleeping quarters. Half a dozen soldiers or more would gather around; when the mortar rounds started coming — as they so often did between 7 p.m. and midnight — the music swiftly ended and everyone raced inside. As Spc. Terry Taylor, 27, recalls, those raps tended to come particularly fast. "You wouldn't want to wait too long," he said. "We got caught outside with mortars coming more than a few times."

Other nights, Taylor said, he and his friends would sneak a radio along when they had to escort some high-ranking officer, and rap while they waited through his appointment.

Usually, violence was the inspiration. After a June 2003 shootout that left one man dead, Taylor wrote: "I can't believe Iraqis are after me/It's got to be a tragedy/The way these people bust and blast at me/Dear God, is this the way it has to be?"

It was one of his "aggression" raps. "For me, this was a way to stand up and say, 'hey, I'm not going to take it,'" he said. "If I didn't feel that, if I didn't get that out there and say that out loud, I just don't think you'd make it. A lot of guys didn't make it. You can't show kindness or weakness out there. This was a way to make it out safe."

GAME

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but dish out major damage.

The crazed battles were marred by some performance glitches. Like watching a movie in slow-motion, matches sometimes devolved into a frame-by-frame slideshow as my Xbox struggled to keep up with all the action.

It's annoying, considering the average graphics rarely sparkle. My favorite sight of all: the enormous glowing shockwave that rips through the surroundings as an enemy mech explodes.

Additional missions take you out of our mech and into scenarios where you'll drive tanks, man turrets and hack security panels.

Call me crazy, but I'd rather just blow everything up with a mech.

"Lone Wolf" partly makes up for these mundane tasks with BattleArmor. With this special suit of armor you can perform some cool moves like flying and holding onto the side of a building, or leaping onto another mech to eject the pilot and take it for yourself.

The interface is streamlined — perhaps too simple. I found myself wanting more info at times. An icon in the lower right-hand corner of the screen showed me which weapon I was using, for example, but in the heat of battle many of them look the same. I often had to fire off a few rounds of precious ammo just to see what I was wielding.

Most of the weapons were as spectacularly destructive as you'd expect, with plenty of different missiles, lasers and machine guns. There were some odd choices — what am I supposed to do with a flame-thrower when staring down at an enemy mech, cook marshmallows?

Compared to other mech games, you'll find the controls here quite simple while making full use of every button on the Xbox controller.

If you've never played a mech game, "Lone Wolf," $50, Xbox only, would seem a good entry into the genre. War-hardened mech masters might find things a bit oversimplified.

Two and a half stars out of four.

On the Net:
http://www.mechassault2.com

STREICHER

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And she means that almost literally. When she returns home from work as a legal secretary with Robert Whitt every day, she crafts her clay creations. Insomnia has kept her up many a night since her husband's suicide. Friends convinced her she should do more than just make jewelry; it was so unique, they said, they told her she should offer it to the public. Her first show was at Septemberfest 2004, where she barely had time to piece together a few display pieces. But she had turned an enormous tragedy into a positive, a step most people that have experienced similar crises would have never taken.

Her works include kings, queens and her signature piece, which features five ladies she calls the "Praying Ladies," a rendering of the five women Streicher says helped her to survive and includes her granddaughter.

"I like seeing people like my jewelry," Streicher said. "Some people think it's just plain weird. Some of my pieces are surreal, like a piece with leaves and a sea green caterpillar. But I like surrealism."

Streicher says her craft is purely pleasurable and says even if she never did another craft show, she would likely continue to make the hand-sculpted art. One woman, though, who saw her hand-crafted finery at last month's Celtic Festival said that there was "another hand" working with her.

"A lot of things change when there is a suicide," Streicher said. "A lot has changed about me. I'm so different than I used to be that sometimes I don't even know myself anymore. What I think happened, my whole belief system about God changed."

WANDA'S JEWELRY Some of the jewelry artist Wanda Streicher has made is shown in this undated photo. Her works include kings, queens and her signature piece, which features five ladies she calls the "Praying Ladies," a rendering of the five women Streicher says helped her to survive and includes her granddaughter.
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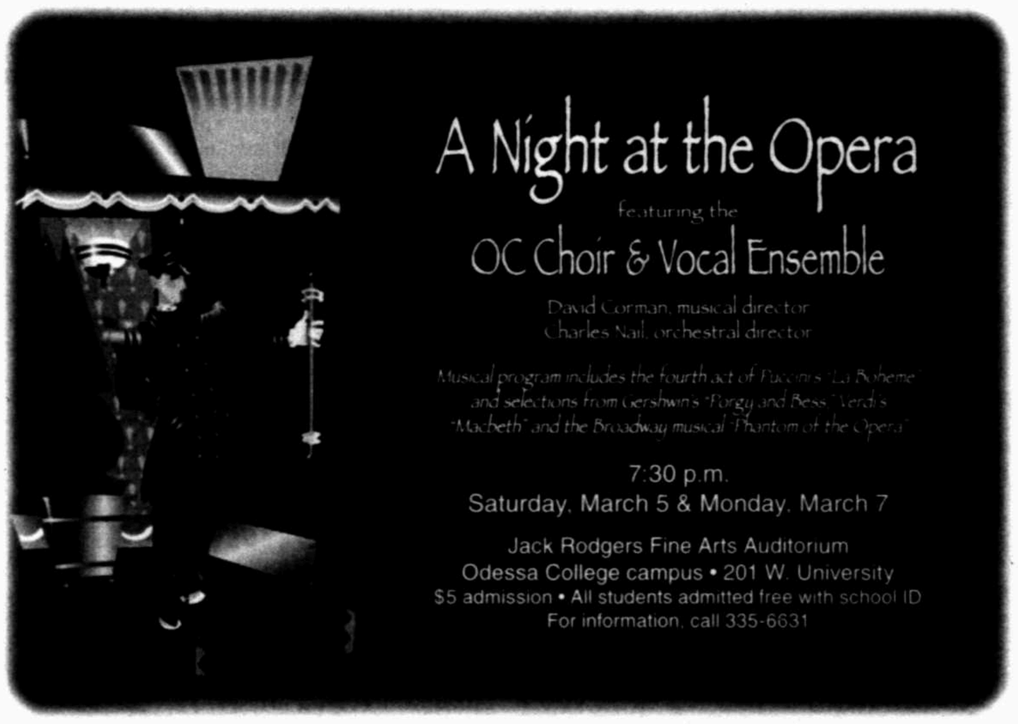
Streicher said with the re-formation of her belief system, she no longer believes that God makes everything happen, but feels instead that our free will sometimes dictates our life events.

"We do what we choose to do," she said. "People would tell me gifts would come from Jack's death and I hated hearing that because I used to think there was nothing good about it. They would say nothing happens without a reason. But God did not have anything to do with Jack's suicide. And good did come after it.

"God is the ultimate lemonade maker. He takes those situations like Jack's suicide and he sweeps up what is left and makes the most of it. I am grateful for that."



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ages" is on the show's soundtrack alongside Interpol.

"We stood around and fake-sung around 200 girls in tube tops while they pretended to adore us," said Walkmen's Hamilton Leithauser. "The record company people were thrilled that we'd be willing to do something that stupid. I guess we caught them by surprise when we said, 'Sure.' ... It's a pretty cheesy thing to do, but I don't give a (expletive). It was pretty incredible how much it paid."

Leithauser was less than thrilled with the experience and the aftermath, which he said was unimpressive. But the band's manager, Dawn Barger, recently told Variety that the TV appearance was a boon to the band's sales.

"The show airs on a Thursday night, so you only get the Friday and Saturday sales for SoundScan for the actual week," Barger said in Variety. "We went up 200 percent for those two days from the week before. The following week we increased significantly, another 1,400 percent. Ever since that episode aired, our sales have been steady."

It's the same with "One Tree Hill," which has hosted stop-ins from Sheryl Crow, Story of the Year and The Wreckers, a new group made up of Michelle Branch and Jessica Harp that has yet to release a full-length CD. And sometimes, as with The Walkmen, it's not an easy line to walk as an upstart or underground artist in a show aimed at teenagers.

"Both of us were nervous because we didn't want people to think that (The Wreckers) was a gimmicky band that was created just for the show," said Branch. "Especially with the show having Tyler on there as a musician and as an actor, we didn't want people to think (The Wreckers) was a contrived or fake band."

"One Tree Hill" uses Gavin DeGraw's "I Don't Want to Be" as its opening song, and his sales have soared since the show debuted. But did he ever worry about the possible fallout from having a song so closely linked with the show?

"Joe Cocker had the opening song on 'The Wonder Years,' but nobody ever questioned Joe Cocker's legitimacy," DeGraw said. The show's producers are "visionaries, trying to develop a music subculture through a pop TV audience," he added.

Once Hilton's numbers were on the up, others came calling.

"The minute that people saw the movement on Gavin, we started getting calls from everybody," said Davola. "They saw that we can sell albums, and they approached us with open arms."

One of the groups that made the show, Trespassers William, is a true find. Its song "Lie in the Sound" is a dreamy meditation on what made Mazzy Star so special — atmosphere.

"In many ways, ('Lie in the Sound') is very indicative of what we try to do here," said "One Tree Hill" creator Mark Schwahn, who was the major force behind the soundtrack and tour. "It's a brand new band. The song is poetic and tragic and honest. They're a best-kept secret — although I'm sure they're somebody's favorite band — and the song is about what the show's about: falling in love and how risky and dangerous all of that is."

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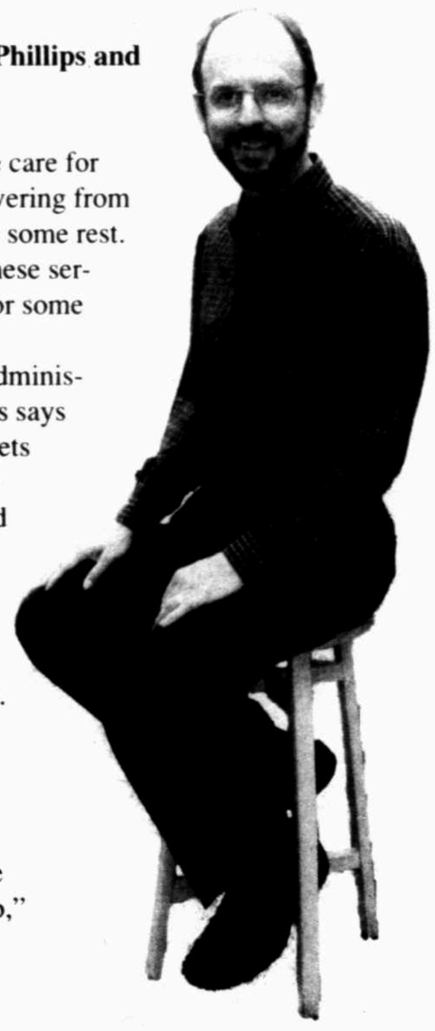

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Rockets put stranglehold on Mavericks

By Kristie Rieken
Associated Press

HOUSTON — Facing a crucial four-game road trip against some of the best teams in the West, the Houston Rockets needed a win Sunday. And they didn't care how they got it.

Tracy McGrady scored 32 points and had 10 rebounds to lead Houston to a 90-69 victory over the injury-depleted Dallas Mavericks, who played without leading scorers Dirk Nowitzki and Michael Finley.

"Regardless of who was or wasn't playing, to win this one means a lot," said McGrady, who scored 27 of his points after getting six stitches on his chin following a collision in the first quarter. "It gives us confidence. It's a real crucial road trip for us."

The Mavericks, who were without Nowitzki and Finley for just the second time this season, set a season-low for total points and points in a half with 35. It was their lowest point total since scoring 80 against San Antonio in November.

Houston, which had dropped four of its last five before Sunday's win, travels to Seattle and Phoenix next week before facing Sacramento next Sunday. All three teams lead the sixth-place Rockets in the conference standings.

"This is just what we need to feel good about ourselves for the road trip," Rockets guard Jon Barry said.

Dallas entered the game averaging almost 103 points a game, but finished just 29-of-78 (37 percent) from the field.

Nowitzki, who was averaging 27 points, sat out with a sprained left knee, and Finley missed his second straight game with a bruised left calf. This was the second game Nowitzki has missed this season, after sitting out a game last November with a sprained left ankle.

"We had our best two offensive players in street clothes, so you make the decision on how it affected us," Dallas coach Don Nelson said.

Rockets coach Jeff Van Gundy was worried that the absence of Nowitzki and Finley could cause his team to play with less intensity.

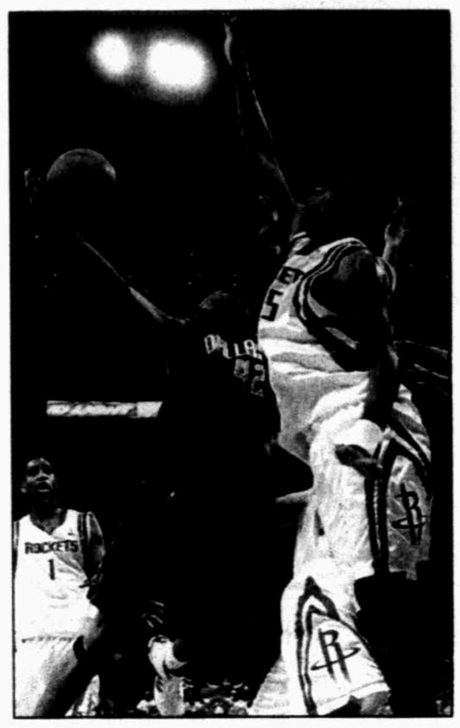
"I thought we did a good job in just staying mentally ready," he said. "You cannot minimize them missing Nowitzki. He's that good. But at the same time, we did some good things."

Dallas erased a nine-point halftime deficit after going on a 12-0 run, capped when Jerry Stackhouse hit a turnaround jumper to give the Mavericks a 47-46 lead.

The Rockets scored the next eight points to go back on top and never trailed again.

Dallas outscored the Mavericks 29-14 in the final period to stretch its lead.

Jason Terry led Dallas with 20 points. Keith Van Horn, who started for Nowitzki, added 12. The Mavericks have lost three in a row and four of their last five following a six-game winning streak.



ABOUT TO GET SWATTED Dallas Mavericks guard Jerry Stackhouse (42) attempts to go up for a shot over Houston Rockets center Dikembe Mutombo (55) on Sunday in Houston.
Pat Sullivan/AP

PGA FORD CHAMPIONSHIP

Duel at Doral

J. Pat Carter/AP

BLAST OFF Tiger Woods hits his tee shot at the first tee at the Ford Championship at Doral in Doral, Fla., on Sunday. Woods made a 30-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole to defeat Phil Mickelson by one stroke.

Woods edges Mickelson, reclaims No. 1 ranking

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

MIAMI — Tiger Woods turned in a performance worthy of his return to No. 1.

In a dramatic duel with Phil Mickelson that came down to the last shot Sunday, Woods made a 30-foot birdie putt on the 17th hole to take the lead, then a 6-foot par putt to close with a 6-under 66 and win the Ford Championship at Doral, giving him the No. 1 ranking for the first time since September.

Mickelson, coming off dominant victories in his last two stroke-play tournaments, had a chance to force a playoff or possibly win on the 18th. His 30-foot chip looked good all the way, but caught the lower lip. He closed with a 69.

"The whole day, we were going at each other," Woods said. "It was fun to be a part of that."

This Sunday showdown exceeded the expectations of a battle between two of the biggest names in golf. A sellout crowd was buzzing from start-to-finish, especially during wild momentum changes on the back nine of the Blue Monster.

Woods reached the 603-yard 12th hole for the second time in two days for an eagle to take a two-shot lead. Mickelson answered with back-to-back birdies to catch him.

Lefty looked like he had control of the tournament until he missed a 5-foot par putt on the 16th, and then Woods delivered like he usually does with two clutch putts.

Woods, who earned $990,000 for his second victory of the year, finished at 24-under 264 to break by one shot the tournament record at Doral, previously held by Jim Furyk (2000) and

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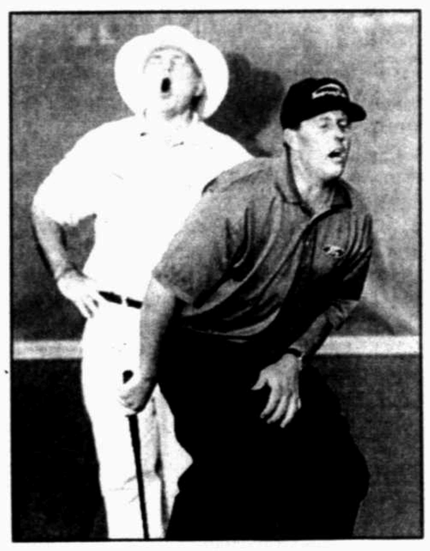

SO CLOSE Phil Mickelson flinches in agony after missing the putt on the 18th green that would have tied him with Woods.
Steve Mitchell/AP

Roughnecks begin NIFL season today

By Dave Sager
Sports Writer

When the Odessa Roughnecks announced that their former league, the Intense Football League, was merging with the National Indoor Football League, the team instantly gained credibility from fans and critics alike.

The IFL was a fledgling league of arena football teams in Texas and the surrounding states. It created its own league and was trying to market professional football in an area of West Texas where football is king — high school football.

Last year, the Roughnecks did make it work. But when the NIFL came on board, it immediately added the "intensity" that the IFL lacked. Add that to the popularity of the Arena Football League and a national television contract and the stakes are raised for the Roughnecks.

And as the Roughnecks open their inaugural season with the NIFL at 7:05 p.m. tonight against the Beaumont Drillers, head coach Chris Williams wants to show fans and other teams alike that the Roughnecks are for real.

"To be honest, I'm not so sure the Intense Football League's talent was lesser than this league," Williams said. "I think there are more teams in this league, but I think we played a pretty high quality of football last year so for us to have success last year, I think we can be consistent this year. The leagues don't matter, it's just up to us being consistent and playing up to our ability."

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Williams and the rest of the Odessa squad will get their chance to see if the IFL's competition was just as strong, or better, than the NIFL. Beaumont, record-wise, is comparable to Odessa.

The Roughnecks finished 9-7 in the IFL last year and advanced to the postseason. Beaumont played in the NIFL last year, finishing 8-6 but missed the playoffs.

Several players on the Roughnecks' roster have been around Midland for some time. Starting kicker Whitney Hillin is a Midland High graduate and remembers back to those semi-pro football days at Odessa's Ector Junior High School and Ratliff Stadium. Hillin started playing with the Odessa and Midland Colts and then played for the Basin Bulldogs before entering professional arena football.

"How it's progressed in the Permian Basin is unbelievable," said Hillin, who's also played for the Texas Terminators and the Shreveport Bombers of the IPFL and the Sioux City Bandits of the UIF to name a few. "To see some of the same fans — all 500 of them at Ratliff Stadium supporting the Basin Bulldogs and the Colts — and now to see 5,000 in the arena. It's awesome to be kicking at home. This is my seventh year professionally and it's nice to be able to do it at home."

Another familiar face from last year's squad is

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TCU downs Louisville for C-USA title

Associated Press

CHARLOTTE, N.C. — When Louisville lost track of Ashley Davis, TCU found its offense.

Davis scored all 13 of her points in the second half to lead TCU to a 60-41 win over Louisville on Sunday in the championship game of the Conference USA women's basketball tournament.

TCU (23-9) earned its second conference tournament championship in three seasons and grabbed the automatic berth in the NCAA tournament.

Davis, the Horned Frogs' top 3-point shooter, went scoreless in 10 minutes of play in the first half, but energized TCU's offense in the second.

Louisville, the tournament's second seed, took its only lead of the game, 28-27, with 13:30 remaining. Davis scored six consecutive points and nine of the Horned Frogs' next 11.

"We lost Davis a few times and that hurt us. That's what happens when you have someone who can hit the 3," Louisville coach Tom Collen said.

Davis struggled in the first half, missing all four of her 3-point attempts.

"I was so surprised I was so wide open, I was settling for the 3-pointers," Davis said. "I slowly started to hit once I got some easy shots inside."

Conference player of the year Sandora Irvin also found her offensive touch in the second half, scoring 14 of her game-high 21 points.

Following a four-point play by Angel Bradley with 7:32 remaining, TCU used a 17-3 run to close the game.

"The key to us, especially in the second half, was we kept running," TCU coach Jeff Mittie said. "We shared the basketball better in the last 10 minutes of the game than we did in the previous 30."

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The Horned Frogs, the fourth seed, completed their second upset of a higher seed in as many days.

On Saturday, TCU beat regular-season champion and No. 12 DePaul 87-77. Jazz Covington scored 19 for the Cardinals (22-8).

Louisville lost starting forward Yuliya Tokova at 16:31 of the first half with an injury to her right knee. She didn't return.

After starting the game with 10-2 run, TCU held a 22-20 lead at halftime.

Rick Havner/AP

MVP FORM TCU's Sandora Irvin (50) shoots over Louisville's Katie Olson (33) during the Conference USA championship game Sunday in Charlotte, N.C.

Lee, MHS finalize football schedules

From staff reports

The Lee football team will be in for another demanding pre-district schedule in the fall. The Rebels recently finalized their 2005 schedule, keeping four of the five non-district opponents they played last year.

The Rebels open with newly-crowned state and national champions Southlake Carroll for the second season, this time at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene on Aug. 27. The grueling schedule continues with state semifinalist Euless Trinity and playoff qualifier Dallas Kimball, both in the Dallas-Fort Worth area.

Lee doesn't play at Grande Commincations Stadium until Sept. 17 against Port Arthur Memorial, also a playoff qualifier last year, before taking on Clovis East of California.

Lee's first five opponents were a combined 49-16 in 2004.

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Jackalopes whip Corpus Christi

From staff reports

CORPUS CHRISTI — One night after a tough overtime loss at home, the Odessa Jackalopes took a long bus ride and took out their frustrations, routing Corpus Christi 5-1 on Sunday.

Mike Rutter, who hads two goals for the Jacks, scored late in the first period to get Odessa on the board. Only 27 seconds later, though, Corpus Christi's Frank Werner scored an unassisted goal to tie it 1-1.

When Odessa's Joel Irving scored a goal with 11 seconds left in the period, though, the Jacks led 2-1 and never looked back. John Kozoriz, Rutter and Chris Paradise respectively scored the final three goals for the Jacks.

In addition to his goal, Paradise also had an assist. Sebastien Thinel also had two assists for the Jacks.

The Jacks stay on the road for a Tuesday when they go on the road for a game at Rio Grande Valley at 7:35 p.m.

Lady Rebels reach title game in Killeen

From staff reports

KILLEEN — The Lee softball team had a successful time at the Killeen Tournament over the weekend, even though the Lady Rebels didn't get to finish it.

On Saturday, Lee defeated Southlake Carroll 2-1 in nine innings and Fort Worth Brewer 2-0 to reach the championship game of the tournament. The Lady Rebels (12-2) trailed Burnett 1-0 after three innings before the game was called due to rain.

Despite not winning the tournament championship, it was a gratifying tournament for Lee.

"Southlake Carroll is one of the top teams in 5A and we had to go to two extra innings to beat them," Lee coach Wes Overton said. "Fort Worth Brewer is ranked 1 or 2 in 4A and they're a very good team."

Kaitlyn Witte was the winning pitcher in both games for the Lady Rebels. She allowed only one hit in each of the games.

"If you have good pitching, one run is not comfortable but it's all you need sometimes," Overton said.

Lee's game with Carroll was scoreless after the regulation seven innings.

The Lady Rebels open district play Tuesday at home against Abilene Cooper 4 p.m.

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When/where: 12 p.m. today, doubleheader, Christensen Stadium.

Records: Midland College, 16-0 overall; LCU JV, n/a

Notes: This is the final tuneup for Midland College before beginning Western Junior College Athletic Conference play this weekend against New Mexico Junior College. ...The Chaparrals are off to a very good start to the season as they are hitting .357 as a team, while the pitching staff has a 1.63 earned run average. ...The Chaps are coming off their toughest non-conference games of the season with 5-1 and 9-8 victories over Vernon College last Wednesday. Sophomore pitcher Adam Moser had his best outing of the year in the first game as he pitched a four-hit complete game. Midland High product Jason Russell stepped up offensively by going 4-for-6 with two doubles and two home runs in the doubleheader. ...Probable starters for today's doubleheader are freshmen left-handers Kurtis Schumacher (4-0, 0.86) and Shawn Schaefer (3-0, 1.42). ...LCU JV suffered an 18-0 loss to NMJC on March 1.

