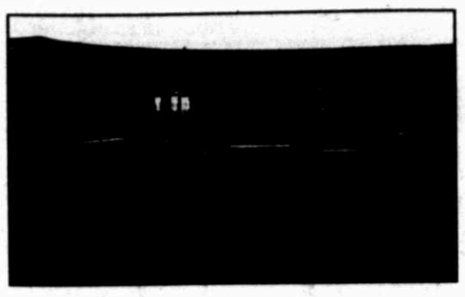
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RockHounds ballpark to get new name./**1C**



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Terri Schiavo's death sparks debate

By Chuck Raasch
Gannett News Service

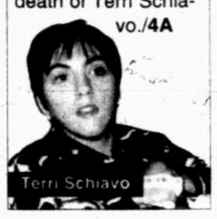
WASHINGTON — A perfect storm of science, law, media and politics thrust Terri Schiavo's life into the center of a national debate.

But is the frenzy over her death the vanguard of similar battles to come or a singular event in a political and cultural continuum? Like the deeply human questions that surrounded her at the end, the answer depends on who is asked.

"This could be one of those hinge-of-history moments," said American University scholar Allan Lichtman, who is writing a book on the modern conservative movement.

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Congressional reactions to the death of Terri Schiavo./**4A**



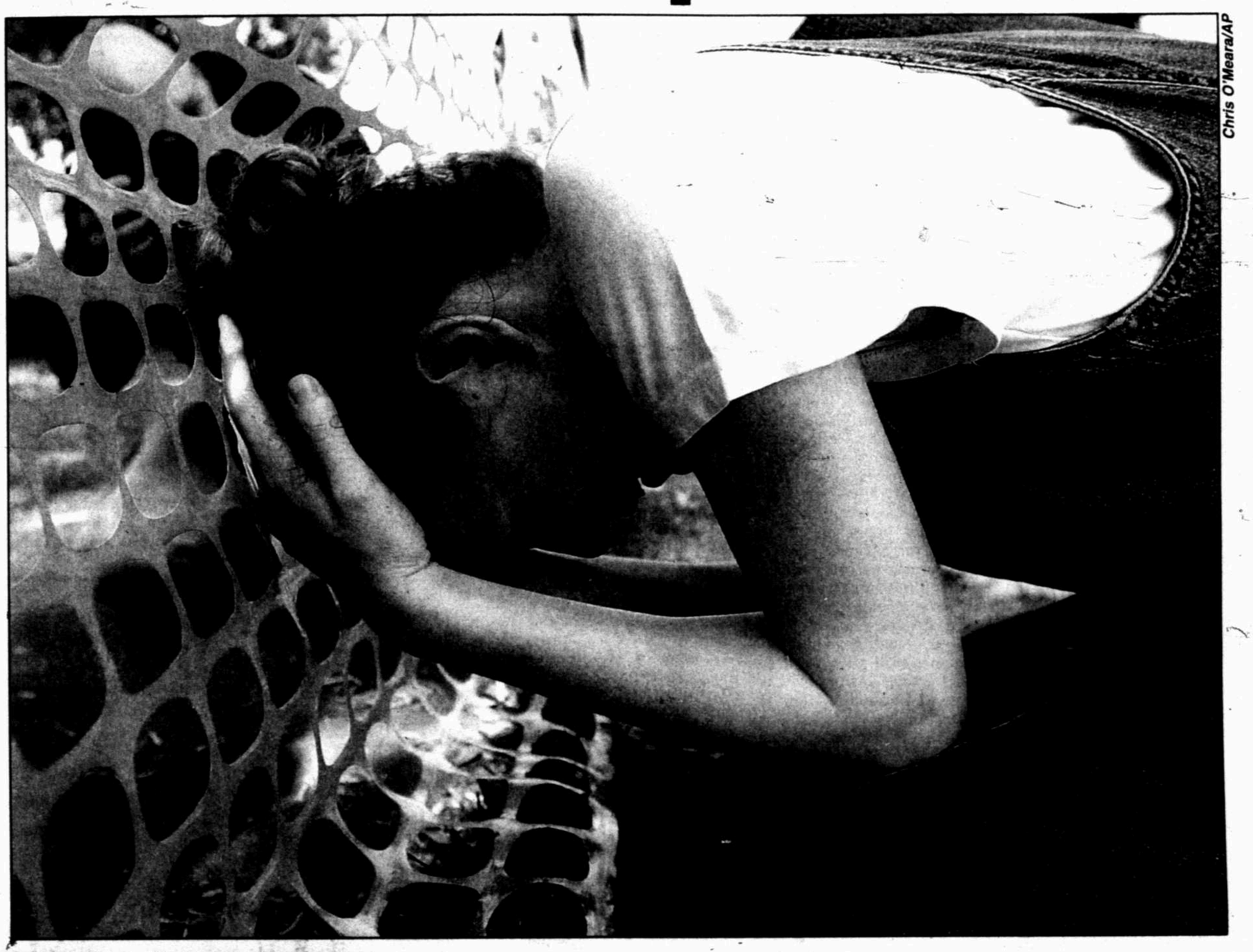
Terri Schiavo

But John Green, a professor of religion and politics at the University of Akron, isn't sure.

"A lot of us will forget about it when she passes away," Green predicted a few hours before Schiavo's death Thursday morning at a Florida hospice. "A lot of Americans didn't want to think about it in the first place."

As Schiavo's death played out over the last two weeks, many of the passions that have inflamed modern politics congregated at her bedside. As she lay in a twilight that no human could define with certainty, Schiavo told us more about us than her.

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Chris O'Meara/AP

GRIEVING A Terri Schiavo supporter buries her head in a temporary fence and cries outside the Woodside Hospice in Pinellas Park, Fla., after hearing Terri Schiavo had passed away Thursday morning.

Vatican says pope suffers heart attack, in 'very grave' condition

By Ian Fisher
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — The condition of Pope John Paul II was "very grave," the Vatican said early on Friday, and he was given last rites after suffering a heart attack Thursday.

The pope, 84, whose health has taken a steep dive in the past two months, had decided not to go to the hospital, and on Friday morning was "conscious, lucid and tranquil," his spokesman said Friday. He has also developed a high fever because of a urinary tract infection, the Vatican said.

In a terse statement on Thursday of three sentences, the chief spokesman, Dr. Joaquin Navarro-Valls, said the pope, who has looked gaunt and weak as his health has declined in recent weeks, was receiving antibiotics to treat the infection.

"The clinical situation is being closely watched by the Vatican medical team treating him," the statement said.

With little information from the Vatican — and amid a flow of pilgrims to St. Peter's Square as the news spread that the pope's health may be failing — there seemed conflicting signs of just how grave this latest complication was.

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PRAYING FOR THE POPE A nun prays in St. Peter's square at the Vatican late Thursday. Pope John Paul II developed a high fever Thursday because of a urinary tract infection, and was being treated at the Vatican with antibiotics, the pope's spokesman said. The development came one day after the 84-year-old pontiff began receiving nutrition through a feeding tube.

Pier Paolo Cito/AP

Andrews nuclear waste dump wins praise, draws questions at hearing

By Bob Campbell
Staff Writer

ANDREWS — In about 18 months — if a nuclear waste repository 30 miles west of here clears all governmental hurdles — it'll be fully licensed by the state and start taking low-level radioactive waste from around the nation, 200 people were told at a public hearing Thursday night.

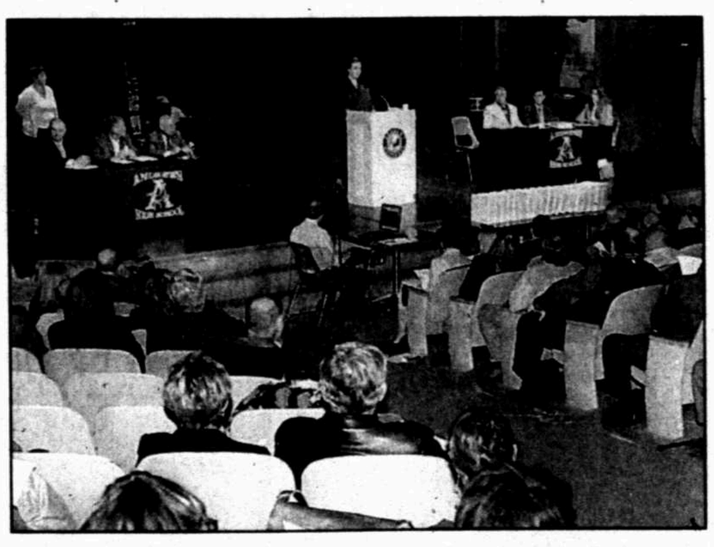
"This is not something that just happened on the spur of the moment," said Mayor Robert Zap, explaining he and other officials have asked hard questions to repository owner Waste Control Specialists of Dallas.

State Sen. Kel Seliger, R-Amarillo, told the crowd at Andrews High School he became familiar with radioactive facilities during his eight years as mayor of Amarillo, where the Pantex nuclear warhead assembly plant operates.

Seliger said he will support the repository as long as the people of Andrews want it and said they should keep reiterating that support to him.

Saying he's lived in Andrews County since 1934, John Post asked WCS Vice President for Licensing Dean Kunihiro what the company will do with the 700 boxcars, or 1.5 million cubic yards, of Ohio waste it has already started burying at the site if the Texas Commission on Envi-

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WASTE SITE FORUM Andrews High School auditorium was transformed into an open forum with elected officials, county personnel and concerned citizens Thursday evening discussing the nuclear waste site outside of town.

Kris J. Murante Reporter-Telegram

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Texas unemployment figures

Following are the preliminary February unemployment rates with revised January figures in parentheses for Texas metropolitan areas. The figures are not seasonally adjusted.

Midland 4.4 (4.4)
College Station-Bryan 4.5 (4.7)
Amarillo 4.6 (4.5)
Lubbock 4.6 (4.7)
Abilene 5.0 (4.9)
San Angelo 5.0 (5.0)
Austin-Round Rock 5.1 (5.1)
Tyler 5.3 (5.7)
Wichita Falls 5.3 (5.4)
Waco 5.4 (5.4)
Odessa 5.6 (5.7)
San Antonio 5.7 (5.7)
Longview 5.8 (5.8)
Texarkana 5.8 (5.9)
Victoria 5.8 (5.8)
Dallas-Fort Worth 6.0 (6.0)
Killeen-Temple-Fort Hood 6.0 (5.9)
Houston-Baytown-Sugar Land 6.1 (6.1)
Sherman-Denison 6.1 (6.1)
Laredo 6.5 (6.5)
Corpus Christi 6.6 (6.6)
Beaumont-Port Arthur 7.9 (8.1)
El Paso 8.5 (8.5)
Brownsville-Harlingen 8.9 (9.1)
McAllen-Edinburg-Pharr 9.2 (9.7)

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Help Wanted: Midland continues to have lowest unemployment in state

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

Midland continued to boast the lowest unemployment rate in Texas in February, recording a 4.4 percent rate, the Texas Workforce Commission reported.

Although the Midland metropolitan statistical area unemployment rate was unchanged from January, said Robert Crawley, a labor market analyst with the commission, "it's a positive development that there were more people employed in February than in January."

Total nonagricultural employment grew by 700 jobs from January from February and by 1,000 jobs from February 2004, with 300 of the February jobs coming in the government sector, primarily the school hiring for the spring semester, he said.

"It's also notable that from January to February there were small increases — about 100 each — but in numerous industrial categories," Crawley said, noting that of the commission's 10 major industrial sectors, five experienced growth.

Indeed, help wanted signs are popping up all over Midland, from restaurants to florists to retail stores.

The Office Depot store in Midland is looking for part-time workers to beef up its staff, said store manager Margaret Magalian, who is looking to hire cashiers, sales representatives and customer service representatives.

She said she has been pleased with both the number and quality of applicants.

Help wanted signs are also up at local oil companies, said Morris Burns, executive vice president of the Permian Basin Petroleum Association, who said the industry's hiring situation "is not as critical as it was two years ago."

Members tell him, he said, that they are still "looking for folks who can pass a drug test."

The prolonged rise in oil and natural gas prices over the last couple of years — currently hovering near record highs — has "without doubt"

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OBITUARIES



Lloyd George Crabtree

Lloyd George Crabtree, of Midland, passed away Saturday, March 26, 2005.

He was born in Sour Lake, Hardin County, Texas on August 20, 1916, the second son of William Frank Crabtree and Jesse Cornwell Crabtree. Lloyd grew up and went to school in Daisetta, Liberty County, Texas and worked in the oil field while he attended Texas A&M College. He married Margaret Cooper Crabtree in 1941 and entered the service of his country in 1943. He was in the U.S. Army Air Corps, serving as Bombardier on a B-17 in the 367th Bombardment Squadron of the 306 Heavy Bombardment Group based in Salisbury, England. On July 11, 1944 his plane was shot down while on a mission over Apeldoorne, Holland and he was a Prisoner of War, being imprisoned in Stalag Luft I, near Barth Germany. He was the sole survivor of his crew of ten men. In May, 1945 he was liberated and returned and settled in Blanco County, Texas. He wrote and published "Every Twenty-Nine Seconds" about his experience in the war and as a P.O.W. It is a brave and humorous testimonial to our valiant armed services.

Margaret and Lloyd moved to Houston in 1953 where he attended and graduated from the University of Houston in 1956. He worked for the Texas Employment Commission until his retirement in 1976. They were active members of Bethany United Methodist Church in Houston until they retired to live on a beautiful mountainside outside of Medford, Oregon. They returned to Midland, Texas in 1988 where they resided in Manor Park. A keen reader, Lloyd was always available to share his knowledge with or loan a book to a friend. He was a dear and caring son, brother, husband and uncle.

Lloyd was predeceased by his wife, Dr. Margaret Cooper Crabtree and brother, Thurston Price Crabtree. He is survived by his sister, Mary Frances Smith of Midland, TX; nieces, Phyllis Ann Crabtree Howell of Alice, TX; Mary Elizabeth Smith Lampe of Fort Worth, TX; and nephews, Darrell Frank Smith of Boerne and Kenton Lloyd Smith of Houston, TX.

Memorial services celebrating the life of Lloyd George Crabtree will be held at Manor Park in the Chapel on Saturday, April 2, 2005 at 10:00 A.M. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that memorials be directed to Manor Park, 2208 N. Loop 250 West, Midland, Texas 79707 or West Texas Aphasia Center, 2800 W. Illinois, Midland, Texas 79701.

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Billie Carlene Matheny-Spisak

Carlene Matheny-Spisak, 54, of Odessa, passed away on March 30, 2005 at her residence. Car went to Latter Rain worship Center.

Services will be held at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel on April 2, 2005 at 2 P.M. with pastors Craig and Sissie DeArmond officiating of Latter Rain worship Center. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

Carlene is survived by her husband, Bill Spisak; daughter Christine Matheny of Austin; sons; Curtis Matheny and wife Christina of Austin, Michael Matheny and wife Tresa of Ft. Worth; brother, Michael Wilson and wife Sue of Odessa; grandchildren, Justin, Kelsey, Garrett, and Dylan.

Services are entrusted to Sunset Memorial Funeral Home.



Lorraine Detmore

Lorraine Detmore, 90, of Midland, passed away on Wednesday, March 30, 2005, in a local nursing home. The family will have a visitation on Saturday, April 2, 2005 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at their home, 1002 Dunbar in Midland.

She was born on February 27, 1915, in Galveston, Texas on her father's birthday. She graduated from Ball High School in 1933 and later attended Texas Women's University in Denton.

Lorraine and her family moved from Houston in 1946 to Alvin where she lived until 1970 when she moved back to Houston to work for Dow Chemical Co. She retired from Dow in 1983. In June of 1999 she moved to Midland to be near her family.

She is survived by daughters Deanna Avant and husband Dale of Oakdale, CA, Carolyn Larson and husband Allen of Midland; grandchildren, David Avant and Denise Avant of Oakdale, CA and Jeff Larson of Houston; great grandchildren, Joseph Ahrenholtz of Oakdale, CA and Brianne Ford and husband Rusty and their children Meagan & Preston of Gallup, NM; nephews, Karl Ohlhausen & Gordon Ohlhausen of Houston and one niece, Janel Garnett of Snohomish, WA.

In lieu of flowers the family suggests memorials be made to Spirit Wind c/o St. Luke's United Methodist Church, 3011 W. Kansas, Midland, TX 79701.

Arrangements 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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Patricia Gideon

Patricia Gideon, of Midland, passed away Thursday, March 31, 2005.

She was born December 13, 1934 to Carl Edward Watson and Dieletta Hickey Watson in Comanche County, Texas, and was raised and educated in Ballinger, Texas. Patricia graduated from Odessa College School of Nursing as a registered nurse. She had been an employee of Midland Memorial Hospital.

She was preceded in death by her parents, and her husband, Wayne Gideon.

Patricia is survived by her good friend, Bob Wilson of Midland, TX; sons, Courtney Gideon and Tommy Joel Gideon and his wife, Tisha, all of Midland, TX; granddaughter, Natalie Joy Gideon of Midland, TX; grandsons, Tanner McKay of Odessa, TX; Noah Chase Gideon of Midland, TX; brother, Carl Watson of Mason, TX; nephews, David Watson and Daryl Watson and family, all of Mason, TX; Brian Watson and family of Houston, TX; Benny Gideon and family of Abilene, TX; cousin, Herbert Thurman and his wife, Maurene, of Midland, TX; and numerous extended family members.

The family will receive friends at Ellis Funeral Home, Friday, April 1, 2005 between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 8:00 P.M.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 3:00 P.M. Saturday, April 2, 2005 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the American Cancer Society, 2304 W. Wadley, Midland, Texas 79705 or to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702.

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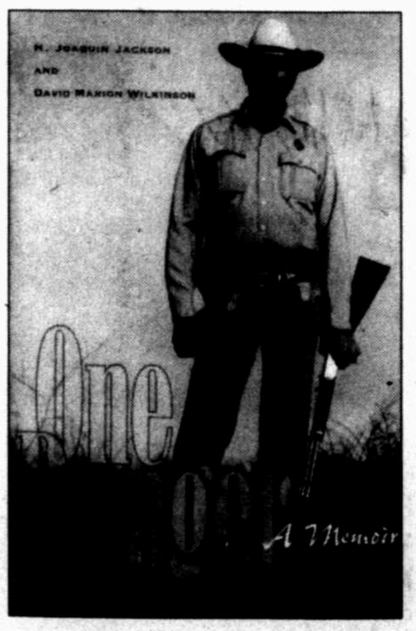


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DEATH NOTICES

Jack Nobles

Jack Nobles of Midland died Thursday, March 31. Visitation will be 5 to 7 p.m. today, April 1, at Ellis Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 3 p.m. Saturday, April 2, at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Bob Bell

BIG SPRING — Bob Bell, 77, of Big Spring, died Tuesday, March 29, at his residence. Private services will be held at a later date.

He was born Dec. 19, 1927, to William and Rachel Bell in Fort Worth and had lived in Howard County for 70 years. He graduated from Coahoma High School and served in the U.S. Air Force. He was a sports broadcaster and radio personality.

He was preceded in death by his parents.

Survivors include one son, Brad Bell of Denton; one brother, William Bell Jr. of Granbury; and one grandson.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 10 Desta Drive, Suite 220 E, Midland, 79705.

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

Nora Hudgens

ANDREWS — Services for Nora Mae Hudgens, 79, of Andrews, will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 2, at Maranatha Assembly of God Church in Andrews with the Rev. Dean Williamson and Jimmy Braswell officiating. Burial will follow in the Andrews Old Cemetery, under the direction of McNett Funeral Home in Andrews. She died Wednesday, March 30, in Odessa.

She was born July 15, 1925, to Frankie and Bertha Awbrey in Paducah. She married Presley Hudgens Aug. 7, 1943, in Hollis, Okla. They moved to Andrews in 1964 from Kermit. She was a homemaker and a member of the Andrews Church of God.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, two brothers and one sister.

She is survived by her two daughters, Barbara Helms of Odessa and Nora Warnick of Andrews; two sisters, Marnell Thompson of Sasakwa, Okla., and Linda Awbrey of Andrews; five grandchildren; and 18 great-grandchildren.

Online condolences may be made at www.mcnettfuneralhome.com.

Saddle Club Ranch Estates resident pleads guilty to drug, weapons charges

From Staff Reports

Arrested Feb. 7 at his Saddle Club Ranch Estates home in northwest Midland, Mark Douglas Cecil has pleaded guilty to charges of being an unlawful drug user in possession of firearms and of growing and possessing marijuana with the intent to distribute it.

U.S. Magistrate L. Stuart Platt accepted Cecil's plea Wednesday and set sentencing by U.S. District Judge Robert Junell for June 30.

Cecil, 44, was represented by Midland attorney Richard Alvarado and prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney John Klassen. He is subject to a maximum of 10 years in federal prison on the firearms charge and up to five years on the drug charge.

Cecil was arrested when officers of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, Midland County Sheriff's Office and Midland Police Department executed a search warrant and found five marijuana plants and five pounds of the drug in an enclosed tack room in a shop building behind his brick home.

Thirteen firearms, including a 5.56-caliber Armalite rifle, .30-caliber military carbine, two 12-gauge shotguns and a half-dozen pistols, were in a gun safe, bedroom and other locations in the house, officers said. They said possession of the weapons was illegal because Cecil was a drug user.

Authorities arrest Odessa teacher for possessing child porn

From Staff Reports

ODESSA — A 52-year-old substitute teacher for Ector County Independent School District has been arrested by federal authorities for possessing and trafficking in child pornography.

A U.S. District Court grand jury sealed indictment was issued against Richard Dewain Westfall of Odessa March 16, and he was arrested Wednesday on charges of possessing a computer hard drive and Memorex compact disc containing "visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Grant Sparks of Austin Thursday.

Released on a $10,000 bond, Westfall also is accused of "transporting and shipping" such images on the Internet. He is charged with having child pornography in his possession last Sept. 7 and sending such images on the Internet May 27, 2004.

Sparks works for the Western District of Texas' Cyber Crimes Unit, he said.

Lynne Norwood, director of human resources and supervisor of ECISD's 500 substitute teachers, said Westfall had worked in the district's secondary schools since the fall of 2002. "He had a clear criminal history check or we wouldn't have hired him," said Norwood, adding Westfall also had an unblemished work record.