Next game: Midland College at New Mexico Junior College, 1 p.m. (CST) Saturday.

Astros' Burke challenging Biggio

VEIRA, Fla. (AP) — Chris Burke would make things much easier for the Houston Astros if he struggled during spring training.

That would clear the way for 17-year veteran Craig Biggio to reclaim his starting job at second base, a spot he occupied for a decade with the Astros until moving into the outfield two years ago.

But Burke is determined to make the decision tough, hoping to finally break through to the big leagues after spending four years advancing through Houston's minor-league system.

"Spring training is important for Burke, but it's less important for Biggio," Astros manager Phil Garner said. "Because you know what Biggio has done in the past. If Biggio would have a poor spring training, it wouldn't weigh at all on that decision."

Burke certainly hasn't conceded the competition through the Astros' first four exhibition games, starting twice on the road and backing up Biggio when Houston plays at its spring facility in Kissimmee, Fla. He had a game-winning two-run double in the bottom of the ninth against Cleveland on Friday and hit a solo homer in Houston's 9-4 loss to Washington on Sunday.

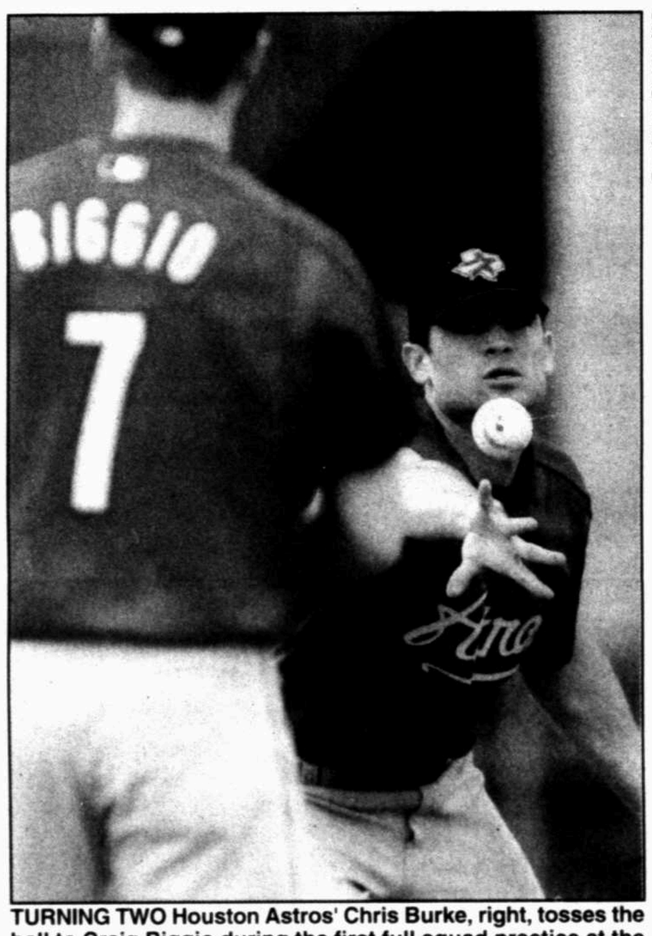
"I'm just going to try to come in and showcase what I can do with the opportunities that I get," Burke said. "I'll let other people decide how everybody fits into this."

Burke, who turns 26 on Friday, has been groomed for this kind of chance since the Astros took him with the 10th overall pick in the 2001 draft.

The Astros like Burke because of his consistency, athleticism and uncanny physical resemblance to Biggio — he's listed at 5-foot-11 (same as Biggio) and 180 pounds (only five fewer than Biggio).

Burke has made a smooth progression through the minor leagues, spending his rookie year at Class A Michigan, the next two seasons at Double A Round Rock and last year at Triple A New Orleans. He was finally called up to the majors in July, and made only a few appearances during the final two months of the season.

He had few problems adjusting on defense but his offensive struggles were troubling. Burke went 1-for-17 (.059) at the plate, a stark contrast to his career average of .294 in the minors.



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TURNING TWO Houston Astros' Chris Burke, right, tosses the ball to Craig Biggio during the first full squad practice at the team's spring training facility in Kissimmee, Fla.

"I think he's still feeling his way with the bat," Garner said. "I think we need to give him some more time to see what he's doing."

Giving Burke more time to develop would, of course, make Biggio the favorite for the spot.

Biggio was at that position for a decade before four-time All-Star Jeff Kent joined the club in 2003, forcing him to move to center field. When Carlos Beltran came to Houston in a midseason trade last year, Biggio was moved again, this time to left field. Now Biggio is back at second, but he could be shifted to the outfield again if Burke wins the position.

That would put Biggio in the awkward position of coming off the bench, something he hasn't done since 1988.

"It's taken a little bit of time to get acclimated," Biggio said of playing at second. "Things are coming back to me real quickly."

Meanwhile, Burke has already done enough to almost assure himself a spot on the Astros' 40-man major league roster. To beat out Biggio would be a bonus — for now.

"I don't really view it as competing," Burke said. "I wouldn't be disappointed at being on the team in any capacity. That's my mindset right now. I'm going to do whatever they want me to do."

Notes

The Astros have scored only 15 runs while starting off their exhibition schedule 1-3. "Our offense is not putting anything together," Garner said after Houston's 9-4 loss to Washington. "We need to start stringing some things together." Their defense wasn't much better, as they committed three errors. ... Brandon Backe pitched two scoreless innings against the Nationals on Sunday, allowing one hit. That extends Backe's streak of scoreless innings to 10, including the eight he threw against St. Louis in Game 5 of the NLCS. ... The three pitchers assured of making Houston's starting rotation — Roger Clemens, Roy Oswalt and Backe — have thrown a combined six scoreless innings this spring.

Rangers pound Rockies for 20 hits

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — The Colorado Rockies were feeling good coming off a spirited comeback win. There was no coming back from their latest deficit, though.

Texas prospect Adrian Gonzalez hit his second home run of spring training Sunday to lift the Rangers to a 16-1 crushing of the Rockies, who gave up 20 hits and committed two more errors to bring their total to eight in four games.

"There are some situations you're able to teach off of," said Rockies manager Clint Hurdle, whose team scored five runs in the ninth the day before for a 7-6 win over the Angels. "But we got slaughtered."

Gonzalez, the first overall pick of the 2000 draft, took Shawn Chacon deep over the left-field wall in the first inning for a 2-0 lead.

Chacon, moving back to the starting rotation after a difficult year as Colorado's closer last season, had it rough in his first start of the spring. He allowed three runs and three hits and threw a wild pitch in two innings.

The line was reminiscent of the kind he put up in 2004 when he made 35 saves, but blew nine and finished 1-9 with a 7.11 ERA. Still, Chacon said he wasn't discouraged.

"I felt good. I threw a lot of strikes," he said. "I concentrated on throwing my fastball in the strike zone. I threw some up in the zone, and they got hit, obviously."

Including intrasquad contests, Gonzalez now has four homers in seven games this spring. He finished 3-for-5 with four RBIs against the Rockies and crept closer to earning a spot on Texas' 25-man roster after spending most of the last two seasons in Triple-A.

The Rangers have Mark Teixeira at first base, the position Gonzalez plays, so he's trying to make it as a reserve or possibly a designated hitter.

"I'm not worrying about it," Gonzalez said. "I just go out, have fun, try to enjoy the game. It's not my decision, so I can't worry about it."

2005 ODESSA ROUGHNECKS

Roster

Name	Position	Ht.	Wt.	College/Team
Anderson, Johnny	WR	60	225	Birmingham AFL2
Babb, Joel	WR	6-0	175	Alabama
Bishop, Donnie	FB/LB	5-11	232	SW Baptist
Blakely, Jermaine	OL/DL	6-4	295	Stillman
Coleman, Percy	WR	5-10	185	UAB
Dowe, Sequan	DB	5-9	180	Florida A&M
Edwards, LeJuan	DB	5-10	175	West Texas A&M
Harris, Kevin	OL/DL	6-3	305	Alabama State
Hilin, Whitney	K	5-8	160	Midland College
Hobbs, Mike	OL/DL	6-4	295	Tusculm
Humphries, John	FB/LB	6-1	245	UAB
Jefferson, Terrence	WR	5-8	185	Midwestern
Johnson, Jason	QB	6-3	185	Western Kentucky
Kello, Scott	QB	6-2	200	Sul Ross
McNutt, Clint	WR	5-10	165	Angelo State
Mishaw, Maurice	RB	5-11	203	Navarro
Norman, John	LB/FB	6-2	240	Texas Tech
Spivey, Aaron	FB/LB	6-0	240	N/A
Swenson, Trevor	OL/DL	6-3	293	Minn. Crookstone
Thompson, Larry	DB	6-0	175	San Jose State
Turner, Jerry	DE	6-0	255	Tennessee Tech
Vaughn, Othello	OL/DL	6-0	300	Florida A&M
Wells, Otheese	DB	5-10	165	Stillman
Wright, Larry	DB	5-10	170	Midwestern
Young, Marlo	LB/FB	6-1	225	Miles

Late roster additions: Wilbert, Patrick, OL/DL, 6-6, 320, Angelo State (Big Spring graduate); Breedlove, Ryan, QB

Schedule

Today — at Beaumont Drillers, 7:05 p.m., Ford Arena, Beaumont
Friday, March 25 — at Lincoln Capitals
Saturday, April 2 — at Fayetteville Heat
Monday, April 18 — at Corpus Christi Hammerheads
Saturday, April 23 — vs. Miami Morays
Saturday, April 30 — vs. Southwest Louisiana Swashbucklers
Sunday, May 8 — at San Angelo Stampede
Saturday, May 14 — vs. Corpus Christi Hammerheads
Saturday, May 21 — at Lubbock LoneStars
Saturday, May 28 — vs. San Angelo Stampede
Saturday, June 4 — vs. Lubbock LoneStars
Saturday, June 11 — at Southwest Louisiana Swashbucklers
Saturday, June 18 — vs. Rome Renegades
Saturday, June 25 — vs. Beaumont Drillers
Friday, July 1 — vs. Lubbock LoneStars
Saturday, Aug. 6 — NIFL All-Star Game
*All home games are **bold**, kickoff at 7:11 p.m. at Ector County Coliseum*

NIFL Standings

ATLANTIC CONFERENCE

East	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Cincinnati	0	0	.000	0	0
New Jersey	0	0	.000	0	0
River City	0	0	.000	0	0

Central	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Fayetteville	0	0	.000	0	0
Montgomery	0	0	.000	0	0
Rome	0	0	.000	0	0

South	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Daytona Beach	0	0	.000	0	
Kissimmee	0	0	.000	0	0
Lakeland	0	0	.000	0	0
Miami	0	0	.000	0	0

PACIFIC CONFERENCE

South	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Beaumont	0	0	.000	0	0
Corpus Christi	0	0	.000	0	0
SW Louisiana	0	0	.000	0	0

North	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Odessa	0	0	.000	0	0
San Angelo	0	0	.000	0	0
Lubbock	0	0	.000	0	0

West	W	L	Pct.	PF	PA
Billings	0	0	.000	0	0
Everett	0	0	.000	0	0
Lincoln	0	0	.000	0	0
Tri-Cities	0	0	.000	0	0
Wyoming	0	0	.000	0	0

Today's game

Odessa at Beaumont, 7:05 p.m., Ford Arena, Beaumont

ROUGHNECKS

(From 1C)

wide receiver Clint McNutt, a Lee graduate. McNutt said this year's team compared to last year's team — skill and talent-wise — is a lot better.

"We've got talent from a lot of different teams and have been able to put it together pretty good, so it's going to be hard to stop us," McNutt said."

New to the team this year, but not the sport, is Lee graduate and former Parade All-American from Texas Tech, John Norman. Norman started three years at Tech and left in 2000.

He was cut from the Philadelphia Eagles' training camp and then took a year off. Norman played Arena2 ball in Wichita, Kan. and last year played for Corpus Christi in the IFL.

And now he's with the Roughnecks.

"'Im just trying to make the most of my career with the little time I have and move up," Norman said. "And then knowing I would be playing with other former Lee players like Clint and T.J. Glover, I'm hoping to get that home base support."

That and a chance to make it to the National Football League.

"That's always been my goal to get out to the NFL," Norman said. "The AFL not so much, but if that opportunity arises then I'll make the best of that opportunity. I'm just taking it one season at a time and trying to make it back to where my little brother is."

Norman's younger brother, Josh Norman, played two seasons for the San Diego Chargers.

The Roughnecks will get a small taste of what playing in the NFL is like by playing a rare Monday night game.

"I think it will be fun for the guys to play on Monday night, they're hyping it as a Monday Night Football type thing, so it's going to be fun," Williams said. "The big thing is that the whole league is going to be watching this game. Nobody else is playing, so we're the show as far as the league goes and hopefully we'll impress everybody."

FOOTBALL

(From 1C)

"It will be great challenge for a young team," Lee coach Randy Quisenberry said. "We'll find out in a hurry what our strengths and weaknesses are."

Midland High has also finalized its schedule for next season. The Bulldogs are playing the same 10 opponents they faced last season, only with the sites flip-flopped.

All of Midland High's games will be played on Friday night. The Bulldogs open the season Aug. 26 against Lubbock Coronado at Lubbock's Lowery Field.

2005 Lee football schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 27	Southlake Carroll	Shotwell Stadium	2 p.m.
Sept. 2	Euless Trinity	Pennington Field	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	Dallas Kimball	Sprague Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 17	Port Arthur Memorial	GCS	2 p.m.
Sept. 30	Clovis (Calif.) East	GCS	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Abilene Cooper*	GCS	7 p.m.
Oct. 14	Odessa Permian*	Ratliff Stadium	7 p.m.
Oct. 21	Odessa High*	Ratliff Stadium	7 p.m.
Oct. 28	Midland High*	GCS	7 p.m.
Nov. 4	Abilene High*	GCS	7 p.m.

*District 3-5A game

2005 Midland High football schedule

Date	Opponent	Site	Time
Aug. 26	Lubbock Coronado	Lowery Field	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 2	El Paso Coronado	GCS	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 9	San Angelo Central	GCS	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 16	Lubbock Monterey	Lowery Field	7:30 p.m.
Sept. 23	Amarillo High	GCS	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 7	Odessa Permian*	Ratliff Stadium	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 14	Abilene High*	GCS	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 21	Abilene Cooper*	GCS	7:30 p.m.
Oct. 28	Lee*	GCS	7:30 p.m.
Nov. 4	Odessa High*	Ratliff Stadium	7:30 p.m.

*District 3-5A game

DORAL

(From 1C)

Greg Norman (1993). This is the sixth PGA Tour event where Woods has at least a share of the 72-hole record.

Vijay Singh, who had been No. 1 the last 26 weeks after beating Woods in a Labor Day duel outside Boston, closed with a 66 to finish third, five shots behind, along with Zach Johnson (67).

Mickelson's streak of 10 consecutive rounds in stroke play atop the leaderboard ended, but not without a gutsy fight. Most players would have buckled when Woods surged into the lead, but Mickelson came right back at him.

Woods took the lead for the first time all week in spectacular fashion. From 293 yards away in the 12th fairway, he took a big crack with his 3-wood, bowed his head and started walking, waiting for the cheers to tell him he hit the green for the second straight day. No one else reached it all week.

Woods holed the 25-foot eagle putt, taking two steps to the right throwing a big uppercut when it fell, giving him a two-shot lead. It appeared the tournament suddenly was his to win.

Not so fast. Lefty bounced back with consecutive birdies to catch him, starting with an 8-footer on the 243-yard 13th hole. But he wasted two great chances.

Mickelson grazed the lip on a 10-foot birdie on the 15th, then caught the lip on a 5-footer for par at No. 16 after Woods had already failed to get-and-down from a bunker.

It was the first time in 67 holes either of them had made a bogey. They performed at such a high level that they each made 27 birdies on the Blue Monster, a career-high for both.

It was only the third time Woods and Mickelson have played against each other in the final round, and Woods improved to 3-0. The other two times were the 2001 Masters, where Woods had a one-shot lead; and the 2003 Buick Invitational, where Woods was two ahead of Mickelson.

This was the first time Lefty had the lead, and he battled hard to keep it.

Woods managed to get within one shot of Mickelson at the turn, and their scoring was ordinary given the superb conditions of balmy breezes and greens as soft as carpet.

Both had their chances.

Woods missed back-to-back birdie putts from 8 feet early in the round, but a pivotal hole came at the par-3 fourth. Mickelson stuffed his tee shot into 5 feet, while Woods' tee shot bounded off the side of the hill and was saved by thick rough from going into the water.

He chipped some 10 feet by, and it looked as though Mickelson would double his lead. Instead, Woods made a tricky par putt and Mickelson missed his birdie. One hole later, Woods nicked the flag with his approach and made a 4-foot birdie. They matched shots the rest of the way, both of them twice missing birdie putts inside 12 feet.

The gallery soaked up every shot.

Every patch of grass was covered by fans from tee-to-green. The tournament was a sellout about an hour after the leaders teed off, some 35,000 people swarming around the Blue Monster. They stood as many as six-deep around the shots, lined every path to the next tee box cheering as both walked by, the kind of atmosphere rarely seen except at major championships.

Mickelson and Woods kept them in the suspense to the very end.

Singh tried to make it interesting with birdies on his first four holes and getting as close as three shots of the lead when he made a short birdie on the par-5 12th. That threat ended when Woods made his eagle, and Singh dropped shots on the 16th and 17th holes before finishing with a birdie.

His only hope was hanging onto the No. 1 ranking another week. Woods took care of Mickelson, then Singh, with a par putt on the last hole.

EASTERN CONFERE
Atlantic Division

	W	L	P
Boston	31	29	5
Philadelphia	29	30	4
New Jersey	26	34	4
New York	25	34	4
Toronto	25	34	4

Southeast Divisio

	W	L	P
Miami	45	16	7
Washington	33	25	5
Orlando	31	27	5
Charlotte	12	45	2
Atlanta	10	48	1

Central Division

	W	L	P
Detroit	36	22	6
Cleveland	31	27	5
Chicago	29	27	5
Indiana	29	30	4
Milwaukee	24	33	4

WESTERN CONFERE
Southwest Divisio

	W	L	P
San Antonio	46	13	7
Dallas	38	20	6
Houston	34	25	5
Memphis	33	25	5
New Orleans	13	46	2

Northwest Divisio

	W	L	P
Seattle	41	17	7
Denver	30	29	5
Minnesota	30	30	5
Portland	22	35	3
Utah	20	39	3

Pacific Division

	W	L	P
Phoenix	46	14	7
Sacramento	37	24	6
L.A. Lakers	30	28	5
L.A. Clippers	26	33	4
Golden State	18	41	3

Sunday's games
Houston 90, Dallas 69
Sacramento 100, Detroi
Minnesota 99, Boston 9
San Antonio 101, Utah
Toronto 95, New Orlean
Miami 102, Cleveland 8
New York 115, Golden
Phoenix 110, Seattle 99
L.A. Lakers 103, Indiana

Today's games
Philadelphia at Miami, 6
Milwaukee at Chicago,
Toronto at Dallas, 7:30
Portland at Denver, 8 p
Memphis at L.A. Clippers

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6 0-1 4, Massenburg 0-1 0
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4. Wake Forest (26-4)
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5. Boston College (24
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NORTHERN CONFI
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Bossier-Shrvprt	33	16	4
Tulsa	29	23	3
Memphis	27	25	2
Fort Worth	25	22	6
Oklahoma City	23	20	11

Northwest Divi

	W	L	OT
x-Colorado	39	9	6
x-Wichita	35	16	3

SPORTS SCOREBOARD

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	31	29	.517	—
Philadelphia	29	30	.492	1 1/2
New Jersey	26	34	.433	5
New York	25	34	.424	5 1/2
Toronto	25	34	.424	5 1/2

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	45	16	.738	—
Washington	33	25	.569	10 1/2
Orlando	31	27	.534	12 1/2
Charlotte	12	45	.211	31
Atlanta	10	48	.172	33 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	36	22	.621	—
Cleveland	31	27	.534	5
Chicago	29	27	.518	6
Indiana	29	30	.492	7 1/2
Milwaukee	24	33	.421	11 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	46	13	.780	—
Dallas	38	20	.655	7 1/2
Houston	34	25	.576	12
Memphis	33	25	.569	12 1/2
New Orleans	13	46	.220	33

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	41	17	.707	—
Denver	30	29	.508	11 1/2
Minnesota	30	30	.500	12
Portland	22	35	.386	18 1/2
Utah	20	39	.339	21 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	46	14	.767	—
Sacramento	37	24	.607	9 1/2
L.A. Lakers	30	28	.517	15
L.A. Clippers	26	33	.441	19 1/2
Golden State	18	41	.305	27 1/2

Sunday's games

Houston 90, Dallas 69
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New York 115, Golden State 99
Phoenix 110, Seattle 99
L.A. Lakers 103, Indiana 94

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Toronto at Dallas, 7:30 p.m.
Portland at Denver, 8 p.m.
Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 9:30 p.m.

Rockets 90, Mavericks 69

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HOUSTON (90): McGrady 11-22 7-9 32, Ju.Howard 4-10 3-5 11, Yao 6-11 2-2 14, Wesley 5-11 1-1 11, James 3-12 4-6 10, Mutombo 1-3 0-0 2, Bowen 1-2 0-0 2, Barry 2-7 0-0 5, Padgett 1-2 1-2 3, Norris 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 34-80 18-25 90.

Dallas	**18**	**17**	**20**	**14 — 69**
Houston	**20**	**24**	**17**	**29 — 90**

3-Point Goals—Dallas 3-14 (Van Horn 2-3, Armstrong 1-1, Jo.Howard 0-1, Harris 0-3, Stackhouse 0-3, Terry 0-3), Houston 4-12 (McGrady 3-3, Barry 1-3, Padgett 0-1, Wesley 0-2, James 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Dallas 47 (Jo.Howard, Van Horn 7), Houston 61 (Yao 11). Assists—Dallas 13 (Armstrong 4), Houston 24 (James 7). Total Fouls—Dallas 17, Houston 17. Technicals—Stackhouse, Houston Defensive Three Second, Ju.Howard. A—18,195 (17,982).

Spurs 101, Jazz 94

UTAH (94): Harpring 5-11 2-3 12, Kirilenko 6-14 1-4 16, Borchardt 3-4 0-0 6, McLeod 7-15 3-4 18, Bell 6-9 3-4 17, Okur 6-11 2-2 14, Humphries 2-5 0-2 4, Snyder 1-5 3-3 5, Giricek 0-1 2-2 2, Eisley 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 36-78 16-24 94.

SAN ANTONIO (101): Bowen 7-15 2-2 18, Duncan 4-8 4-4 12, Nesterovic 1-3 0-0 2, Parker 5-15 4-4 14, Ginobili 7-11 14-15 31, Horry 2-3 3-4 7, Barry 0-1 2-2 2, Udrih 5-7 0-0 11, Brown 2-6 0-1 4, Massenburg 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-70 29-32 101.

Utah	**20**	**30**	**22**	**22 — 94**
San Antonio	**27**	**27**	**19**	**28 —101**

3-Point Goals—Utah 6-13 (Kirilenko 3-5, Bell 2-2, McLeod 1-4, Okur 0-1, Snyder 0-1), San Antonio 6-17 (Ginobili 3-4, Bowen 2-5, Udrih 1-2, Horry 0-1, Barry 0-1, Parker 0-2, Brown 0-2). Fouled Out—Bell, Borchardt. Rebounds—Utah 53 (Bell 8), San Antonio 37 (Ginobili 8). Assists—Utah 19 (McLeod 8), San Antonio 25 (Ginobili 7). Total Fouls—Utah 29, San Antonio 23. Technicals—San Antonio coach Popovich. Flagrant fouls—Bell. A—18,797. (18,500).