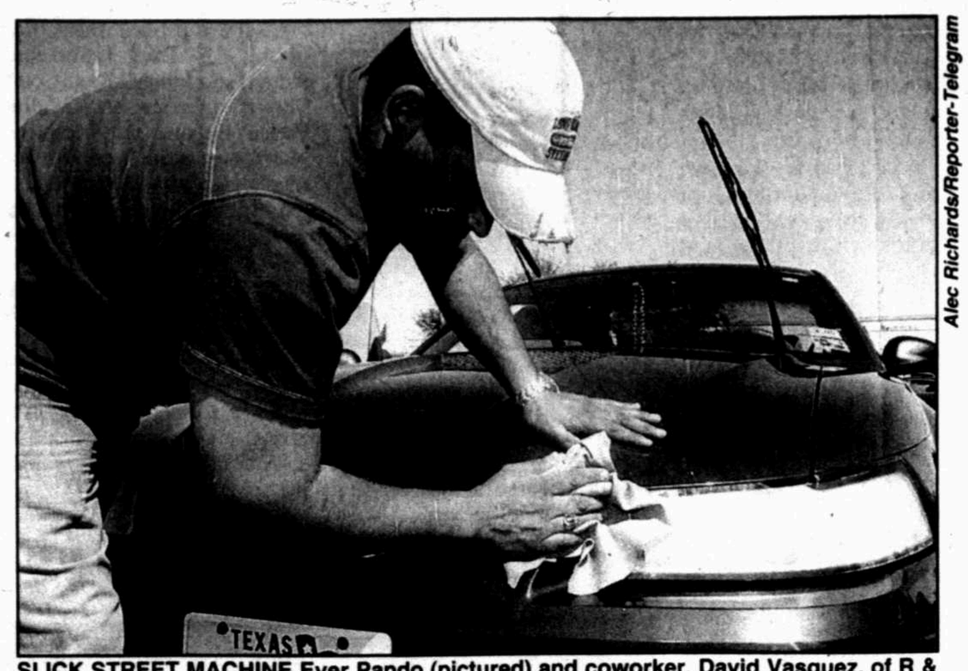
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SLICK STREET MACHINE Ever Pando (pictured) and coworker, David Vasquez, of R & R Mobile Wash Steam Service polish a Ford Mustang on N. Baird Street, Wednesday afternoon.

POPE

(From 1A)

Quoting anonymous Vatican sources, ANSA, the Italian news agency, said that the pope was responding well to the antibiotics. Nicola Cerbino, a spokesman for the Gemelli clinic in Rome, where the pope was admitted twice in February with the flu and serious problems breathing, said there were no plans to readmit him "tonight — at least for the moment."

Other Italian news agencies reported that the pope, who has suffered for years from Parkinson's disease, had been administered the Roman Catholic sacrament for the sick and dying, often known as last rites and formerly called Extreme Unction. There was no confirmation from the Vatican, and spokesmen for the pope could not be reached early on Friday morning.

The last time he is known to have been administered the last rites was on May 13, 1981, after he was shot by a would-be assassin in St. Peter's Square, almost three years after he was chosen pope.

Early Friday morning, the pitch of worry around the Vatican and among the pilgrims and tourists was especially high, after a Holy Week in which he was too ill and feeble to attend any of the ceremonies except for Mass on Easter Sunday. Even then he was so weak that no words came out of his mouth when he tried to deliver his traditional Easter blessing from the window of his apartment overlooking St. Peter's Square.

On Wednesday, in his most recent public appearance, he again tried to speak, but also failed. Hours later, the Vatican announced that doctors had threaded a feeding tube through his nose and into his stomach to ensure that he was properly nourished. The news came in the first medical statement from the Vatican in more than two weeks and, unlike a string of earlier, more upbeat reports, it characterized the pope's recovery as "slow."

After months of what seemed relatively stable health, the pope's condition has declined since Feb. 1, when he was admitted to Gemelli hospital suffering from flu, fever and spasms of the throat that caused severe problems breathing. He was discharged on Feb. 10, but was taken back to the hospital two weeks later with similar symptoms. That night, doctors performed a tracheotomy to assist his breathing.

Doctors said that urinary tract infections are usually treatable, but that the pope's age and advanced illness could present complications.

Dr. Harry Fisch, professor of clinical urology at Columbia University Medical Center in New York, said that such infections in men the pope's age typically come from the prostate, "and they can be severe."

"These infections tend to be readily treatable with antibiotics," Fisch said. "They are normally not life-threatening, but in the elderly and debilitated, they can be. The fever won't drop immediately. It can take a day."

Fisch said that a catheter — a tube inserted into the bladder of bed-bound patients to drain urine — can make such infections worse. The Vatican has not said whether the pope has a catheter.

Doctors said that infections often caused a drop in blood pressure — and several unconfirmed news reports said that the pope was in fact suffering from a drop in blood pressure, a development doctors said could lead to decreased levels of consciousness.

Just after midnight, the entrance to St. Peter's Square was ringed by dozens of television cameras and journalists, as well as pilgrims and tourists peering up to the window of the papal apartments, where John Paul II made his most recent, pained appearances.

The light in the apartment was shut off around 11 p.m., later than the pope's usual bedtime. But a light in a room with medical equipment remained on past midnight.

Pilgrims and tourists alike seem to have been of two minds about the pope's latest illness. Despite many contentious positions on social issues, the pope has remained extremely popular among many Catholics, and many visitors have expressed deep sorrow at the prospect that he may die soon. But many others also have worried about the pope's suffering, evident in every recent public appearance.

"He'll finally be at peace," said James Butler, 16, part of group of students from Dublin visiting Rome, who arrived at the Vatican just after midnight on Thursday.

Unlike in other recent papal health crises, Italian television switched its programming to extensive coverage not only of the status of the pope's health, but of his life and legacy. The state broadcaster RAI interrupted its political talk shows on television on Thursday to ask guests to comment on the pope. Several stations began airing long retrospectives of his 26-year pontificate, one of the longest in the history of the Roman Catholic church.

DEBATE

(From 1A)

Her case exposed fundamental conflicts in the powerful conservative movement. It highlighted the political left's continuing struggle on the ubiquitous "values" debates. It reminded Americans of the ethical paradoxes ahead with medicine's incredible advances. And it illustrated the surround-sound effect of the 24-hour news cycle on our democracy and lives.

Here are points to ponder as Schiavo transforms from cause to legacy:

■ She was somewhat atypical in that both her medical condition was in dispute and her family took a 15-year, private split over her care to the public. Schiavo's parents wanted to continue giving her food and water through tubes, but her husband said she told him she would not want to live that way.

■ Her death arrived at the intersection of a quarter century of debate over religion and moral values in politics and an increasingly litigious society. Schiavo's plight played out over seven years in Florida courts and legislative chambers before Washington got involved earlier this month.

"This is an unusual case, both because of the family split and the person's physical condition, that brought the attention of the courts," Green said. "It was fought out in the courts and when one side did not get what (it) wanted, (it) began to reach out to the various religious communities and religious groups. It also came at a time when religious communities had become fully engaged in politics. ... Some groups took this as what was wrong with the country. And when they did that, they invested a great degree of effort — both rhetorical and political."

■ The politics are not as clear as right versus left.

While the latter-day crusade on Schiavo's behalf was led by anti-abortion figures such as Randell Terry, many conservatives were troubled that Republicans in Congress and President Bush got involved. Some, such as former GOP senator and Episcopal priest John Danforth expressed fears that the Republican Party appeared to be moving toward a theocracy. In polls, roughly three in four Americans said Congress should have stayed out of the family's dispute.

The opposition, Green said, "stretched across the political spectrum. A lot of religious conservatives and a lot of Republicans disagreed (with Congress' involvement). This was more a practical majority rather than an ideological one, the idea that these are very tough decisions and politicians should just stay out."

Democrats appeared equally divided.

"There are some groups in the Democratic coalition who were troubled, many in the disabilities community who were disturbed (when the feeding tube was removed)," Green said. "People in the pro-choice community were afraid that this issue would somehow get attached to the abortion issue, so there was some reluctance to get involved. There ... were many Democrats who didn't want anything to do with this, just wanted to stay out."

■ The Schiavo case displayed a fundamental conflict between two pillars of the modern conservative movement, free enterprise versus what Lichtman says is "a traditional Christian morality."

One pillar consists of a belief in limited government and individual freedom and rights, and abhors an activist judiciary and the federal government meddling in state issues. All of these beliefs were transgressed when Bush and Congress got involved in the Schiavo case. The other conservative pillar believes that the Constitution's guarantee of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," demands the state must "err on the side of life," as many conservatives put it. Washington's involvement was legitimate and necessary under this belief.

Schiavo's case became so compelling, Lichtman said, "because it does have a human face to it, and it does bring together, in a way we have not seen so clearly before, the tensions and the splits within the conservative movement.

"In recent history, it has been the liberals who have been divided and split," he said. "All of a sudden there comes a case that reveals fragmentation among conservatives, and it comes together in a very memorable case."

■ The media feeding frenzy illustrates how the appetite of the 24-hour news cycle has fundamentally changed the dynamics of conflict. Talk TV was filled with advocates making the same case over and over again, and the Internet was aflame with debate over one woman's life. Countless doctors, politicians and lay persons made conflicting medical diagnoses based on the same video of Schiavo continuously shown on TV.

"Conflict equals coverage and so here is this compelling story," Green said. "We have the technology, the 24-7 coverage and cable, and so there is a lot more instant communication, or something close to it. So people, if they become engaged, they can be kept engaged on a continuing basis. So I think that that does have a lot to do with it."

But Pew Research director Andrew Kohut didn't think coverage drove the debate.

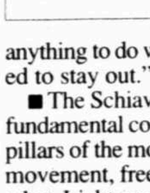
"I am a great believer in how the media environment changed politics, but this is an issue that would stand on its own merit," he said. "How? Because of its own uniqueness, to the extent that this rang a lot of bells for Americans, a lot of alarm bells, from many different angles."

■ The case is only a slice of the end-of-life debate that goes on every day, in nursing homes and hospices around the country.

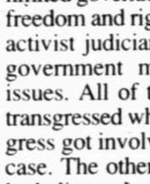
Alice Herb, a medical ethicist at the State University of New York Health Science Center at Brooklyn and Sarah Lawrence College in New York, said her greatest fear is for the growing number of people in nursing homes with terminal diseases or dementia but no family members or guardian to make decisions.

"What we need is a public consensus," Herb said. "We need some public debate on this. We have so many people uninsured, such unbelievable health care costs, why don't we decide who needs treatment, when and where? Why don't we come to an agreement on who protects these patients?"

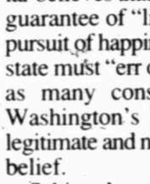
Congressional reactions to death of Terri Schiavo



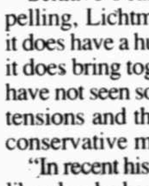
Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Midland — "It has been a long road for Terri Schiavo and the Schindler family, and unfortunately that road came to an end today. I am deeply saddened by Terri's death. I commend those of my colleagues in Congress who worked so hard to protect her right to live. Throughout this difficult dispute, there were serious questions about Terri's true status, and it was disappointing and tragic that we as a society did not err on the side of life in this case. My heart goes out to the surviving members of her family."



Rep. Randy Neugebauer, R-Lubbock — "My deepest sympathies go out to the family and friends of Terri Schiavo. It is my hope her family can find comfort and solace in the fact that the prayers of a nation will be with them and with Terri. I also hope that as we move forward from this dark day, we work to build a deeper respect for the sanctity of life, including the lives of the most vulnerable among us."



Sen. John Cornyn, R-Texas — "The death of Terri Schiavo is a tragedy and my thoughts and prayers go out to her family. One thing we should learn from this is the need to make our intentions clear to our loved ones. I'll continue to support efforts in Congress to protect the defenseless and vulnerable."



Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas — "I have said from the beginning that we should err on the side of compassion. My thoughts and prayers are with Terri and her family as they go through an incredibly difficult time."

Renowned poet/author dies in Odessa

By Sarah Kleiner
Staff Writer

Robert White Creeley, a poet and professor who for over half a century contributed to American literature, died Wednesday in Odessa. He was 78.



Creeley

For the past month, Creeley had been living in Marfa as a writer-in-residence at the Lannan Foundation. He was transported to Big Bend Regional Hospital in Alpine earlier this week and then to Odessa's Medical Center Hospital where he died from pulmonary complications, Lannan officials told the Reporter-Telegram Thursday.

After a lengthy career teaching English at the State University of New York at Buffalo, Creeley joined the faculty of Rhode Island's Brown University in 2003. Throughout his life he wrote more than 60 books, was honored with numerous literary awards and has been credited with helping create "Black Mountain" poetry.

"Up here we considered him the king," said C.D. Wright, a professor in the literary arts program at Brown University. "This is a very, very big loss."

Wright said Creeley's wife, Penelope, and his two youngest children were with him in Odessa when he died. Penelope had been staying with Creeley in Marfa.

Creeley was scheduled to stay for two months in one of four houses owned by the Lannan Foundation in Marfa where writers are invited to work in a peaceful setting. Douglas Humble, the Marfa residency manager for the Lannan Foundation, said it was unclear what Creeley had been writing while staying in West Texas.

Humble described Creeley as a warm and generous person.

"What's interesting about the writers that come here is, when one hears about how famous they are in the literary world, the first thing we find out after they arrive in Marfa is just how they're like everyone else in the world," Humble said. "They just happen to be writers."

Glenda Lindsey-Hicks, a professor of literature at Midland College, was shocked to learn Creeley had been in West Texas recently.

"I'm just sick to hear that Robert Creeley was here and we somehow missed him," Lindsey-Hicks said. "We don't get many poets of that quality and history in this area."

A poet, novelist and short story writer, Creeley was born in Arlington, Mass., and dropped out of school just before graduating from Harvard University. He subsequently received a bachelor's degree from Black Mountain College and a master's degree from the University of New Mexico.

Wright said Creeley was unquestionably one of the most accomplished and influential writers in the second half of the 20th century.

Creeley's "intense dislike" of sentiment but great respect for human emotion was reflected in his work, Wright said.

"It was absolutely, shamelessly, unabashedly to the heart though it still comes from a real potent intelligence," Wright said.

UNEMPLOYMENT

(From 1A)

begun luring former workers back to the oil patch, Burns said.

"The reason for this is that, for so many years we had such a roller coaster. People could get good-paying jobs in the oil patch — for six months, then they'd be laid off for six months."

This prompted many workers, he said, to turn to other industries with steadier economies.

Today's current high prices are giving the oil and gas industry more confidence because, Burns explained, "This upturn has been triggered by an increase in demand, not an artificial reduction in supplies."

Statewide, the unemployment rate edged up to 6 percent from January and nonagricultural employment rise by 8,800 jobs, the sixth straight month of job increases but only 40 percent of the January job growth.

Crawley noted that none of the state's 25 MSAs has double-digit unemployment.

Texas Workforce Commission chairwoman Diane Rath said the state has generated more than 200,000 jobs since the upturn of the Texas economy in July 2003.

The job growth rate over the last year is at 1.5 percent, the commission said.

"Job growth continues to be the focus of the Texas labor market, as Texas employers have added jobs in 17 of the last 19 months," Rath said.

FORUM

(From 1A)

ronmental Quality denies its license application.

Kunihiro said the materials would be transported to the Atomic Energy Commission's Nevada Test Site, but Post said the attorney general of Nevada has filed a lawsuit to prevent the storing of any more waste there. Kunihiro said the materials could be put there in spite of that state's objection.

He said the Ohio waste is only cleared for storage here until October 2007, and it will have to be removed if WCS doesn't have a TCEQ license by then.

Kunihiro said the state of Texas will assume ownership of the repository site when it is completely filled and covered with reinforced concrete, adding that standing atop 800 feet of thick clay will keep it from polluting the Trujillo Formation below. He said the site is not above the huge Ogallala Aquifer, which supplies underground water from the Texas High Plains north of Amarillo to the Permian Basin.

TCEQ health physicist Susan Jablonski told Post the Ohio waste is being accepted here on the basis of a license granted by the Texas Department of State Health Services.

Rose Gardner of Eunice, N.M., five miles west of the WCS site, challenged Kunihiro's assertion that it "is remote" because it's right down Highway 176 from where she lives. The WCS executive said that from the perspective of someone who lives in a big city, it is indeed remote.

Austin attorney Kent Hance, a former Lubbock congressman who has worked as a lobbyist for billionaire WCS owner Harold Simmons for 15 years, said scientific analysis has proved the site safe. "If the science says we can do it, we should do it," said Hance.

Jablonski said the TCEQ just completed its administrative review of the project and will do a "merit review" between now and May, after which a 15-month technical review will consider the soundness of the design and other safety factors.

Florida fair linked to E. coli outbreak

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. (AP) — Health officials have linked a potentially deadly E. coli outbreak to a third Florida fair, saying Thursday that DNA tests showed the organism may have infected people who attended the Florida State Fair in Tampa.

Officials say 22 people — mostly children in central Florida — are confirmed to have been infected by a particular strain of the E. coli bacteria and some of them have developed a potentially fatal follow-up disease affecting the kidneys.

Most attended the Central Florida Fair in Orlando or the Strawberry Festival in Plant City in March, but Health Secretary John Agwunobi said at least one person is believed to have contracted the infection at the fair in Tampa in mid-February.

Agwunobi also said officials are becoming convinced that the outbreak probably resulted from contact with farm or other types of animals at petting zoos, because it's the only common element between all three fairs.

While other causes haven't been ruled out, one company, Ag-Venture Farm Shows of Plant City, provided the animals for the petting zoos at all three, Agwunobi said.

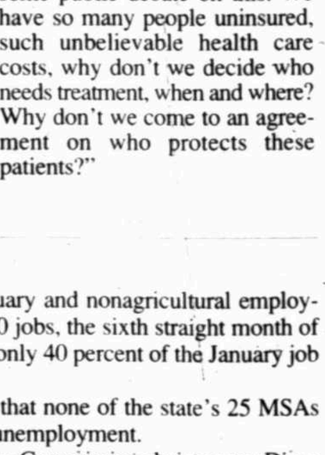
The company has not returned calls from The Associated Press. Health officials say the company is cooperating with the Department of Agriculture in the investigation, and the animals who were at the three fairs have been voluntarily quarantined.

In addition to the 22 confirmed cases, officials are monitoring 33 suspected cases in Florida, 24 of them involving children.

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Correction

Tony Valles (incorrectly identified in Wednesday's Reporter-Telegram) covers building materials with a tarp to protect from weather before finishing work for the day, building a house on Baird Street for Midland Habitat for Humanity.

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POLICE REPORTS

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Probation violation:
Benito Arocha Gutierrez, Jr., 40, of Midland was arrested on Thursday by Midland Police Department officers at the intersection of Thomason Drive and Illinois Avenue on a charge of violation of probation. Bond not set.

Assault of a public servant:
Susanne Hudgins Benton, 42, of Odessa was arrested Thursday by Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies at 171.1 West County Road 140 on a charge of assault of a public servant. Bond not set.

Probation violation:
Richard Armendariz Hernandez, 25, of Midland was arrested on Thursday by Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies in the 700 block of Delmar Street on a charge of violation of probation. Bond not set.

Parole violation:
Ivy Jones Jr., 45, of Midland was arrested Thursday by Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies in the 400 block of South Main Street on a charge of violation of parole. Bond not set.

Burglary of a building:
James Michael Kull, 28, of Midland was arrested on Thursday by Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies at 10800 East County Road 106 on a charge of burglary of a building. Bond not set.

Probation violation:
James Michael Kull, 28, of Midland was arrested Thursday by Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies at 10800 East County Road 106 on a charge of violation of probation. Bond not set.

Probation violation:
Jared Anthony Morrision, 29, of Midland was arrested on Thursday by Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies in the 200 block of North Main Street on a charge of violation of probation. $30,000 bond.

Retaliation:
Brandon Mark Orr, 18, of Midland was arrested Thursday by Midland Police Department officers in the 3900 block of Monty Drive on a charge of retaliation. Bond not set.

Probation violation:
Salvador Ramos, 25, of Midland was arrested on Thursday by Midland Police Department officers at the intersection of Lamesa Road and Nobles Avenue on a charge of violation of probation. No bond set.

Theft:
Emeterio Rodriguez Rivera, 28, of Midland was arrested Thursday by Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies in the 100 block of West Industrial Avenue on a charge of theft. No bond set.

Theft:
Mary Ann Small, 58, of Midland was arrested on Thursday by Midland Police Department officers in the 400 block of East Shandon Avenue on a charge of theft. No bond set.

Note: All reported arrests are felony offenses.

Mayors re-establish, reaffirm commitment for economic growth, cultural understanding

By Stephanie A. Miller
Staff Writer

Mayor Mike Canon and Chihuahua City Mayor Juan Blanco Thursday renewed the sister cities' existing commitment that includes creating economic development opportunities and cultural understanding.

The union can set an example for others to learn and grow from one another, Canon said.

"If our cities set the example of getting to know each other and breaking down the cultural barriers and differences so that we establish and maintain our growing relationship with each other, then I think it would be beneficial for the North American continent," he said.

The Texas and Mexico sister cities have had a working rela-

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OBITUARIES

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Manuela Espino

Funeral services for Manuela Espino, 80, of Midland, will be Friday, April 1, 2005, at 11:00 A.M. at the Our Lady of San Juan Catholic Church with Minister Arturo Pestin officiating. Manuela Castro Espino was born November 2, 1925, in Dorango, Mexico to Jose Espino and Estefana Castro. She was preceded in death by her parents.

She is survived by Oscar, Gracieza, Catalina, Alfredo and Ismael Espino.

Interment will be in the Kermit Cemetery, Kermit, Texas, under the direction of Jackie Warren Funeral Home, Midland, Texas.



Vera Laverne Roten Goodman

Vera Laverne Roten Goodman passed away in her sleep March 30, 2005 at age 89 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. Vera was born April 2, 1915 in Bowie, Arizona to her father, Benjamin J. Roten and her mother, Erma Jane Welch. Vera was part of a ranching family in southeastern New Mexico. She eventually moved to Carlsbad, New Mexico where she met and fell in love with Fred G. Goodman. They married in Santa Fe, New Mexico on June 17, 1939. They resided in Taos, New Mexico and later moved to Midland, Texas where Fred was an oil scout prior to becoming a lifelong independent oilman.

She was preceded in death by her loving husband Fred G. Goodman (1994), son Fred Grey Goodman (1993), and her mother Erma Roten Stuth (1992). She is survived by her son James L. Goodman, his wife Susan K. Goodman, grandchildren Lindsay M. Goodman and Hunter G. Goodman, all of Edmond, Oklahoma.