Kings 100, Pistons 85

DETROIT (85): Prince 5-14 1-3 11, B.Wallace 2-5 0-4 4, R.Wallace 8-20 2-4 19, Hamilton 6-14 1-2 14, Billups 3-11 3-4 12, McDyess 5-11 1-3 11, Arroyo 2-5 3-4 7, Dupree 1-3 0-0 2, Hunter 2-3 0-0 5, Ham 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-87 11-24 85.

SACRAMENTO (100): Stojakovic 4-15 4-4 14, Songaila 7-9 0-0 14, Skinner 6-11 0-0 12, Evans 5-14 0-0 12, Bibby 7-17 4-4 19, Thomas 8-13 3-4 19, Martin 1-1 0-0 2, Williamson 2-2 1-1 5, House 1-1 0-0 3. Totals 41-83 12-13 100.

Detroit	**16**	**30**	**17**	**22 — 85**
Sacramento	**20**	**35**	**19**	**26 —100**

3-Point Goals—Detroit 6-16 (Billups 3-7, Hunter 1-1, R.Wallace 1-3, Hamilton 1-4, Prince 0-1), Sacramento 6-11 (Stojakovic 2-3, Evans 2-4, House 1-1, Bibby 1-3). Fouled Out—McDyess. Rebounds—Detroit 58 (B.Wallace 14), Sacramento 51 (Skinner 12). Assists—Detroit 26 (Arroyo 7), Sacramento 25 (Bibby 11). Total Fouls—Detroit 21, Sacramento 21. A—17,317 (17,317).

Timberwolves 99, Celtics 97

MINNESOTA (99): Sprewell 3-9 0-0 6, Garnett 9-15 3-5 21, Thomas 6-8 0-0 12, Hudson 5-10 0-0 10, Hassell 6-10 0-0 12, Carter 1-4 2-2 4, Madsen 1-2 1-1 3, Szczerbiak 7-13 6-7 20, Hoiberg 4-7 0-0 11. Totals 42-78 12-15 99.

BOSTON (97): Walker 7-9 1-2 16, Pierce 6-16 0-0 12, LaFrentz 4-7 3-3 12, Davis 9-18 3-4 22, Payton 8-11 0-0 17, West 3-7 0-0 6, Blount 5-9 0-0 10, Jefferson 0-0 0-0 0, Banks 0-1 0-0 0, Reed 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 43-79 7-9 97.

Minnesota	**27**	**23**	**22**	**27 — 99**
Boston	**27**	**23**	**23**	**24 — 97**

3-Point Goals—Minnesota 3-13 (Hoiberg 3-5, Sprewell 0-1, Carter 0-1, Hudson 0-2, Szczerbiak 0-4), Boston 4-9 (Walker 1-1, Payton 1-1, LaFrentz 1-3, Davis 1-3, Pierce 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Minnesota 42 (Garnett 13), Boston 35 (Blount 6). Assists—Minnesota 28 (Garnett 9), Boston 27 (Pierce 9). Total Fouls—Minnesota 15, Boston 14. A—17,242. (18,624).

Knicks 115, Warriors 99

GOLDEN STATE (99): Dunleavy 5-9 0-0 11, Murphy 6-16 9-12 23, Foyle 3-5 0-2 6, Fisher 2-10 2-2 8, Richardson 9-16 3-4 24, Davis 5-12 1-2 13, Pietrus 1-2 0-0 3, White 2-3 0-0 5, Biedrins 2-3 0-2 4, Tskitishvili 0-0 0-0 0, Cabarkapa 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 36-78 15-24 99.

NEW YORK (115): Sweetney 9-12 1-2 19, T.Thomas 9-12 5-7 25, K.Thomas 3-5 0-0 6, Crawford 3-9 0-0 7, Marbury 9-16 6-6 26, Rose 3-4 2-2 8, Hardaway 0-2 0-0 0, Jackson 2-4 1-1 5, Ariza 2-3 0-2 4, Taylor 7-8 1-2 15, Sundov 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 47-76 16-22 115.

Golden State	**27**	**23**	**27**	**22 — 99**
New York	**32**	**28**	**23**	**32 —115**

3-Point Goals—Golden State 12-26 (Richardson 3-6, Murphy 2-3, Davis 2-5, Fisher 2-6, White 1-1, Dunleavy 1-2, Pietrus 1-2, Biedrins 0-1), New York 5-12 (T.Thomas 2-3, Marbury 2-4, Crawford 1-5). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 38 (Murphy 10), New York 48 (K.Thomas, T.Thomas 8). Assists—Golden State 20 (Richardson 6), New York 31 (Marbury 16). Total Fouls—Golden State 18, New York 22. Technicals—Golden State Defensive Three Second 3. A—19,763. (19,763).

Heat 102, Cavaliers 82

MIAMI (102): E.Jones 6-14 4-5 19, Haslem 9-13 0-0 18, O'Neal 5-12 3-5 13, D.Jones 2-5 0-0 6, Wade 7-22 4-6 18, Doleac 3-7 0-0 6, Anderson 3-5 0-0 6, Dooling 3-6 0-0 8, Laettner 3-4 1-2 7, Butler 0-1 0-0 0, Mourning 0-2 1-2 1, Wang 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 41-92 13-20 102.

CLEVELAND (82): James 9-19 5-7 23, Traylor 2-6 2-2 6, Ilgauskas 8-15 6-8 22, McInnis 2-9 0-2 4, Newble 2-5 0-0 4, Gooden 4-9 3-4 11, Welsch 3-9 0-0 6, Snow 0-2 0-0 0, Diop 0-1 0-0 0, Harris 0-1 2-3 2, Pavlovic 2-4 0-0 4. Totals 32-80 18-26 82.

Miami	**24**	**31**	**26**	**21 —102**
Cleveland	**25**	**19**	**18**	**20 — 82**

3-Point Goals—Miami 7-19 (E.Jones 3-10, Dooling 2-3, D.Jones 2-3, Butler 0-1, Haslem 0-1, Wade 0-1), Cleveland 0-8 (James 0-1, Newble 0-1, Gooden 0-1, McInnis 0-2, Welsch 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 65 (Haslem 11), Cleveland 49 (Gooden 13). Assists—Miami 26 (D.Jones, O'Neal 6), Cleveland 20 (James 5). Total Fouls—Miami 18, Cleveland 19. Technicals—O'Neal. A—20,562. (20,562).

Raptors 95, Hornets 84

TORONTO (95): Peterson 1-3 0-0 2, Bosh 12-19 9-10 33, Araujo 2-3 0-0 4, Alston 3-10 0-0 8, Rose 5-12 3-4 14, Marshall 3-8 1-2 9, Bonner 6-7 2-2 18, Palacio 0-3 2-2 2, Murray 1-4 0-0 3, Woods 1-3 0-0 2, Sow 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 34-73 17-20 95.

NEW ORLEANS (84): Nailon 8-13 2-2 18, Vroman 0-9 2-2 2, Brown 3-9 0-0 6, Dickau 2-8 2-2 7, Smith 2-10 4-4 9, Andersen 5-7 2-3 12, Jacobsen 3-10 0-0 6, Claxton 4-6 1-2 9, Nachbar 5-12 3-3 15. Totals 32-84 16-18 84.

Toronto	**24**	**29**	**24**	**18 — 95**
New Orleans	**24**	**12**	**19**	**29 — 84**

3-Point Goals—Toronto 10-21 (Bonner 4-4, Marshall 2-4, Alston 2-6, Murray 1-3, Rose 1-3, Peterson 0-1), New Orleans 4-19 (Nachbar 2-5, Dickau 1-3, Smith 1-6, Claxton 0-1, Jacobsen 0-4). Fouled Out—Vroman. Rebounds—Toronto 47 (Bosh 15), New Orleans 49 (Vroman, Andersen 9). Assists—Toronto 21 (Palacio 9), New Orleans 21 (Claxton 5). Total Fouls—Toronto 19, New Orleans 19. Technicals—Toronto Defensive Three Second 2. A—10,638. (17,200).

Suns 110, SuperSonics 99

PHOENIX (110): Manon 6-15 6-7 18, Richardson 2-4 0-0 5, Stoudemire 7-17 8-9 22, Johnson 11-18 3-4 30, Nash 4-10 3-6 12, Jackson 3-7 0-0 7, Barbosa 3-5 0-0 7, Hunter 3-6 0-4 6, McCarty 1-4 0-0 3. Totals 40-86 20-30 110.

SEATTLE (99): Evans 2-3 1-2 5, Lewis 10-21 5-5 26, James 6-9 0-0 12, Allen 10-22 5-5 27, Ridnour 3-10 2-2 8, Radmanovic 2-13 0-0 4, Daniels 4-9 6-9 14, Collison 0-0 0-0 0, Fortson 1-4 1-1 3. Totals 38-91 20-24 99.

Phoenix	**32**	**28**	**22**	**28 —110**
Seattle	**28**	**22**	**27**	**22 — 99**

3-Point Goals—Phoenix 10-17 (Johnson 5-5, Barbosa 1-1, Jackson 1-1, McCarty 1-1, Nash 1-3, Richardson 1-3, Hunter 0-1, Marion 0-2), Seattle 3-27 (Allen 2-8, Lewis 1-4, Daniels 0-2, Ridnour 0-5, Radmanovic 0-8). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 57 (Marion 10), Seattle 56 (Lewis 11). Assists—Phoenix 20 (Nash 10), Seattle 12 (Ridnour 4). Total Fouls—Phoenix 20, Seattle 23. Technicals—Stoudemire, Seattle coach McMillan 2, James. Ejected—Seattle coach McMillan. A—17,072. (17,072).

Lakers 103, Pacers 94

INDIANA (94): Jackson 11-25 4-6 29, Foster 2-5 0-0 4, Davis 2-4 1-2 5, Miller 5-16 0-0 11, F.Jones 6-13 4-4 18, Croshere 2-6 4-4 9, A.Johnson 3-7 0-0 6, Pollard 0-1 0-0 0, Gill 0-0 0-0 0, J.Jones 4-7 2-2 12, Harrison 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-84 15-18 94.

L.A. LAKERS (103): Butler 4-10 2-2 10, Odom 5-10 3-4 13, Mihm 5-8 4-6 14, Bryant 12-24 13-13 37, Atkins 3-8 10-10 16, Ju.Jones 3-5 0-0 9, Grant 0-1 0-0 0, Walton 1-2 1-2 4, Brown 0-3 0-0 0. Totals 33-71 33-37 103.

Indiana	**19**	**18**	**28**	**29 — 94**
L.A. Lakers	**23**	**27**	**27**	**26 —103**

3-Point Goals—Indiana 9-29 (Jackson 3-6, J.Jones 2-5, F.Jones 2-6, Croshere 1-2, Miller 1-8), L.A. Lakers 4-11 (Ju.Jones 3-4, Walton 1-1, Atkins 0-1, Bryant 0-2, Odom 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 42 (Davis 10), L.A. Lakers 52 (Bryant, Mihm 10). Assists—Indiana 24 (F.Jones, Davis 5), L.A. Lakers 19 (Odom 7). Total Fouls—Indiana 26, L.A. Lakers 17. A—18,997. (18,997).

Auto racing

NASCAR Busch-Telcel Motorola 200
Sunday
At Autodromo Hermanos Rodriguez
Mexico City
Lap length: 2.518 mile road course
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (3) Martin Truex Jr., Chevrolet, 80, $129,046.
2. (6) Kevin Harvick, Chevrolet, 80, $73,850.
3. (9) Carl Edwards, Ford, 80, $63,933.
4. (26) Shane Hmiel, Chevrolet, 80, $53,975.
5. (4) Boris Said, Dodge, 80, $47,875.
6. (31) Rusty Wallace, Dodge, 80, $43,975.
7. (13) Clint Bowyer, Chevrolet, 80, $57,350.
8. (35) Kenny Wallace, Ford, 80, $49,810.
9. (20) Ashton Lewis Jr., Ford, 80, $53,965.
10. (40) Adrian Fernadez, Chevrolet, 80, $43,700.
11. (29) Johnny Sauter, Dodge, 80, $43,990.
12. (21) Ron Hornaday Jr., Chevrolet, 80, $43,515.
13. (15) Jason Keller, Ford, 80, $45,548.
14. (19) Reed Sorenson, Dodge, 80, $44,525.
15. (34) Denny Hamlin, Chevrolet, 80, $46,650.
16. (27) Jon Wood, Ford, 80, $41,075.
17. (30) Ryan Hemphill, Dodge, 80, $46,150.
18. (10) Elliott Sadler, Ford, 80, $38,525.
19. (28) Stanton Barrett, Chevrolet, 80, $38,400.
20. (25) Jimmy Morales, Ford, 80, $39,125.
21. (17) Tim Fedewa, Dodge, 80, $44,290.
22. (36) David Stremme, Dodge, 80, $44,240.
23. (22) Brent Sherman, Dodge, 80, $38,458.
24. (12) Tyler Walker, Dodge, 80, $41,675.
25. (38) Justin Labonte, Chevrolet, 80, $49,690.
26. (16) Chris Cook, Chevrolet, 80, $37,975.
27. (37) Ruben Garcia Novoa, Chevrolet, 80, $39,925.
28. (24) Stacy Compton, Ford, 80, $42,760.
29. (43) Eric Jones, Ford, 80, $37,825.
30. (41) Shawna Robinson, Chevrolet, 80, $40,225.
31. (33) Jose Luis Ramirez, Dodge, 80, $37,735.
32. (32) Randy LaJoie, Chevrolet, 80, $37,700.
33. (14) Jamie McMurray, Dodge, 80, $37,665.
34. (7) Paul Menard, Chevrolet, 77, $40,515.
35. (39) Mara Reyes, Ford, 75, $39,600.
36. (8) Carlos Contreras, Dodge, 73, handling, $37,565.
37. (18) Michel Jourdain Jr., Ford, 69, $45,030.
38. (1) Jorge Goeters, Ford, 65, engine failure, $41,870.
39. (11) David Green, Ford, 63, $42,305.
40. (2) Robby Gordon, Chevrolet, 56, engine failure, $37,335.
41. (5) Ron Fellows, Chevrolet, 53, accident, $39,250.
42. (23) J.J. Yeley, Chevrolet, 20, engine failure, $40,070.
43. (42) Rafael Martinez, Chevrolet, 0, engine failure, $39,074.

Race Statistics

Time of Race: 2 hours, 58 minutes, 49 seconds
Margin of Victory: 6.256 seconds
Winner's Average Speed: 67.591 mph
Caution Flags: Eight for 22 laps.
Lead Changes: Seven among six drivers
Lap Leaders: J.Goeters 1-24, M.Truex Jr. 25-32, A.Fernadez 33-36, M.Truex Jr. 37-45, K.Harvick 46-47, A.Lewis Jr. 48, S.Barrett 49-52, M.Truex Jr. 53-80.
Point Standings: 1, K.Harvick, 515; 2, C.Edwards, 454; 3, C.Bowyer, 433; 4, M.Truex Jr., 423; 5, R.Sorenson, 414; 6, A.Lewis Jr., 397; 7, S.Hmiel, 376; 8, K.Wallace, 318; 9, J.Labonte, 303; 10, J.Keller, 294.

IRL-Toyota Indy 300
Sunday
At Homestead-Miami Speedway
Homestead, Fla.
Lap length: 1.5 mile oval
(Start position in parentheses)

1. (11) Dan Wheldon, Dallara-Honda, 200, $110,400.
2. (8) Sam Hornish Jr., Dallara-Toyota, 200, $83,650.
3. (14) Tony Kanaan, Dallara-Honda, 200, $69,600.
4. (2) Vitor Meira, Panoz-Honda, 200, $56,500.
5. (7) Helio Castroneves, Dallara-Toyota, 200, $51,600.
6. (12) Darren Manning, Panoz-Toyota, 200, $45,600.
7. (19) Patrick Carpentier, Dallara-Toyota, 200, $46,400.
8. (17) Alex Barron, Dallara-Toyota, 199, $43,300.
9. (18) A.J. Foyt IV, Dallara-Toyota, 196, $43,300.
10. (21) Paul Dana, Dallara-Toyota, 192, $42,000.
11. (1) Tomas Scheckter, Dallara-Chevrolet, 158, accident, $50,800.
12. (15) Kosuke Matsuura, Panoz-Honda, 158, accident, $39,600.
13. (6) Scott Sharp, Panoz-Honda, 158, accident, $38,500.
14. (13) Bryan Herta, Dallara-Honda, 158, accident, $37,100.
15. (9) Danica Patrick, Panoz-Honda, 158, accident, $36,000.
16. (16) Scott Dixon, Panoz-Toyota, 158, accident, $34,900.
17. (10) Roger Yasukawa, Dallara-Honda, 158, accident, $33,600.
18. (20) Ed Carpenter, Dallara-Toyota, 154, accident, $33,600.
19. (4) Buddy Rice, Panoz-Honda, 92, mechanical, $32,400.
20. (22) Ryan Briscoe, Panoz-Toyota, 61, accident, $31,300.
21. (3) Tomas Enge, Dallara-Chevrolet, 41, mechanical, $31,300.
22. (5) Dario Franchitti, Dallara-Honda, 12, mechanical, $31,300.

Race Statistics

Winner's average speed: 142.033 mph.
Time of race: 2:05:27.8062
Margin of victory: 3.6936 seconds
Cautions: 7 for 51 laps.
Lead changes: 11 among 8 drivers
Lap leaders: Meira 1, Scheckter 2-14, Herta 15-19, Wheldon 20-34, Carpentier 35-38, Kanaan 39-46, Castroneves 47-50, Wheldon 51-65, Castroneves 66-70, Wheldon 71-148, Hornish Jr. 149-150, Wheldon 151-200.

Point Standings

1, Wheldon, 53; 2, Hornish, 40; 3, Kanaan, 35; 4, Meira, 32; 5, Castroneves, 30; 6, Manning, 28; 7, Carpentier, 26; 8, Barron, 24; 9, Foyt IV, 22; 10, Dana, 20.

F1-Australian Grand Prix
Sunday
At Albert Park Circuit
Melbourne, Australia
Lap length: 3.28 miles

1. Giancarlo Fisichella, Italy, Renault, 57 laps, 1 hour, 24 minutes, 17.336 seconds, 133.699 mph.
2. Rubens Barrichello, Brazil, Ferrari, 57, 1:24:22.889.
3. Fernando Alonso, Spain, Renault, 57, 1:24:24.048.
4. David Coulthard, Britain, Red Bull, 57, 1:24:33.467.
5. Mark Webber, Australia, Williams, 57, 1:24:34.244.
6. Juan Pablo Montoya, Colombia, McLaren, 57, 1:24:52.369.
7. Christian Klien, Austria, Red Bull, 57, 1:24:56.333.
8. Kimi Raikkonen, Finland, McLaren, 57, 1:24:56.969.
9. Jarno Trulli, Italy, Toyota, 57, 1:25:20.444.
10. Felipe Massa, Brazil, Sauber, 57, 1:25:21.729.
11. Jenson Button, Britain, BAR-Honda, 56.
12. Ralf Schumacher, Germany, Toyota, 56.
13. Jacques Villeneuve, Canada, Sauber, 56.
14. Takuma Sato, Japan, BAR-Honda, 55.
15. Narain Karthikeyan, India, Jordan, 55.
16. Tiago Monteiro, Portugal, Jordan, 55.
17. Patrick Friesacher, Austria, Minardi, 53.

Not classified

Michael Schumacher, Germany, Ferrari.
Nick Heidfeld, Germany, Williams.
Christijan Albers, Netherlands, Minardi.

GOLF

PGA

Ford Championship at Doral
Sunday
At Doral Golf Resort & Spa, Blue Course
Miami
Purse: $5.5 million
Yardage: 7,266; Par: 72
Final

Tiger Woods, $990,000	66 — 264
Phil Mickelson, $594,000	69 — 265
Vijay Singh, $319,000	66 — 269
Zach Johnson, $319,000	67 — 269
David Toms, $220,000	67 — 271
Jose Maria Olazabl, $191,125	69 — 272
Craig Parry, $191,125	70 — 272
Retief Goosen, $165,000	64 — 273
Jim Furyk, $165,000	70 — 273
Angel Cabrera, $143,000	67 — 274
Dudley Hart, $143,000	69 — 274
Joey Snyder III, $111,375	70 — 275
Bart Bryant, $111,375	69 — 275
Billy Andrade, $111,375	71 — 275
Steve Elkington, $111,375	70 — 275
Kevin Na, $69,850	69 — 276
Billy Mayfair, $69,850	70 — 276
Shigeki Maruyama, $69,850	70 — 276
Greg Owen, $69,850	70 — 276
Jose Coceres, $69,850	70 — 276
Paul Casey, $69,850	71 — 276
Scott Hend, $69,850	71 — 276
Ryan Palmer, $69,850	71 — 276
Tim Clark, $69,850	72 — 276
James Driscoll, $69,850	74 — 276
Jeff Sluman, $39,875	66 — 277
Mark Calcavecchia, $39,875	67 — 277
Stewart Cink, $39,875	69 — 277
Robert Allenby, $39,875	70 — 277
Joe Ogilvie, $39,875	73 — 277
Harrison Frazar, $39,875	73 — 277
Tom Gillis, $31,130	65 — 278
Scott Hoch, $31,130	69 — 278
John Senden, $31,130	71 — 278
Kenny Perry, $31,130	71 — 278
Bo Van Pelt, $31,130	72 — 278
Daniel Chopra, $25,300	69 — 279
Todd Hamilton, $25,300	70 — 279
Nick Price, $25,300	70 — 279
Franklin Langham, $25,300	73 — 279
Doug Barron, $21,450	69 — 280
Justin Rose, $21,450	73 — 280
Brian Bateman, $21,450	73 — 280
Brian Davis, $15,895	70 — 281
Andre Stolz, $15,895	70 — 281
D.A. Points, $15,895	71 — 281
Paul Azinger, $15,895	71 — 281
Kevin Stadler, $15,895	71 — 281
Danny Briggs, $15,895	73 — 281
Chris DiMarco, $15,895	73 — 281
Erik Compton, $15,895	73 — 281
Mike Weir, $12,826	69 — 282
Padraig Harrington, $12,826	70 — 282
Glen Hnatiuk, $12,826	70 — 282
Michael Allen, $12,826	71 — 282
Hidemichi Tanaka, $12,826	73 — 282
Jay Williamson, $12,100	70 — 283
Bernhard Langer, $12,100	70 — 283
Skip Kendall, $12,100	72 — 283
Jason Allred, $12,100	72 — 283
Woody Austin, $12,100	72 — 283
Brett Quigley, $12,100	72 — 283
Tim Petrovic, $12,100	73 — 283
John Riegger, $11,275	71 — 284
Mark Brooks, $11,275	71 — 284
Nick Watney, $11,275	72 — 284
Sean O'Hair, $11,275	72 — 284
Jay Haas, $11,275	72 — 284
Rich Beem, $11,275	73 — 284
Sergio Garcia, $11,275	74 — 284
K.J. Choi, $11,275	77 — 284
Hunter Mahan, $10,780	76 — 285
Jesper Parnevik, $10,670	74 — 286
Tom Byrum, $10,450	73 — 287
Brendan Jones, $10,450	73 — 287
Chris Smith, $10,450	74 — 287
Ryuji Imada, $10,175	70 — 288
Frank Lickliter II, $10,175	74 — 288
Marco Dawson, $9,955	72 — 291
Gavin Coles, $9,955	76 — 291
Tag Ridings, $9,735	71 — 292
Rick Heath, $9,735	79 — 292

LPGA

Mastercard Classic
Sunday
At Bosque Real Country Club
Huixquilucan, Mexico
Purse: $1.2 million
Yardage: 6,932; Par: 72
Final Round
a-amateur

Annika Srnstm, $180,000	70-71-68— 209
Karrie Webb, $109,852	71-71-70 — 212
Hee-Won Han, $70,669	66-76-71 — 213
Cristie Kerr, $70,669	70-68-75 — 213
Lorena Ochoa, $49,619	71-75-68 — 214
Paula Creamer, $37,289	73-74-68 — 215
Michele Redmn, $37,289	73-70-72 — 215
Helen Alfredsn, $28,268	73-73-70 — 216
Kim Saiki, $28,268	71-74-71 — 216
Janice Moodie, $21,243	73-73-71 — 217
Leta Lindley, $21,243	71-75-71 — 217
Riko Higashio, $21,243	75-69-73 — 217
S Young Moon, $21,243	71-72-74 — 217
Young Jo, $21,243	67-75-75 — 217
Laura Diaz, $16,119	74-72-72 — 218
Soo-Yun Kang, $16,119	73-73-72 — 218
V. Gtze-Ackrmn, $16,119	74-71-73— 218
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Ohio State knocks off No. 1 Illini

COLUMBUS, Ohio (AP) — Their perfect season gone, the next challenge for the Illini is turning a loss into a lesson.