Vera followed her mother's ancestry as a member of the National Society of Daughters of the American Colonists, descending from William Todd Livingston of Virginia. Vera enjoyed her grandchildren, reading, especially Agatha Christie mystery novels, travel and being a "Leave it to Beaver" type mom in Midland, Texas. She resided at the Fountains of Canterbury in Oklahoma City since 1998. Being part of the depression era, she was always concerned with her family and guests having enough food to eat and their comfort. She enjoyed southwest art, family history and taking care of the home. Her etiquette and charm was most memorable. In her later years, she kept her smile and loved to see children come and visit. All her family will miss her smile, good nature and concern for family.

She was blessed to have loving caregivers Velda Wisner, Irma Sallee and Wanda Harris the last 2 1/2 years of her life.

Arrangements will be provided by Matthews Funeral Home of Edmond, Oklahoma with graveside services at Memorial Park Cemetery in Oklahoma City on Friday, April 1st at 4:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made in Vera's name to Vista Care Hospice, 5600 N. May, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73112.



Thelma Adell Taylor

Thelma Adell Taylor, aunt of Lonnie Kreger and Barbara Gayle Pitchford of Midland, died March 26, 2005 in Post. She was born March 19, 1923.

She was preceded in death by her father, Wiley Murphy White; mother, Frances Meirs White; two sisters, Lula Kreger Almand and Ray O'Lean Thompson; brothers, J.B. White, who died in World War II, Luther, Robert and Billy.

She is survived by nieces and nephews, Garland Kreger, Louise Parks, Glen Frank Thompson, Wiley Everett, Bobby, Larry Charles, Ricky and Billy Mike White, Rebecca Haney, and Dianne Callaway; a sister-in-law, Verlene White, Arnold Almand, Anita, Gladys, Mary and Alvie Jay. She is also survived by forty-eleven, or "too many to count," great and great-great nieces and nephews.

Pallbearers were Lonnie Kreger, Ricky White, Max Haney, Glen Thompson, Vic Cogburn and Larry White.

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OBITUARIES

(From 6A)



Heather Rogers

On April 17, 1972, around lunchtime, a precious, red-headed, baby girl was born to Cecil and Cynthia Preas, Heather Suzanne Preas. As a child, Heather had an insatiable appetite for reading and knowledge. She loved sports, the outdoors, and riding horses. In 1983, her family moved to Midland. Sixth grade was a tough transition, but, by the seventh grade she had settled. She attended Goddard Junior High and had made lots of friends. One friend in particular, Wyndi Warlick-Anglin, she would keep as her best friend for the rest of her life. She began attending Midland High School in 1987. In January of 1988, Heather was diagnosed with a life-threatening blood disorder, aplastic anemia. A bone marrow transplant was her only hope, but, that was the first treatment option due to the fact that no family member matched her marrow type. Through vigilant prayer and God's mighty hand, an international, unrelated bone marrow donor was found, and the subsequent transplant was performed. It was a success, but not without its own limitations. Heather was able to go back to Midland High and graduate in 1990. When she walked across the stage at Chap Center, the entire audience gave her a standing ovation.

She moved to Georgetown, TX, and began attending Southwestern University. This was the first of several goals Heather set for herself while being confined to an isolation room on the bone marrow ward at Baylor in Dallas. She had become a regular college kid, complete with frat parties and emergency study sessions. After three years in Georgetown, she opted to move to Lubbock, TX, to finish her degree in Sociology at Texas Tech. During her college years, she worked part-time at James Avery Craftsman, where she made several dear friends. She graduated from Tech in May of 1996.

After graduation, Heather resumed a life of work and friends. She worked for KCI doing administrative work and later at Manpower, placing people in temporary jobs. During this time, Heather met and married Kendal Rogers in 1999. She later went to work for Halliburton and became a member of a "crazy cube club" of sorts. She shared her ups and downs with this unique group of women and loved each of them individually.

In 2002, she became involved in the Junior League of Midland. She loved giving of her resources and time to the League. Many friendships were born through her service. In December of 2002, God answered Heather and Kendal's most fervent prayer. Hayden Lane Rogers was born. Heather cherished her triumphs and challenges as a wife and mother. She decided to go back to school in 2004 and pursue a nursing degree. She was only able to go to school for two semesters. Due to declining health, she decided to stop going to school and spend her time with family.

Heather decided to follow her heart to Florida where she was able to find love herself and, most importantly, make her peace with God. She died peacefully on Good Friday, March 24, 2005. Her funeral service will be Friday, April 1, 1:00 p.m. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Church. A reception will follow the service.

Heather is survived by her husband, Kendal Rogers; a son, Hayden Rogers; sister and brother-in-law, Holly and Jeff Beal; parents, Cecil and Cynthia Preas; and nephew and niece, Graden and Maizy Beal, all of Midland. She is also survived by mother-in-law, Dorthey Rogers, also of Midland; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Kelly and Theresa Rogers and their children, Kelsie, Kendal and Kolton Rogers, all of Royse City, TX.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Jude's Children's Hospital or the Texas Tech Scholarship fund.

Ecclesiastes 3:1,4

"To everything there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:" "A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance."

AROUND THE AREA

Compiled from staff reports

ELLEN NOEL ART MUSEUM

Spring arrives for sixth annual Flower Market

ODESSA — Spring arrives at the Ellen Noel Art Museum with the sixth annual Flower Market set for 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

Held annually in the museum's Sculpture and Sensory Garden and in the Patron's Gallery, the event will feature more than 17 speciality merchants and artists selling unique, one-of-a-kind garden, home gifts, art and accessories. No admission charged.

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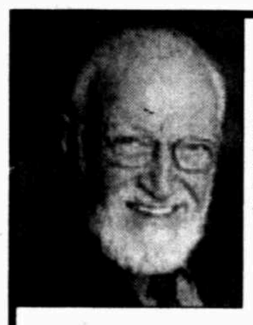
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Citizens should take part in cleanup effort

Once again, it's time for spring cleaning, that annual facelift, and our city could use it.

Saturday has been set aside as The Great American Cleanup/Don't Mess with Texas Trash-off. Keep Midland Beautiful President Doreen Richardson is hoping for more than the estimated 1,400 who participated last year. In fact, Richardson would like to see around 2,500 Midlanders taking part this weekend.

Certainly, Midland would benefit if a large number of citizens participated in the citywide cleanup.

Midland's south and east sections of town will be among the priority areas. However, much work already has been done in an effort to enhance this year's cleanup project. KMB recently debuted its Neighborwoods tree project, during which 126 trees were planted on Midland's south and east parts of town.

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 site has a form in English and Spanish.

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

KMB already has received confirmation from 1,100 volunteers, according to Richardson, who said approximately 20 tons of trash are collected locally during each Great American Cleanup.

While a little spring cleaning is always beneficial, we urge Midlanders to take more pride in our city throughout the year. Let's keep our vacant lots clean and take more pride in our home units.

When you have the urge to toss a piece of litter, think twice and find a garbage can first. It's a little thing, but you would be amazed how much little things would improve the livability of our community.

Meanwhile, help out Saturday and lend a hand in this spring cleaning effort.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Friday, April 1, the 91st day of 2005. There are 274 days left in the year. This is April Fool's Day.

Today's highlight in history:

On April 1, 1945, American forces invaded Okinawa during World War II.

On this date:

In 1853, Cincinnati, Ohio, became the first U.S. city to pay its firefighters a regular salary.

In 1918, the Royal Air Force was established in Britain.

In 1933, Nazi Germany began persecuting Jews with a boycott of Jewish-owned businesses.

In 1946, tidal waves struck the Hawaiian islands, resulting in more than 170 deaths.

In 1960, the first weather satellite, TIROS-One, was launched from Cape Canaveral, Fla.

In 1963, most of New York City's daily newspapers resumed publishing after a settlement was reached in a 114-day strike.

In 1970, President Nixon signed a measure banning cigarette advertising on radio and television, to take effect after Jan. 1, 1971.

In 1983, tens of thousands of anti-nuclear demonstrators linked arms in a 14-mile human chain spanning three defense installations in rural England.

In 1987, in his first major speech on the AIDS epidemic, President Reagan told doctors in Philadelphia, "We've declared AIDS public health enemy number one."

In 2003, American troops entered a hospital in Nasiriyah, Iraq, and rescued Army Pvt. 1st Class Jessica Lynch, who'd been held prisoner since her unit was ambushed on March 23.

Ten years ago: United Nations peacekeepers officially took over from the U.S.-led multinational force in Haiti. With U.S. Defense Secretary William Perry looking on, Ukraine began the process of dismantling its nuclear missiles. More than 1,500 mourners attended a vigil for Mexican-American singer Selena Quintanilla-Perez in Corpus Christi, Texas, where she'd been shot to death the day before.

Five years ago: President Clinton, speaking at a fundraiser for his wife's Senate campaign, accused New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani of enlisting a "right-wing venom machine" against Hillary Rodham Clinton. Michelle Kwan won her third World Figure Skating title.

Thought for Today: "Si mi abuela tuviera ruedas seria una bicicleta." (If my grandmother had wheels, she'd be a bicycle.) — Spanish proverb.

THOMAS FRIEDMAN

Rice to face many challenges in Middle East

I've been to this play before. It always starts out like the coming-out season for debutantes in Palm Beach, and it always ends around a smoky poker table at Binions casino in Las Vegas.

That is, every new secretary of state gets his or her moment on the world stage, where everyone "oohs" and "ahs" about how smart they are and what a "dream team" staff they have put together. As the first secretary of state to ever wear stiletto heels while reviewing troops, Condoleezza Rice has had a coming-out season second to none.

The savvy secretaries don't take any of this seriously. They know eventually every secretary gets dealt a poker hand — and you never know when it'll come or what sort of cards it'll contain: the 1973 Arab-Israeli War (Henry Kissinger), the rise of Mikhail Gorbachev (George Shultz), the fall of the Berlin Wall (James Baker), Kosovo (Madeleine Albright), Iraq (Colin Powell). And this poker hand is no-limit Texas Hold 'Em. How well you play this high-stakes hand usually determines your legacy as secretary of state.

Rice may get dealt other big hands, but there is one already waiting for her on the table. It is the four fragile democratizations unfolding in the Middle East: Iraq, Lebanon, Egypt and Palestine-Israel. Whether any of these come to fruition will certainly form a crucial part of the Rice legacy.

For the last month or so, the Bush team has been doing a victory lap, taking credit for the outbreak of democracy in the Arab world. While I disagree with many Bush policies, I think the president does deserve credit for unleashing something very important in the politically moribund Arab East. Many of the necessary elements for democratization are now in place in Iraq (free and fair elections), in Lebanon (a Syrian withdrawal from Beirut), in Egypt (President Mubarak's commitment to multicandidate presidential elections) and in Gaza (an Israeli commitment to withdraw and Palestinian elections).



Thomas L. Friedman's column is distributed by the New York Times News Service.

But while the necessary conditions may now be in place, the sufficient conditions for democratization still are not present in any of these arenas. The Iraqi election was Jan. 30 and the Kurds, Shiites and Sunnis still have not agreed on a government, and the insurgency is still going strong. In Lebanon, the Cedar Revolution is now bogged down in a standoff between pro-Syrian and anti-Syrian Lebanese. In Egypt, it's not clear whether the upcoming presidential elections will be free — with anyone who wants to run able to — or fair — with international observers. And in Israel-Palestine, Ariel Sharon's new settlement binge near Jerusalem underscores how difficult it will be to maintain momentum there.

The common theme in all four areas is the key parties are doing the right things for the wrong reasons. Democratization is everyone's second choice. First, the Kurds and Shiites want to consolidate their own power inside Iraq; the Lebanese opposition wants to get rid of the Syrians; the Egyptians want to get U.S. pressure off their backs; and the Israelis want to get rid of Gaza's huge Palestinian population.

In history, a lot of good has started with people doing the right thing for the wrong reasons. But you will only have self-sustaining democratization in the Middle East if people start to do the right thing for the right reasons — if the different sects in Iraq and Lebanon really do hammer out a shared vision and set of rules for their two countries. If Egypt recognizes it can't thrive without liberalizing its economy and political institutions. If Israelis and Palestinians really do come to terms with each other's nationalism. Otherwise, you'll have constant backsliding.

Trying to make any one of these democracy projects self-sustaining — and that is the test — would be a career. Rice's challenge is to do all four at once. The burden is not hers alone. The parties themselves must carry the lion's share. But her responsibility is undeniable.

Does she have the toughness to deal with Ariel Sharon? She has not shown it up to now. If the Bush team lets Sharon trade Gaza for the West Bank, the whole U.S. democratization agenda in the region will be set back.

Does she have the moxie to restrain the Kurds and Shiites from overreaching in Iraq?

The steel to deal with the Syrians?

The will to move the Egyptians?

Too soon to say. But this is the early poker hand she has been dealt, and how she plays it will determine, in part, whether the Bush team has uncorked democratization in the Middle East (I hope so) or set loose a new deadlock (I hope not.)



CHARLEY REESE

Today's culture takes blame for student killers

School shooters, like the boy who recently killed several people in Red Lake, Minn., bear a strong resemblance to suicide bombers. They have a combination of rage and despair that motivates them to kill others and then themselves.

We had better pay attention to American youth. Of course, school shooters are rare in comparison with all the students, but they are certainly symptomatic of something dreadfully wrong in our culture.

In trying to explain these tragedies, we can eliminate guns. Guns are inanimate objects, and it is impossible for an inanimate object to motivate a human being. To blame crime on guns is as stupid as blaming pencils for writers.

We also can eliminate poverty. For decades, socialists have argued that if poverty were eliminated, social problems such as crime would go away. In the first place, such a premise is an insult to poor people, the overwhelming majority of whom don't commit crimes. In the second place, we see the same social problems among the affluent. The shooters at Columbine High School came from affluent families.

If you take away poverty and guns, then you are left with the person and the person's mind. All human actions originate in the human mind. I've been thinking a lot lately about why so many young people today seem to be unhappy.

Looking at my own childhood, I came from what most would describe as a poor background, though no one in the family, including me, ever thought of us as poor. I got my first BB gun at age 5, my first rifle at age 8 and my first shotgun at age 11. Never once did I ever entertain a thought of shooting anybody with them. Life to me was pleasant, exciting and full of hope.

Since I consider myself as typical of the time and place, the question arises, What has changed in our society? For one thing, today almost half of American children live in one-parent homes. Starting in the 1960s, the cultural elite condoned living together without benefit of clergy. The states made it much easier to get a divorce. Feminism poured forth its poisonous discontent, pretending that being a mother and a wife were somehow inferior to working in a corporate office. What nonsense that is. It is a thousand times more difficult to be a good mother and to manage a home than it is to do the mostly rote work corporations require.



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

Ironically, even though I grew up during World War II, there is far more violence in the media today than during the war years. The incessant violence on TV, in the movies and in video games has a deleterious effect on children. That's not even debatable. At best, it makes them indifferent to violence. Furthermore, Hollywood and television don't provide boys with many heroes. Youth is presented either as a mindless drunk and a woman-chaser or some nihilistic killer. Homosexuality and drug use are presented as normal.

Children are exposed to sex at a much earlier age today. Nothing is sadder to me than to see a 13- or 14-year-old with ennui. They've already been there and done that. What is there to look forward to? When I was in high school, the sight of a girl's knee could cause me to break out in a sweat. Today you can see high-school girls with bare midriffs and skirts with hemlines up to their crotch. No wonder kids do less well in academic subjects. And, of course, the results are teenage pregnancies and teenage venereal disease.

Another sin the media commit, especially the advertising industry, is bombarding children with an unending depiction of affluence. This is bound to cause discontent, because for so many children today they see such affluence as impossible. Expectations play a huge role in a person's mental health.

This might seem far away from student killers, but it is the cultural soil out of which they grow.

DAVE MCNEELY

House tax bill faces problems in various areas

The school restructuring and finance bills recently passed by the Texas House, at the behest of Speaker Tom Craddick, are taking more shots than a dummy at a police firing range.

Also under attack is the effort by Craddick and Gov. Rick Perry to lower the cap on local property tax appraisal increases to 3 percent, or even 5 percent.

The House finance bill would cut local property taxes by a third, add a penny to the sales tax and a new payroll tax on businesses. Its sponsors say there would be no net tax increase.



Dave McNeely, an Austin journalist, is a longtime observer of the Texas Legislature.

But state Comptroller Carole Keeton Strayhorn says it would raise more taxes than claimed at first, but then over time lag behind funding needs.

Rep. Jim Keffer, R-Eastland, claimed Strayhorn's employees had signed off on the bill in advance. But Strayhorn said the House's later decision to let businesses choose between a franchise or payroll tax made it impossible to predict how much would be raised. At any rate, it wouldn't be enough, Strayhorn said.

It may not matter. The Texas Senate is expected to vastly re-write the House plan. Meanwhile, two backers of a state income tax — Sen. Eliot Shapleigh, D-El Paso, and Rep. Eddie Rodriguez, D-Austin — warned that even if local property taxes are cut a third, homeowners' property tax bills will quickly go back up, because of rising values.

"Under the current plan, homeowners' property taxes will be as high as they are right now within four years," Rodriguez said. "That's on top of the sales tax hike and new payroll tax."

Rep. Dwayne Bohac, R-Houston, has proposed lowering the appraisal cap to 5 percent a year. But Rodriguez said that would only put off the return to the current tax bite for six years instead of four.

"Only an income tax will permanently cut school property taxes by 90 percent and invest $5 billion a year in education," Rodriguez said. It's time to allow voters to decide if they want a progressive personal income tax that provides "a revenue stream that grows with the state's population, and has some link to the growth in wages and costs," Rodriguez said.

Bohac's appraisal-cap proposal drew fire even from conservative Republicans.

Rep. Carl Isett, R-Lubbock, says it attempts to artificially affect property values and would have next-door neighbors paying different tax rates on homes of equal value.

The cap issue has been sent back to committee for further study — where it may die, despite Gov. Perry visiting the House floor Tuesday to push it.

Isett instead proposes requiring local officials to vote to affirm appraisals in an area where their average increase is more than 3 percent a year.

But a number of legislators would like to see the appraisal cap idea just go away. It makes many local officials see red. They think Gov. Perry and the Legislature send orders to do things, but not the money — and now want to limit the ability of local officials to raise it.

"I believe Mr. Bohac's bill and Mr. Isett's bill would strangle local governments," said Comal County Commissioner Jay P. Millikin of New Braunfels.

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ABC's Ted Koppel says he's leaving 'Nightline' at end of 2005

By David Bauder
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Ted Koppel, who has anchored ABC News' "Nightline" since its inception 25 years ago, said Thursday he will leave the network when his contract expires at the end of '05.

His departure comes at a time of questions about the future of his late-night news program, which has been declining in the ratings and was threatened three years ago when ABC tried to lure David Letterman from CBS.

ABC News President David Westin said he was optimistic "Nightline" would continue with an orderly transition. Ultimately, ABC and parent Walt Disney Corp. executives will decide whether the network sticks with news in that time slot.

The broadcast's executive producer, Tom Bettag, also will leave at year's end.

Koppel and Bettag plan to remain as a team for future projects.

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tionship for about 12 years. Part of the re-pledged agreement includes the two cities working together in the areas of commerce, investment possibilities and business opportunities generated by trade mission.

Other aspects focus on tourism, culture, sports, public services, health and environment.

"It's a goodwill agreement between two cities," Blanco said. Chihuahua City is looking forward to working with Midland in a number of ways, he said. One of them is creating exchange programs for both English and Spanish speaking students and teachers, which are needed in Albuquerque, N.M., another sister of Chihuahua City.

Blanco said he would like to invite Midland to participate in Chihuahua City's first international festival this fall.

This was Blanco's first visit to the Tall City after being sworn into office last fall. During his one-day visit, Blanco toured various sites, including the Bush Childhood Home, Midland College, City Hall, Entrada Business Park and Midland International Airport.

Representatives from the cities' chambers of commerce, economic development, public safety and city staff accompanied the two mayors.

District 2 Councilwoman Vicky Hailey and District 1 Councilwoman LuAnn Morgan also were present. Morgan said she enjoyed the visit, on which she talked with a rancher about education and other issues.

Having a sister city connection has several benefits, Morgan said. The cities can offer each other solutions for similar problems they face and a support system to achieve common goals, such as the La Entrada al Pacifico trade corridor which draws economic development interests among both cities, she said.

Midland has other sister city relationships with, Wirral, England; Dongying, China, which gave the city the pagoda at Beal Park as a gift; and New Amsterdam, Guyana.