"Everyone says a loss will help. We'll find out," Illinois coach Bruce Weber said. "We'll learn from it and move on. This next stretch is the most important of the year and that's what people are going to remember."

Ohio State reserve forward Matt Sylvester hit a 3-pointer with 5.1 seconds left on Sunday to hand the top-ranked Illini their first defeat, 65-64.

The Illini (29-1, 15-1) were trying to cap the Big Ten's first unbeaten season in 29 years. Instead, they frittered away a 12-point lead in the second half and didn't score over the final 3 minutes.

Sylvester scored a career-high 25 points — eight more than his previous best — for a team that was banned by its own administrators from the postseason two months ago to mitigate possible NCAA violations committed under former coach Jim O'Brien.

"We were in the huddle and Coach told us, 'We're not going halfway. We're going for the win,"' Sylvester said.

First-year coach Thad Matta drew up a play in which center Terence Dials set a pick and rolled to the basket and guard Tony Stockman was used as a decoy. The Illini bit on the deception.

"As we left the huddle, Matt said, 'I'll make the shot,"' Matta said. "And he did."

Ohio State (19-12, 8-8), a team with problems all year hanging onto the ball, didn't have a turnover in the second half. The Illini, who had hurdled tough games in loud environments all season, had seven turnovers after halftime.

"We didn't take care of the ball and they made all the plays at the end," Illinois center Jack Ingram said. "They won it."

It was the second straight season a team coached by Matta ended a run at perfection. Matta's Xavier team handed Saint Joseph's its first loss last season in the Atlantic 10 tournament.

"I'd like to be the other team just one time," Matta said with a laugh. "I'm living for the day I'm the No. 1 team and someone else is trying to do it to us."

The last team to reach the NCAA tournament without a loss was UNLV in 1991. On Saturday, Matta had shown his players film clips of several huge upsets and the Rebels' loss to Duke in the national semifinals that year was one of them.

The Illini led 64-58 after James Augustine's layup with 3:23 left — but didn't score again.

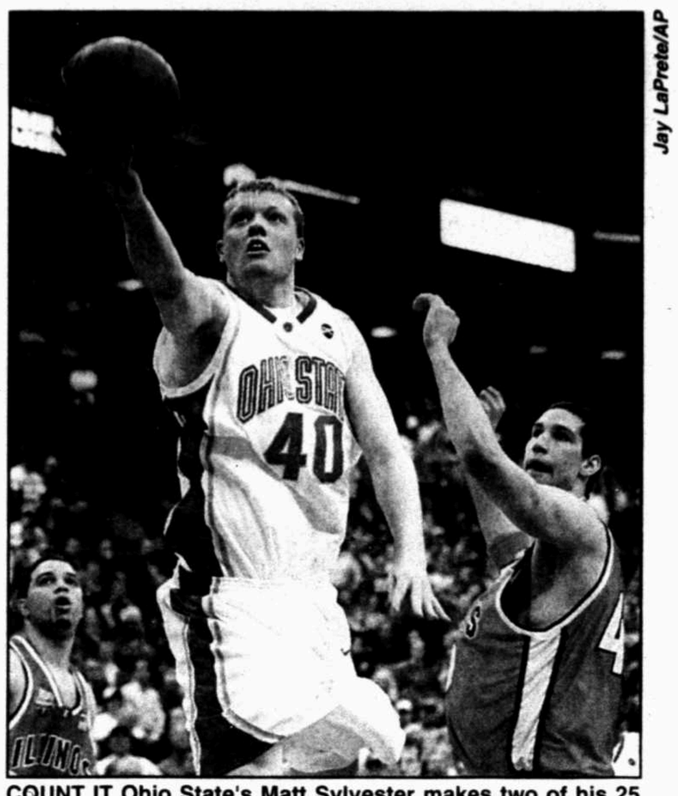
The Buckeyes ran off the next seven points, with Dials, who had 21 points, scoring on a half-hook before Sylvester drove the lane for a left-handed scoop to cut the lead to 64-62 with 1:40 remaining.

"They were loosey-goosey," Weber said of the Buckeyes. "They didn't quit. They're an NCAA tournament team. Playing on their home court, they made the plays."

With just over a minute left, Illinois' Deron Williams drove the lane and wrapped a pass around a defender to Roger Powell, but Dials swatted the shot away to teammate Je'Kel Foster. Sylvester missed a 15-footer for the Buckeyes and then Illinois' Luther Head misfired on a 3-pointer with 17 seconds left.

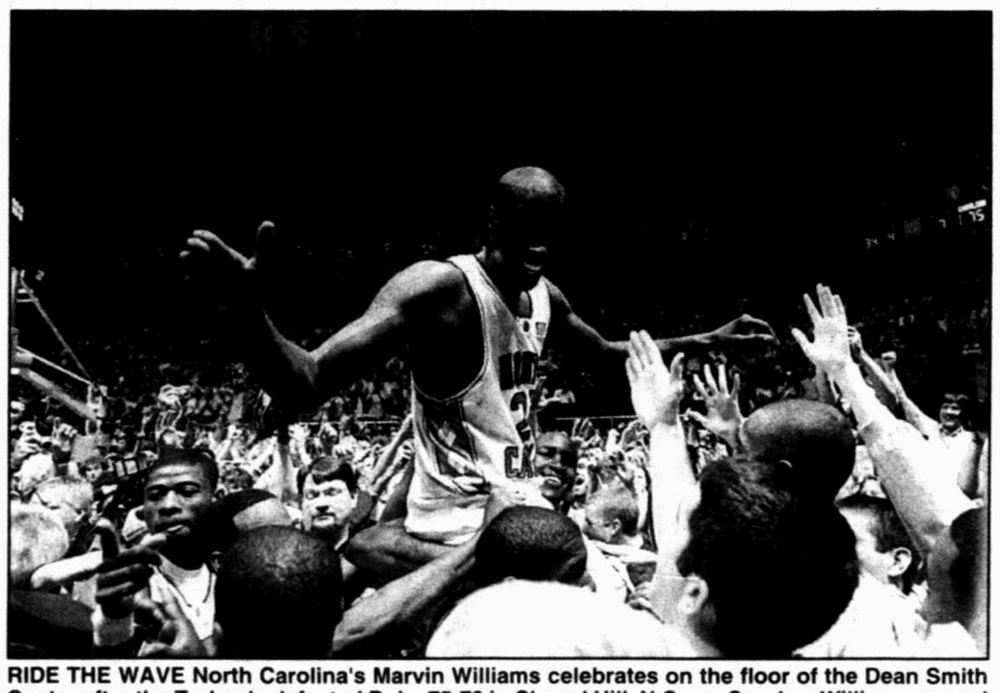
Ohio State called a timeout with 12 seconds left. Foster inbounded to Brandon Fuss-Cheatham who passed to Sylvester on the right wing, in front of the Ohio State bench. His quick shot seemed to surprise the Illini, nestling in the net while a capacity crowd at Value City Arena roared.

"The other day I was in the gym with Brandon and I said, 'Wouldn't it be unbelievable to score 25 points and hit the game-winner against Illinois?"' Sylvester said. "This feels so good I can't describe it."



Jay LaPrete/AP

COUNT IT Ohio State's Matt Sylvester makes two of his 25 points as Illinois' Deron Williams, left, and James Augustine look on Sunday in Columbus, Ohio.



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RIDE THE WAVE North Carolina's Marvin Williams celebrates on the floor of the Dean Smith Center after the Tarheels defeated Duke 75-73 in Chapel Hill, N.C., on Sunday. Williams scored the winning basket.

UNC wins ACC title over Duke

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■ Men's Top 25 Roundup

CHAPEL HILL, N.C. — Freshman Marvin Williams had it all in his hands — the game, the outright Atlantic Coast Conference title and a probable No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

He handled the pressure like a veteran.

The dynamic forward converted a three-point play with 17 seconds left to cap North Carolina's game-closing 11-0 run and give the second-ranked Tar Heels a 75-73 victory over No. 6 Duke on Sunday.

Sean May of North Carolina had 26 points and 24 rebounds to record his eighth straight double-double, and his final rebound was the most important. After J.J. Redick missed a long 3-pointer that would have won it for the Blue Devils, teammate Daniel Ewing had a final chance from just inside the arc.

But his shot was short, and May leaped high for the carom. He cradled the ball in his hand while the clock ran out, then hurled it into the stands. Hundreds of fans rushed the court to celebrate the Tar Heels' third victory over their Tobacco Road rival in the past 16 meetings.

North Carolina (26-3, 14-2) won its first ACC regular season championship since 1993, the same year of its most recent national title.

Shelden Williams had 25 points and six blocks for Duke (22-5, 11-5), which played without guard Sean Dockery for the third straight game. Redick scored all 17 of his points in the first half.

Even without Redick scoring at his usual pace, the Blue Devils seemingly had control late in the second half. They broke from a tie at 64 with a 9-0 run capped by a 3 by Lee Melchionni with 3:07 left. That was his fifth 3 of the second half and it gave Duke a 73-64 lead.

Jawad Williams stopped the Tar Heels' drought with a tip-in and Marvin Williams added two free throws to make it 73-68. On the other end, DeMarcus Nelson missed the front end of a 1-and-1, and May powered inside for a three-point play to cut the margin to two.

Later, North Carolina point guard Raymond Felton had a chance to tie it, but his runner from the lane rattled around the rim before bouncing out. Then Daniel Ewing, the lone senior on the court for the Blue Devils, lost the ball near midcourt, and Felton grabbed it and quickly called a timeout with 27 seconds left.

The situation was eerily similar to the one the Tar Heels faced earlier this season in a 71-70 loss at Duke, when they couldn't get off a shot in the final seconds. This time, Felton drove to the basket and was fouled by Nelson. He swished the first free throw to make it 73-72.

His second bounced high off the rim, and after a brief scramble for the ball, Marvin Williams grabbed it and quickly shot over Duke walk-on Patrick Johnson. The shot banked in as he was fouled, and his free throw capped the furious rally.

Florida 53, No. 3 Kentucky 52

GAINESVILLE, Fla. — Anthony Roberson scored 21 points, including two free throws with 15 seconds remaining, and the Gators ended an eight-game losing streak to Kentucky.

Roberson, the Southeastern Conference's leading scorer, stripped the ball from Patrick Sparks with about 12 seconds to play, trailing 52-51. Sparks fouled Roberson as he headed the other way. Roberson stepped to the line and calmly made both ends of the 1-and-1 for Florida (20-7, 12-4).

Kentucky (23-4, 14-2) still had a chance to win it, but Kelenna Azubuike's 3-pointer just before the buzzer bounced off the left side of the rim.

Chuck Hayes led the Wildcats with 11 points.

No. 4 Wake Forest 55, N.C. State 53

RALEIGH, N.C. — Chris Paul hit a running shot at the buzzer to lift Wake Forest past North Carolina State.

Paul finished with nine points and six assists for the Demon Deacons (26-4, 13-3 Atlantic Coast Conference), who have won 10 of 11 games. Justin Gray added 15 points and a clutch tying 3-pointer to set up Paul's final shot.

Ilian Evtimov scored 19 points to lead the Wolfpack (17-12, 7-9), who had several chances to win the game and improve their uncertain NCAA prospects.

No. 12 Gonzaga 90, San Diego 74

SANTA CLARA, Calif. — Adam Morrison had 25 points and a career-high eight assists to help Gonzaga rout San Diego in the West Coast Conference semifinals for the Bulldogs' 11th straight victory.

J.P Batista added 24 points and 10 rebounds for Gonzaga (24-4), seeking its sixth WCC tournament title in seven years. The Bulldogs will play Monday night against the winner of Sunday's late game between second-seeded Santa Clara (17-13), the conference tournament host, will be making its first NCAA appearance since 2002 when it lost in the first round. It is the Broncos' third WCC title and first since 1998.

Ashley Graham had 17 points, all in the first half, and Quinn Thomas added 14 points and six rebounds for Santa Clara, which tied a school record with 14 3-pointers. It is the fourth time this season the Broncos have made 14 3s in a game.

Ashley Burke scored 28 points and had eight rebounds for Gonzaga (27-3), which didn't have WCC player of the year Shannon Mathews in the starting lineup because of a right ankle sprain.

The point guard was injured Saturday midway through the first half of Gonzaga's 58-40 semifinal win over Pepperdine. Mathews, whose scoring average of 11.6 points ranks second on the team, didn't return against the Waves and wasn't expected to play against the Broncos. But she checked in at 15:27 of the first half.

Mathews scored just six points and wasn't a factor in the game, spending much of her time riding a stationary bicycle behind the Gonzaga bench.

Santa Clara led by 14 at halftime then opened the second half with a 20-9 run to take control for good. Thomas made three 3-pointers during the stretch and the Broncos opened a 66-41 lead.

Missouri downs KU in season finale

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Kansas lost the outright Big 12 title, and may have lost one of its best players.

Thomas Gardner matched his career best with 23 points and Linas Kleiza tied his with 14 rebounds, helping Missouri to a 72-68 upset Sunday that knocked the seventh-ranked Jayhawks into a tie for first place with Oklahoma.

Fans from the first sellout of the season at the new Mizzou Arena streamed onto the court at the finish as Missouri ended a four-game losing streak to its bitter border rival.

"We've shown all season we can play with good teams," guard Jason Conley said. "We just have to keep it going, that's all it is."

Kansas forward Keith Langford had five points in 3 minutes before re-injuring the left ankle he hurt at the start of practice last week. Langford, who was on crutches after the game, is the Jayhawks' second-leading scorer at 15.1 points.

Coach Bill Self characterized the injury as "pretty severe."

"I think it affects us tremendously," Self said. "He's the best slasher in the league, but that's not an excuse. He can't put any weight on it, whatsoever."

Langford, who was injured when he stepped on Brian Dailey's foot, was more optimistic and hopes to play in this week's conference tournament. Second-seeded Kansas' first game is Friday against either Kansas State or Texas A&M.

"I don't feel this is really going to be long-term," Langford said. "I'm just going to get with the doctor and get everything taken care of, then go from there."

Wayne Simien had 17 points and eight rebounds for Kansas (22-5, 12-4). But Simien, who had 57 points and 32 rebounds in his previous two games, went more than 15 minutes between field goals in the first half.

The loss also could knock Kansas, which has lost four of six, out of the running for a No. 1 seed in the NCAA tournament.

"I'm not going to cry about it and they had better not, either," Self said. "We had chances to win this league, and we let opportunities slip through our fingers."

Jimmy McKinney also tied his career best with 21 points and Kleiza had 15 as the Tigers (15-15, 7-9) played one of their best games of the season four days after losing by 18 points at Iowa State.

"I think it helps our guys in a lot of ways," coach Quin Snyder said. "I'd like for it not to be the culmination of our season."

McKinney helped fill the void when starting freshman point guard Jason Horton was suspended Sunday on a game-to-game basis for "conduct detrimental to the team." McKinney was 6-for-7 from the field, hit all three of his 3-pointers, and added four assists and only two turnovers.

"That's what we've been waiting on all year from Jimmy," Gardner said. "I think he played his game, had his mind free and full confidence."

Kansas erased a 15-point second-half deficit before Missouri clinched it at the free throw line and with the help of two turnovers in the final 90 seconds by Jayhawks point guard Aaron Miles. Missouri had only two field goals over the final 10 1/2 minutes, but was 7-for-10 at the line in the last 5 minutes.

"It feels great to beat Kansas," Kleiza said. "We've got to take what we did good in this game and move on."

Miles and J.R. Giddens, whose 3-pointer tied it at 64 with 3:26 to go, each added 13 points for Kansas.

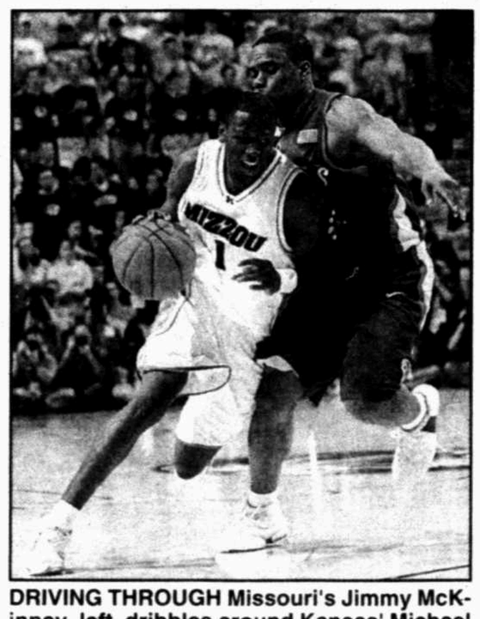
Missouri, which had lost its previous two games, gets the eighth seed in the tournament after Snyder won for only the fourth time in 11 chances against Kansas.

Self had been 7-0 against Missouri, including three victories with Kansas.

Missouri built a 43-34 halftime lead on uncharacteristically accurate 3-point shooting, going 8-of-10. The Tigers, who shoot 31 percent from 3-point range, missed all eight attempts the rest of the way.

Missouri led 49-34 with 17:36 to go and was still comfortably ahead at 61-50 with 7 1/2 minutes left before Kansas scored nine straight points to shave the deficit to two.

But Kansas, which scored the first eight points of the game, was never able to regain the lead.



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DRIVING THROUGH Missouri's Jimmy McKinney, left, dribbles around Kansas' Michael Lee as he heads toward the basket Sunday during the second half of Missouri's 72-68 upset in Columbia, Mo.

Tennessee rallies to beat No. 1 LSU, claim SEC crown

Associated Press

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Tennessee coach Pat Summitt moved within a game of Dean Smith's career victories record, and the Lady Vols beat top-ranked LSU 67-65 on Sunday for their first Southeastern Conference tournament title in five years.

Shyra Ely, who had 25 points, made a fastbreak layup with 34.1 seconds left to give No. 5 Tennessee a 66-65 lead.

On the next possession, a wide-open Sylvia Fowles couldn't handle Temeka Johnson's pass beneath the basket. Alexis Hornbuckle collected the loose ball for Tennessee (26-4) and made a foul shot.

Scholanda Hoston's 3-point try hit hard off the rim and bounced away, ending the Lady Tigers' 16-game winning streak — and possibly their hopes for landing the top overall seed in the NCAA tournament.

Seimone Augustus had 23 points to lead LSU (29-2) while Johnson had 13 points and 12 assists.

No. 2 Stanford 73, Southern California 69

SAN JOSE, Calif. — Kelley Suminski scored 17 points, making three key 3-pointers, and Stanford held on to advance to the Pac-10 tournament title game.

Candice Wiggins had 24 points and made two free throws in the final 33.6 seconds for the Cardinal (28-2), who won their 19th straight.

Eshaya Murphy had 16 points and 10 rebounds, and Chloe Kerr scored 14 for Southern Cal (19-10).

Stanford aims for its third straight Pac-10 tournament title Monday night against Arizona State, a 54-47 winner over Oregon.

■ Women's Top 25 Roundup

No. 4 North Carolina 78, Virginia 72

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Ivory Latta scored a career-high 32 points, including a spinning jumper with 34 seconds left in the semifinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament.

The Tar Heels (26-3) rallied from a 17-point, second-half deficit to advance to the finals for the fourth consecutive year. North Carolina will play No. 6 Duke for the title on Monday night.

Tiffany Sardin led Virginia (20-10) with 21 points and Brandi Teamer had 18.

No. 6 Duke 74, Maryland 44

GREENSBORO, N.C. — Duke continued to roll toward a record sixth straight Atlantic Coast Conference title, getting 14 points apiece from Mistie Williams and Chante Black.

Monique Curry, the ACC player of the year, had 13 points for Duke (28-3), winners of 17 consecutive ACC tournament games. The Blue Devils will face No. 2 North Carolina for the fourth-straight year in Monday night's final.

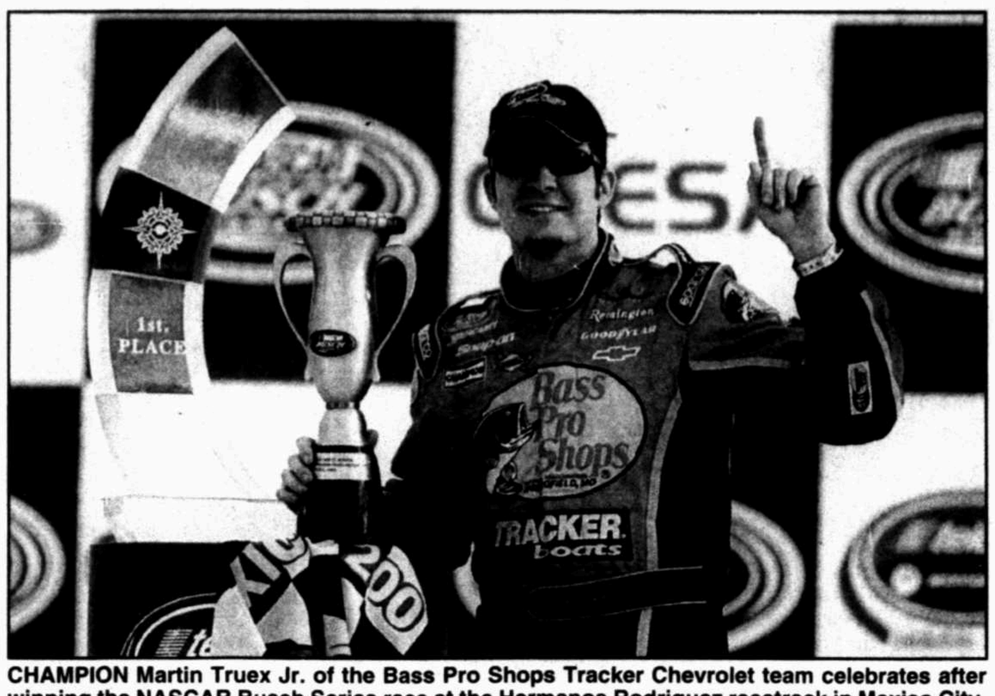
No. 8 Michigan St. 83, No. 23 Penn St. 76

INDIANAPOLIS — Kelli Roehrig had 19 points and Kristin Haynie added 18 to lead Michigan State to its first Big Ten tournament final.

Michigan State (27-3), winners of 11 straight, will face No. 15 Minnesota on Monday night.

John Bazemore/AP

CELEBRATION Tennessee's Loree Moore reacts as time runs out in their 67-65 win over LSU in the Southeastern Conference championship game Sunday in Greenville, S.C.



Dario Lopez-Mills/AP

CHAMPION Martin Truex Jr. of the Bass Pro Shops Tracker Chevrolet team celebrates after winning the NASCAR Busch Series race at the Hermanos Rodriguez racetrack in Mexico City, Mexico on Saturday.

Truex triumphant in Mexico

MEXICO CITY (AP) — NASCAR's first surprise-filled journey south of the border finished a lot like those back home, with regulars Martin Truex Jr., Kevin Harvick and Carl Edwards at the front of the pack.

Truex used a planned early pit stop — and took advantage of a lucky yellow flag that shut the door on two pursuers — to hang onto the lead over the final 28 laps of the first points-paying NASCAR race outside the United States in a half century.

Nextel Cup driver Kevin Harvick finished just over 6 seconds back, second in a third-consecutive Busch Series race after slipping past Carl Edwards on the 78th lap of the 80-lap Telcel-Motorola 200.

Truex made two early pit stops, his last at the 46th lap.

"We wanted to have a full tank of gas with 40 laps to go," Truex said.

The pit stop came seconds before a caution flag came out.

Adrian Fernandez and Boris Said, running in the top five, were caught in the approach to pit road and were penalized for pitting too quickly after the caution period started. They started at the back of pack, dashing their chances to win.