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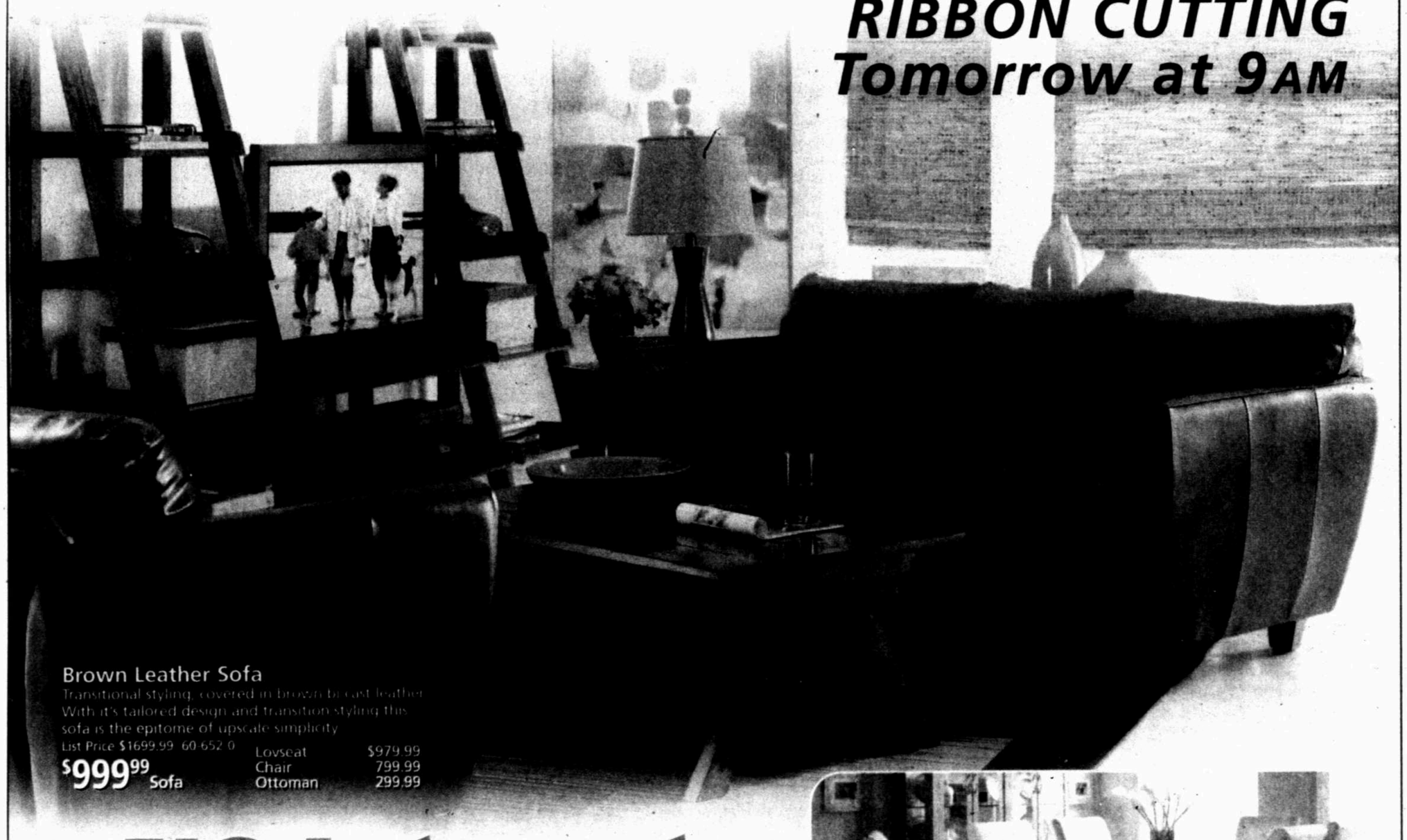
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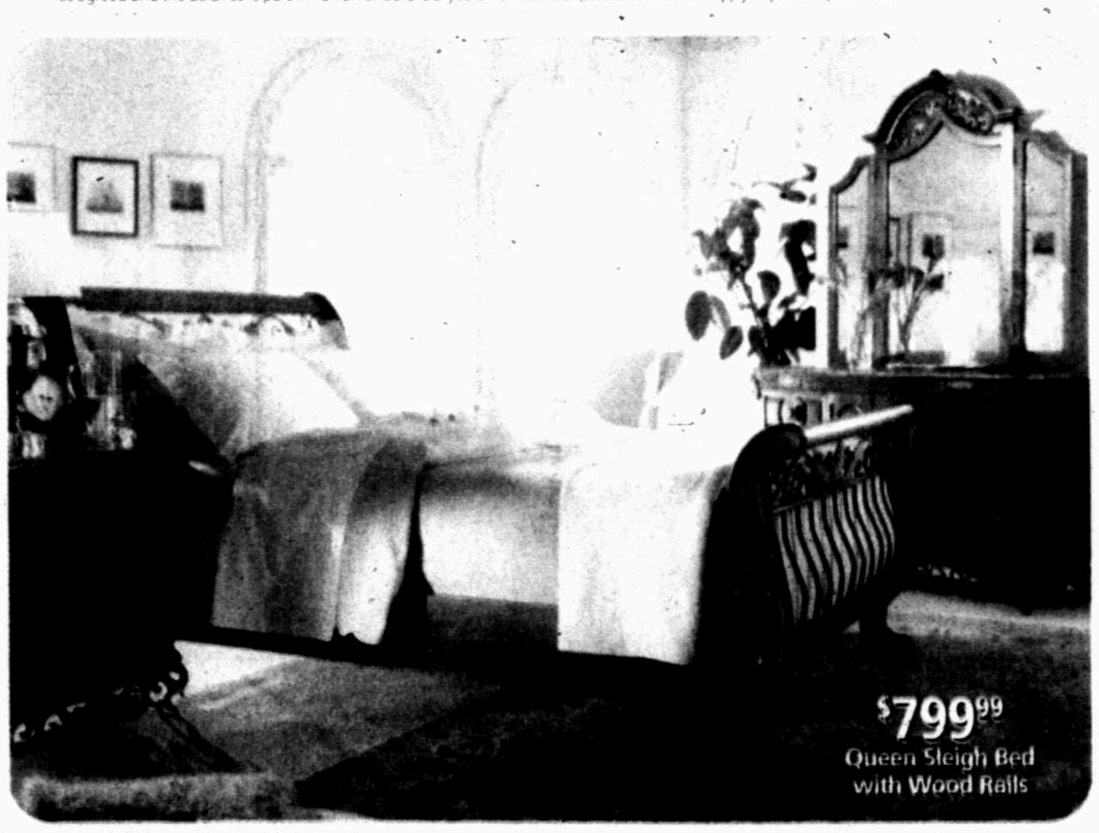
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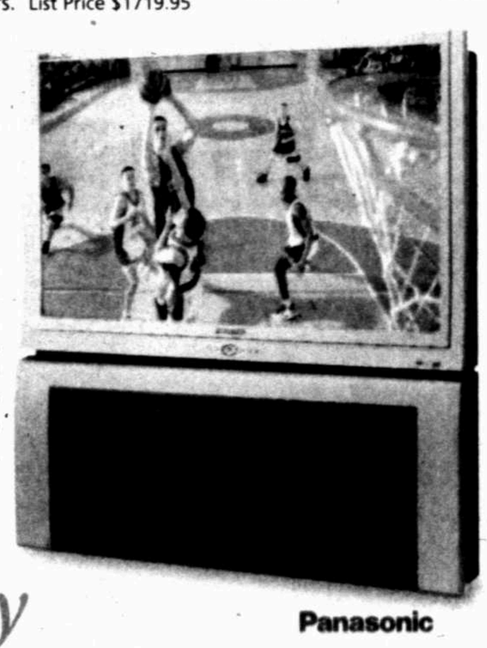
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SIN CITY



Film is sinfully savory cinema extravaganza

By Jack Garner
Gannett News Service

■ **Review**

"Walk down the right back alley in Sin City, and you can find anything," says Marv, our gruff guide. "Anything" includes gangsters, killers, cops, hookers, creepy pedophiles, crooked politicians, femme fatales, drunks, druggies and weirdos.

You'll see them in high-contrast black and white, lurking in the shadows, or jumping out at you with guns blazing and knives flashing. In "Sin City," you'll find nearly every type of lowlife character who ever inhabited a film noir movie or a hard-boiled detective story, and you'll hear tough-as-nails narration telling the story in the heightened language of the pulp world.

As Marv says, emphatically, "There is no settling down! This is blood for blood and by the gallons. This is the old days, the bad days, the all or nothing days. They're back!"





That is the point of "Sin City," the neo-noir graphic novels of Frank Miller, with their gritty comic-book imagery now faithfully rendered in a red-hot movie co-directed by Miller and Robert Rodriguez.

Quentin Tarantino also reportedly showed up to visit his friends one day and helped with a few scenes. (You'll note an unusual "guest director" credit.)

It figures to be the next sensation for filmgoers who like their movies aggressive, violent and imaginative. If you've been waiting a long time for the next in-your-face sensation in the "Pulp Fiction" tradition, check out "Sin City."

Like "Pulp Fiction," "Sin City" entangles three tales within its narrative:

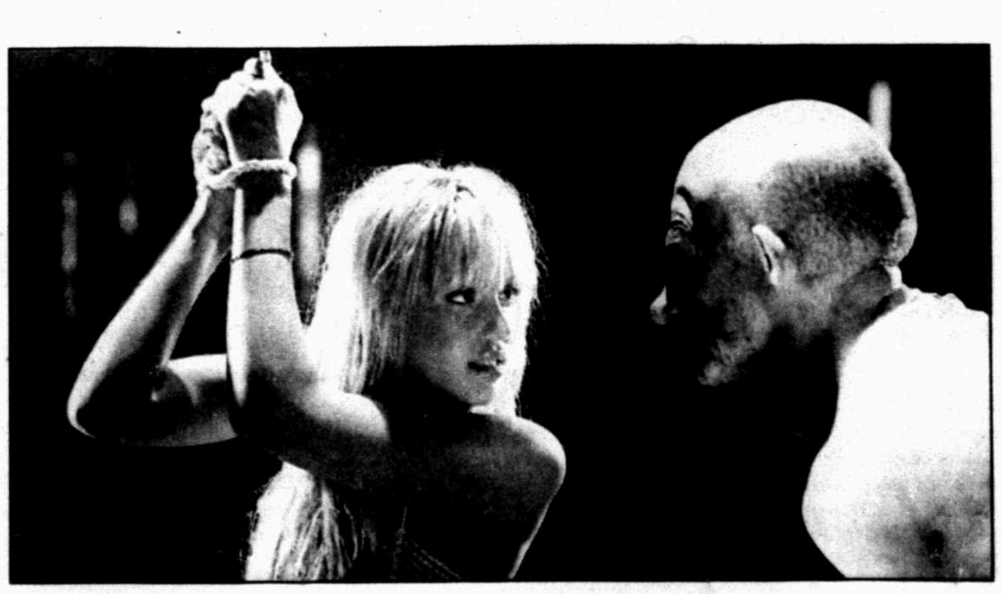
■ An aged cop Hartigan (Bruce Willis), only hours from retirement, tries to save an 11-year-old girl from the sicko pedophile son of a corrupt senator.

■ Private investigator Dwight (Clive Owen) strives to protect his friends who happened to be "Sin City's" hookers. They're threatened because a cop has been killed in their neighborhood.

■ And in the third — and best — tale, homely, roughhewn Marv (an almost unrecognizable Mickey Rourke) has come to expect women to be repelled by his harsh looks. So, when a woman (a hooker) finally treats him sweetly, Marv is touched. When she's murdered, he seeks big-time revenge. (That's when he talks about gallons of blood.)

Miller and Rodriguez have adapted "Sin City" from three tales in the comic book series — "The Hard

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Bringing 'Sin' to life: Rodriguez continues quest to reinvent cinema with digital technology

By Chris Garcia
Cox News Service

AUSTIN — In "Frank Miller's Sin City," a hand is shot off, a dog snacks on human flesh, a gun impales a man's face. There is blood, blood everywhere, and sometimes it is radioactive yellow.

Here, men are hulking blocks of superhuman violence; they growl. Women are slinking, lipstick seductresses, femme fatales in eye-scratching revolt; they meow, then bite. It is the deepest noir underworld, all black ink and blood, soiled in crime, grime, slime. Vengeance is a worldview. Broken hearts lead to broken bodies. The residents are hookers and hitmen, their tools samurai swords, syringes, knives, axes, saws and razor wire.

We haven't even started.

Based on Miller's celebrated series of 1990s graphic novels, "Sin City" is Austin filmmaker Robert Rodriguez's new action movie, which, in deference to Miller's powerful vision, he co-directed and co-produced with the artist. (It opens today.) Shot on high-definition digital video almost entirely with green screens, the voluptuously gruesome, extravagantly grim picture is a masterpiece of visual invention, a dazzling stage in Rodriguez's one-man quest to reinvent cinema with digital technology.

Hardly a thing in the movie — save some props, one physical set and the star-packed cast (Mickey Rourke, Jessica Alba, Bruce Willis, Benicio Del Toro, Clive Owen, Brittany Murphy, Elijah Wood and more) — actually exists. The skies, the cars, the roads, the rain, the buildings — all of it was conjured on computers in Austin.

The process is not new to Rodriguez, whose popular "Spy Kids" trilogy was made the same way. But the integration of people and pixels — and the absolute fidelity to Miller's comics panels — marks the dawn of an exciting new visual grammar.

A cartoonish blur of creative hyperaction, Rodriguez spoke by phone from Los Angeles, where he's doing post-production on his Austin-made family movie, "The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl," which opens in June.

Q: I think comic books in general are really lame. How do you entice someone like me to see "Sin City," which is almost literally a comic book (or graphic novel) come to life?

A: It should appeal to anyone who enjoys cinema. There are a lot of people who don't know anything about "Sin City" or that it's a comic, yet they see the trailer, look at each other and go, "That movie looks cool!" That it's a comic doesn't even matter. What I loved about the books was they were beyond comic books. At comic book stores, I kept re-buying the same "Sin City" books I already had because they stood out so much.

Q: Why is that? I know this is sacrilegious, but I don't even think the "Sin City" books look that great. The movie looks much better.

A: I started as a cartoonist at UT (for The Daily Texan) and I love that kind of negative imagery and simplicity of the drawings. That's the beauty of what Frank does. Comic books were looking so pretty at that time and he just went completely against that and drew these deceptively simple images that evoked so much. They were so abstract and so simple. They were just fantastic to look at. And then you would read them and the stories were really great, twisted and beyond belief. A lot of comic book artists draw the book and someone else writes it. What I like about Frank is he did everything on them, so the imagery was as crazy and audacious as the story lines.

Q: How did this admiration lead you to a movie version?

A: I've always wanted to make a film noir but was afraid of being nostalgic. About seven years ago I was going to do a "Kiss Me Deadly" remake with Michael Mann producing. But I wondered if people even bought into film noir any more, with the gumshoe and voice-over and black and white. After finishing "Once Upon a Time in Mexico" and "Spy Kids 3-D" I was looking for something where I could use all this knowledge of digital photography and lighting and special effects I had accumulated, and I wanted to do something challenging in those areas. I picked up Frank's books again and went, "Oh, my God! I know how to shoot this now!" His books were just so much bolder than anything people were doing in cinema. I thought it would be an insult to turn this into a movie; I needed to take cinema and turn it into this graphic novel and make a moving version of it. It would seem so foreign and make other movies seem so obsolete and so plain. I realized it didn't need adapting. It was already the best-written, best-shot, best-acted, best-lit movie you've never seen on screen.

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Goodbye," "The Big Fat Kill" and "That Yellow Bastard." Miller initially resisted their conversion to the screen until Rodriguez (of "Spy Kids" and "From Dusk Till Dawn" fame) proved the transition could remain faithful to the quirky cult books.

As a result, the distinctive imagery of the graphic novels has been faithfully recreated on the screen, thanks to digital wizardry. Every scene in the film matches panels in the comic books, as does the look of each character. Like "The Polar Express," "Sin City" meticulously recreates visuals from another medium and makes them work on film.

And, like the comic books, "Sin City" is mostly black and white, except for few startling moments of color, like a red dress or a yellow face.

Once you see the violence of "Sin City," you'll be glad for the lack of color — if it were shot realistically most people probably couldn't handle the film's off-the-wall gore. But, being stylized, it takes on the aura of dark fantasy. And the large cast — also including Jessica Alba, Michael Madsen, Rosario Dawson, Elijah Wood, Nick Stahl, Michael Clarke Duncan, and Benicio Del Toro — make themselves at home in Miller's perverse and imaginative alternate universe.

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Q: When I say this is my favorite film of yours in a while, is the compliment diminished since Frank is such a collaborative force?

A: Well, the movie wouldn't have existed without all the stuff I did. I did more than just direct it with Frank. Besides the editing and photography and effects, I did all the visuals. Frank loved what I was doing. Since he'd already drawn it he didn't feel any need to be a part of that. I would take some of his drawings and interpret the movement on them. Sometimes he'd have a very, very vertical shot, which you can't do in cinema because (the screen) is horizontal. So I'd use a crane shot to get that same idea across.

Q: How did you direct as a twosome?

A: I was on the camera and working with the actors as I usually do. Frank would run in there and give the actors suggestions. He knows the material and characters, so they wanted to hear from him about the future and backstories of the characters, how he meant a line to be heard. "No, no, the emphasis should be on these two words," or "This is what you're really thinking." I couldn't answer a lot of that because so much of it is in his head. I didn't just want him to be a writer and producer. I wanted him to be a director so that actors and crew had to listen to him. I wanted it to be "Frank Miller's 'Sin City.'" It comes from such a pure place. I wouldn't even let him change anything.

Q: I can't believe you did the whole movie at your Troublemaker Studios here in Austin.

A: Everything was done in that same little green screen area, except for the bar, which is the only actual set. Everything else we shot in that 20-foot-by-30-foot area. I surprise people by pointing to that little section and go, "We shot 'Sin City' right here." And they go, "What?" And that's how Frank draws the comic, sitting in his little studio with a blank piece of paper, creating entire worlds in one room. I told him, "Man, you're going to see how easy it is to direct. You don't need to show up with a headdress and rattles. You've already been doing it with a pen. It's just like drawing. You're going to be in one room creating all these images."

Q: Are you aware that you've made the goriest, most outrageously violent American movie in years?

A: I thought "The Passion" might have been. (Laughs.) What feels relentless about it is that I took three stories and put them together. So it goes beyond what Frank originally designed.

Q: I'm actually proud of you for the gore.

A: Thank you. People are not going to get a sense of what "Sin City" is unless I provided at least three different stories and really give them the grand tour. I wanted to make the trilogy without having to wait three years. So there's a lot of movie there.

Q: How do you explain the Robert Rodriguez dichotomy of family fluff versus your R-rated gorefests?

A: One is the parent in me who likes to entertain kids and families. The other one is the big kid in me, the young guy who buys those comic books and those toys and loves that kind of pop culture movie. That's who I make "Sin City" for.

Q: Are you letting your kids see "Sin City"?

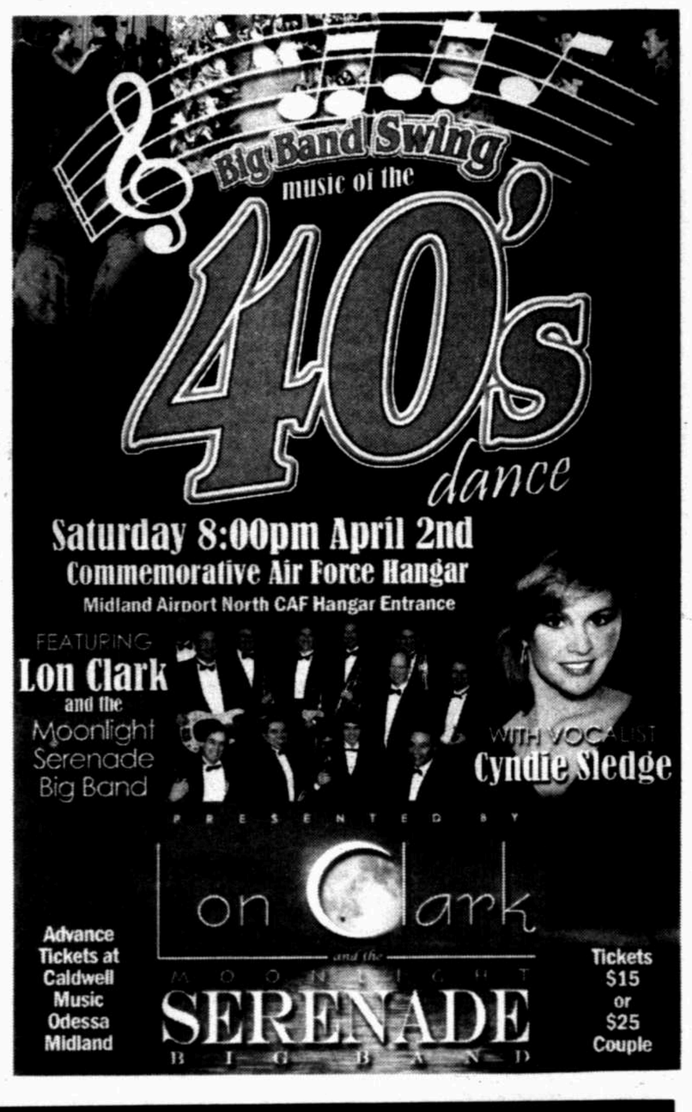
A: They're not really interested. They're interested in "Shark Boy and Lava Girl." That's their baby.

Q: You also, of course, made "The Adventures of Shark Boy and Lava Girl" in Austin.

A: I did "Sin City" at night and "Shark Boy" during the day. Things overlapped. We filmed the kids during the day, sent them away, then shot decapitated heads for "Sin City."

Q: What the heck is "Shark Boy and Lava Girl"?

A: Well, it starts off in the real world and then it transplants to another planet and turns 3-D. There's a little boy who dreams up these characters and imaginary friends who no one believes are real. Then the friends, Shark Boy and Lava Girl, show up one day, break through his school, take him away in a rocket ship to the other planet. The actors are real but I use green screen again to create a whole world. My 7-year-old, Racer, came up with the idea. He draws the most and comes up with little stories and has the strangest dreams. And he would tell me this story, like when we were playing in the pool he'd say, "You're Shark Dad, I'm Shark Boy." I said we should draw it as a children's book that he can read to his brothers. Then the studio called and wanted another family film in 3-D because "Spy Kids 3-D" did fantastic. I was on the spot, so I mentioned this one and they liked it. I got off the phone and told Racer, "I think you just sold your first project."



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Queen Latifah stays true to herself, always fighting to keep her identity

By Bob Strauss
Los Angeles Daily News

Some people slap their knees when they're having a good time.

Pounding on her thighs with balled-up fists, Queen Latifah is really having a blast.

"I heard y'all had a masseuse in here," she cackles during an interview to promote her latest film, "Beauty Shop." "Can I get the hook-up? My leg is killing me!"

Speaking on the weekend of her 35th birthday, Latifah seems like one of the happiest people on the planet. And why shouldn't she be? With an Oscar nomination, a Cover Girl spokesmodel contract, a recent well-received collection of vocal standards ("The Dana Owens Album," her real name) and this year's Grammy Awards hosting stint under her belt, the groundbreaking rapper is doing everything she ever dreamed of and more.

Plus, she got the best present ever.

"I just got this cool-ass chopper for my birthday downstairs, and I'm gonna ride it later," she enthuses. "It's a Big Dog, like the second-largest, highest-selling, No. 1 custom bikes in the country ... I don't know, it was just a surprise."

The bike came from Shakim Compere, Latifah's partner in Flavor Unit Entertainment, the recording and producing company named after the rapping crew Latifah got her start with in her New Jersey high school days. Latifah and Compere also share producing credits on "Beauty Shop," a distaff spinoff of the popular "Barbershop" films.

Bringing the hairstylist and widowed mom Gina Norris, introduced in "Barbershop 2," to the forefront here, Latifah played the leader of an unruly gaggle of opinionated women on both sides of the camera.

"What do I like about her?" asks art film veteran Alfre Woodard, who signed up for the workplace comedy mainly to play with Latifah. "She's positive. Her impulse is to be up. Some people just want to feel good, and she's a person like that. She has a warmth she exudes; she's, like, this ember."

Grown-up "Clueless" kid Alicia Silverstone, who plays another "Beauty Shop" employee, adds of Latifah, "She was so easy to be around, from the moment we met it was really easy for us to connect. She's like, completely laid-back, there's no drama; you'd never know she was working, it's so kind of mellow and low-key. And then she's also, like, this big force. She's got so much energy, she's such a presence, and she's so funny. Those things working together make her a really well-rounded leader."

Latifah admits that there's both the good-timing gal and the businesswoman that is herself in Gina.

"With this role, I was able to bring a lot of me," she says. "Only because I know this woman, I know people like this woman. This woman is like my mom, this woman is like a few hairstylists that I know, a couple of friends I know and a few single parents that I know. There are so many things about her that are relatable to me, and strong-but-welcoming is very much my personality, and something I very much wanted to translate for this character.

"But I know that, as a business owner myself, sometimes you gotta lay the law down," she adds. "I tried to bring a little bit of this to it but still have fun with it. 'Cause I have a lot of fun, and she needed to have a little fun."

It hasn't always been a party. There have been scrapes with the law for driving too fast and partying beyond the legal limits, which had to have been extra mortifying for someone whose father and brother were cops. And then there was the tragic death of that brother, Lance, on a motorcycle Latifah had given him as a birthday present.

More than a dozen years later, she still wears the key to that bike around her neck, in remembrance of that young man who was also her closest friend.

"Yeah, especially when I'm riding my motorcycle," she says, betraying no hint of sadness or phobia. "I got right back on it. I've been riding since '92 now. It's just like, that was the last thing we did together. I know, it's weird to me, too, but you have to ride to understand that, like, you and God and this road thing. The air on your face, the feeling of peace; it's hard to explain, but I feel closer to my brother when I ride a motorcycle. Maybe because that's what we did so much before his accident, that's how I remember him a lot."

Whatever's befallen her, Latifah has always represented powering past perceived limitations. Her first album, "All Hail the Queen," turned the hip-hop world on its ear in 1989 with its female empowerment and countermisogyny raps, a total rebuttal to the aggressive male mood of the genre at the time.

Instantly branded an angry black woman, Latifah, whose stage name is the Arabic word for delicate or sensitive, played into the part for a while. But when she got a gig on the popular sitcom "Living Single" in 1993, a softer, warmer side began balancing out the brassy brio. A diverse movie career slowly blossomed, too, with such divergent projects as the all-girl crime thriller "Set It Off" and the relationship drama "Living Out Loud," in which many first heard Latifah wrap her voice around American songbook classics.

The blockbuster success of the comedy "Bringing Down the House," coupled with her "Chicago" Oscar nomination, made Latifah a bona fide movie star two years ago.

Not to sound overconfident or anything, but she figures that's about right.

"God, I don't know who I am," she jokes. "I'm all shook up, all shook up! No. I have my insecurities, I think everybody does. I'm not supremely, 100 percent confident about everything, all the time. But I think, for the most part, I don't allow insecurity to get a strong hold in my mind. I don't sit and analyze every single thing about myself; I don't nitpick myself. I know where I could make improvements and I know where I can't; I know where I will and where I won't. And more importantly, I accept myself and I love myself.

"I think it's important to show that, because there was not a Queen Latifah before Queen Latifah," she continues. "Queen Latifah didn't have anybody to look up to, in that sense. I had a couple of people who I could admire, but it was mostly people in my family: my mom, my strong grandmothers and my aunts. But as far as an image out there, there weren't too many people. So, for me, it was just important to be me. I'm always fighting to keep my identity and to be cool with being me."

That attitude extends to her physical image. Perhaps more than any other celebrity in our appearance-conscious culture, Latifah has established her own definition of feminine beauty as one to emulate. And although she complained during a recent interview about having to drink a Diet 7-Up, she also insisted cosmetics modeling and such is, like so much else, done strictly on her terms.

"Surrrre. It's true!" she purrs proudly when the Cover Girl contract is mentioned, then says of weight-consciousness, "It's never really been an issue for me. I don't wanna make it one, either. I don't know if I've perfected worrying about my body image, or my image for that matter. Whatever feels comfortable and looks right for me, that's where I'm going with it. It has to be for me. If I start worrying about everybody else, that's where all the insecurities start coming in. Nope, not gonna happen."

Still, Latifah admits that, like it or not, she's become a role model for many women, regardless of their size, personality or color. Sometimes, this can perhaps get in the way of having all the fun she would like to. Then again, there are other moments when nothing — success, creative satisfaction, riding that bike down the open road — feels better.

"It's always pressure to be a role model," she admits. "Always pressure. It comes with fame. It's not even a choice. As soon as you become known, you become a role model, because people are looking at you, analyzing you, studying you, trying to figure out why you do what you do. It's always been tough because I know me. I'm flawed, I make a lot of mistakes. I've never wanted anyone to make the same mistakes as me.

"But if you can take something positive from what I do, feel free," Queen Latifah says. "I know that when some girl comes up to me and says that, because of me, she feels more confident in who she is or she got out of an abusive relationship — those times, it's the most rewarding thing in the world to know that you can influence someone in such a positive way that it can change, or even save, their life. That's when being a role model is actually cool."

'Beauty Shop' predictable but fun

By Margaret McGurgk
The Cincinnati Enquirer



'Beauty Shop'
Rated PG-13
105 minutes

★★☆☆

The greatest strength in "Beauty Shop" is the outsized personality of its star, Queen Latifah, playing a character who is stronger, smarter and wiser than anybody else on screen.

The weakness here is she never seems particularly threatened by her problems in this triumph-over-adversity tale. Watching her story unwind is a pleasant ride most of the time. It just never feels remotely real.

In the story spun off from "Barbershop 2," (itself the stepchild of the hit "Barbershop"), widowed hairdresser Gina Norris (Latifah) has left Chicago for Atlanta, where she lives with her daughter, mother-in-law and young sister-in-law while working for an upscale salon.

Fed up with her job, she quits and opens her own place in a black neighborhood. The people and events that come into play as she defeats various obstacles exist in a strictly made-for-the-movies mode.

For instance: When Gina's homemade conditioner draws the attention of a national firm, the suitor is Cover Girl — a company that does not in fact sell hair products but does employ Queen Latifah as a spokeswoman.

The movie assembles crowd-pleasing bits and pieces as if putting together a shopping list.

Hairdressers with personalities as vivid as opera singers? Check. Sherri Shepherd is the pregnant one, Golden Brooks is the belligerent one, Alfre Woodard is the one who recites Maya Angelou poetry at every opportunity.

Rebellious youngster needing only a blunt scolding to set her straight? Check. Keshia Knight Pulliam changes overnight from wild child to worker bee.

Hunky man to fall in love with Gina? Check. Djimon Hounsou manages to hang onto his dignity even with his shirt off.

Dim-witted white people? Check. Alicia Silverstone plays a talented, naive hairdresser and Andie MacDowell plays a rich, naive customer.

Evil white people? Check. The funniest is Kevin Bacon in a campy, over-the-top performance as Gina's slimy former employer.

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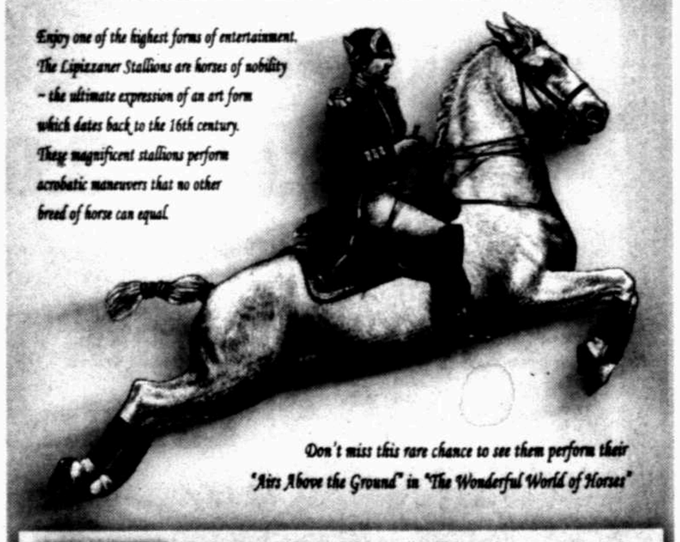
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	Channels	G	C	B	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
BROADCAST	KMID	3	3	2	News 'G' 78	Wheel of Fortune 30	8 Simple Rules 5246	8 Simple Rules ∩ 2	Hope & Faith 4994	Less Than 3401	20/20 ⊞ 7915		News 'G' 3622826	Nightline 70542888	(:06) Extra (N) 9503371	Kimmel 5434739
	KPEJ	8	5	3	Malcolm-Mid. 19130	Raymond 33710	Bernie Mac 98159	Malcolm-Mid. 39994	Arrested Dev. 36997	Arrested Dev. 19642	Malcolm-Mid. 59975	That '70s Show 34791	That '70s Show 22468	Raymond 20848	Becker ∩ ⊞ 54420	Becker ∩ ⊞ 68807
	KOSA	7	7	7	News 'G' 9333	Ent. Tonight 3913	Joan of Arcadia "Trial and Error" (N) ∩ 79623		JAG "Death at the Mosque" (N) ∩ 88371		NUMB3RS "Identity Crisis" (N) ∩ ⊞ 75807		News 'G' 4139081	Late Show With David Letterman 'PG' 12329772		Late Late 5513081
	KWES	9	9	9	News 3791	Seinfeld ∩ ⊞ 7371	Dateline NBC ∩ 'PG' ⊞ 29265				Law & Order: Trial by Jury (N) ∩ ⊞ 41325		News 8362371	(:35) The Tonight Show With Jay Leno 28331284		Late Night 9783081
	KMLM	11	12	19	Liberty 83307	John Hagee 26197	Update/Israel 61772	Biblical Israel 15081	Light of the Southwest 73081				The Hour of Healing 'G' 69888		CCM Ministries 38420	Del Sanchez 59197
	KOCV	13	13		The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer (N) ⊞ 678401		Wash Wk 363807	Wall 446008	NOW (N) ∩ 372555	Carlson 351062	Jrnl Edit. Rpt 696772	Tavis Smiley 680246	Charlie Rose (N) ∩ ⊞ 355913		(Off Air)	
	KPXK	5	14		Pyramid ∩ ⊞ 26420	Family Feud 17772	America's Most Talented Kids ∩ (El) 'G' 47587		Dominick and Eugene (PG-13, '88) ★★★ Tom Hulce. A med student cares for his mentally challenged brother. ∩ 331913					Paid Program 15178	Paid Prog. 67059420	Paid Program 75197
	KUPB	4	4	13	La Mujer de Madera (Series Finale) 19420		Apuesta por un Amor 66791		La Madrastra 82739		Hospital El Paisa 46449	La Escuelita 21265	Primer Impacto 86604	Noticiero Univ. 95352	La Vida Conyugal (NR) Socorro Bonilla. 696371	
	UPN		21	16	Pat Croce	Pat Croce	Star Trek: Ent. 75449		Next Top Model 84197		Fear Factor ⊞ 64333		Boxing: Guilty Fight Night 39159			
KIDS	DISN	56	27	41	Suite Life	So Raven	Kim Possible: A Sitch in Time 7219739			Suite Life	Dragon	Suite Life	Phil 516623	So Raven	Whiskers	Kim 852062
	FAM	53	54	6	Smallville ⊞ 412807		Field of Dreams (PG, '89) ★★½ 752062				Whose?	Whose?	The 700 Club 773979		Operation Smile 758246	
	NICK	55	34	37	Neutron	Avatar	Avatar	Danny	Robot	Oddparents	Full House	Full House	Fresh Pr.	Cosby	Roseanne	Murphy
LEARN	A&E	27	32	25	American Justice: Black Widow of Vegas 230265		Windtalkers (R, '02) ★★ Nicolas Cage, Adam Beach, Peter Stormare. A troubled Marine must protect a Navajo code talker. ⊞ 414474						American Justice: Peterson 986807		Windtalkers (R) ★★ Nicolas Cage. ⊞ 793791	
	DISC	50	20	26	Amer. Chopper 245197		Monster House 992468		Amer. Chopper 978888		Amer. Hot Rod 981352		Monster House 991739		Amer. Chopper 574246	
	HIST	71	62	32	Modern Marvels 7891081		Last Day WWII 4556791		Mail Call (N)	Mail Call	Modern Marvels 4552975		Sex in WWII 4555062		Last Day WWII 7639604	
	TLC	51	33	21	In a Fix "Global Treasures" 'PG' 698791		What Not to Wear "Laura Miranda" 'PG' 369642		What Not to Wear "Amy" (N) 'PG' ⊞ 345062		Faking It "DJ to Broadway" '14' 365826		What Not to Wear "Laura Miranda" 'PG' 368913		What Not to Wear "Amy" 'PG' ⊞ 967468	
NEWS	CNN	43	24	22	Cooper 360 872265		Paula Zahn Now 510888		Larry King Live 529536		NewsNight-Br. 509772		Dobbs Tonight 519159		Larry King Live 134642	
	CNBC	46	45	27	Late Night 4278064		The Apprentice 3304284		Dennis Miller (N) 3380604		The Office	The Office	The Apprentice 3303555		Dennis Miller 8555791	
	FNC	48	58		Fox Report 8883420		O'Reilly Factor 6774371		Hannity-Colme 6750791		On the Record 6770555		O'Reilly Factor 6773642		Special Report 8922791	
	MSNBC	47	51		Hardball ⊞ 8896994		Countdown 6754517		Investigates 6763265		Scarborough 6743401		Hardball ⊞ 6753888		Countdown 8935265	
SPORTS	ESPN	32	29	30	SportsCtr.	NBA 721456	NBA Basketball Sacramento Kings at Cleveland Cavaliers. 577420					NBA Basketball San Antonio Spurs at Denver Nuggets. 213710				
	ESPN2	34	28		Tennis: NASDAQ-100 Open 1201159				Boxing: Willie Gibbs vs. Andres Pacheco 1206604				SportsCenter 1225739		Karate	Karate
	FSSW	37	43	29	NBA Basketball Dallas Mavericks at Philadelphia 76ers. From the Wachovia Center in Philadelphia. (Subject to Blackout) 573866					SW Sports Rpt. 48130	Best Damn Sports Show Period (Live) ⊞ 53265		SW Sports Rpt. 86642	Best Damn Sports Show Period ⊞ 477333		Best-Sports 864710
	OUTDR	40	39		Alaska	Bill Dance	Shooting	Sighting	Elk Country	Beretta	Outfitter	Fly Fishing	Shooting	Sighting	Elk Country	Beretta
PREMIUM	AMC	63	21	31	Mad Max (5:00) 967807		The Silence of the Lambs (R) ★★★★ Jodie Foster. 571246					Manhunter (R, '86) ★★★ William L. Petersen. 217536				
	BRAV	65	63		Showdog Mom 247081		Celebrity Poker 895642		Hoosiers (PG) ★★★ Gene Hackman. ⊞ 882178				Hoosiers (PG) ★★★ Gene Hackman. ⊞ 142062			
	BET	70	26	33	106 & Park	BET com	Movie 132710				Club Comic View 406772		News	Maad	Midnight Love 138994	
	FOOD	74	59		Good Eats	Unwrapped	Emeril Live 8712371		Inside Dish	$40-a-Day	Take It Off (N) 8718555		Iron Chef 8711642		Emeril Live 3783536	
	FX	31	31		Kiss of Death 5250284		Con Air (R, '97) ★★½ Nicolas Cage. 2085062					Cops ⊞	The Shield 6755246		Kiss of Death 6966410	
	LIFE	28	36	40	The Accident: A Moment of Truth Movie ('97) ★★ Donna Bullock, Matt McCoy. ⊞ 844611				Deadly Encounter (NR) Laura Leighton. A stalker terrorizes a woman and her young son. ⊞ 828848				Merge (N) 'G' ⊞ 373933		What Should You Do? 'PG' ⊞ 754420	
	HALL	54	49		Texas Ranger 601265		Touched-Angel 349888		Mystery Woman: Snapshot (NR, '05) 352352				M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H	M*A*S*H
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	SPIKE	30	22	35	CSI: Crime Scn 603623		CSI: Crime Scn 341246		Invasion Iowa "It Came From Her Popo" (N) 354710				Invasion Iowa "It Came From Her Popo" ∩ 638284			
	TBS	25	11	11	Raymond 158062	Raymond 172642	Friends 424517	Friends ∩ 178826	Kingpin (PG-13, '96) ★★½ Woody Harrelson, Randy Quaid. Premiere. ⊞ 6834807				Beverly Hills Ninja (:05) (PG-13, '97) ★½ Chris Farley, Nicollette Sheridan. ⊞ 65735994			
	TCM	64	61		Swiss Miss 87528826		Way Out West 2941159		Sons of the Desert (:15) 63459994			Music Box	Block-Heads (:15) ★★★ 91007791			Pardon Us
	TELE	20	8		Anita No, Rajes 249449		Mujer en Esp. 880710		Gitanas 866130		Ley, Silencio 886994		Noticiero	Laura '14' 161517		Rojo Vivo
	TNT	24	23	28	Law & Order "Grief" ∩ '14' ⊞ (DVS) 696333		Law & Order "Patriot" ∩ '14' ⊞ (DVS) 367284		The Perfect Storm (PG-13, '00) ★★★ George Clooney, John C. Reilly. A fishing boat sails into the storm of the century. 720265					The Haunting (PG-13, '99) ★½ Liam Neeson, Owen Wilson. 256159		
	TVL	59	48	24	Wings ∩	Wings ∩	Highway Hvn. 4554333		Griffith	Leave	Sanford	All-Family	3's Co.	3's Co.	SCTV '14'	SCTV
	USA	26	30	38	Cool Money (5:00) (NR, '05) ★★ 130791		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit ∩ 538284		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit ∩ 514604		Monk ⊞ 534468		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit ∩ 537555		Monk ⊞ 129710	
	WGN	19	18		Will-Grace 530178	Home Imp. 514130	Futureworld (PG, '76) ★★½ Peter Fonda, Blythe Danner, Yul Brynner. 574772				MLB Preseason Baseball Chicago Cubs vs. Seattle Mariners. From Las Vegas. (Live) ∩ ⊞ 717807					
	FLIX	340	65		Boyfriend Schl 83624710		Sunday, Bloody Sunday (R) ★★★½ 7646994				Lenny (R) ★★★★ Dustin Hoffman. ⊞ 4548772				Husband-Wives 9623772	
	HBO	300	68	15	Championship 685791		Spartan (R) ★★½ Val Kilmer. ⊞ 958284				Deadwood ⊞ 336888		Real Time 'MA' 339975		Unscripted	Die Hard
	HBOP	302	69		The Firm (4:15) 85818776		The Company (PG-13, '03) ★★★ ∩ 5074536				Malibu's Most Wanted ★★ 5377352			Eurotrip (R, '04) ★★ ∩ 8535197		
	HBOS	304	70		Sometimes in April (5:30) (NR) (TVMA) ⊞ 3986468				Six Feet Under 7975604		Ghost (PG-13) ★★★ Patrick Swayze. 56111739				Wild Things (R) 44842913	
	MAX	380	71		Head of State 2366975		Can't Hardly Wait (:15) (PG-13) ★★ 70427772				I Know What You Did Last 8321159			Bikini Cavegirl (:45) (NR) 15164197		
	MAX2	382	72		Chasing Liberty (PG-13, '04) ★★ ∩ 4273178				Mystic River (R, '03) ★★★½ Sean Penn. ∩ 90167555					House of 1000 Corpses (:20) 68069807		
	PLEX		53		Goldfinger	The Canterville Ghost (:20) 27380975			So I Married Murderer 4314081			Indecency (:35) ★★ ⊞ 6976062			Doctor Who 45468159	
	SHOW	320	66	20	City Slickers 2 147081		One Night One Star: Usher Live (iTV) '14' 114888				Fat Actress	Penn	Boxing Showbox: The New Generation. 809284			
	TMC	336	67	16	Scarlet Let. 286371		How to Lose a Guy in 10 Days ★★ ⊞ 130352				According to Spencer ★ 1761284			Undercover Sex (:35) (NR) 2092420		

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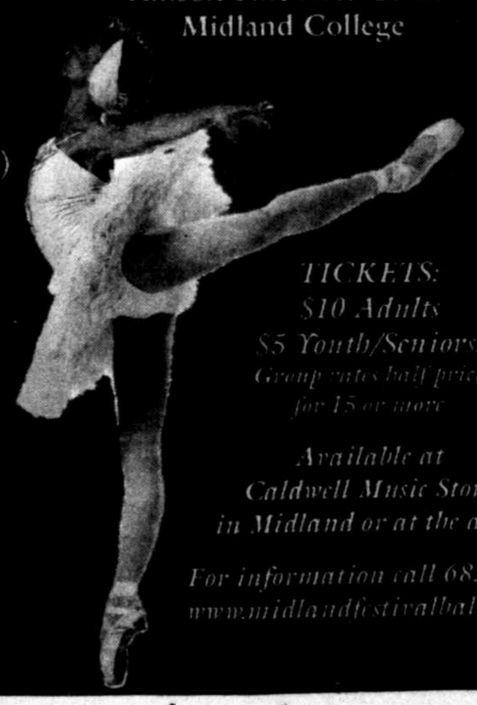
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ACTS OF WORSHIP (R) Comparisons to "Requiem For a Dream" are inevitable but misleading. This story of a young heroin addict is gritty and revealing but not nearly as well-acted as "Requiem." It also lacks the unexpected humor of Darren Aronofsky's 2000 film. Grade: C+.

ADRENALINE COWBOYS: 8 SECONDS TO GLORY (not rated) Straight to video release documents the origins and success of the Professional Bull Riders Cup Tour. Breathtaking footage is fused with interviews featuring the event's biggest stars (Adriano Moraes) and young hopefuls (Mike Lee). Poignant moments include a tribute to the fallen and superstar Ty Murray's decision to retire. What doesn't work is Bo Derek's narration. What shouldn't work is the alternative music soundtrack, but it does — big time. Grade: B.