"As soon as we reached pit road and they told me the caution was out, I said, 'Yeah! That's perfect! We caught a little bit of luck there," Truex said.

Said battled back to fifth and Fernandez to 10th by the end of the race.

Edwards had a remarkable comeback as well. He smashed his main car in practice and blew a replacement engine. Yet he managed to qualify ninth and finish third in his backup car.

Reed Sorenson, who entered the race second to Harvick in the season points standing, was running strong before spinning onto the grass on lap 59. Virtually all of the pack passed before he could get back on the track.

The race was a boost for NASCAR's effort to build a new fan base in Mexico, where open-wheel racing has been dominant. Promoters said a healthy 94,229 people turned out on race day following a 38,319 crowd for Saturday's qualifying.

"This could become the marquee event for the series," said Robbie Weiss, NASCAR's chief of international business. But he said no contract had yet been signed for next year.

Ticket prices started at 180 pesos — about $17 — nearly double the country's median daily wage.

But fans hoping for a hometown stunner had to be satisfied the pole position and early race leadership of the little-known Jorge Goeters, who was making his first Busch Series race.

Goeters led for the first 24 laps, but his first NASCAR pit stop was a disaster — coming in under the green flag and stopping initially at a neighboring pit.

He battled back up to 10th but pulled off the track on the 66th lap with his car spewing smoke.

Fernandez, making his first NASCAR start, had the fastest practice time but a crash in qualifying knocked him to the back of Sunday's grid. He fought back to the lead, but was then penalized to the back again.

Edwards clipped another Mexican star, Michel Jourdain Jr., spinning him into the wall and knocking him out of the race for 10 laps while his crew worked on repairs.

"I was a little overaggressive," Edwards said in a public apology to Jourdain. "I hope I can make it up to him."

Carlos Contreras, the first Mexican to race in a Busch race, was running a steady sixth when his car slowed on the 72nd lap and he pitted.

Robby Gordon qualified in the first row Saturday but quickly ran into engine woes during the race, and pitted after the 59th lap after spewing oil on the track.

NASCAR said it was investigating a prerace scuffle between Gordon and Car Edwards' crew chief, Brad Parrott.

NASCAR modified the Hermanos Rodriguez course, designed for Formula One and Champ Cars, to accommodate the less-agile and slower-braking NASCAR vehicles.

The prerace festivities were conducted in Spanglish. After the national anthems of Mexico and the United States, Grand Marshall Eugenio Derbez, a local television star, cried out, "Viva Mexico!" and summoned the cars to life with the traditional English cry, "Gentlemen, start your engines!"

Wheldon wins IRL season opener

HOMESTEAD, Fla. (AP) — Celebrating in Victory Lane after an overpowering victory Sunday in the IRL IndyCar opener at Homestead-Miami Speedway, Dan Wheldon was hoping for a similar scene at another racetrack later this year.

"I've got to be honest," the Englishman said. "My passion is the Indianapolis 500. The championship is important, but my goal is to drink the (winner's) milk at Indy. We just want to keep the momentum until that race in May."

Wheldon was the runner-up last season to Andretti Green Racing teammate Tony Kanaan in the IRL championship and he began this season as one of the favorites to win the title. Sunday's dominating run, leading 158 of the 200 laps on the 1 1/2-mile oval, only strengthened that perception.

But Wheldon said that even as he celebrated Sunday by doing doughnuts in his car and getting victory hugs from his crew, he was thinking that nobody should make too much of one win.

"It's one race into the championship. One race," the smiling Wheldon said. "If it's meant to be it's meant to be. I just enjoy winning races."

Wheldon, part of the powerful four-car Andretti Green Racing team, pulled away from the pack midway through the race and appeared headed to a runaway victory when the race was interrupted by a frightening eight-car crash on lap 159.

The big wreck — the last of seventh cautions — began moments after a restart when Kosuke Matsuura, trying to pass pole winner Tomas Scheckter on the outside, slid sideways and hit Scheckter. Before all the crashing and banging ended, the accident also took out Scott Sharp, Bryan Herta, Scott Dixon, Roger Yasukawa, Ed Carpenter and 22-year-old rookie Danica Patrick, making her first IRL start.

Patrick, the only woman in the field, was running 10th when the accident occured. She walked into the infield care center but was sent by ambulance to a nearby hospital for observation after being diagnosed with a concussion. She was later released from the hospital and is expected to be ready to race in the next IRL event in two weeks at Phoenix International Raceway.

"It's a real shame because she did an incredible job out there today," team owner Bobby Rahal said.

After a long cleanup the green flag waved with 24 laps remaining and Wheldon steadily pulled away from a group of cars that included two-time IRL champion and defending race winner Sam Hornish Jr., Kanaan, Helio Castroneves and Vitor Meira.

While Wheldon increased his lead, runner-up Kanaan found himself battling to hold off Team Penske teammates Hornish and Castroneves.

"I was just fast enough to pull away when he had other people to worry about," Wheldon said of Kanaan.

The race ended with Wheldon's Honda-powered Dallara 3.7 seconds — virtually an entire straightaway on the 1 1/2-mile oval — ahead of a three-wide-battle for second barely won by Hornish.

"It was a heck of a finish for the fans," said Hornish, who barely held off Castroneves for the victory here a year ago. "I don't think they could have gotten a much better show than that."

Croatia knocks Americans out again

Associated Press

CARSON, Calif. — The United States remains in a Davis Cup slump.

Ivan Ljubicic beat Andy Roddick in a taut, five-set marathon Sunday to give Croatia an insurmountable 3-1 lead in the opening-round Davis Cup matches.

Playing iron man for his country, Ljubicic outlasted Roddick 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (11), 6-7 (7), 6-2 in a match that lasted almost 4 hours.

The one remaining singles match became essentially an exhibition since Croatia had clinched the round. Andre Agassi was scheduled to play Mario Ancic, but doubles specialist Bob Bryan subbed for the United States.

The 25-year-old Ljubicic began the round with a straight-set win over Agassi, then teamed with Ancic to hand Bryan and his twin brother, Mike, their first Davis Cup loss in six matches.

Ljubicic also played and won three first-round matches in 2003 in Zagreb when Croatia eliminated the United States.

The Americans, who lost to Spain in the finals last year, have won the Cup 31 times, but haven't taken it since 1995. The drought is their longest in 68 years.

The 34-year-old Agassi, who hadn't played for the United States since 2000, rejoined the team to try to help end the winless string, but lost to Ljubicic in Friday's opening singles. Roddick beat Ancic in four sets in their match the first day.

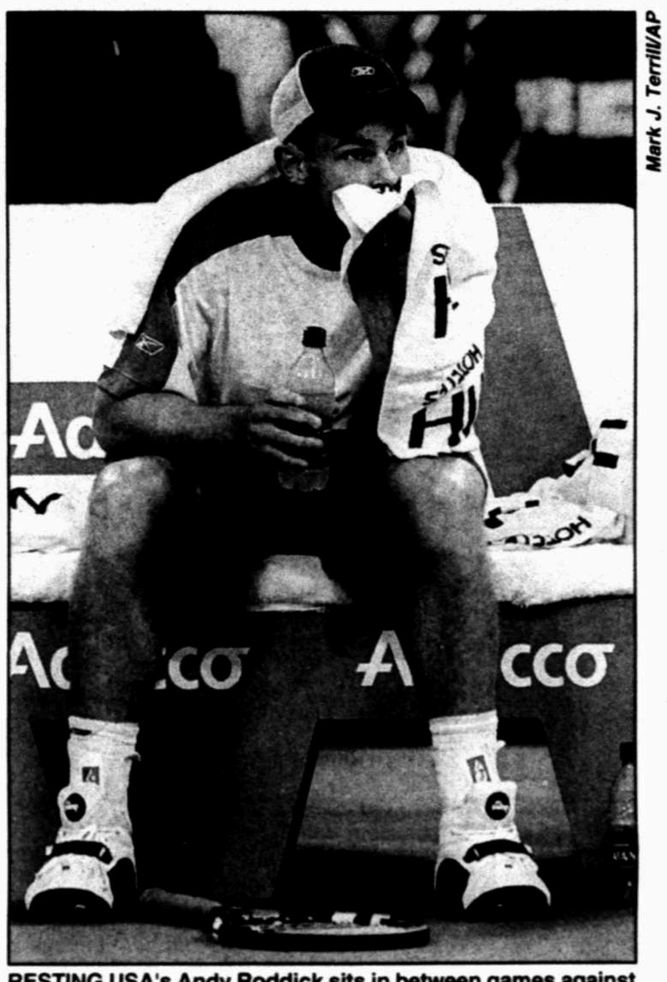
Both Roddick and Ljubicic played extremely well in what was an exciting match, with one of Roddick's serves hitting 152 mph. But Ljubicic was able to punch back his opponent's powerful serves much of the match, setting up a string of lengthy rallies from the baseline.

After winning the fourth-set tiebreaker, Roddick immediately lost his serve in the opening game of the fifth set. Ljubicic broke Roddick's serve again in the fifth game to take clear control.

When Ljubicic finished it off with a service winner, the Croatian team locked arms and broke into an impromptu jig on the court.

Croatia seemed to have almost as many fans as the U.S. team in the lively, drum-banging and somewhat rowdy crowd of 6,584. Southern California is home to a large number of transplanted Croatians.

Croatia moves on to the quarterfinals against Romania, which defeated Belarus in the first round.



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RESTING USA's Andy Roddick sits in between games against Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia during first round action at the Davis Cup, Sunday in Carson, Calif. Ljubicic won 4-6, 6-3, 7-6 (11), 6-7 (7), 6-2.

■ Davis Cup Roundup

France 3, Sweden 2

At Strasbourg, France, Paul-Henri Mathieu blew three match points before finally outlasting gritty Thomas Johansson 6-1, 6-4, 6-7 (4), 6-4 of Sweden to clinch the victory for France.

Sweden tied the match earlier in the day when Joachim Johansson rallied from a set down to beat Sebastien Grosjean 3-6, 6-1, 6-4, 6-1. France moves on to play Russia in the quarterfinals.

Russia 4, Chile 1

At Moscow, Australian Open champion Marat Safin beat Fernando Gonzalez of Chile 7-6 (4), 7-6 (5), 1-6, 6-7 (3), 6-4 to send Russia into the quarterfinals. Nikolay Davydenko also beat Paul Capdeville 6-2, 6-1.

Russia will play France in July.

Romania 3, Belarus 2

At Brasov, Romania, Victor Hanescu beat Vladimir Voltchkov 7-6 (2), 6-4, 7-6 (6) to put Romania into the quarterfinals. Earlier in the day, top Romanian player Andrei Pavel defeated Max Mirnyi 6-1, 7-6 (0), 4-6, 6-3.

Argentina 5, Czech Republic 0

At Buenos Aires, Argentina, Agustin Calleri and Guillermo Coria easily won to help Argentina sweep the Czech Republic. Calleri defeated Tomas Zib 6-2, 6-4 and Coria beat Jan Hernych 6-3, 6-0. Argentina will face Australia in Sydney in the quarterfinals July 15-17.

Australia 5, Austria 0

At Sydney, Australia, Todd Woodbridge and Chris Guccione both won singles matches to complete a sweep for the home team.

Netherlands 3, Switzerland 2

At Fribourg, Switzerland, Sjeng Schalken defeated Stanislas Wawrinka 1-6, 6-2, 6-4, 2-6, 9-7 to move the Netherlands into the quarterfinals. In the second singles match, Peter Wessels led Marco Chiudinelli 6-4 but withdrew with a back injury.

The Dutch will meet Slovakia in the next round.

Slovakia 4, Spain 1

At Bratislava, Slovakia, Fernando Verdasco beat Kamil Capkovic 6-2, 6-2 to earn a point for defending champion Spain, which was eliminated the day before by Slovakia. In the other singles match, Slovakia's Michal Mertinak beat Feliciano Lopez 6-0, 6-7 (3), 6-4.

Ginobili picks up slack against Utah

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan missed most of the second half after spraining his right ankle, but Manu Ginobili led the Spurs in his absence with 31 points to help San Antonio beat the Utah Jazz 101-94 Sunday night.

Duncan was helped from the floor 3:48 into the second half. He was defending a drive by Andrei Kirilenko when he jumped and appeared to come down on the leg of teammate Rasho Nesterovic.

Duncan did not return to the game. He scored 12 points and grabbed four rebounds in 23 minutes.

Ginobili was 7-of-11 from the floor and made all but one of his 15 foul shots.

Keith McCleod led the Jazz with 18 points.

Ginobili helped the Spurs build a 14-point lead with 7 minutes left in the second quarter. He hit four of his first five shots and was perfect in three tries from the foul line through the first 13 minutes of the game.

After the Jazz cut the lead to five points with 4 minutes to go in the first half, the Spurs went on a 10-3 run over the next 2:03 to retake control.

Ginobili scored six points during the run, including two free throws after a flagrant foul by Raja Bell. After converting at the line, Ginobili got free under the basket on the next possession and scored on a pass from Duncan for a 48-37 lead.

Kings 100, Pistons 85

SACRAMENTO, Calif. — Mike Bibby had 19 points and 11 assists, Kenny Thomas added 19 points, and Sacramento beat the Detroit Pistons 100-85 Sunday in the Kings' first home game since Chris Webber's departure.

Peja Stojakovic and Darius Songaila scored 14 points apiece in an impressive homecoming victory for the Kings' revamped roster. Sacramento embarked on a six-game road trip the day Webber was traded to Philadelphia nearly two weeks ago along with two reserves for Thomas, Corliss Williamson and Brian Skinner.

Rasheed Wallace had 19 points and 10 rebounds for the Pistons, who finished a six-game road trip with consecutive losses to Phoenix, Seattle and Sacramento. The defending NBA champions missed 13 of 24 free throws and struggled for open shots against Sacramento's tenacious defense.

■ NBA Roundup

Timberwolves 99, Celtics 97

BOSTON — Latrell Sprewell made a runner with 0.9 seconds remaining to give Kevin McHale a victory in his first game on the sidelines in Boston.

McHale, who took over as Timberwolves coach for the fired Flip Saunders, played his entire 13-year, Hall of Fame career in green and white. He helped lead the Celtics to three NBA championships before taking over as Minnesota's vice president of basketball operations in 1995.

Kevin Garnett had 21 points, 13 rebounds and nine assists for the Wolves, who handed the Celtics their first loss since the return of Antoine Walker. Wally Szczerbiak added 20 points.

Walker had 16 points on 7-of-9 shooting for Boston and had a chance to give the Celtics the lead with 1:43 left, but missed the first of two foul shots. He made the second to tie the game at 97.

Knicks 115, Warriors 99

NEW YORK — Stephon Marbury had 26 points and a season-high 16 assists, and the Knicks used a 21-1 run in the fourth quarter to defeat the Warriors.

Tim Thomas scored 25 points, Michael Sweetney opened 9-for-9 and finished with 19 points, and Maurice Taylor shot 7-for-8 and scored 15. The Knicks shot a season-high 61.8 percent.

Jason Richardson scored 24 points and Troy Murphy added 23 for the Warriors, who had their two-game winning streak snapped. The game marked their fourth stop on an eight-game, 12-day road trip, and fatigue seemed to sap the Warriors' energy down the stretch.

Heat 102, Cavaliers 82

CLEVELAND — Shaquille O'Neal spent much of his 33rd birthday in foul trouble but Eddie Jones scored 19 points, Dwyane Wade and Udonis Haslem added 18 apiece and the Heat won their fifth straight.

O'Neal played just 19 minutes in the first three quarters, but the Heat actually played better without their All-Star center. While O'Neal sat out with four fouls, Miami outscored Cleveland 18-8 over the final 6:23 of the third to take control.

O'Neal finished with 13 points, five rebounds and six assists in his third game back after missing four games with a sprained left knee.

LeBron James scored 23 points for the Cavaliers, who have lost six straight.

Raptors 95, Hornets 84

NEW ORLEANS — Chris Bosh scored a career-high 33 points and grabbed 15 rebounds, helping the Raptors end a two-game skid.

Reserve Matt Bonner added a career-high 18 points and Jalen Rose scored 14 for the Raptors.

Lee Nailon led the Hornets with 18 points, while reserves Bostjan Nachbar added 15.

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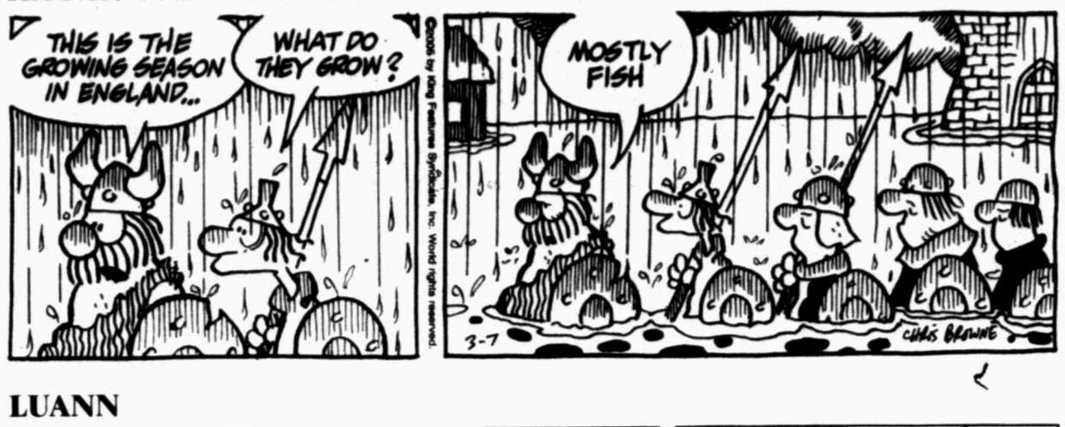

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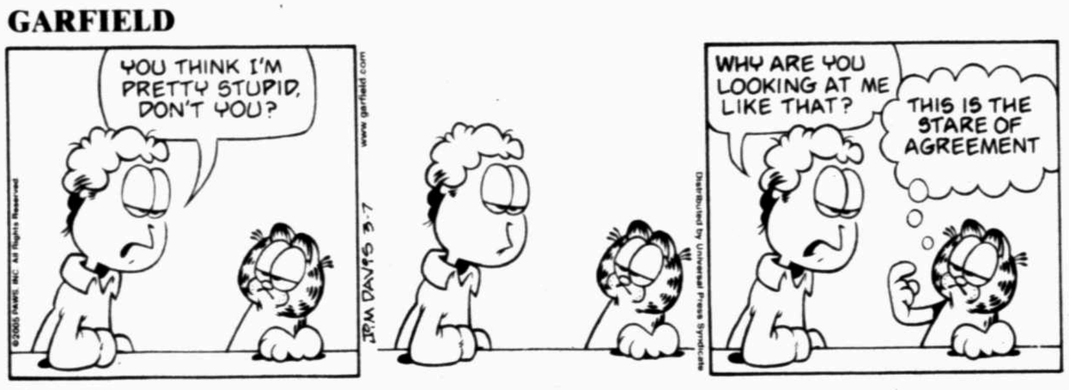

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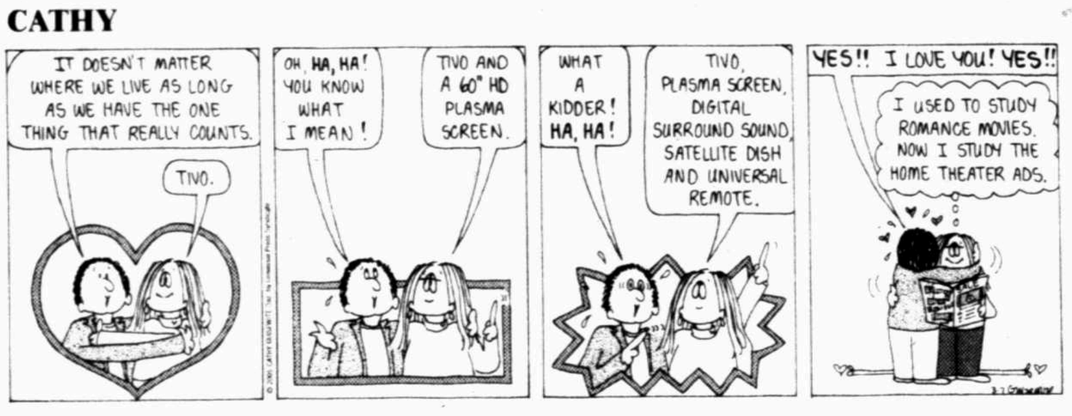

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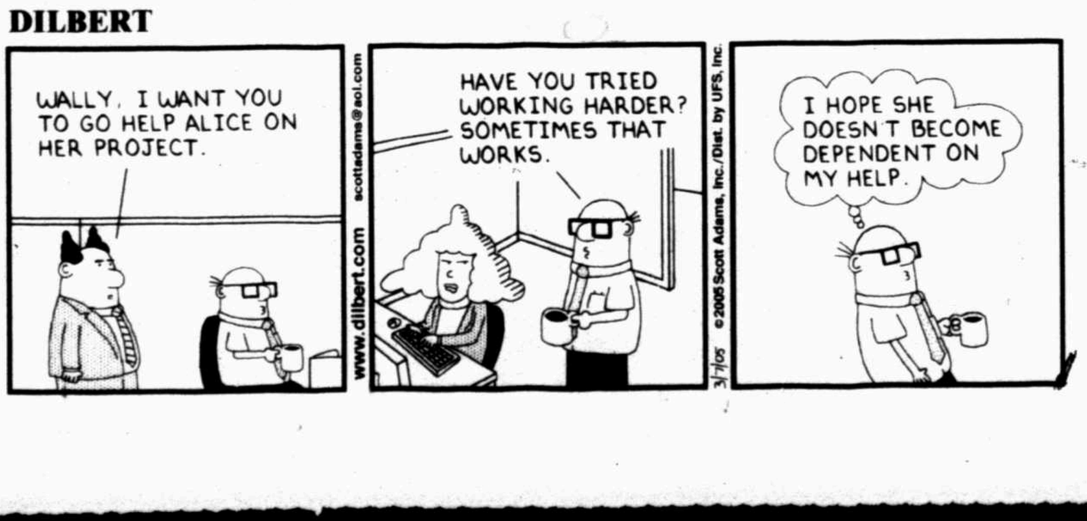

LOCAL FORECAST

TODAY Partly cloudy high 67 low 41

TUESDAY Partly cloudy high 66 low 42

WEDNESDAY Partly cloudy high 65 low 41

Expect partly cloudy skies today with a high around 67 and north winds around 10 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for partly cloudy conditions with a low around 41 and east winds about 10 mph.

Tuesday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high around 66, a low around 42 and southeast winds around between 10 and 15 mph.

For Wednesday, expect partly cloudy skies with a high around 65 and a low around 41.

The high Sunday reached 61, while the low dropped to 50. The record high for March 6 is 90 set in 1946. The record low is 15 set in 1989.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Saturday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Sunday	0.02 in.
Total for month	0.19 in.
Total for year	2.11 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.23 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	61
Low	50
Normal high	68
Normal low	39

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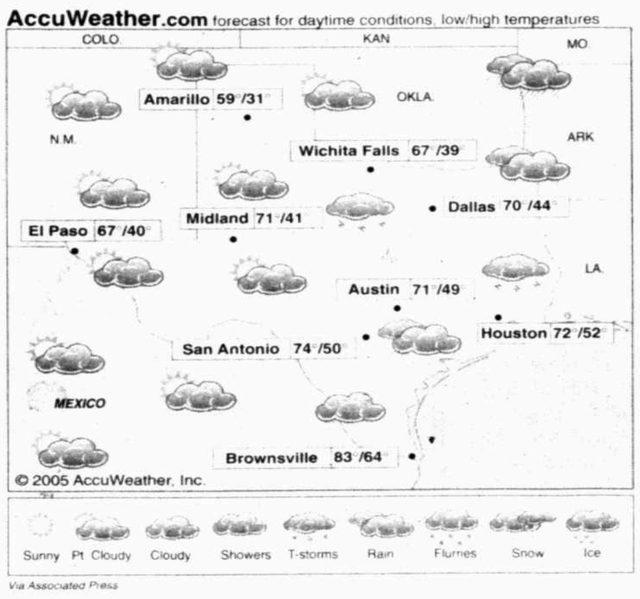
Sunset ... 6:51 p.m.



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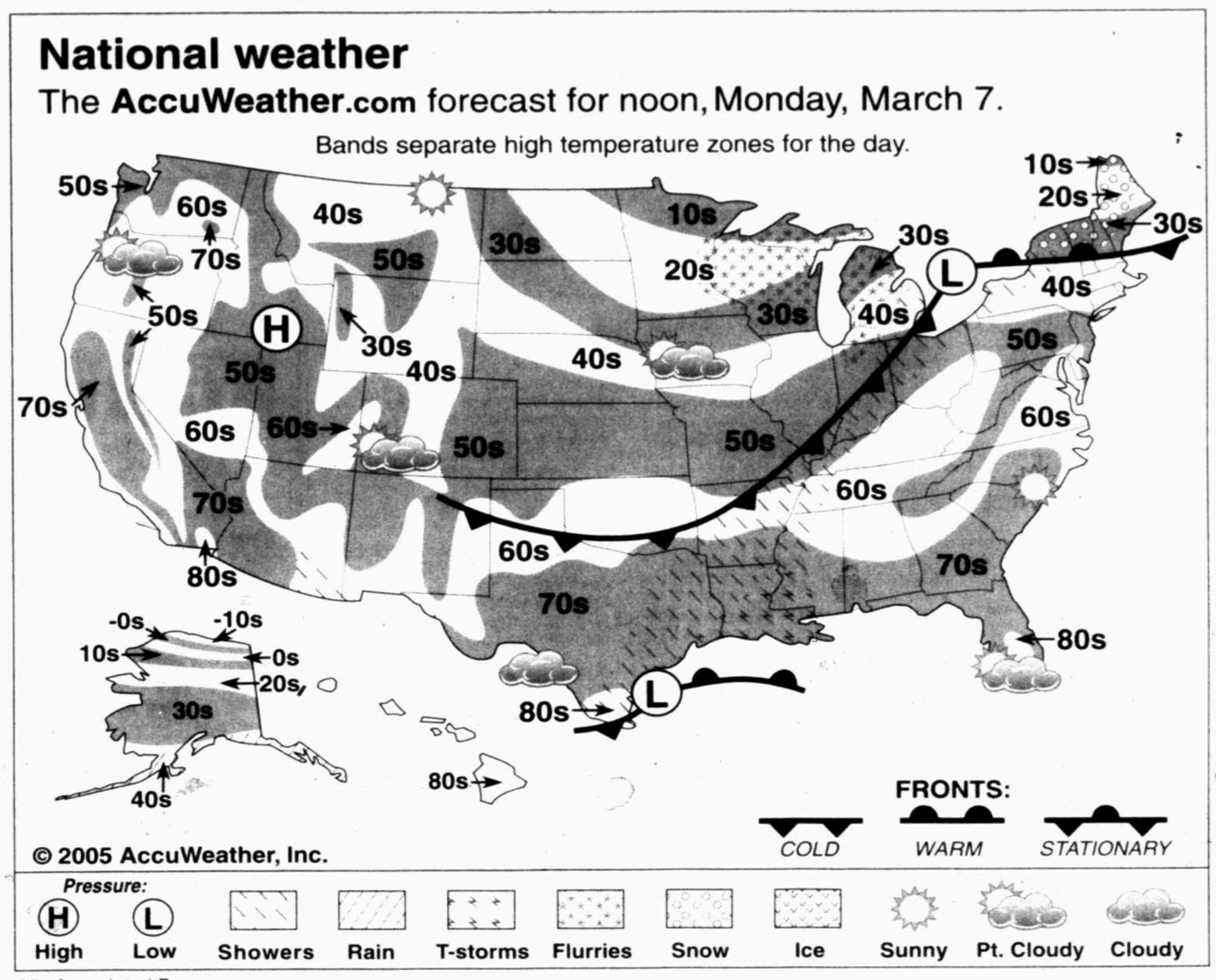

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DEAR ABBY

Wife saddled with dog duty wants to hand over leash

DEAR ABBY: I need advice with a problem I have regarding our basset hound, "Sherlock." I bought Sherlock for my husband, "Ken," a year and a half ago. Ken loves the dog, and so does my 18-year-old daughter, "Gretta," who lives with us.

When I bought Sherlock, the understanding was that he would be cared for by my husband and daughter. This is not what happened. I do 90 percent of the feeding, cleaning up after him, taking him to the groomer, the veterinarian, etc. We also have a cocker spaniel, "Lulu," we have had since Gretta was 3. Lulu also has been my responsibility for the most part. Ken and Gretta play with the dogs, and I "get" to do almost everything else.

Abby, I am not a dog lover; I am a dog "liker." I feel used and resentful. I want to give Ken an ultimatum: Care for Sherlock or find another home for him. Am I being unreasonable? I feel guilty thinking about doing this, because Sherlock was a Christmas gift to my husband, but I just don't want to continue this way. Ken works full time, as do I, but he commutes two hours each day. Asking him and Gretta to share in the care of the dogs has done no good. Any advice would be appreciated. — USED AND RESENTFUL IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

DEAR USED AND RESENTFUL: Stop feeling used and resentful and look in the mirror. Why did you buy a second dog after seeing that your husband and daughter didn't care for the one you already had? You put yourself in this pickle.

Please reconsider shrugging off the responsibility for Sherlock. There are alternatives to getting rid of him. A neighborhood teen could be hired to walk him. A pet service could provide transportation to the vet or the groomer. Finding another home for him should be your last resort.

Focus on the bright side. Since you and your husband have full-time jobs, and your daughter is busy with her own schedule, it's just as well that you have two dogs because they have each other for companionship.

DEAR ABBY: Thirty years ago my mother-in-law, "Grace," suddenly changed. She began accusing her husband of cheating on her and trying to poison her. She made his life miserable until he passed away. After the funeral, we moved Grace into a house next door to ours.

Things were OK for a while, then she started up again. According to Grace, everyone has been trying to kill her. She has alienated almost the entire family because of her accusations, and she has called the police several times because she thinks everyone is stealing from her.

A few months ago, Grace had surgery. I stayed with her until she was back on her feet. Now she says I am trying to poison her, and have people come in and steal her stuff when she's outside.

My husband, her only child, is very upset and has forbidden me to go over there anymore. Grace is 83, but age has nothing to do with it. This started when she was in her early 50s.

Can somebody suggest what we can do? We love her dearly and we're at our wits' end. — TEARFUL IN TENNESSEE

DEAR TEARFUL: Your mother-in-law needs a psychiatric evaluation. Her son should make sure her doctor understands what's been going on before she goes for the exam. The symptoms you describe indicate she may be mentally ill.

CONFIDENTIAL TO AFRAID TO FALL: Please don't give up yet. Keep in mind that every failure is a stepping-stone to success.

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

The stars show the kind of day you'll have: 5-dynamic; 4-positive; 3-average; 2-so-so; 1-difficult

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Monday, March 7, 2005:

You might need to juggle your personal and professional long-term goals. Getting these different areas in sync could take the help of others. A particular partner or associate will be very helpful financially and emotionally. Be willing to learn different styles. Willingly acknowledge your errors. Ultimately, this year will be unusually successful if you realize the importance of teamwork and networking. If you are single, you might find that a friendship is instrumental in developing a relationship. If you are attached, focus on both of your long-term desires. Together you will become quite the duo. CAPRICORN points the way to success.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★★ If you try to stand up to a boss or key family member, you could put yourself into a no-win situation. What should you do? If you let the problem sit for a few days, it could alleviate itself. Tonight: Out, even if it is Monday.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★ You might not be pleased with the discrepancies in the news you receive. Pull apart the facts, and separately they each might be correct. The logic behind the information could be off. Bounce ideas off an an associate. Tonight: Relax your mind.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ Working with others on a financial matter could trigger a dispute, which could be depressing at best. Look for solutions by breaking past traditional thinking. Tap into others' minds. You will be surprised at what you find. Tonight: Dinner for two.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★ You might have met your challenge. Someone who is coldly practical could peeve you to no end. Refuse to do the tango. Let others do what they want, as you have little or no choice. Your family and personal life continue to be a source of comfort. Tonight: Let others do what they want.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★ You could be overwhelmed by everything that drops on your plate. No wonder you will need a catnap at some point during the day. Conversations will invigorate you, especially if you socialize rather than do business. Tonight: Walk or do some other form of exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★ Approach problems as creative opportunities, and you will get positive results. Refuse to become defensive; instead, creatively sleuth out solutions. You might spend a lot, but at the same time, you could make a lot. Tonight: Visit with a child.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ You could feel betwixt and between, as many responsibilities drop on you. You can handle them, but to others you could seem like a cat chasing its tail. A little organization can go a long way. Try it! Tonight: At home.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Listen to others, but don't worry about having to go along with their projects and ideas. You can still call the shots. You could laugh at what others withhold. You might want to read between the lines. Tonight: Meet a friend at a favorite spot.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Listen to what is going on with friends, but still protect your finances. Your imagination might go haywire; don't apply these thoughts where you could cause damage. Risk-taking can have its costs. Tonight: Buy a treat on the way home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ You feel empowered. Others could be overwhelmed by what happens. Make a must appearance. Good news can only follow. You have a definite way with the public and associates. Tonight: As you like it.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ Continue a low profile. You might be tired and feeling burdened as well. Recognize when too much is on your plate. Delegate and/or find a shortcut. News and information could easily be good but difficult to sort through. Tonight: Your night off.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★ Understand what you need to do in order to get results. Meetings and groups help align your desires with those of others. Your creativity might be down, but cooperation from others peaks. Yes, you can have what you want. Tonight: Busy with your friends.

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BORN TODAY

Tennis player Ivan Lendl (1960), photographer Lord Snowdon (1930), race-car driver Janet Guthrie (1938)

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Bidding Quiz

Q 1 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 10 9 8 7 ♡ 7 5 4 ◇ A 6 5 2 ♣ 8 4
Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What action do you take?

A — When you have four-card support for partner's major and a side ace, don't even bother to take other factors into consideration. Experience shows that if you do not raise immediately, you might miss a game. Besides, the preemptive value of a spade raise is important. Bid two spades.

Q 2 — As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 7 ♡ K 8 6 2 ◇ 8 7 2 ♣ K Q J 6 2
The bidding has proceeded:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
1♣	1♠	Pass	?

What action do you take?

A — One spade is most unlikely to be a comfortable spot for partner. If two clubs were natural, that might be the best spot, but partner is sure to treat it as a cue-bid in support of spades. Bid one no-trump.

Q 3 — Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ A 7 ♡ A 5 ◇ A K Q 9 8 3 ♣ Q 10 9
The bidding has proceeded

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
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What do you bid now?

A — It might seem that three diamonds is the logical choice, but give partner as little as a major-suit king and either the jack of diamonds or a three-card fragment, and you could have nine running tricks at no-trump. Bid three no-trump.

Q 4 — North-South vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 6 ♡ 10 5 ◇ 6 ♣ A K Q 8 7 6 5 3 2
The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	2♠*	?	

*two-suited takout
What do you bid now?

A — You are not going to sell out to any contract short of slam with this hand. Under those circumstances, you might as well pre-empt to a level where you might not only buy the contract, but also make it. Bid five clubs.

Q 5 — Both vulnerable, you hold:
♠ 6 4 3 ♡ J 6 2 ◇ 9 6 5 ♣ A Q 10 2
Partner opens the bidding with one spade. What do you respond?

A — If you use forcing no-trump responses, you are on the borderline of that action and a raise to two spades, and we don't mind which action you choose. If you don't have that weapon in your arsenal, don't respond one no-trump with all your values in one suit. Raise to two spades.

Q 6 — Nether vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠ 10 7 2 ♡ Q 7 6 ◇ A Q J 6 ♣ A 6 5
The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1◇	Pass	1♠	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A — Yes, we raise partner's major-suit response with only three-card support. No, this is not the hand for that. With a stopper in each unbid suit and a perfectly balanced hand, one no-trump is a far more descriptive rebid. Bid it.

DAILY CROSSWORD

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For more info: Contact Danny Garcia at 432-697-8409 or danumpyrs@grandecom.net

Youth League Clinic
For: Baseball players ages 6-12
Where: National Little League Field, Big Spring
When: March 19. Session 1 9:30 a.m.-noon, Session 2 12:45-3:15 p.m.
Cost: $40 for Session 1, $60 for Session, due by March 10.
For more info: Call 1-800-999-8369 or 417-882-2799

Basketball

Permian Basketball Association needs officials
For more info: Butch at (432) 620-8096 or Tony at (432) 620-0556

Boys and Girls Club men's basketball league
Cost: $100 per team
Where: Taylor Park
For more info: David Jones (432) 683-0050

YMCA needs basketball referees
For more info: (432) 682-2551

13-under boys basketball team tryouts
For more info: (432) 689-9112

Boys and Girls Club basketball
For more info: Call David Jones (432) 683-0050

Basketball Specific Training
For: All ages and skill levels
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 3303 N. Midkiff, Suite 185
Cost: $25 per session
For more info: Call Scott Hillman, 352-1266

Southwest Shoot-Out Tournament
For: Boys and girls from and age 8 and under to high school
When: April 1-5
Where: El Paso
Cost: $175, due by March 11
For more info: Call (915) 852-2600, (915) 593-6341 or (915) 594-8654

Billiards

Basin Billiards Eight-Ball Leagues
When: Wednesday nights
Sign-up at: Basin Billiards or Fast Freddie's
For more info: (432) 685-5043

Booster Clubs

Lee Boys Basketball
When: 6:30 p.m. March 14
Where: Lee High School, room 443
For more info: Call Hank Kirk, 699-1919

Lee Softball
When: 7 p.m., March 17 (Lee library)
Where: Lee HS library
For more info: Call Sydonua Bryand at 432-528-2841.

MHS Softball
When: First Thursday of every month, 7 p.m.
Where: Conference Room A, MHS
For more info: Call Lessie at 634-0400

Bowling

Tuesday Night Petroleum Men's League
When: Meets at 6:45 p.m.
For more info: Melton Post (432) 684-5176 or Cactus Lanes (432) 694-0177

Camps

Ten Star All Star Camp
For whom: Boys and girls ages 10-19
For more info: Call (704) 373-0873 for a brochure

Cycling

Permian Basin Bicycle Association Meetings
When: 7 p.m., third Monday of every month.
Where: Knights of Columbus Hall at the intersection of FM 1788 and WCR 602
Dues: $25/$30 for a family
For more info: Peyton's Bikes (432) 699-1718

Darts

Permian Basin Dart Association League
When: 8 p.m. Tuesdays
For more info: Mark McPherson (432) 520-5675 or Brent Tyler (432) 425-2060 or stop by Fast Freddie's or Cactus Lanes

Dodgeball

Sticks and Kicks Leagues
Who: Kids, adults, co-ed players
Cost: $35 per player (8 game season)
Where: Register at Sticks and Kicks, 3918 W. Wall
For more info: Call 520-6633

Flag Football

YMCA Officials Needed
What: The YMCA needs officials for Youth Flag Football games Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.
For more info: Call 682-2551

Golf

Individual Golf Training
For: All ages and handicaps
Where: Next Level Sports Training, 3303 N. Midkiff, Suite 185
Cost: $20 per session
For more info: Call Scott Hillman 352-1266

Trans-American Junior Golf Championships
When: June 6-8
Where: Golf Course, Austin
For more info: Call Richard Arzola at 512-440-8011 or visit www.transamjuniorgolf.com

Martial Arts

Aikido
When: Tuesday and Thursday, 7-9 p.m.
Note: Specializing in traditional Hombu style Aikido
For more info: Call John Riggs, 770-3155 or 570-8792

Women's Tae Kwon-Do Class
When: Through March 10
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
For more info: Call Mr. Jimenez at 697-8554

Cardio Kickboxing Class
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 7:30-8:30 p.m.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $35 a month
For more info: Call 687-8846

Self-Defense Classes
When: Each Thursday from 7:30-8:30 p.m. through March 10.
Where: Jimenez Tae Kwon-Do and Fitness Studio, 4400 N. Midland Dr.
Cost: $49.00
For: Women ages 12 and up
For more info: Call Mr. Jimenez at 697-8554

Motocross

West Texas Motocross Park Races
When: Every third Sunday (Gates open 9 a.m., racing starts 11 a.m.)
Where: West Texas Motocross Park, 2.1 miles east of Air Terminal on Business 20
Fee: $6 for riders and spectators (people over 60 and under 6 get in free)

Racquetball

Spring Racquetball Tournament
For: Men and women, singles and doubles (double elimination)
When: March 19, begins at 8 a.m.
Where: Midland YMCA
Deadline: March 16
Skill levels: A, B, C, D
For more info: Call Midland YMCA at 682-2551

Rugby

Mad Dog Rugby Football Club Practice
When: 7 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays
Where: Reyes-Mashburn Park
For more info: (432) 697-6418

Midland Rugby (Bloodhounds) Club
For more info: Joshua (432) 661-7147

Running

Permian Basin Running Club Runs
When: 7:30 a.m. Saturdays
Where: Elephant at Putt-Putt Golf on Loop 250
For more info: Visit pbrunningclub.tripod.com or call Greg Larson at (432) 620-6124

3rd Annual Bloodgusher 2005 Road Running Event
When: Saturday, April 2, registration is from 8 a.m to 9:45 a.m., race starts at 10 a.m.,
Where: Scharbauer Sports Complex (west of baseball stadium)
For more info: Visit pbrunningclub.tripod.com or call Greg Larson at (432) 620-6124

Shooting

Midland Shooters Association, Inc.
When: March 12, IDPA Practical Pistol, 9 a.m., Bench Rest Rifle, 9 a.m.; March 13 Big Bore Silhouette, 1:30 p.m.; March 19, 3 Gun, 9 a.m., 22 Silhouette, 1 p.m.
For more info: Call Freddy Haltom, 694-3806

Boy Scout Spring Flight Shootout VII
What: Benefiting Buffalo Trail Council
When: April 16
Where: Windwalker Sporting Clay Complex
Cost: $125 and up
For: 4-person teams with Lewis Class Scoring
Deadline: April 12
For more info: Call Keith at 556-6980 or Brad at 570-7601 or come by 1101 W. Texas

Soccer

Permian Basin Soccer Association
What: Registration for women's spring/summer season
Where: Dunagan Park, located at corner of Gist and Terrell.
When: Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 7 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
For more info: Contact Jesus Chavez at 557-7032 anytime or Josh Chavez at 238-6947 after 6:30 p.m.

Softball

Team West Texas Rip It (8-under) tryouts
For more info: Boyd Cowan (432) 556-3776

MUGS Recreational 12-under
For: Girls interested in playing competitive softball in the Midland-Odessa area. Team is looking for two pitchers and a catcher
For more info: Call Martha Perez at 699-6829

West Texas Krank It 14-under
Looking for utility players and two pitchers and a catcher
For more info: Call Bobby Perez at 699-6829

Chaos Softball 14-U Tryouts
Looking to add five players to roster.
For more info: Call Frank Morin at 520-7666 (home) or 967-1517 (cell), Terry Pool at 523-4901 or Ward Williams at 570-5384

Umpires needed for high school fastpitch for West Texas
When: Meeting each Wednesday at 7 p.m.
Where: Freddie Ezell Softball Complex at Ulmer Park
For more info: Call Mack Gipson at 432-694-2837, umpchief@grande-com.net

MUGS Summer Season Registration
When: sign up through March 5; Season runs April 25-June 24
Where: A-1 Embroidery Sports and More, 3211 W. Wadley
For more info: 682-8261

Permian Basin USSSA Teams
Who: Adult slowpitch and youth fast pitch teams
For more info: Call Tommy, Hawkins at 520-9100 to register

Midland Softball Association Spring League signups
When: Tues., Wed. evenings, 6-8 p.m. beginning Feb. 15
Where: Bill Williams Complex or on-line at www.midlandsoftball.com
Entry fee: $275 per team ($25 late fee), $10 for individual players
For more info: Call 683-8741

Swimming

COM Pre-competitive swimming
Where: Mabee Aquatic Center
Cost: $49 per month
Prerequisite: Must be able to swim 25 yards or freestyle or backstroke
For more info: (432) 684-7755

COM Water Aerobics Classes
When: All times, Monday through Saturday
For more info: Jeni Wood (432) 684-7755

COM Learn to Swim
Ages: 3-and-over
Note: Group lessons are available
For more info: (432) 684-7755

COM Masters Swimming
When: 5-6 a.m., 11:45 a.m.-1 p.m., Monday, Wednesday, Friday
Cost: $40 per month (includes cardio training)
For more info: (432) 684-7755

COM Diving Instruction
Who: All ages and levels invited
For more info: (432) 684-7755

COM Learn to Dive
What: Learn basic diving skills for beginners then advance to Pre-Team class (ages 7 and up)
For more info: (432) 684-7755

COM Competitive Dive Team
Who: Try out for Bronze, Silver, Gold Prep or Gold levels of COM Dive Team.
What: Emphasizes is on diving techniques and participation in local and out of town competitive meets
For more info: (432) 684-7755

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Who: Try out for COM Swim Team
What: Empahsizes stroke correction and participation in local and out of town competitive meets.
For more info: (432) 684-7755

Central YMCA Water Aerobics Classes
When: Early morning, morning and evening
For more info: Call Leaf Faller (432) 682-2551

Central YMCA Arthritis Water Exercise Classes
When: Monday, Wednesday, Friday
For more info: Call Leaf Faller (432) 682-2551

Central YMCA Swimming Lessons
Who: All ages and ability
For more info: Call Leaf Faller (432) 682-2551

Tennis

Midland Tennis Club
How Much: Adult membership dues are $50, juniors $30, family $125
Benefits: Use of Midland College Tennis Center, Participation in MTC tournaments
For more info: Call 687-4046 or 563-1333

Midland College tennis classes
When: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-1:50 p.m.
Where: Midland College
For more info: Midland College (432) 685-4500 or Lance Armstrong (432) 687-4046

Youth Clinics
When: For children 4-8 years of age (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30-4 p.m.) and 9-15 years of age (Mondays and Wednesdays, 4:30-5:30 p.m. and 5:30-6:30 p.m.
Where: Midland College Tennis Center
For more info: (432) 687-4046

Midland Women's Tennis Association fall league
For more info: (432) 685-4163

USTA Spring Men's and Women's Tennis League
When: Through March 30
For more info: Contact Juanell Fort at 686-0277

Junior League Tennis
Where: Midland Country Club
When: March 26, April 2, 9, 16, 23, 30, May 7 and 14 at 1 p.m. each day
Cost: $70 for eight weeks
For more info: Call tennis shop at 682-0022

Pick Your Day Spring Break Tennis Camp
When: March 7-10
For: Levels include fifth and sixth grades (9-10:30 a.m.), 7th-9th grades (10:30 a.m.-noon), 9th and 10th grades advanced (noon-1:30 p.m.) and 11th and 12th grades (noon-1:30 p.m.)
For more info: Call Luis Valdez at 570-6245 or 889-2588

Volleyball

YMCA Youth Spring League
For: Boys and girls grades 3-9
When: Registration deadline is March 28
Cost: $25 for Midland YMCA members and $40 for non members
For more info: Call 682-2551

Adult Co-Ed Volleyball League
When: Registration through March 21; The league will begin March 26. All games on Saturdays
Cost: $125 per team
For more info: Call the Midland YMCA 682-2551

Walking

Midland Walkabout AVA Club Meetings
When: Once a month after Saturday a.m. walks
Where: Varies according to location of walk
Who: All ages
For more info: Call Alex Rose (432) 687-2588

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All responses must be received in the LEAP-RRTD office at the Permian Basin Regional Planning Commission, 2910 LaForce Blvd., Midland, Texas by 3:30 PM, Tuesday, March 22 and then publicly opened at 3:45 P.M. during the March monthly meeting of the La Entrada Al Pacifico Rural Rail Transportation District.
Responses shall be addressed to the Honorable L.D. Sipes, President, LEAP-RRTD, P.O. Box 60816, Midland, Texas 79711.