AFTER THE SUNSET (PG-13) Romantic comedy, starring Pierce Brosnan, Salma Hayek and Woody Harrelson, also tries to pass itself off as a heist movie. The attempted trifecta fails on all counts but does score a triple play for cliché, bad dialogue and predictability. Exotic tropical locations earn double eye candy points for their beauty and for necessitating the trio of stars to wear as little as possible. Loses them for pandering. Grade: C+.

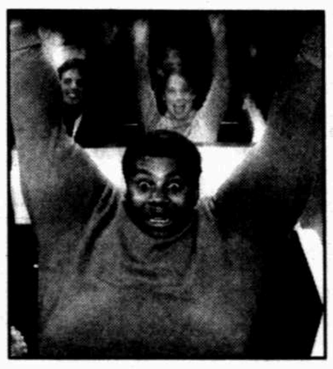


BEING JULIA (R) Annette Bening looks to be having a grand old time playing an actress in 1930s London who takes on a young lover half her age. Her Oscar nominated performance helps maintain interest through the surprisingly lackluster first and second acts. But once it gets rolling, stand back and watch in joy as Bening exacts her revenge after the young man dumps her. Grade: B-.

BRIDGET JONES: THE EDGE OF REASON (R) No, it's not as good as the original, but it's still a whole lot of fun. Renee Zellweger, Colin Firth and Hugh Grant reprise their roles from "Bridget Jones's Diary" and the familiarity might be a big reason why the whole thing works so well. There's not a whole lot in the way of a plot. The whole Thailand thing seems to be little more than filler and a unpleasant reminder of the awful "Brokedown Palace." DVD extras include a cute interview with Zelleweger — as Jones — interviewing Firth as himself. Grade: B-.

CLOSER (R) Mike Nichols continues his exploration of sex, relationships and marriage that began with 1966's "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" and continued with 1971's "Carnal Knowledge." A nearly perfect ensemble cast — Jude Law, Natalie Portman, Julia Roberts and most especially Clive Owen — give career-defining performances. Though it's drawn comparisons, "Closer" is more coherent, interesting and important than last year's whiny "We Don't Live Here Anymore." Grade: A.

CRIMSON RIVERS: ANGELS OF THE APOCALYPSE (R) Jean Reno reprises the French detective from the 2000 thriller Les Rivieres Pourpres. This time he's trying to catch a serial killer who recreates infamous religious slayings. Average thriller offers nothing new, but Reno's charisma carries it for quite a while before stupid plot causes collapse. Grade: C-.



FAT ALBERT (PG) I think Bill Cosby and the filmmakers meant well with their adaptation of Cosby's old cartoon. Kenan Thompson is adorable as the title character. But a mediocre story and so-so dialogue just don't add up to anything very satisfying. Grade: C+.

THE FINAL CUT (PG-13) Sci-fi thriller stars Robin Williams as a man who edits dead people's recorded lifetimes. As in "One Hour Photo," Williams continues exploring slightly creepy characters and continues to show he is quite capable of drama. Slow pace of drama may be distracting, especially within confines of small screen, but it's a worthwhile journey. Grade: B.

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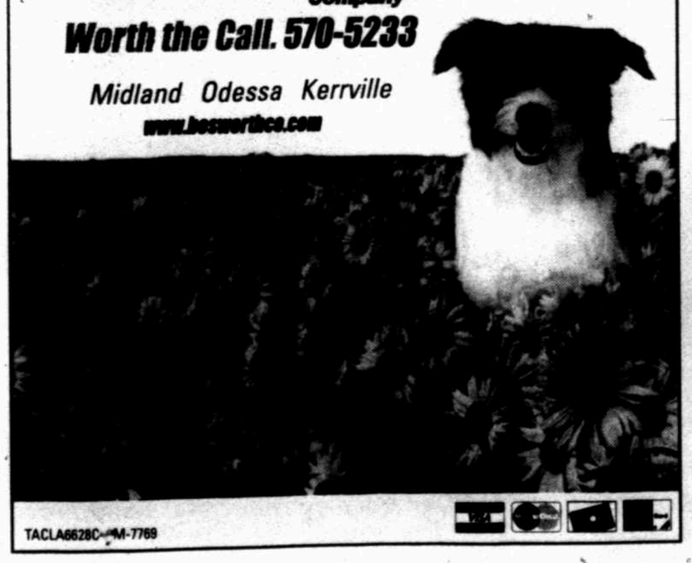
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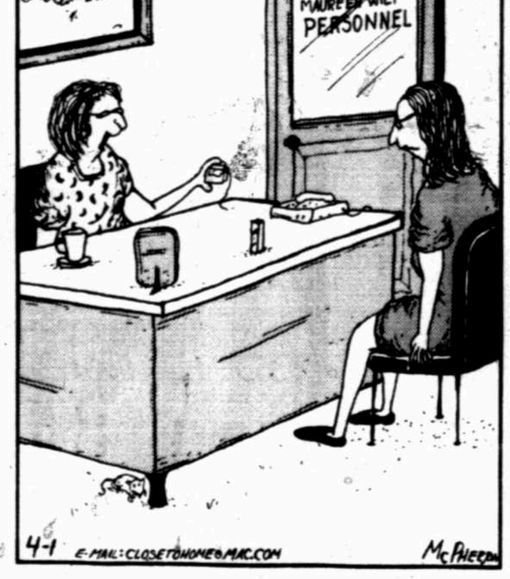
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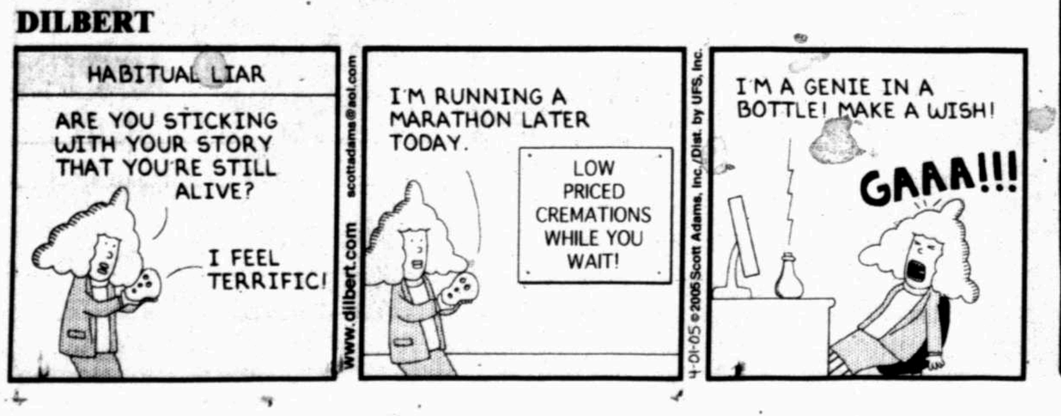
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SATURDAY
Mostly sunny
high 72
low 43

SUNDAY
Partly cloudy
high 78
low 47

Expect mostly cloudy skies today with a high around 60 and north winds between 15 and 20 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for clear skies with a low around 36 and north winds between 5 and 10 mph.

Saturday's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies with a high around 72, a low around 43 and south winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Sunday's forecast calls for partly cloudy skies with a high around 78 and a low around 47.

The high Thursday reached 67 while the low dropped to 33. The record high for March 31 is 99 set in 1946. The record low is 29 set in 1936.

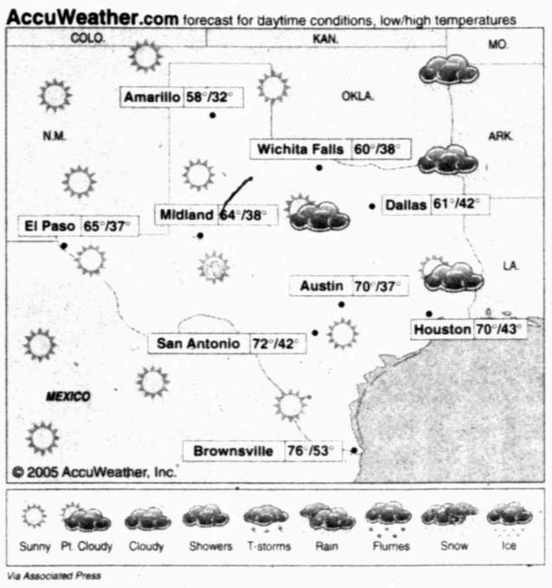
Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Wednesday	.0.00 in.
Rainfall Thursday	.0.00 in.
Total for month	.0.45 in.
Total for year	.2.37 in.
Normal total (year to date)	.1.53 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	.67
Low	.33
Normal high	.75
Normal low	.45

Sunrise ... 6:37 a.m.
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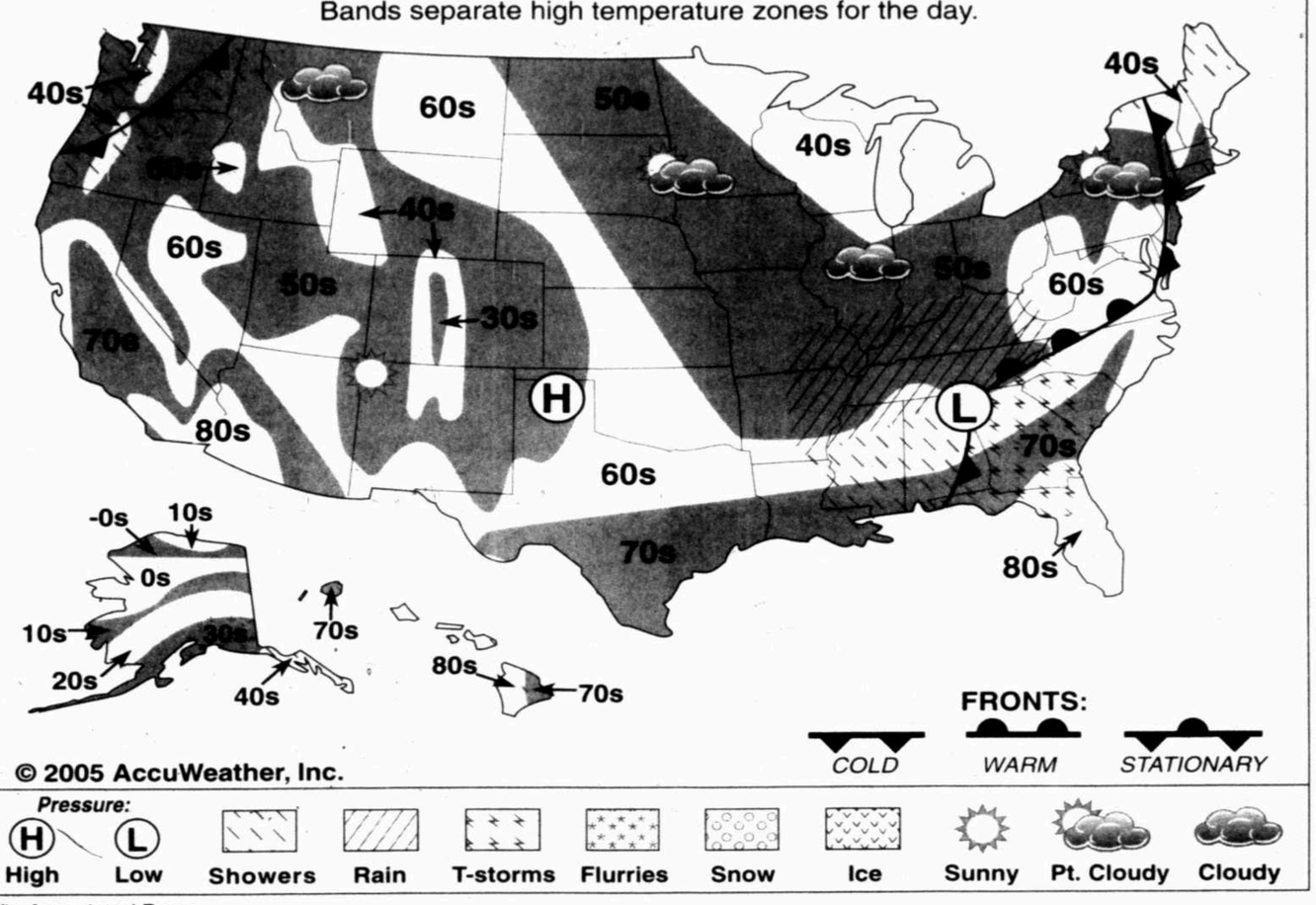


Via Associated Press

National weather

The **AccuWeather.com** forecast for noon, Friday, April 1.

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



Via Associated Press

DEAR ABBY

Veterans injured in combat deserve gratitude

DEAR ABBY: We live in the Tampa Bay area, where two V.A. hospitals are located. Many members of the military have returned from Iraq and Afghanistan with mental and physical problems. In our community, we encounter these veterans every day.

Two weeks ago, we were in a fast-food restaurant and saw a young man on crutches with two shiny metal prosthetics on each arm below the elbow. The following week, we were walking down the street and ahead of us was another young man. This one had shiny prosthetics on both legs below the hips and was walking with a cane.

My husband and I wanted to approach and speak to these young men, but we held back. We weren't sure how they would accept a stranger's attention to them.

We, as a country, made many mistakes when our veterans returned from Vietnam. Many of these wounded young veterans will be returning to their homes and communities now and in the near future. I feel the American people need some guidance on how to handle this situation. Can you help us? — PATRICIA AND BILL, SEMINOLE, FLA.

DEAR PATRICIA AND BILL: Put yourselves, for just a moment, in the position of the young men you have encountered. Would it not be meaningful to you if someone saw what you had sacrificed in the line of duty, and verbalized appreciation for it? Some decisions are better left to the heart than to the head — and whether or not to reach out in a case like this is one of them. I say, go for it. It could give a deserving young person a tremendous boost.

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DEAR ABBY: I am in a relationship with a guy who does not like to kiss. We act like an old married couple. He's not affectionate or romantic in any way at all. He'll hold my hand in public, but that's it. I'm wondering if it's because of depression. He loves to work, but I think it's to cover his depression.

He tells me every day that he loves me, and we never fight. We actually get along very well. Are some men just not affectionate? I would like to be, but I know he's not that type. My parents are not affectionate people, and they have been together for 38 years.

My boyfriend has told me that he knows there is something wrong with him and that he needs counseling about his behavior. We have a lot in common and see each other every day, so we are definitely serious. We laugh and click in ways other than being romantic and passionate. Is there any hope? — STARVED FOR AFFECTION IN BIRMINGHAM

DEAR STARVING: There is hope, but only if your boyfriend is willing to get the counseling he says he needs. As it stands, your needs do not appear to be high on his list of priorities. Because it does not appear that a marriage without physical expression would be satisfying for you, it may be that you and he are destined to be the dearest of friends — but not mates. If he truly cares as much about you as you care for him, he owes it to you to level with you.

DEAR ABBY: What do you think of a husband and daughter picking out carpet for our living room while I was out of town? Not only that, they picked a color I don't like. I am very hurt and disappointed — not to mention angry! — DONNA IN OHIO

DEAR DONNA: I don't blame you for feeling angry. As woman of the house, the choice of carpet should have been decided between you and your husband. I wouldn't blame you if you refused to accept delivery and installation.

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 Friday, April 1, 2005:
Your public commitments become a high priority this year. You do care what others think, more than you have in the past. Others tend to be a bit more jovial than you in most situations. Take their behavior with a grain of salt. Do the politically correct thing rather than create controversy. You don't need problems. Maintain a high profile. Your leadership adds a dimension to whatever you touch. If you are single, a relationship will develop if you let it happen. You might enjoy dating and socializing more. Don't allow someone special to drift out of your life. If you are attached, your significant other becomes far more bubbly. He or she might want greater involvement. CAPRICORN might care more about power and money than you.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ You might feel like you are a sailboat in the middle of a gale, as you get buffeted in different directions. You'll come out OK if you know where you need to go. Stay in control by not trying to control others. Tonight: Prepare for a late night.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★ Events and news will encourage you to look inward at your processing. Sometimes you need to bend a little in order to adjust to changes. Not being flexible could cause you to break. Explore different types of thinking. Tonight: Split town.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★ Working with an associate could test your self-discipline and ability not to overreact. You easily enjoy yourself in meetings. Fun and friends emerge as a high priority. It's Friday. Why shouldn't you kick back? Tonight: Enjoy yourself.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★ Distraction becomes a major theme. Others say something, and your mind seems to take off from that point. Don't worry about focus. Rather, enjoy your flights of fantasy. Laughter marks the day. Tonight: Anchor in.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★ Decide what needs to be accomplished in order to feel clear for the weekend. You might need to screen calls. Self-discipline might also be a factor. You cannot shoot the breeze and clear your desk or get errands done. Tonight: Get some exercise.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★★★ You're in full weekend mode, even if you might need to accomplish certain errands or make key calls. You might want to splurge and approach life in a more convivial manner. Be careful as to how overboard you go. Tonight: Finally — time to kick up your heels.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★★★ Understand what might be going on with a family member. This person might enjoy your lightness but has a problem dealing with key issues. Tone down the lightness and be more sensitive. Curb a tendency to go to extremes. Tonight: Anchor in.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★ Your mind goes on overtime. Keep conversations moving forward. What you think might not have anything to do with reality. Laugh and enjoy the moment. Be a good listener rather than predetermine another's answers. Tonight: Socialize, but be aware of others.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Use good sense with your finances. You might want to buy some item, which you can justify. Still, know that you have the capacity to go to excess. Play Ralph Nader and do some price comparing. Realize when you have had enough seriousness. Tonight: Find your friends.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★ Your personality makes quite an impression on a key associate or loved one. Without realizing it, you might be giving this person permission to be silly and carefree. Don't be surprised by his or her actions. Tonight: In the limelight.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★ Keep your own counsel and don't exaggerate what is happening. Somehow you manage to make quite an impression on someone you care about. This person, as light as he or she can be, has a way of helping you understand others. Tonight: Take in a movie.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★ Meetings and people in general are a source of enormous pleasure. How you see someone could change as a result of a conversation. Know that a loved one or dear friend really does care. Don't think that the present flow of money is endless. Tonight: Join your friends and/or loved ones.

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BORN TODAY
Actor Lon Chaney (1883), actress Ali MacGraw (1939)

DAILY CROSSWORD

Edited By Rich Norris and Joyce Nichols Lewis

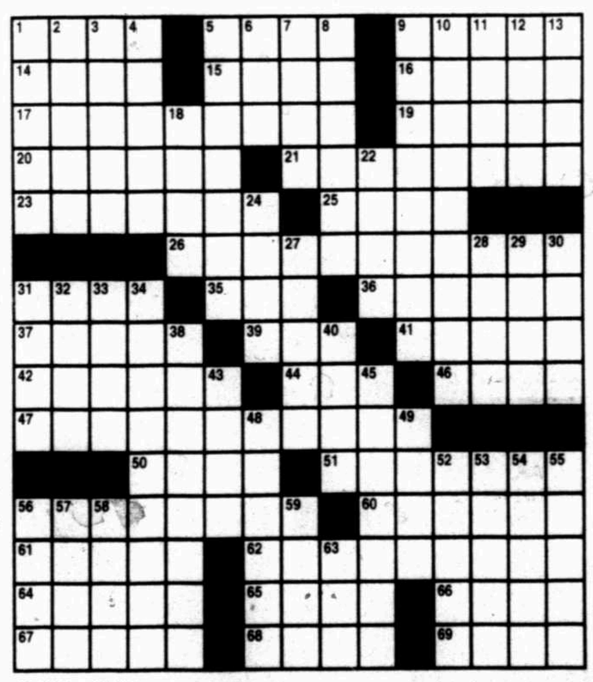
ACROSS
1 Half of a Bud Fisher comics duo
5 "Malcolm in the Middle" mom
9 Fed concern
14 Aweather's counterpart
15 Black-and-white predator
16 Defame
17 Popsicle?
19 Brooks of "Spenser: For Hire"
20 Equanimity
21 Places for hearts
23 Horseshoes scores
25 Stagger
26 Rex of comics, e.g.?
31 Federal inspection gp.
35 Dumbfound
36 Improvise
37 Rascal
39 Saturated
41 "So __"
42 Channel Tunnel terminus
44 Blunder
46 Pen fare
47 Dreadful brew?
50 Opera singer Pinza
51 Most zealous
56 Joined forces
60 Grammy-winning jazz singer Reeves
61 It has a bed and runs
62 Idea?
64 Rice-__
65 Lied article
66 Ticked off
67 Scandalmonger
68 Rampage
69 Brother of Macaulay Culkin

DOWN
1 Southwestern hut
2 Take part in a secret joint venture?
3 Dude
4 Got sustenance from
5 Philistine
6 Galena, e.g.
7 Champagne bucket, e.g.
8 Lampoon
9 Certain test controls
10 Competitive
11 "__ to differ!"
12 Measly
13 Tarzan portrayer Ron et al.
18 Diving duck
22 Capital on the Aare
24 Deceive
27 One of the outcrowd?
28 "The Life of Henry James" author
29 Zoe's friend, on "Sesame Street"
30 Bass
31 Deepwater Program org.
32 Halloween embellishment
33 Painter of limp watches
34 Utter surprise
38 Where a lot of dough is spent?
40 Arduous journey
43 Lost traction
45 Sounding more like a sax
48 "Sure!"
49 Restrain
52 Floor
53 Diciembre follower
54 Grinchlike smile
55 Lingerie item
56 Something for carrying a round
57 Irish homeland
58 Surprise caller
59 __-dieu
63 Prefix for log or gram

ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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By Kelsey Blakley
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GOREN BRIDGE

With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

April Fool!

North-South vulnerable. North deals.

NORTH
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♡ K Q J
◇ A Q J 10 3
♣ Q

WEST
♠ K 10
♡ 10 7 5 2
◇ K 7 4 2
♣ 8 7 4

EAST
♠ A 8 7 6 3
♡ 9 8 3
◇ 9 6 5
♣ 9 6

SOUTH
♠ J 4
♡ A 6 4
◇ 8
♣ A K J 10 5 3 2

The bidding:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	3♣	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♣	Pass
6♣	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Eight of ♣

A touch of deception, especially if it cannot cost, is all part of the game. Indeed, there are some players who would rather "steal" a hand rather than make it legitimately. How would you play six clubs if you were fortunate enough to escape a spade lead?

South's jump shift shows either a self-sufficient suit or a fit for opener's suit. When South showed a good suit by rebidding four clubs, North decided to gamble on the small slam.

West led a safe trump, and declarer showed no signs of discomfort at his predicament. He won in dummy with the queen and cashed the ace of diamonds. He then led the queen of diamonds, discarding a heart from hand!