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Midland Chapter #253 Order of Eastern Star, 1600 W. Wall
Stated Meetings 2nd & 4th Tuesdays, 7:30 pm
WM Wilma Wheat
WP Ray Stailey

Midland Shrine Club 2019 Trade Dr 683-6222
Reg. Meeting. 3rd. Thurs. Hosp. 6:30 pm, dine 7 pm., Bus. meeting. 8 pm.
Bill Dormady, Pres.
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Al Mitchell, W.M.
James L. Hawkins, Sec.

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Regular Stated Meetings 2nd & 4th, Thursdays, 7:30 pm.
Robert G. Kiker, Sec.
Paul W. Burns, WM

Centennial Lodge #1448
Reg. meeting, 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30am.
Breakfast 7:30am.
570-0328.
Gary Moore W/M.
Bob Ellwood, Sec.

115 Announcements

Monday March 7, 2005

150 Lost & Found

FOUND MEDIUM-SIZED male. Salt and pepper. Looks like a Dingo Cow dog. Very smart. 458-3640 after 6pm.

REWARD. YOUNG gray and white cat with smudge on nose. Lost near Windtree Apartments off of Midkiff. 432-559-6538/ 432-638-6914

FOUND: Female Beagle with 2 collars in greenwood. Call 682-3425.

150 Lost & Found

LOST ONE 2 year old Pomeranian in the 1900 hundred block of East Pine. The dog's name is Buddy Love and the owner can be reached at 559-3073 or 694-7950. I would appreciate any help finding my friend.

LOST: Little brown female older Chihuahua. Aviare Apartments. Reward 686-0056.

LADIES SILVER Texas Tech coin ring. Lost around Summit Building on 300 N. Marienfeld and Illinois. Sentimental value. Reward! 689-7607.

LOST Large male Collie, black/ tan at South Midkiff truck stop. Call 770-0351.

LOST FEMALE cat orange and white tabby. Collar and tags. Needs medication. 684-9019.

FOUND SMALL brown male dog. Vicinity of Midkiff. 580-8715.

FOUND MALE neutered Black Lab. Large, very smart. Vicinity of Big Springs and Cuthbert. 687-5051.

LOST. WHITE dog with black spots, bird dog, 1 year, bobbed tail. Storey & Midland Drive. Member of the family. Call 631-3638.

FOUND: Female light brown Chihuahua wearing a purple harness near Lee Freshman 559-1868.

$500 REWARD-male chocolate brown, Italian greyhound. Lost Saturday February 26th. Contact (405)823-3897.

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DODGE 2003 Neon SE 4 door, dark blue, gray interior, 45K. Great economy car. $5,700. 686-7779, leave message.

OLDSMOBILE 1995 Cutlass. Immaculate, 1 nonsmoking owner, 66K miles, $3,800. 432-697-0130.

SATURN 2004 Ion coupe. $13,500- take over payments- $279 @ 0%- qualified. 520-2144, 770-3867.

CADILLAC 2001 Seville SLS- 54K, graphite color, extended warranty, fully loaded, excellent condition, $15,000. 697-3563.

CADILLAC 1991 DeVille, Pristine in and out, red/ red leather. Only 71K, alarm, tinted windows, new transmission. Maintenance records, 683-5202.

CADILLAC 1991 DeVille, Pristine, red/ red leather. Only 71K, alarm, tinted windows, new transmission. Maintenance records available $4,900. Call 683-5202.

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KITCHEN HELP wanted for Chinese restaurant. Experienced only. Call 694-5555.

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LOCAL FOOD distributor seeking qualified sales person. Inquire in person, 3801 S. County Road 1200, Midland, Texas.

SERVICE AGENT (Detailer)
National/ Alamo Car rental seeking highly motivated individual for Full Time position for detailing. Background, drivers license check. Drug screen. 18 years required. Days, evenings, weekends and holidays. Competitive benefits package. Apply at Midland International Airport Monday- Friday between 8:00 am- 5:00 pm.

310 General Help Wanted

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Walk-in interviews will be conducted on Wednesday, March 9, 2005 from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm, at the following locations: 4317 Andrews Highway. Applications are available at any Town and Country Food Store Location.

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Evening and Weekends

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Robert 956-227-2419

310 General Help Wanted

LOCAL OILFIELD service company looking for a Field Service Technician. Qualifying applicant must have clean driving record, be punctual, good at time management & self-starter. Responsibilities include maintenance of units, delivery vehicle, shop area & inventory of all supplies. Responsibilities for delivery of units to location include connection of power cables & water hoses, proper connection of rig sensor cables, setup of computers, test all sensors, inventory/ restock unit & maintain checklist accurately. Company benefits include 401K plan, group insurance, AFLAC, Profit sharing, uniforms, PEC Safety Training. Fax resume to 800/642-4789.

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MAINTENANCE PERSON for apartment complex HAVC preferred. Call today 432-697-6035.

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Sign- on bonus after 90 days. No experience needed! Self-motivation, multi-tasking skills, and a positive, honest attitude a must! Hands-on training provided. Must be able to work weekends and nights. Drug screen and background check required. Come join the world of pizza making with potential career opportunities & benefits. Apply now: EOE
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NATIONAL GREETING card company needs part-time merchandiser for the Midland area. Must have own phone and transportation. Respond to PO Box 52543, Midland, Texas 79705.

310 General Help Wanted

NATURAL FOODS Market is looking for an energetic, motivated person for cashiering, stocking & inventory control. Full time, 11am- 7:30pm with some Saturdays included. Apply in person at 2311 W. Wadley Ave between 9am-5pm Monday- Friday.

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Local office expanding in this area. Need hard-working people to fill the office & meet demands. Positions are full time permanent. Must have clean background & be neat in appearance. Will start pay at $400/ week. No experience required. Will train the right people. Call Monday & Tuesday ONLY 8- 5pm to schedule interview 432-520-0171.

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NOW HIRING desk monitor. Apply in person at 300 S. Baird.

NOW HIRING Full Service Gas Attendant. Evening position (2pm- 8pm). Excellent pay for the right person. Weekly bonus. Apply in person at Cecil's Chevron, 3301 N. Midkiff. (No phone calls).

314 Clerical Help Wanted

Looking for a job that provides meaningful work and competitive compensation? Consider a position in Jim Hill's Insurance Office.

Insurance Staff Position

- Assist with agent's marketing efforts
- Provide quality service to policy holders.
- Conduct needs based sales interviews in the agents office.
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This employment opportunity is with Insurance Agent, Jim Hill and requires the successful completion of licensing requirements to solicit and service insurance products.

Please mail or fax resume to:

Dustin Ptak
1101 N. Big Spring
Midland, TX 79701
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314 Clerical Help Wanted

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Join a successful high traffic auto repair business. In this key position, you will manage all vehicle service functions including assisting our growing customer base. You should be a strong leader with excellent Associate/ Customer communication skills. Along with the opportunity for advancement, we offer an excellent salary, bonus and excellent benefits. Contact:

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A growing Permian Basin based Independent Oil & Gas Company has the following two openings available:

Production/ WSU Foreman, Monahans Office
Responsibilities include supervising well service operations including artificial lift failure repairs, production facilities construction, workover and recompletion operations and supervising lease operators in daily operations. The position requires 5-10 years oil and gas experience in the Permian Basin, proficiency in the use of personal computers along with strong written and verbal communication skills. Drilling operations experience is a plus.

Production Operations Engineer, Midland Office
Responsibilities include well history review, upside identification, workover and recompletion procedures and subsequent field implementation. The position requires the applicant have an engineering degree with 2+ years of experience, proficiency in the use of personal computers along with strong written and verbal communication skills. New graduates with prior field experience will be considered as well as service company engineers. Drilling operations and a knowledge of reserve and economic evaluation experience is a plus. The position will require travel and supervising selected field operations.

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Please forward your resume, salary requirements and **both** personal and professional references via e-mail to: bwatson@stanolind.com or via fax @ (432)688-0057.

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Benny Boyd GM/CDJ in Lamesa needs QUALIFIED AUTO TECHNICIANS in all skill categories. Do you want to flag 40-60 hours per week? We have the work! We will pay up to $30.00 per flag hour for the right technicians with the right training. We are the fastest growing new car dealership in West Texas.

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310 General Help Wanted

EXPERIENCED FURNITURE MOVER Immediate position available. Call 218-6070, leave name and number.

SEVERAL immediate openings for Janitorial positions. Please call 522-2512.

SHOP HELPER/ Welder needed for busy oilfield trucking company. Must have some welding experience. Clean driving record required. CDL and trucking experience a plus. Paid vacations. Uniform and retirement plans available. Apply to Permian Petroleum Services, 4601 Rankin Highway.

SMILING FACES needed! Full and Part Time Cashiers needed for all shifts. Apply at Mobil Truck Stop, 10400 W I-20, Midland. Drug Free Environment.

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THE BAR is now accepting applications for waitstaff. Lunch only and or evening shifts. Apply between 8- 10am or 2- 4pm Monday- Saturday. No phone calls!

THE PETROLEUM Club is taking applications for full time dishwashers. Experience is a plus. All applications will be taken from 8:30 am to 11:00 am Monday thru Friday at 501 West Wall. No calls accepted.

WANTED HOTSHOT Truck Driver Class "A" CDL, two years experience, 25 years old or older. Drug and alcohol test required. Call 325-573-6338 or fax resume to 325-573-4760.

WANTED AUTOMOTIVE technician. Dealership experience preferred. Top pay and great benefits. Call Bill Cox 697-3293 or come by Performance Autoplex, 3705 W. Wall Street, Midland, Texas.

WAREHOUSE WORKER/ driver needed for lighting and appliance showroom. Position requires minimum 19 years of age, good driving record and ability to lift heavy objects. General warehouse knowledge and delivery experience required. High school diploma or GED required. Application will be taken between 9am and 4pm at Builders Choice, 3303 W. Illinois Suite B, Midland. EOE, M/F.

WOOD'S BOOTS is adding a talented salesperson to our staff. Are you that person? If you are goal oriented and have a drive to succeed, we have a full- time sales position waiting for you. Please bring by your resume or pick up an application at Wood's Boots, 812 W. I-20, Midland. No hone calls please.

311 Medical Help Wanted

CHIROPRACTIC Assistant

Needed Monday through Thursday, 2:00 pm- 7:00 pm. No experience necessary. Send reply to Box Y-2005 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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2 positions. Benefits available. Best pay and staff in our area! Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main.

EXPERIENCED ONLY

Dentures Plus is now hiring bilingual dental office manager and dental assistant for surgery, implants, and same day removable prosthetics for its new Angelo facility. Fax resume 512-380-0109.

LICENSED PHYSICAL Therapy Assistant needed for private practice outpatient clinic. Great salary, no weekends, work half day Fridays. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 12653, Odessa, TX 79768.

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10pm- 6am weekend relief. Candidate must have strong supervisory skills and good work history. $18.50/ hr. Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main, Midland, Texas.

311 Medical Help Wanted

NEEDED LVN/ RN's Full and part time for Pediatric cases in Midland. Also nurses needed for Medicare visits. Competitive pay and benefits available. Complete Home Health Care. (432)570-8899 or come by 2402 W. Wall, Midland.

OUR PATIENT oriented practice is expanding. We are in need of a dental assistant experienced in 4 handed dentistry. Please send resume to Dr. Andrew Kaufman, PO Box 8307, Midland, Texas 79708 or fax to 432-520-0720.

PHARMACY MANAGER POSITION AVAILABLE

Pharmacy manager needed at the Lawrence Bros. Pharmacy, located at 1613 W. County Road, Odessa, TX. Store hours are 9- 6 Monday- Friday, 9- 1 Saturday, closed Sunday. Closed holidays. Competitive salary and great benefits including sign on bonus, 401k, health insurance, and more. Plus the opportunity to work with the best associates in the grocery and pharmacy business. Please send resumes to P.O. Box 8, Sweetwater, TX 79556. Attn: Pharmacy Director. For inquired, please call (325)338-4334.

PHYSICAL THERAPY Assistant needed immediately for growing medical office offering exclusive, state-of-the-art therapy. Please bring resume with references to 702 Andrews Highway in Midland. No phone calls please.

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with home health experience needed to join a dynamic team of health care professionals.
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Terrace West Nursing and Rehabiltaion Center has a position open for a charge Nurse on the day and evening shift. CNA positions open on the day and evening shifts. If you are interested in joining our team. Please apply in person at: 2800 North Midland Drive, or call 697-3108.

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Full Time RN Position now available for rapidly advancing home health agency competitive pay and benefits. Call Rita @ Infusion Plus to join our dynamic innovative team @ 570-7587.

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311 Medical Help Wanted

VAN DRIVER- Transportation of residents to Doctors offices. Must have good driving record, be able to lift residents and have a pleasant attitude. Prefer CNA. Monday- Friday 9:00am- 5:00pm. Rockwood Manor, 2000 N. Main.

312 Professional Help Wanted

DENTISTS WANTED TO join exciting group practice in Midland, Odessa. Very high income. 505-930-2126.

BOOKKEEPER-SECRETARY

For independent oil & gas office. Must be proficient in Questa accounting system. Quicken and other basic computers skills. Hours 8 to 5, non-smoking environment. Send resume to P.O. Box 52107, Midland, TX 79710.

EAGLE ACADEMY of Midland is now hiring a special education aide. Must have passed the THEA or have at least 40 college credit hours towards their degree in education. If interested come by 2500 West Illinois. No phone calls please.

ENVIRONMENTAL TECHNICIAN

LLANO- PERMIAN ENVIRONMENTAL is seeking a highly motivated individual for an environmental technician position. Individual will perform soil and ground water sampling and various field activities throughout Texas and southeastern New Mexico. 4 Year degree is a plus but not necessary. Fax resume to 432-522-2180 or email to: tjordan@llano-permian.com.

ESTABLISHED ORGANIZATION seeking part time accountant to become member of senior management team. Approximately 30 hours a week. Degree and experience required. Includes financial reporting, payroll, A/P, and A/R. Analytical and interpersonal skills important. Send resume to Box M-8000 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NONPROFIT DRUG Prevention Organization seeking part-time employee. Approximately 25 hours per week. Volunteer management capability, sharp computer skills, strong organizational skills, service and community attitude, willingness to work with schools, adults and youth. Background in education and/ or drug prevention. Prefer degree, consider experience. Criminal history and reference checks made. EOE. Send resume to D FY IT of Midland, 615 W. Missouri, #233, Midland Texas 79701.

TECHNOLOGY SPECIALIST for small school district. Qualifications: A+ and MCP required, MCSE preferred. Skills: Working knowledge of Windows Server 2003, Windows XP Pro, RSCCC, networking, LANS and WANS, Printer repair a plus. Salary commensurate with experience. Deliver resume to Midland Academy Charter School, 500 N. Baird Street, Midland, TX 79701. Phone 432-686-0003 or Fax 432-686-0845.

WesTex Allied Communities is currently seeking applications for an Enterprise Facilitator®. Deadline 3/25/05. More information at www.sirolli.com employment opportunities.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

FRONT OFFICE Business Assistant needed for busy Oral Surgery practice. Excellent communication skills are a must, dental experience and bilingual are pluses. Send reply to Box Y-3025 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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STAGING, LIGHTING AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS

TOMCAT USA, Inc., the premier company of staging, lighting, and support systems in the entertainment industry is seeking

Welders

Aluminum TIG welders with 3- 5 years of experience, fabricating to close tolerance, blueprint interpretations, and interacting daily with team members from the Production Department. Salary: DOE.

Resumes will be accepted through Friday, March 25, 2005, and may be mailed, faxed, or emailed to: TOMCAT USA, Inc. Human Resource Department, PO Box 550, Midland, TX 79702. Email: glovan@tomcatusa.com Fax: (432)689-3805. Applicants are welcome to stop by 2160 Commerce Street, Midland to fill out an application.

Website: www.tomcatglobal.com
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★ Automotive ★ Technicians

Snowed under with work in February. Now selecting technicians with 2 years experience in brakes/ alignments and tune- ups. Top wages and benefits. To schedule an interview, please contact Brandon Larson at (432)682-4376 or apply at:

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

FULL CHARGE bookkeeper needed, three years minimum experience preferred, references required, salary dependent upon experience. Non-smoking office. No health benefits offered, 401K available. Will train on propriety accounting program, computer literacy required. Immediate opening available. Please reply to Box M-1023 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

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KELLY SERVICES is hiring 40+ customer service associates for immediate temp to hire positions. Requires typing, data entry, Word and Excel. Pay $8.00. Call Kelly Services 689-9801. Never an applicant fee. An Equal Opportunity Employer.

NOW HIRING receptionist. Must have 3- 6 months experience and be bilingual. Apply in person at 300 S. Baird.

PART TIME Assistant needed in chiropractic clinic for afternoons and 2 hours on some Saturdays. Duties include receptionist work, telephones, greeting patients, data entry. Fax resume to 432-689-0068.

PART TIME Oil & Gas Bookkeeper needed for small company. Proficiency in Microsoft Word and Excel required. Petroware experience a plus. Also includes light secretarial and 10 key. Send resume and references attention: Personnel, Box 3714, Midland 79702.

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316 Sales Help Wanted

ALLDREDGE GARDENS is accepting applications for Full Time Retail Sales Position. Highly motivated energetic people, who love the outdoors and gardening, should apply in person at 3300 Fairgrounds Rd. Experience preferred, but will train right person. Salary DOE. EOE.

SALES PERSON wanted with some bookkeeping and computer skills. Furniture experience and billigual helpful. Fax resume to : 694-3757 or call 699-0604.

316 Sales Help Wanted

FULL OR Part Time Inside Sales Consultant Wanted! Armstrong McCall Beauty Supplies hires fashionable, good communicators who learn quickly. Experience/ knowledge of the beauty industry helpful, not necessary. Must have computer skills, able to handle freight, fill and key orders. Call 520-0090 for appointment.

NATIONAL DEALER for Cellular One looking for aggressive store manager and sales people. Store's located in high traffic. Potential to earn over $30k per year. Contact 325-338-0590 or e-mail w4u@sbcglobal.net

NOW HIRING! Sales Consultants. Renew Home Warranties for industry leader. Earn $2- $3K/ month. No experience required, full time. No cold calling. Hourly guarantee + commission & Bonus opportunity. Benefits, 401K, Stock Purchase Plan. Positive, Professional Environment. Bilingual A+. 10 Positions Available. Approximate start date 04/06/05. First American H.B.P. Fax resume: attn: Paul. 707-547-2760. EOE.

NOW HIRING! Sales Supervisor. Salary + Commission + Bonus Opportunity. Full time, Benefited, 401K, Stock Purchase Plan. Sales Management Experience required. Positive, motivated. Bilingual A+. Evening hours. First American H.B.P. Start Date approximately 04/04/05. Fax resume: attn: Paul. 707-547-2760. EOE.

OUTSIDE SALES Consultant needed. Telewindow and Doors, stable and growing Co. Position requires high energy, self motivation. Two+years experience in high volume sales. Strong closing and computer skills. College Degree preferred, construction sales/ experience preferred. Salary position, bonus eligibility, profit sharing and full benefits including 401K. Email resume with salary History to: jobs@pellatexas.com

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Earn $700 to $900 + per week. No experience necessary. For interview call 1-800-777-8902.

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Product Quality Supervisor

Responsibilities: directing and coordinating quality assurance inspections, product testing and set-up along with shipping and warehousing functions for all fabricated and electrical products, with the proven ability to supervise and schedule personnel. Additional requirements: two years of welding with an AWS certification, blueprint interpretation, and basic computer skills.

AutoCAD Designer

A strong team player who enjoys a challenge, likes a casual work environment, and has 3-5 years of AutoCAD experience with AutoCAD 2004 preferred.

Resumes and applications will be accepted through Friday, March 25, 2005 and may be mailed, faxed, or emailed to: TOMCAT USA, INC., Human Resource Department, PO Box 550, Midland, TX 79702. Fax (432)689-3805.

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Opportunity Awaits!

Well established, family owned, and customer oriented business is looking for the right service person to join our team as a SERVICE TECHNICIAN.

GM and Chrysler experience preferred. Pay depending on experience. Benefits available.

Contact James McCrary
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318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

GENERAL MANAGER

High Volume Pizza Delivery Restaurant
- Great Pay & Benefits
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- Advancement Opportunities to District Manager or Owner

Domino's Pizza of Southeast New Mexico is looking for experienced high volume pizza GM's with excellent customer & people skills, high integrity and ability to successfully manage and build restaurants already doing over a million dollars a year in sales. Salary negotiable DOE, must be able to relocate. A minimum of 1 year GM is experience preferred with a desire for long term employment. Excellent Health & Dental plan & potential earnings with bonus of well over $50,000 a year. Resumes will be held in confidence; fax it today to our Company President at (505)627-1330, or call him directly at (505)420-3030 for details.

Papa John's Pizza
NOW HIRING:
General Managers, Assistant Managers, Shift Managers. Apply in person at 1341 University (Odessa, TX). Email Resume to: pvsatrobert@aol.com Fax Resume to: 806-745-3482 EOE

WOOD'S BOOTS

Is searching for a hard-working, inspiring store leader for our locations in Midland. If you like a little hard work, encouraging staff to accomplish goals, and love to develop long-term relationships with customers, then send your resume to: PO Box 60246, Midland, Texas, 79711. Retirement and medical benefits available.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

DIESEL CREW HAULER 1982 Fleetwood in excellent condition. Good tires. Economic transportation $2,800. Midland (505)977-8515.

ESTABLISHED GAS Compression Equipment Company is looking for an experienced shop mechanic. Must have general knowledge of Waukesha and Caterpillar Engines, Superior and Ariel cylinders. High school graduate, valid Texas drivers license, proven work history with 3 -5 years experience. $12.00- $15.00 per hour depending on experience with good benefits including medical insurance with drug card, vacation and sick pay, 401K, uniforms and other benefits. We are a drug free company with equal opportunity employment. Please send resume with wage history to PO Box 61710, Midland, Texas, 79711.

VACUUM TRUCK Driver- Must have Class A CDL. Steady Work. Insurance & Retirement Plan. Pay depends on experience. Midkiff Transports, 6601 FM 715, 432-682-2405.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

EXPERIENCED OIL & GAS accountant for E & T company located in Snyder Texas. Qualified candidates will have good working knowledge of oil and gas revenue. Distribution procedures, general ledger, and financial statement experience helpful. Strong computer and communication skills are essential. Submit resume and salary requirement to: PO Box 511, Snyder, Texas 79550.

LOOKING FOR employee for oil field related work. Experience not required. Not physically demanding. Extensive travel in and out of state. Starting wage $10 to $12 an hour, depending on experience. Room and board are paid. Ad paid for by FSFS Incorporated. EOE. Apply at: Work force network of Midland, 3510 North "A" Street Building A.

MANAGER. ESTABLISHED Oilfield Service company seeking Branch Manager with proven experience in the oil and gas industry. Excellent salary and benefits. Send resume and salary requirements to: Box P-6076, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MASTER CORPORATION is seeking a site construction manager with the ability to work in a team environment for local and out of area projects. must have a minimum of 5 years experience in industrial construction as it relates to the oil, gas, process and power industries. The position provides a competitive salary with field allowance, paid vacations, health insurance, 401K, company vehicle, and performance incentives. Qualified applicants should mail or fax letter of interest and resume to Master Corporation, PO Box 831, Odessa, TX 79760-0831 or fax to (432)362-5166. All applications held in strict confidence. EOE.

MUD ENGINEER

Strong independent mud company hiring trainee drilling fluids specialist. Benefits include retirement plan, company vehicle, health insurance and other benefits. Send resume to: Box P-6074, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NEEDED: An experienced machinist. Must have no less than 1 year verifiable experience and must pass a pre-employment drug screen. Apply in person @ 3510 E. Hwy 158, Midland, Texas 79706 or fax resume to 687-2077.

O & G INDEPENDENT seeks Secretary. Word/ Excel and basic bookkeeping experience. Job includes: receptionist, filing, word processing, and government filings. Non-smoking office. Salary DOE. Send resume with references to Box M-1024 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

RUSTY'S OILFIELD Service is looking for roustabout helpers and pushers. Apply at Rusty's in Stanton. 756-2821.

320 Skilled Trades

ELECTRICIANS

Electricians with experience in commercial/industrial needed for work on Goodfellow AFB (San Angelo). Contact Mike 512-563-1906 (cell) 8:00-4:00, M-F. Equal Opportunity Employer.

EXPERIENCED CLASS A CDL Belly Dump Operator. New trucks. Please call (432)631-1086.

EXPERIENCED MASON Tenders needed at Midland Lee High School. Please call Dave Bradley @ 254-379-2934.

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Equipment Operators
Laborers
(may be required to work out of town)
Salary DOE
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Jones Bros., Dirt & Paving
11401 S. Grandview
Odessa, Texas 79761

HIRING: Heavy Equipment (Trucks) Mechanic 2 Years plus experience. Welder (must be able to fabricate) 2 Years plus experience. Belly Dump 1 Year plus experience preferred. Valid Class A CDL. Call Vernon at: (432)332-5070. Salary DOE/ EOE. Jones Bros Dirt and Paving, 1401 S Grandview, Odessa, TX 79761.

INDEPENDENT CAR Dealership is seeking ASE Certified experienced Mechanic. For more information please call 432-352-7557.

LOCAL WELL established heating and air-conditioning Company. Needing experienced residential installers. Residential retrofit and construction installers needed. Top wages for experience, quality of work and attitude. Apply in person at 1101 W. Florida Avenue or call (432)687-1011 to set an appointment.

MECHANICS NEEDED. Small town, nice scenery, great lake, great schools. Want to work with a automobile dealership with great pay, great benefits & a great place to work? ASE certified preferred. Call Rob Bridwell at 325-998-9506.

NOW HIRING Commercial Construction Job Superintendent. Must be professional and experienced in all phases of construction. Drug test, pre-employment physical and travel required. Mail resume to: General Superintendent, PO Box 60708, Midland, TX, 79711.

SERVICE COMPANY now hiring field welder. Applicant must have valid TX DL. Drug screen required. Please apply in person at TCO Field Service, 3601 E. Highway 158, Midland, Texas.

321 Truck Drivers

$1,000 SIGN ON Bonus for experienced -crude oil hauler. Local hauls based in Midland. (325)725-0955.

321 Truck Drivers

READY MIX Drivers needed. Full time position with Transit Mix Concrete & Materials Co., a leader in the ready mix industry in Texas. Full benefit package, wage increase and 35 hours guarenteed. Must have good driving record and CDL license. Experience a plus. Apply at Transit Mix, 2608 North FM 1788, Midland, TX 79707, 432-561-9408 or 432-664-4155. Transit Mix Concrete is an EOE/ AA Employer.

DRIVERS NEEDED- Must have 2 years verifiable OTR experience, valid CDL A License and good driving record. Will be required to pass DOT Drug Screen & Physical. Apply to McClatchy Brothers, Inc., 3901 W. Industrial, Midland, TX. 694-9691.

★★★★★★★
Driver
$500 Sign on Bonus
Local positions available
- Assigned Equipment
- Paid Weekly
- Blue Cross/ Blue Shield
- 401K with company match
- Profit Sharing

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Class "A" CDL required. Join our Family Owned Company.
Amanda Webb@ 800-874-5852
Schwerman Trucking
www.tankstar.com
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PERMIAN PETROLEUM services needs experienced Hot Oiler Operators and Vacuum/ Transport Drivers with CDL and clean driving record. Uniform and Retirement plans available, paid vacations, good pay and plenty of work. Now offering sign-on bonus! Apply at 4601 Rankin Highway, Midland, or call 432-682-0434.

HIRING CDL truck driver/ heavy equipment operator for work in surrounding areas. Must be able to work long hours. 432-631-3285.

HIRING DRIVERS. Local Hauling. Must have CDl with Haz-Mat & Tankers. All New Pay Scale. Bonus Pay. Benefits Include: Flex Spending, Employee Assistance, Program, Health, Dental, Vision, Add. Life, Vacation, and 401K Plan. Scheduled Days Off. Apply at: 5901 W. Industrial, Midland, TX 79706. Contact: Ray Rangel, (432)689-6162.

330 Situations Wanted

ADMINISTRATIVE LAND Services: Organization of land records, files, preparation of letters, assignments releases, etc. on a contract basis. 31 Years of combined experience. Serious potential clients call 432-889-6225.

336 Adult Care Providers

COMPANION SITTER. I'm a Nursing Student available for evening/ overnight care. $8/ hour. Susan 432-889-1262.

GARAGE SALES

79705

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

ATTN: READERS Re: Advertising
It is against City ordinance to attach any notices or advertising matter to any utility pole. Please contact City of Midland Code Enforcement Office, 685-7410, for additional information.

DON'T MISS OUT!
The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.
Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

$20.50 $20.50 $20.50 $20.50

GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20.50

- ★ 7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)
- ★ 2 Days
- ★ ■ ✔ ● ♥ Stand Out Emblem
- ★ Garage Sale Kit (includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints. $7.50 Value!).
- ★ Package of Flavored Drink Mix (for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)
- ★ $3 Off Classified Coupon (Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get $3 off!)

Or Get 3 Days for Only $24.50!

Call 682-6222 Today!

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***Marty's**

1 Item Monday

Call or Fax your

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MUST SELL: Ladies Large Leather Chaps- black, like new! $100. Tina 432-694-4290.

VINTAGE KITCHEN cabinet, painted cream with green ivy, 78" tall, 18 1/2" deep, 42" wide. Has 2 sections, $250. Collection Russel Wright- variety colors, American Modern, Iroquois- 6 pieces, $425. No phone offers, 685-0771.

FOR SALE by owner spaces 1 and 2, Lot 193, Garden of Prayer, Resthaven Memorial Park $1,895 each. Call (661)722-1422.

FREE PHONE!
Easy credit. Free long distance $40- 1200 Minutes, $75- Unlimited; Call Rolen 631-3381.

REMOVED FROM house on North "D" St in Midland 2 weeks before Christmas. Approximately 6' tall painted aluminum cigar store style Indian, $100 reward, no questions asked. 528-3143 or 689-3898.

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MARSHALL ESTATE Auction. March 19th. Big Spring, Texas. Complete list to follow. View at springcityauction.com

MARTY'S MARKETPLACE

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

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

Don't want to spend a lot of cash?

*Marty's Weekday Special

3 Line Ad
1 Item Priced $300 or Less
Monday through Thursday ONLY
$4.00

Call or Fax Classifieds today to schedule your special Marketplace ad!

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MORGAN POOL. 24 round, 5.5 deep. Gave $5800 for pool, $1000 for deck- selling both for $2000. 262-5561.

4 BRIDGESTONE TIRES with rims. LT- 225/ 75R 16. 520-2059.

WHEN PLACING YOUR AD IN CLASSIFIED
Be Sure & Ask for the "New Today" banner to be placed on your ad.
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SUZUKI 1994 GN 125. With fairing, blue with pin stripes $800. Call (432)557-6988.

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ELECTRIC WHEELCHAIR like new, $1,500. Call (432)684-0806.

2001 JOHN DEERE- self propelled mower/ bagger, with front 360° radius wheels. $400. 689-3677 or 631-4131.

2 CEMETERY PLOTS at Resthaven North $1,200 for both. Gary 683-8774 or 557-1927.

Monday March 7, 2005

PORTER CABLE framing gun, roofing gun, finishing gun. Rigid dual tank compressor- still in box. 2- 100' hoses. $500 for all. 687-0351/ 770-8756.

BEAUTIFUL GERMAN CRYSTAL chandelier, 8 lights. New $6,000- will sell for $1,600. Call 634-2686 cash only.

MUST SELL: Ladies Large Harley Davidson leather Jacket- 100 Year, like new! $350 firm. Tina 432-694-4290.

TREES! TREES! TREES! Delivered and Planted. (432)685-5058

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2 TEMPUR-PEDIC pressure relieving (80" long) twin silent, adjustable beds with wireless remotes, memory foam mattresses and vibrator. Call 687-1163.

FORMAL STRIPPED hide-a-bed sofa, gold, teal, coral and green-like new. Italian Provincial rectangular coffee table and end table with mahogany finish, refrigerator, two chartreuse recliners, antique oak swivel chair, king size water bed. 6897246, 557-4070.

GLASS TOP dining table with 4 comfortable chairs. Good condition. $125.00. 697-7461.

REDUCED
DINETTE SET- Two pedestal table, two leaves, four chairs, lighted china cabinet, pecan finish. Excellent condition! $1,200. 432-699-5788.

DESK/ WORK table- new in box. 5' long- metal sides, no drawers. Beige. $45. 699-0507.

SOLID CHERRYWOOD king rice poster bed, chest of drawers, nights stands and armoire by Sumpter Furniture Company. Paid $5,500, will sacrifice $2,300. 416-0048.

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FREE WHOLESALE diamond list #LO2784. 1-888-827-9755. Email fjewels1@msn.com.

DIAMOND, 4 STONE, 3K total weight gold band, platnum setting. Paid $5,500- sell for $4,000. 631-8726 Saturday/ Sunday. Monday- Friday after 5. Serious inquiries only.

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415 Miscellaneous Wanted

BUYING SOUTHWEST Rapid Rewards as fund raiser for Children's Medical Foundation. (Also sell tickets) 1-888-834-2500.

HORSE TRAILER for two in good working condition. $300- $500. 694-6441.

WANTED: Borders Missions need caps, shoes, Levis, working steam irons and bed sheets (any size or color). 683-6627.

430 Household Goods

FREE PHONE!
Easy credit. Free long distance $40- 1200 Minutes, $75- Unlimited; Call Rolen 631-3381.

432 Household Furniture

BEDROOM SUITE. American Expressions by Thomasville. King bed, armoire, 2 side tables. $5,000.00 or best offer. 638-7100.

ORNATE CARVED china cabinet with leaded glass doors. Table with inlaid top and 6 chairs. $2,500. Also 7' Buffet. All for $3,500. 699-0511.

PINE STUDY/ Loft bedroom suit with desk, clothes drawers, ladder. Includes bedding and entertainment center. One year old. $675 firm. 528-3889.

QUEEN SIZE pillow top mattress sets. $179. Reddells Mattress Discounts, 432-522-1372, 432-694-9823.

413 Jewelry & Furs

COLLECTOR PAYING better than Dealer Prices for your Rolex or other quality watches. 694-1900/ 571-3222

BUYING MAJOR diamonds, Rolex watches, estate items, sterling flatware, gold and silver scrap, etc. Williams Jewelry Buyers. Wadley and Midland, 10- 6, Monday- -Friday. 689-2300.

ONE CT solitaire diamond engagement ring, paid $3,750 asking $1,500. (432)553-3292. See at: Houck's, 3211 West Wadley.

435 Household Appliances

REPAIR
FREE SERVICE Call with Repairs. Same Day. Reconditioned Appliances $100/ up. Washers, Dryers, Stoves, Refrigerators. M&M Appliances. (432)570-8278.

SUPERIOR APPLIANCE
Washers, dryers, gas or electric, stoves, refrigerators, freezers. Delivery and warranty available. Free appliance removal. 3408 Thomason Dr., Midland. (432)262-6313.

450 Sporting Goods

COLEMAN PROPANE camping stove, 2 burner, electronic ignition, new- never used. $50 cash. 352-7852, Odessa.

OVERSTOCKED 12X16 storage buildings, free delivery and financing availabe. (432)563-3108.

RUGER MODEL 77, 220 Swift with scope $500. 432-967-3182.

→NEW TODAY←
PERMIAN BASIN GUN Show- Odessa, Texas, Ector County Coliseum- March 19th and 20th 9:00am- 5:00pm. Sponsored by John and Shirley Pokorny 550-4835.

SOLOFLEX HOME gym, like new with butterfly and leg attachament, $500 obo 561-8470.

JIM'S GOLF CLUBS. Custom- Made Clubs, Repairs, Re-Grip. Lowest Prices. 3115 Haynes. Call 694-1334.

GUN SAFE- vault. Like new. $1300. 432-634-4808/ 432-448-2832.

460 Antiques & Arts

THE CAT'S MEOW. 408 Andrews Hwy. 687-2004

ESTATE SALE Service by Joseph and Team, over 30 years experience (432)689-8200 or (432)528-3985.

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LINDA L. BIDEN'S Estate Sales. "Proven Experienced Results". Call for appointment (432)686-9320. Please leave message.

JUDY JACKSON'S Estate Sales. An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536. 682-6147.

COLLECTOR Paying Better than dealer prices for your antiques, collectibles, coins, entire estate. 571-3222/ 694-1900.

470 Musical Instruments

ROGERS 5 PIECE drum set with two cymbals $475. Kimble baby grand piano $700. Both in excellent condition. 520-2237/ 770-8635.

PIANOMATE ORGAN attachment for piano. Needs amplifier. Sold new for $300. Asking $45. OBO 262-5516.

490 Computers/ Accessories

PENTIUM II 400 megahertz. Windows 98-SE. 64 meg memory. internet ready. 17" monitor. $135. 432-264-0910.

495 FOR FREE

PUPPIES. 1 Male, 1 female. Black Lab mix. Housebroken, sociable 683-3940/ 559-5657.

RED HEELER. Inside/ outside dog. Well mannered. Needs good home. 262-5263/ 425-6082.

NOT ENOUGH hens. Two Polish roosters- 6 months old. 689-3661/ 894-0153.

FREE HAMSTER. 432-262-3340.

TO GOOD HOME. 10 Month old female Pit Bull. Gentle, full blood. 354-2640.

1 YEAR OLD spayed female Shepherd/ Lab mix with current shots. Outside dog. Good temperment. 262-6771/ 634-0766.

FREE FEMALE schnauzer, 7 years old, spayed, salt/ pepper. 684-6299.

495 FOR FREE

PREGNANT CAT- needs a new home. Very loving. 697-0598.

2 FREE puppies to give away 634-0978.

ADORABLE KITTENS to good homes, 7 weeks old, Call 262-6219 after 5pm.

500 Pets and Supplies

BEAGLE PUPPIES AKC, Ready by March 23rd. Just in time for Easter $200 (432)699-7702

SHI TZU PUPPIES 7 weeks old. Call (432)620-9918

WESTIES. AKC, male $550, females $600. Ready 3/ 12/ 05 (432)694-2717.

COLBY PIT Bull puppies, born Christmas. Females $150. Males $100. (432)425-9970.

AKC ROTTWEILER puppies without papers $150. Full blooded Pit Bulls. Call 563-1614.

SHIT TZU black and white, male. 5 months old, with bed $110. 682-7806.

ROTTWEILER PUPPIES full blooded, parents on premises. Please call 262-5527.

ENGLISH BULLDOG puppies. AKC registered. Male and female. $1,500 to $2,000. 432-527-3436, 432-634-9198.

AKC ENGLISH bulldogs. 2 Females, 2 Males. $1500- $1700. Cash only. Serious inquiries. 682-4396.

PROFESSIONAL CAT and dog groomer needed immediately. For established grooming business. Be your own boss. Great pay, call 367-5156 for interview.

CKC TINY FEMALE Chihuahuas, shots & wormed, will deliver. $250 each. 432-345-2370.

FOR SALE: Shih Tzus, Yorkie Tzus, Basenji, Labs, Dachshunds and more coming in. Adobe Wells. 687-6388.

AKC LAB Puppies for sale www.geocities.com/pooleslabs Training available. Please call (806)633-4364.

500 Pets and Supplies

AKC REGISTERED Golden Retrievers for sale. Puppies will be ready to go to good homes one week before Easter. Mom and Dad are both on site. Serious inquires only. 367-4337.

FULL BRED male Blue Heeler. 1 Year old. Moving, must sell. $50. 352-0184.

505 Livestock & Poultry

ROUND BALES of Coastal Hay 4x6- $25 a roll. Please Call (940)659-2496.

510 Office Furniture & Misc.

DISPLAY SPAS up to 35% off on remaining stock. Free delivery and financing available. (432)563-1807.

A-1 OFFICE FURNITURE MOVED
401 West Industrial. Larger, 12,000 sq. foot warehouse. Open 9 -6, Monday -Friday. 683-8181/ 570-9599.

550 Portable Buildings

We move, buy, sell and rent portable buildings.
MORGAN
(915) 563-1860

BIG "RED" barn. Ready for delivery, financing available. (432)563-3108.

SEA CONTAINERS, ideal for storage. Weather and bug tight. 20, 40, and 45 feet. (325)468-2791.

560 Machinery/ Tools

ONE OF A kind 10X20 workshop, windows and wide entry door. Free delivery and financing available. (432)563-3108.

570 Oil Field Equip & Supplies

PUMPING UNIT for sale. The unit is a 320 with an 84 inch stroke. Concrete base. 40 HP electric motor with control panel included. Unit previously pumping from 8,300'. Unit is located in Stonewall County. Asking price $15,000. (432)684-7128.

600 For Rent

RENTALS 600

600 Rooms for Rent
601 Hotel Rooms
603 Roommates Wanted
604 Want To Rent
605 Apts. Furnished
610 Apts. Unfurnished
625 Houses Unfurnished
630 Houses Furnished
635 Condo/Townhome Furnished
640 Condo/Townhome Unfurnished
650 Mobile Furnished
655 Mobile Unfurnished
660 Mobile Home Space for Rent
665 Business Office Property for Rent
667 Comm'l Prop
670 Warehouses/Storage
675 Rec./Resort
680 Out of Town
685 Hunting Leases
690 Oil/Gas Leases
695 Oilfield Misc.

1808 CODY PLACE. Odessa, Texas. Cute house, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, sprinkler system, open floor plan, 1300 sq. ft., cul-de-sac, Nimitz & Permian school district. $300 deposit, $800 per month. Available now, unfurnished. Call Bert 634-6142.

EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

ALL real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to indicate any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, age, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitations or discrimination.

We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on equal opportunity basis.

Residential rental locators are required to be licensed by the Texas Real Estate Commission (P.O. Box 12188, Austin, TX 78711. 1-800-250-8732 or 512-465-3960). www.hud.gov/hdiscrim.html.

600 Rooms for Rent

ROOM FOR RENT by West Campus Hospital area.. Nice location. Please call 697-4675.

FURNISHED ROOM for rent. Excellent for college students/ others. All bills paid. $200 monthly, $100 deposit. Cable, TV, washer,- dryer provided. Call 967-0017.

605 Apartments Furnished

EFFICIENCY APARTMENT- Furnished, bills paid, basic cable, covered parking, very clean. New paint/ flooring. 432-687-5849.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

NO CREDIT Check New Owners, new management, new tenants. 1 or 2 bedrooms, $275- $450 monthly. Renaissance, Midland Drive & Neely, (432)520-3238.

QUAIL HOLLOW Apartment Now Leasing 1 and 2 bedrooms. Move in special for March is $155 moves you in. Call today 432-697-6039 or come by 3001 N. Midland Drive, Midland, TX 79707.

1 BEDROOM, 1 bath, near down town $325. month, $200. deposit. No pets call 520-4444. Must have good credit.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

Everybody's Talking about Villa Chateau
and how much money you can save with all **Bills Paid**
Extended Basic Cable Included
Spacious 2 & 3 Bedroom Apartment Homes
Unfurnished & Furnished
Senior Discount
Covered Parking
Washer/Dryer Conn. In Select Units
1603 N. Midkiff 694-1112
Professionally Managed By P.M.C.

3BD, 2BA Upstairs
Washer-Dryer Connections
Windsor Place
694-6696
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610 Apartments Unfurnished

ONE BEDROOM townhomes, 800 square feet, $275 per month. Two bedroom townhomes with washer and dryer connections, 1,050 square feet, $395 per month. Covered parking available. Call 694-5950.

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$99 Move-in
with Approved Credit
Free Cable!!
694-1349

IMPERIAL APARTMENTS 1 or 2 bedrooms, pool, laundry, carports, all utilities paid, 405 Sunset. 694-6542.

2 Bedroom Townhome
1175 sq. ft.
Covered Parking
Private Patio
Completely Elec.
Full Size W/D Connections
Free Gold's Gym
4400 Apt. Homes
697-7973
4400 Andrews Hwy.

625 Houses Unfurnished

FOR RENT 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 living areas. Available immediately. $550. per month, $400. deposit. References required. 1105 West Indiana. Call 694-7494 or 770-0074.

705 "D" KANSAS (alley) One bedroom, one bath, $400/ month, $250/ deposit. Bills paid. Williams & Associates. (432) 694-9663.

ONE YEAR LEASE on Bedford Drive- 2- 1- 1, 2 living . $800 plus $800 deposit. No pets. Excellent credit required. Owner/ Agent. 684-4177.

4402 VERSAILLES, three bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, no pets, $650/ month, $500 deposit. Call 522-1166.

THREE BEDROOM, one bath, water well, 903 West Kentucky, $450 monthly. Please call 697-2724 or 684-7535.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 2 car garage, fireplace. $750/ month. $600/ deposit. 5206 Belaire. 699-7316/ 553-8712.

NEW RENTAL HOMES
3/ 4 Bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, extra nice, extra clean, great locations, low maintenance, Lee High School. Starting at $975 per month. 432-967-3240/ 432-520-5096.

1003 WAVERLY, 2 bedroom, one bath, large backyard, $400 monthly plus deposit. Call 685-1847, 352-8418.

3 BEDROOM 1 bath, double garage, fenced, central air, 1107 North Big Spring. $600 682-5007.

EXCEPTIONALLY NICE- 3 bedroom, 2 bath. 3118 West Michigan. $750/ $750 deposit. 694-9863.

625 Houses Unfurnished

FOR LEASE: Beautiful home 3/ 2/ 2 north Midland. Spacious yard cul-de-sac. $1200/ month. $1200 deposit. Call 686-0245 or 638-1574.

LARGE TWO Bedroom, two bath duplex. Dining area, fireplace, washer & dryer connections, garage, fenced yard. 4215 Siesta. $550/ monthly. 432-697-7097.

VERY CLEAN 3 bedroom., 1 bath, single car garage, located in Southwest Midland. $600. per month. Call (432)686-2800.

PRINTZ PROPERTY Management, 684-8202. Homes, townhomes, duplexes- All prices and sizes. Jeannie Printz, broker/ owner.

ONE & TWO bedroom apartments, duplexes, several areas. Dunham Property Management, 685-3382.

BELEW REAL ESTATE
Offers new Racquet Club 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage, $975 a month, $500 deposit. Call 580-4558.

640 Condo Townhome Unfurn.

4601 LANHAM. 3 BEDROOM, 2.5 Bath. 2 Car garage. Nice, clean, and quiet. $975 per month/ 1 year. 520-5692.

FAIRGATE Townhomes, northwest side, 6 and 12 month leases, 2 and 3 bedrooms 1600 sq. ft. livable; all appliances, fans, fireplaces and garages. 686-2800.

THREE BEDROOM, three bath, double covered parking. $950, $900 deposit. 2100 W. Wadley. #20. 432-683-4864.

655 Mobile Homes Unfurn.

COUNTRY LIVING, 2 bedroom, all appliances, central heat. Nice and clean. $500. month, $250 deposit, no inside pets. Only outdoor pets. Call 682-9293 or 528-8914

NOW AVAILABLE- 2/ 3 bedroom mobile homes, all appliances, fenced yards, extra clean! Deposit required. No vicious dogs. 687-6324.

MOVE IN SPECIAL $69 monthly for one year, regularly $130. Lee schools. Quiet neighbors, great in-park management, paved, security fence. 432-563-1517.

660 Mobile Home Space for Rent

AIRLINE MOBILE HOME Park. Smooth Move! $450 to $650 savings. Call soon! 694-2534.

665 Bus. Prop./ Office Rent.

DENTAL OFFICE. Three chairs. About 2,000 sq. ft. Centrally located on Andrews Hwy. Good rate. Available immediately. 699-2188.

5,000 SQ. FT. of office space located in South Midland. $1,650 per month. Call 686-2800.

665 Bus. Prop./ Office Rent.

OFFICES single/ multiple (suites available). Executive suites optional. Rent includes utilities, custodial services, free parking. 2 Locations: 4500 W. Illinois, 600 N. Baird. 620-1500.

667 Commercial Property

FOR LEASE: all sizes and types of properties, office, warehouse, retail. 800 to 40,000 sq. ft. Some with fenced yards. 683-8681.

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