West won with the king and could not wait to attack declarer's "weak" spot by shifting to a heart. Declarer won in hand, drew trumps and crossed to the king of hearts to discard his losing spades on the good diamonds. April fool! However, we cannot help feeling that there, but for the grace of God, go we.

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presents **DVDiva**
New releases on video and DVD
by Nancy Adamson

(From 5B)



FINDING NEVERLAND (PG) For fans of "Peter Pan," this film surely exceeds all expectations. For those of us who are not, this film unbelievably exceeds all expectations. I truly regret not having made the short drive to Odessa to have seen it on a big screen. Despite having spent probably a third of the film in tears, I was positively moved. If not only for the story or the heart-wrenching performances from Johnny Depp and Kate Winslet but for the powerlessness I felt at falling for its sentimentality. Grade: A-.

HIGH ROLLER: THE STU UNGAR STORY (R) Michael Imperioli ("The Sopranos") plays the title character in a film based on the life on the only person to win the World Series of Poker three times. Although it sounds like a movie hastily thrown together to cash in on the No Limit Texas Hold 'Em frenzy sweeping the nation, the movie manages to be fairly engrossing. Imperioti's makeup isn't very convincing in portraying a 28 year span in Ungar's life, but he gets credit for trying. Grade: B-.

NATIONAL LAMPOON'S GOLD DIGGERS (not rated) Bumbling young criminals marry 70-something sisters they assume are rich and will die soon. There is a minuscule nostalgia factor in seeing the reunion of "Mary Hartman, Mary Hartman" alums Louise Lasser and Renee Taylor, but don't let it be enough to part you from your hard-earned rental dollars. Grade: D.

SHE GETS WHAT SHE WANTS (PG-13) Far from great but surprisingly cute film about an aspiring beauty queen and her family who bring a foreign student into their home more for social recognition than philanthropy. Another in a short list of films that lovingly pokes fun at Texas without insulting our beloved state. Others I would add include "Dr. T and the Women," "The Positively True Adventures of the Alleged Texas Cheerleader-Murdering Mom" and "It's in the Water." Grade: B-.



VERA DRAKE (R) Imelda Staunton's quiet perseverance as one of Great Britain's greatest character actresses ("Shakespeare in Love," "Sense and Sensibility") finally culminates in a starring role that garnered a deserved Oscar nomination. She plays a woman who wants nothing more than to be of service to others, whether it's her family, the families she cleans for or the young girls she helps who are "in trouble." She puts a face on the polarizing subject of abortion without trying to sway opinion. Staunton's performance is the centerpiece of a fascinating character study. Grade: A.

ZELARY (R) Privileged nurse who's part of the resistance is forced underground by fascist regime in pre-World War II Czechoslovakia. Wonderfully acted film is beautiful to look at too but at 150 minutes, could have been tightened up a bit. Deservedly nominated for the best foreign language Oscar, lead actress Anna Geislerova's riveting performance was a big reason why. Grade: A-.

Recent recommendations

"The Incredibles" (A-), "New Suit" (B-), "Lightning in a Bottle" (B) and "Stage Beauty" (B).

Coming soon

New releases next week include: "Sideways," "Spanglish" and "Elektra." New releases the week of April 11 include: "Ocean's Twelve" and "Hotel Rwanda."

Videos and DVDs courtesy of Blockbuster video. Nancy Adamson is the assistant news editor for the Reporter-Telegram. Her e-mail address is banshee@mrt.com

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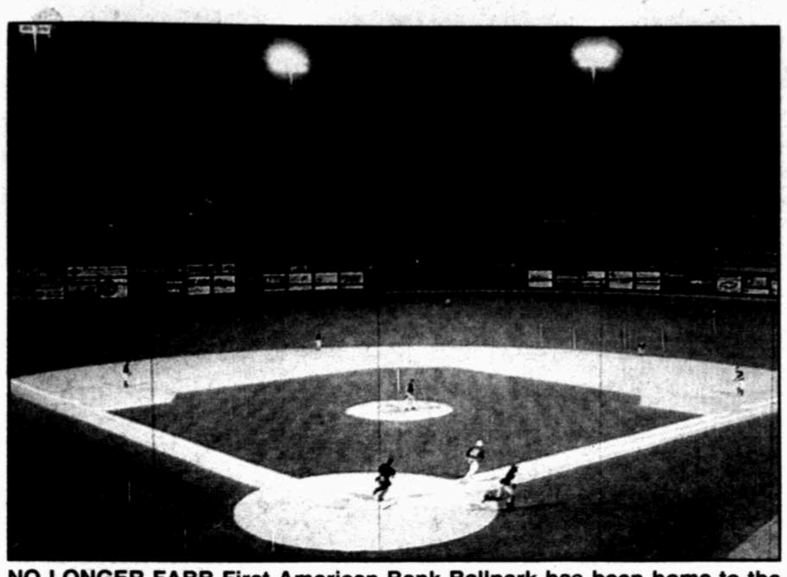
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NO LONGER FABB First American Bank Ballpark has been home to the Midland RockHounds and local baseball since 2002. The facility will soon be named after Citibank, whose parent company, Citigroup, bought First American Bank as well as the naming rights to the park.

Citibank acquires naming rights

By Mella McEwen
Oil Editor

The Midland RockHounds will soon have a new name for their home park.

New York-based Citigroup on Thursday completed its acquisition of First American Bank and its Texas branches, including three branches and one under construction in Midland.

The acquisition also includes naming rights to what is now known as First American Bank Ballpark at the Scharbauer Sports Complex.

Citigroup spokesman Mark Rodgers confirmed the company will retain the naming rights to the ballpark. Expectations are the park will soon be named after Citibank, the name of Citigroup's retail banking unit, possibly as early as next week.

"We plan to maintain all of First American's facilities and employees," Rodgers said, noting that Citigroup has 16,000 employees in Texas, but through its Smith Barney and various auto and home equity, finance and investment and insurance operations.

First American Bank purchased the naming rights for the baseball stadium from the city of Midland in March of 2002. The cost was $2.169 million over 25 years.

According to City Manager Rick Menchaca in a Reporter-Telegram report in August of 2004, First American Bank had paid $231,000 of the $2.169 million.

Temporary signage is expected to go up as early as next week. The RockHounds, the Double-A affiliate of the Oakland A's, begin their 2005 season at home on April 7. It has not yet been disclosed when the ballpark will have its new signage.

City officials were optimistic Citigroup would take over the sponsorship of the facility, which has been honored as one of the premier minor league parks by the baseball community, including a 2002 selection as the best new baseball park in the nation by baseballparks.com.

Citibank Texas, which was converted to a National Association charter immediately before the acquisition was completed, will be headquartered in Dallas.

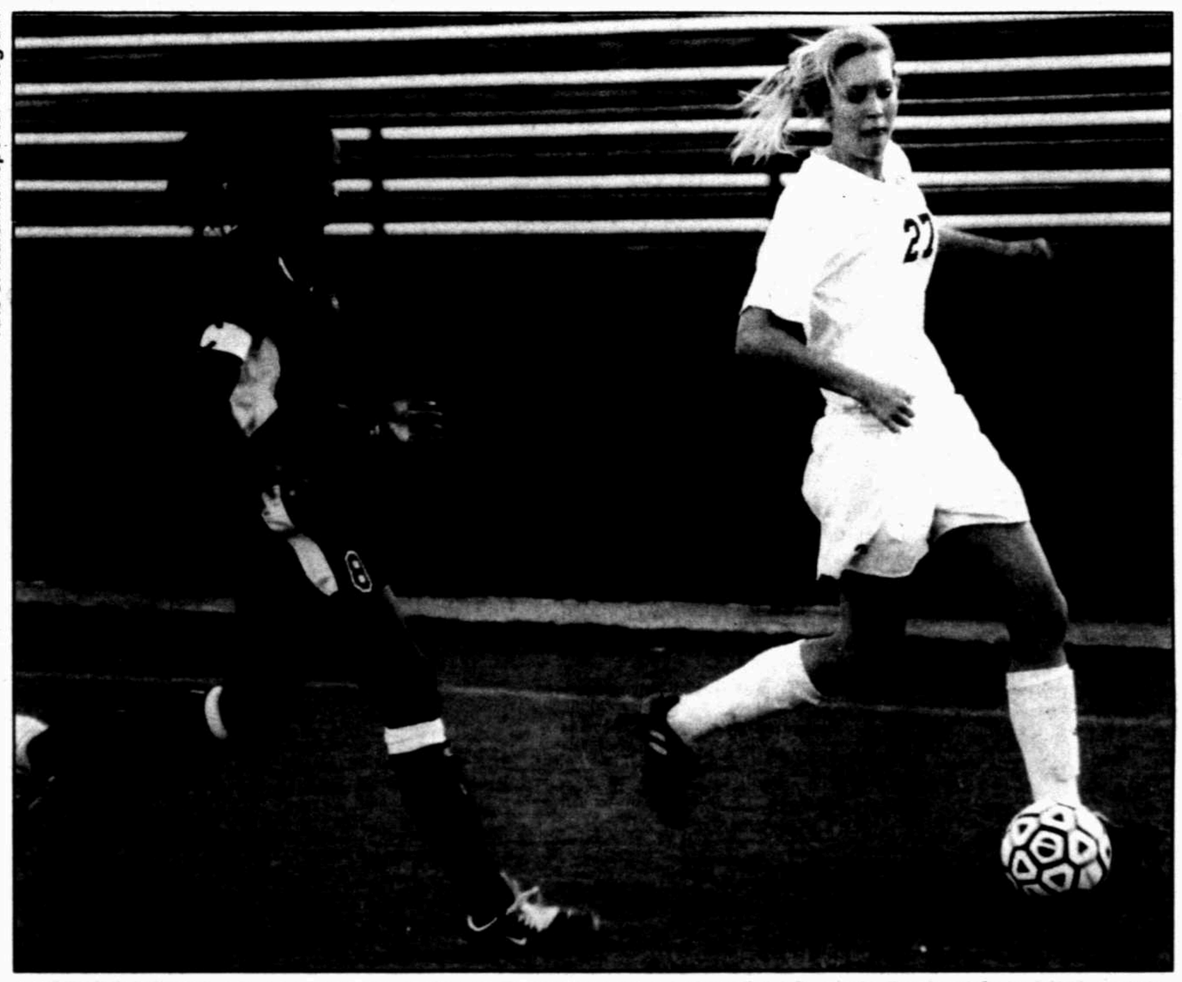
Rodgers said in coming months the state's 106 First American office and branch locations will have signage changed to reflect the new Citibank name.

"We're looking forward to being in your community," he said.

Class 5A Soccer Playoffs

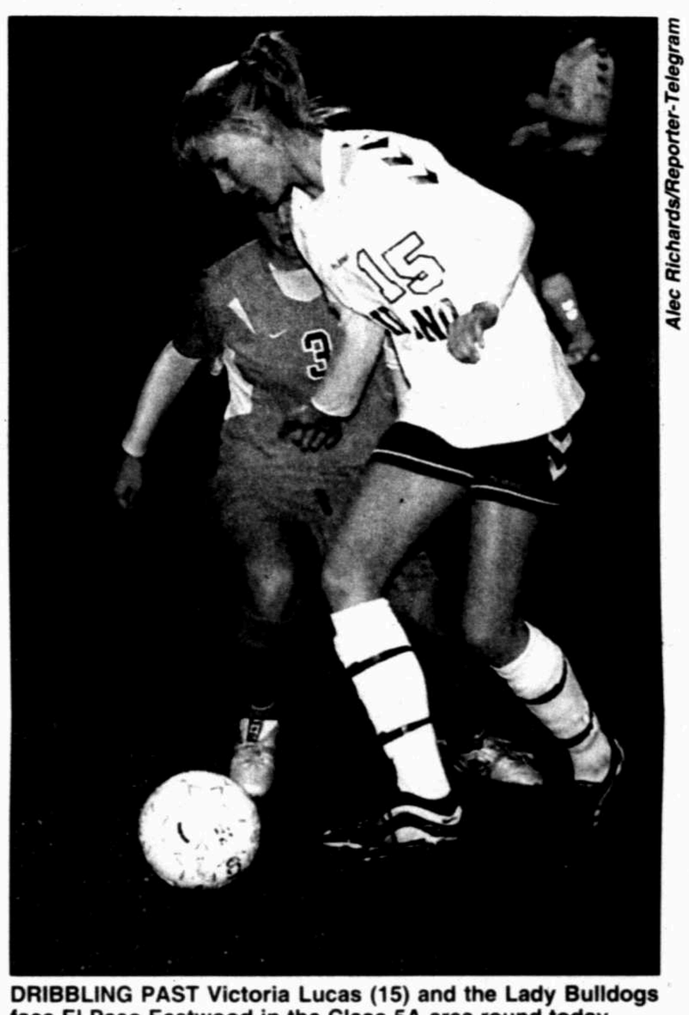
Fantastic Freshmen

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ANOTHER ROUND After a convincing victory Tuesday against Mansfield Summit, Rachael Solari (27) and the Lady Rebels take on Amarillo High in the area round of the Class 5A playoffs today in Lubbock.

Alec Richards/Reporter-Telegram



DRIBBLING PAST Victoria Lucas (15) and the Lady Bulldogs face El Paso Eastwood in the Class 5A area round today.

Solari has made impact for Lady Rebels

By Dave Sager
Sports Writer

It's not hard to spot Lee freshman Rachael Solari.

"We spotted her immediately when she showed up to soccer this year," Lee head coach Amanda Melchor said.

The 6-foot midfielder, who said she's played soccer since she was four years old, has been a surprising addition to the Lady Rebels' varsity squad and has been a key contributor to Lee's run in and through the playoffs.

"She is tall, but her size helps her," Melchor said. "She has good ball skills and good vision that can only get better because she's so young. But to have this size at this age is good for her. She's not awkward with her size. She's in command of it."

Solari started the year on the junior varsity team, but Melchor said she knew she would move her up. It was just a matter of when.

"She kind of paid her dues on a few JV games and we were just buying some time before we moved her up," Melchor said. "We actually moved her up a little quicker than we wanted to because we had an injury and she just came in and did a super job.

"So she really has earned her spot. It wasn't just handed to her. She's been a good addition to the team. She works hard."

And the youngster will be relied upon

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Lucas balances 3 sports

By Dave Sager
Sports Writer

Midland High freshman Victoria Lucas does just about everything.

Lucas was an All-District 3-5A selection in volleyball.

During this soccer season, Lucas was the leading scorer and the fifth leading offensive player in the district.

She also participates in track and field, competing in the high jump, along with the 400 and 800-meter relays.

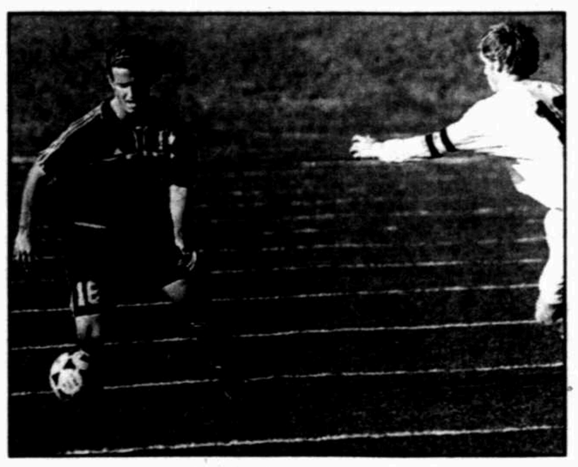
"I don't know how much longer I'll be doing it," Lucas said of the running events. "It's kind of tiring."

Oh yeah, and she also plays basketball, or rather, she used to.

"Actually I played basketball last year and got burned out so I just stopped playing" Lucas said.

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Kris J. Murante/Reporter-Telegram



MOVING AHEAD Lee senior Ryan Outlaw dribbles past a Mansfield High defender during Tuesday's bi-district playoff game in Abilene. Lee faces El Paso Coronado today in Roswell, N.M.

Lee senior Outlaw looks to continue soccer run

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

When the Lee boys soccer team had some time off before the start of the Class 5A playoffs, Ryan Outlaw kept playing soccer.

Outlaw was playing for his club team, the Dallas Comets, in the Dallas Cup club soccer tournament last weekend. The Dallas Cup features club soccer teams in several age brackets, and teams from around the world come to Dallas to play.

Outlaw's team advanced to the semifinals in one of the under-19 brackets before losing. But beyond how his team performed, Outlaw said it was the experience of playing teams from other parts of the world that he will remember.

"We got to hang out with some of the guys from England and that was fun," Outlaw said. "They were crazy but they were fun. That was my first experience in the Dallas Cup."

But when Outlaw is not mixing it up with international players, he has been one of several key players for the Rebels in their return and run through the playoffs.

Outlaw plays the stopper position for the Rebels. A position that is key for the back line of defense, but when he can Outlaw takes advantage of scoring chances and creates a few more for others.

In Tuesday's 3-0 playoff victory against Mansfield High. Outlaw moved the ball deep into the Tigers half before he slipped a pass back to Greg George, who tapped it

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MCS' Pruitt back on field

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

The thought of not playing softball again never entered Melani Pruitt's mind. But three months ago, Pruitt received a surprise that changed her life and might have put her career in jeopardy.

Pruitt went in for surgery on her thyroid gland to remove a nodule. But during the surgery, doctors found cancer and removed her thyroid gland.

The diagnosis was a surprise, but it was a surprise that reinforced Pruitt's already strong faith and she displayed a determination to return to the field as soon as possible.

Three months after the surgery and diagnosis, Pruitt is back on the softball field contributing to a Midland Christian team that is poised for another run at a state championship. The Lady Mustangs will take on TAPPS 1-5A rival Fort Worth Christian at 5 p.m. today at

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IN THE GAME Midland Christian outfielder Melani Pruitt has returned to playing softball three months after thyroid cancer.

Alec Richards/Reporter-Telegram



Chaps focus on hitting

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

Midland College baseball coach Steve Ramharter said his team is built on hitting, but the Chaparrals' haven't been hitting well enough in conference play.

"When we're hitting we can beat any team in the country. When we're not hitting anybody can beat us," Ramharter said. "We're adequate pitching, we're adequate defensively, but we're above average offensively. When we're not fulfilling that offensive potential we're not a very good team."

The Chaps (24-6, 2-6) look to get out of their offensive slump against Western Junior College Athletic Conference competition when they face Odessa College (20-8, 4-4) in a four-game series this weekend. Today's noon doubleheader is at Odessa's American Legion Stadium, while Saturday's noon doubleheader is at Christensen Stadium.

Much of MC's woes had to do with the competition as New Mexico Junior College and El Paso Community College have been two of the stronger teams in

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Private schools meet in Kermit

■ Area Track Notebook

By Jack Marrion
Sports Writer

For the first time this season all three of Midland's private schools will be at the same track meet. Midland Christian, Trinity and Midland Classical Academy, as well as Greenwood, travel to Kermit today for the Permian Basin Relays.

Midland Christian last competed at the Sand Hills Relays in Monahans on March 19, where six MCS athletes earned medals. Discus thrower Julie Jacobsma, distance runner Leslie Longbothan (two-mile run), high-jumper Callie Thorp and sprinter Tim Hamett (200-meter dash) each took home silver, while Caitlin Michael (200) and Brantly Fowler (400) placed third.

MCA's last meet was the Iraan Invitational on March 18, where senior Jonathan Henson won the 200-meter dash and 300-meter hurdles in the small-school division. Also performing well for MCA has been middle-distance runner sophomore Sarah Lehman.

The Knights and Lady Knights have primarily competed in the lower divisions of meets as they gain experience in the track program's second season.

"Everybody seems to be progressing every week," MCA track coach Ashley Dunn said. "Their times are dropping and they're getting more experienced in individual events. It has been good competition. It's hard to gauge where we are compared to (TAPPS) 2A schools. I'm worried more about what time they get than where they finish."

Trinity has been led by Chris Compton, who finished second in the 800 and 400 on March 24 at the Bulldog Relays in Tahoka, taking another silver in the 800 on March 17 at the Rio Grande Relays in Sanderson.

The Permian Basin Relays mark the last stop for the Chargers and Lady Chargers before the TCAL state meet on April 15.

Midland Christian heads to Ozona for the Lion Relays on April 9, its last meet prior to the TAPPS District 1-2A meet in Dallas on April 23. MCA competes in the TAPPS District 1-2A meet April 28 at Abilene Christian University.

DISTRICT PREVIEWS: Lee and Midland High are headed to meets this week that could also serve as previews for the District 3-5A meet April 14-15 in Odessa.

The Rebels and Bulldogs travel to the San Angelo Relays on Friday, while the Lady Rebels and Lady Bulldogs will compete at the All-American Relays at Abilene Christian University.

Lee finished second at the San Angelo Relays in 2004, with Converse Judson winning the large-school division title. Every 3-5A school except Midland High competed at last year's meet.

The Lee and Midland High girls teams return to the All-American Relays and will face every 3-5A opponent except Odessa High and Odessa Permian.

Both meets offer Lee and Midland High their first glimpse of Abilene High and Abilene Cooper this season.

Big Spring, which fared well at the Tall City Relays last week, and Andrews, will join the Midland schools in San Angelo and Abilene on Friday.

AMONG THE ELITE: The Lee and Midland High boys teams are represented in the high school top 10 performances list on texastrack.com.

Bulldogs senior Andrew Webb is tied for second in the state in the high jump after his leap of 6 feet, 10 inches at the Tall City Relays on March 24.

Lee senior Chevar Bryson is ranked seventh in Texas in the 200-meter dash with a best time of 21.54 seconds. Bryson has been clocked at better than 21.3 using hand timing, but all times are converted to fully-automatic timing for the rankings.

The Rebels also boast the No. 7-ranked time in the 800-meter relay, an FAT-converted mark of 1 minute, 27.44 seconds.

HS SOCCER PLAYOFFS

Class 5A

Girls
BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
Lubbock Monterey 2, El Paso Socorro 0
Mansfield (14-8-1), bye
Lee 5, Mansfield Summit 2
Amarillo High (18-4-1), bye
Southlake Carroll 3, Euless Trinity 0
Plano West (17-4-1), bye
Arlington Martin 2, Allen 1, SO
Coppell (19-4-2), bye
El Paso Eastwood 2, Lubbock Coronado 1, SO
Midland High (21-1), bye
Odessa Permian 3, Fort Worth Paschal 0
El Paso Franklin (23-1), bye
South Grande Prairie 3, Keller 1
Arlington High (19-2-1), bye
Flower Mound Marcus 4, Duncanville 1
Colleyville Heritage (23-2-1), bye
AREA
Lubbock Monterey (9-8) vs. Mansfield (14-8-1), 5 p.m. today, Shotwell Stadium, Abilene
Lee (17-7) vs. Amarillo High (18-4-1), 2 p.m. today, Lowrey Field, Lubbock
Southlake Carroll (20-3-2) vs. Plano West (17-4-1), 5:30 p.m. today, Dallas Jesuit HS
Arlington Martin (20-6-2) vs. Coppell (19-4-2), 7:30 p.m. today, Pennington Field, Bedford
El Paso Eastwood (18-6) vs. Midland High (21-1), 6 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium
Odessa Permian (18-7-2) vs. El Paso Franklin (23-1), 3 p.m. today, Ratliff Stadium, Odessa
South Grand Prairie (20-5-3) vs. Arlington High (19-2-1), 7 p.m. today, R.L. Anderson Stadium, Mansfield
Flower Mound Marcus (19-5-4) vs. Colleyville Heritage (23-2-1), 7:30 p.m. today, Irving Schools Stadium

Boys
BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
El Paso Socorro 4, Amarillo Tascosa 3
Mansfield Summit (16-4-1), bye
Odessa High 1, Weatherford 0 (SO, 2-0)
Lubbock Coronado (10-7), bye
Keller 1, Irving Nimitz 0
Plano West (20-2), bye
Flower Mound Marcus 2, Arlington Martin 1
Coppell (22-1-1), bye
El Paso Eastwood 2, Amarillo High 0
Abilene High (15-5-2), bye
Lee 3, Mansfield High 0
El Paso Coronado (18-6), bye
Fossil Ridge 4, South Grand Prairie 3, SO
Duncanville (20-2), bye
Allen 2, Arlington High 1
Colleyville Heritage (18-3-3), bye
AREA
El Paso Socorro (15-5) vs. Mansfield Summit (16-4-1), 8 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium
Odessa High (13-6-1) vs. Lubbock Coronado (10-7), 6 p.m. today, Lowrey Field, Lubbock
Keller (17-5-3) vs. Plano West (20-2), 6 p.m. today, Coppell HS
Flower Mound Marcus (17-8) at Coppell (22-1-1), 8 p.m. today, Coppell HS
El Paso Eastwood (17-8) vs. Abilene High (15-5-2), 4 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium
Lee (15-10) vs. El Paso Coronado (18-6), 7 p.m. today, Roswell, N.M.
Fossil Ridge (16-7-4) vs. Duncanville (20-2), 6 p.m. today, Pennington Field, Bedford
Allen (19-3) vs. Colleyville Heritage (18-3-3), 7 p.m. today, Ford Field, Allen

Class 4A

Girls
BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
EP Jefferson 3, Canutillo 0
Abilene Wylie, bye
Stephenville 1, Canyon 0 (SO, 2-1)
El Paso Del Valle, bye
Lewisville Hebron 3, Wichita Falls Rider 1
Fort Worth Arlington Heights, bye
Keller Central 4, Southwest 0
McKinney, bye
EP Riverside 2, EP Chapin 1
Canyon Randall, bye
San Angelo Lake View 5, Amarillo Caprock 0
El Paso Andress, bye
McKinney North 6, Burkburnett 0
North Richland Hills Birdville, bye
Fort Worth Western Hills 2, White Settlement Brewer 1
Wichita Falls High, bye
AREA PLAYOFFS
Abilene Wylie 5, El Paso Jefferson 0
El Paso Del Valle 1, Stephenville 0
Lewisville Hebron 4, Fort Worth Arlington Heights 1
McKinney 4, Keller Central 0
Canyon Randall 2, El Paso Riverside 0
San Angelo Lake View 2, El Paso Andress 0
McKinney North 3, North Richland Hills Birdville 2, SO
Western Hills 2, Wichita Falls 1, OT
REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS
Abilene Wylie (14-4-1) vs. El Paso Del Valle (21-3), 1 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium
Lewisville Hebron (14-6-6) vs. McKinney (16-2-4), 7 p.m. today, Lewisville Hebron HS
Canyon Randall (11-4-2) vs. San Angelo Lake View (17-6-1), 7 p.m. today, Lowrey Field, Lubbock
McKinney North (17-5-4) vs. Fort Worth Western Hills (18-3-3), 7 p.m. today, Grapevine HS

Boys
BI-DISTRICT PLAYOFFS
El Paso Jefferson 1, El Paso Parkland 0 (SO, 1-0)
Brownwood, bye
Canyon Randall 5, Stephenville 0
El Paso Del Valle, bye
McKinney 1, Wichita Falls Rider 0
Fort Worth Arlington Heights, bye
Fort Worth Carter-Riverside 2, Fort Worth Southwest 1
Justin Northwest, bye
EP Riverside 1, El Paso High 0
Borger, bye
Abilene Wylie 2, Amarillo Caprock 1 (OT)
El Paso Irvin, bye
Denton 4, Wichita Falls High 2
Keller Central, bye
Fort Worth Polytechnic 1, Fort Worth Diamond-Hill Jarvis 0
Gainesville, bye
AREA PLAYOFFS
El Paso Jefferson 2, Brownwood 0
El Paso Del Valle 3, Canyon Randall 0
McKinney 5, Fort Worth Arlington Heights 0
Northwest 5, Fort Worth Carter-Riverside 0
Borger 1, El Paso High 0
El Paso Irvin 2, Abilene Wylie 1
Denton 2, Keller Central 1
Fort Worth Polytechnic 2, Gainesville 0, OT
REGIONAL QUARTERFINALS
El Paso Jefferson (21-4) vs. El Paso Del Valle (20-4), 7:30 p.m. today, UTEP
McKinney (18-3-3) vs. Justin Northwest (19-5-3), 7 p.m. today, Lake Dallas HS
Borger vs. El Paso Irvin (21-2-1), 8 p.m. today, Lowrey Field, Lubbock
Denton (17-6-4) vs. Fort Worth Polytechnic (19-6), 7 p.m. today, Birdville Fine Arts/Athletics Complex, North Richland Hills

LUCAS

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On top of all that, she also plays for a club volleyball team, participates in other campus clubs and extracurricular activities, and keeps up with her academics.

"Victoria is just a great kid," Midland High head coach Scott Hodkinson said. "She's an athlete."

All three of Lucas' sports overlap. While the Lady Dawgs' soccer team hosts El Paso Eastwood in an area round playoff game at 6 p.m. today at Grande Communications Stadium, track season is underway. She hasn't been able to devote as much time to her high jumping or running events, but she said track coach Susan Nix works around her schedule.

"Coach Nix lets me go to track practice twice a week because I'm out here," Lucas said.

Volleyball and soccer also overlapped a bit and Hodkinson said that caused a bit of resentment from the full-time team members when Lucas finally arrived.

"To be honest, I think some of the girls kind of resented it when she came out here," he said. "She came late and hadn't been with us the entire year, but I think her performance out on the field has proved that she belongs on the varsity."

Through 12 district games, Lucas had five goals and four assists. For most of the season, she rotated with leading scorer Elizabeth Gates at forward. The last three games, however, Lucas has been starting up front with Gates.

"I think they like playing together," Hodkinson said. "In fact, Liz came to me and said 'I want to play with Victoria more. Either I'm out and she's in or I'm in and she's out.' So we talked about it and really it was a decision before the (San Angelo) Central game. We knew they were going to be physical and I knew Victoria was more physical."

Lucas comes from a family of athletes. Her older brother Matt is a senior and played basketball for the Bulldogs, while her older sister Lauren was a two-sport athlete at Midland High in soccer and basketball. Lauren graduated in 2003.

She said athletics were encouraged in her family.

"I guess it's from really watching my brother and my sister," the youngest Lucas said. "I get most of it from them and I've always played since I was little. Whenever I started a sport I just kept playing and stuck with it."

MHS GIRLS SOCCER

Midland High vs. El Paso Eastwood

What: Class 5A girls area round playoff game
When/where: 6 p.m. today, Grande Communications Stadium
Records: Midland High 21-1; El Paso Eastwood 18-6
Last playoff game: Midland High received a first round bye; El Paso Eastwood 2, Lubbock Coronado 1 (SO, 1-0)
Socorro
Notes & quotes: El Paso Eastwood finished tied with El Paso Socorro for second place in District 1-5A with a 10-4 record, but lost a coin flip to finish third. ... Against Lubbock Coronado, Eastwood's Erica Ortega scored the team's lone goal in regulation and got the Lady Troopers on the board first. However, just five minutes after Eastwood scored, Coronado tied the game and held on the rest of the way to force the shootout. ... Lady Troopers goalkeeper Lily Cano made one save in the shootout as two Coronado shots missed the goal wide, while two other shots went over the crossbar. ... Junior Michelle Romero scored the only goal in the shootout for both teams. ... Eastwood has lost in the area round the past four years. ... This will be the first playoff game for the Lady Bulldogs. The three-time defending district champions beat District 2-5A champion Amarillo High, 3-1, in a practice game on Monday at Grande Communications Stadium. ... MHS scoring leader Elizabeth Gates scored two goals in the 3-1 victory, giving her 11 goals in the past 13 games. Hannah Dozier had one assist and Michelle Davis scored the other goal for the Lady Dawgs. ... The Lady Bulldogs have scored 70 goals on the year averaging 3.18 per game. ... MHS goalkeeper Lindsey Wilson has an impressive 0.36 goals against average after giving up just eight goals all year. She's also recorded 16 shutouts. ... The one goal given up against Amarillo High was the first goal given up by the Lady Dawgs since a 2-1 shootout victory against Odessa Permian on March 4. ... Wilson has given up more than two goals only once this year. She gave up three in the team's only loss, a 3-2 setback to San Angelo Central. The Lady Bulldogs have won eight straight since that loss.
Next game: The winner will take on the winner of the Odessa Permian-El Paso Franklin game scheduled for 3 p.m. today at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

SOLARI

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again today as the Lady Rebels play District 2-5A champion Amarillo High in an area round playoff game at 2 p.m. today at Lowrey Field in Lubbock.

Solari replaced junior Cydney Cumbest, who missed most of the season with an ankle injury. Solari was added to the varsity roster prior to the Dawg Days of Winter Tournament, Jan. 21-22, and has played in every varsity game since.

"It's been really cool and a good opportunity to see how the older girls play," Solari said. "And I know the girls better. When I first came up, I didn't know anybody."

Through all 12 District 3-5A games, Solari has one goal and three assists. She finished third on the team in scoring behind junior Halee Hamm and senior Sara Schneider.

"It was a lot harder going from JV to varsity because they pressure a lot more," Solari said. "It was kind of weird because I didn't score as much, but once I started getting used to it, it got a lot easier."

Solari's size and ability makes her a prime candidate for many other sports like basketball and volleyball. In fact, Solari does play volleyball and said she plans to continue playing both.

LEE GIRLS SOCCER

Lee vs. Amarillo High

What: Class 5A girls area round playoff game
When/where: 2 p.m. today, Lowrey Field, Lubbock
Records: Lee 17-7; Amarillo High 18-4-1
Last playoff game: Lee 5, Mansfield Summit 2; Amarillo High received a first round bye
Notes & quotes: Through all eight District 2-5A games this season, district champion Amarillo High outscored their opponents 30-1 en route to a perfect 8-0 district record. ... AHS lost to District 3-5A champion Midland High, 3-1, on Monday night in a practice game at Grande Communications Stadium. ... Prior to the 2-5A season, the Lady Sandies beat Canyon, 12-0, and were on a nine-game winning streak before their loss to the Lady Bulldogs. Coincidentally, Amarillo's last lost before Midland High was to another 3-5A team, losing to San Angelo Central, 2-1. ... The Lady Sandies have two 12-0 victories and one 11-0 victory this season. ... In her last 10 games, AHS goalkeeper Becca Morelos has allowed just two goals while recording eight shutouts. ... The Sandies are averaging 3.95 goals per game, while giving up 0.77 goals. ... The Lady Rebels are coming into this game on a four-game winning streak and have now won nine of their last 10 games. Through her last 13 games (district and postseason combined), Lee goalkeeper Kayla Weant has given up two goals only twice. This past Tuesday, and the Lady Rebs' 2-0 loss to Midland High on March 9th — Lee's last loss. Weant also has nine shutouts on the season ... Lee is averaging 2.17 goals per game, while giving up just .75 goals (18 all season). ... The five goals Lee scored on Tuesday are the most the Rebels have scored since before district opened. The most goals Lee scored during district was three. ... The five goals are also the third highest output in a game for Lee this year. The Lady Rebels beat Pampa, 10-0, on Jan. 21 and beat Lubbock High, 8-0, on Jan. 7. ... Six Amarillo High players have signed to play in college next year, with two other players waiting to make a decision on a school.
Next game: The winner will take on the winner of the Lubbock Monterey-Mansfield game scheduled for 5 p.m. today at Shotwell Stadium in Abilene.

And surprisingly enough, that doesn't bother Melchor one bit.

"We're all about sharing," Melchor said. "As soon as soccer is over she's free to go wherever and if she plays volleyball next year, we'll wait for volleyball season to be over. We share athletes.

"She's so young, just let her play and have as much fun as she can. We're not hogging her."

OUTLAW

(From 1C)

back to Outlaw for the goal.

"That was some of the nicest play I've seen from him in a while," Lee coach Chris Bryant said.

Those type of plays from Outlaw have become more common as his three-year career has progressed playing for the Rebels. Outlaw scored one goal and had two assists this season, even while missing a few games because of a broken nose.

"I think he's more mature now than what he was as a sophomore," Bryant said. "He would get out there and run wherever he wanted to. Now he's matured into being a player that stays at home when he needs to but can take off when the opportunity arises."

Along with creating those scoring opportunities as a player, Bryant has seen Outlaw grow into a position as a leader. He is one of four players that have three or more years of experience, and that adds to a team full of players that have experienced just about everything together.

Outlaw said Tuesday's game was possibly the best the squad has played this season, and he said hopefully won't be the team's last this season.

"Everyone got a lot more serious than they had in previous games," Outlaw said. "The team just played well overall and it seemed like there was a lot more flow."

LEE BOYS SOCCER

Lee vs. El Paso Coronado

What: Class 5A boys area round playoff game
When/where: 7 p.m., today, Cielo Grande Recreation Area, Roswell, N.M.
Records: Lee 15-10; El Paso Coronado 18-6
Last playoff game: Lee 3, Mansfield 0; El Paso Coronado received a first round bye
Notes & quotes: The Rebels are participating in the area round of the playoffs for the third consecutive season. Tuesday Lee defeated District 4-5A runner-up Mansfield High 3-0. It was just the third time this season the Tigers were shut out. It was also the second shutout in three games for the Rebels. ... Nathan Holder, Ryan Outlaw and Keal Rasavage all scored goals for Lee. ... Lee goalkeeper Kenny Worrell recorded a shutout in his first postseason start and his second in the last three games. ... The Thunderbirds won the District 1-5A title this season. In 2004, El Paso Coronado finished second in District 1-5A and advanced to the area round before losing to regional semifinalist Duncanville. ... Coronado finished 11-3 in District 1-5A for their second consecutive league title.
Next game: The winner will take on the winner of the Abilene High-El Paso Eastwood game scheduled for 4 p.m. today at Grande Communications Stadium.

Rape lawsuits against Colorado dismissed

DENVER (AP) — In an abrupt ending to the case that ignited the University of Colorado's football recruiting scandal, a judge dismissed a federal lawsuit Thursday filed by two women who accused the school of failing to prevent them from being sexually assaulted by players and recruits.

After months of court filings and hearings, U.S. District Robert Blackburn said the women had failed to meet two key criteria in claiming the school violated federal Title IX gender equity law by fostering an atmosphere that led to their alleged assaults at a 2001 off-campus party. Police investigated but no sexual assault charges were filed.

Specifically, the judge said Lisa Simpson and the other woman had failed to prove the school had actual knowledge of sexual harassment of female students by football players and recruits. He also said they didn't show the school was deliberately indifferent to any known sexual harassment.

Both standards must be met in order to sue a public university under Title IX, Blackburn said.

"There is no dispute that the sexual assaults described by the plaintiffs constitute severe and objectively offensive sexual harassment," Blackburn wrote in a 30-page decision. "However, I conclude that ... no rational trier of fact could conclude that the plaintiffs have established the first and second elements listed above."

The trial was scheduled to begin in just two months. Under Blackburn's decision, the case cannot be refiled and the school was awarded court costs.

"We're real happy right now. It's a huge victory for the University of Colorado, and frankly for hundreds of other universities around the country," said Dan Reilly, who was hired by the university as a trial lawyer. "We're not shocked (by the ruling). Title IX was not intended to apply to situations like this."

University President Elizabeth Hoffman was also pleased with the decision.

"This ruling supports what we've always known, that this university has never acted with indifference toward its students. We have always cared deeply for our students and have worked hard to create a supportive environment in which they can learn."

In a written statement, Simpson's attorneys said they disagreed with the ruling and were deciding whether to appeal.

"We are concerned the court did not have critical evidence before it in its decision," the statement said. "Lisa is disappointed with this setback, but she is committed to having her day in court."

The recruiting scandal has dominated headlines in Colorado and beyond for months. Gov. Bill Owens stepped in last year and appointed the attorney general to lead a grand jury investigation, which resulted in a single indictment against a former football recruiting aide for soliciting a prostitute and misusing a school cell phone.

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New Jersey	34	38	.472	4 1/2
New York	29	41	.414	8 1/2
Toronto	29	42	.408	9

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Miami	54	19	.740	—
Washington	40	30	.571	12 1/2
Orlando	34	37	.479	19
Charlotte	15	55	.214	37 1/2
Atlanta	11	60	.155	42

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	44	27	.620	—
Chicago	39	31	.557	4 1/2
Cleveland	37	32	.536	6
Indiana	37	34	.521	7
Milwaukee	27	44	.380	17

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	W	L	Pct	GB
x-San Antonio	53	18	.746	—
Dallas	48	23	.676	5
Houston	44	28	.611	9 1/2
Memphis	39	31	.557	13 1/2
New Orleans	16	54	.229	36 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
x-Seattle	49	22	.690	—
Denver	39	31	.557	9 1/2
Minnesota	37	34	.521	12
Portland	24	46	.343	24 1/2
Utah	22	49	.310	27

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
y-Phoenix	54	17	.761	—
Sacramento	44	29	.603	11
L.A. Lakers	33	37	.471	20 1/2
L.A. Clippers	32	40	.444	22 1/2
Golden State	26	45	.366	28

x-clinched playoff spot
y-clinched division

Thursday's scores

Indiana 114, Miami 108, OT
Cleveland at Chicago, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's games

Toronto at Charlotte, 6 p.m.
Dallas at Philadelphia, 6 p.m.
Washington at Orlando, 6 p.m.
Boston at Atlanta, 6:30 p.m.
Sacramento at Cleveland, 7 p.m.
New Jersey at New York, 7 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at Detroit, 7 p.m.
Memphis at Milwaukee, 7:30 p.m.
New Orleans at Houston, 7:30 p.m.
Golden State at Utah, 8 p.m.
Minnesota at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
San Antonio at Denver, 9:30 p.m.
Portland at Seattle, 9:30 p.m.

Bulls 102, Cavaliers 90

CLEVELAND (90) — James 10-28 5-11 26, Gooden 10-21 7-7 27, Ilgauskas 6-8 2-2 14, Newble 1-3 0-0 3, Snow 1-2 0-0 2, McInnis 4-12 4-5 12, Traylor 1-4 0-2 2, Harris 0-2 2-2 2, Varejao 0-2 2-6 2, Diop 0-1 0-0 0, Pavlovic 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-84 22-35 90.

CHICAGO (102) — Nocioni 4-8 3-4 11, Davis 5-12 7-8 17, Harrington 5-9 2-2 12, Hinrich 6-11 0-2 13, Duhon 1-3 0-0 2, Gordon 8-20 4-6 21, Chandler 5-7 5-6 15, Deng 1-4 2-6 4, Pargo 3-7 1-2 7. Totals 38-81 24-36 102.

Cleveland	**23**	**25**	**13**	**27 — 90**
Chicago	**22**	**24**	**21**	**21 — 102**

3-Point Goals—Cleveland 2-9 (Newble 1-2, James 1-4, Harris 0-1, McInnis 0-2), Chicago 2-12 (Hinrich 1-2, Gordon 1-5, Deng 0-1, Pargo 0-2, Duhon 0-2). Fouled Out—Ilgauskas. Rebounds—Cleveland 56 (Gooden 12), Chicago 63 (Chandler 14). Assists—Cleveland 21 (James 7), Chicago 25 (Gordon 8). Total Fouls—Cleveland 32, Chicago 27. Technicals—Chicago Defensive Three Second. A—22,678. (21,711).

Pacers 114, Heat 108

MIAMI (108) — Anderson 1-2 0-0 2, Haslem 3-8 3-4 9, S.O'Neal 11-18 2-9 24, Wade 14-30 6-10 37, D.Jones 10-13 2-2 27, Smith 1-1 0-0 3, Doleac 1-4 0-0 2, Dooling 1-5 0-0 2, Woods 0-1 0-0 0, Mourning 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 43-83 13-25 108.

INDIANA (114) — Jackson 9-28 5-9 29, Davis 4-5 5-5 13, Pollard 1-4 1-1 3, Miller 11-18 8-8 31, Johnson 6-12 2-2 16, Croshere 2-6 2-2 7, Foster 1-2 2-2 4, F.Jones 4-6 0-0 9, Gill 0-3 0-0 0, J.Jones 1-1 0-0 2. Totals 39-85 25-29 114.

Miami	**29**	**18**	**28**	**19 — 108**
Indiana	**23**	**23**	**30**	**18 — 114**

3-Point Goals—Miami 9-14 (D.Jones 5-5, Wade 3-6, Smith 1-1, Dooling 0-2), Indiana 11-25 (Jackson 6-11, Johnson 2-4, F.Jones 1-1, Miller 1-3, Croshere 1-4, Gill 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 53 (S.O'Neal 13), Indiana 49 (Davis 11). Assists—Miami 16 (Wade 6), Indiana 27 (Johnson 13). Total Fouls—Miami 25, Indiana 21. Technicals—Miami coach Van Gundy, Mourning. A—18,345. (18,345).

NIT men

Semifinals
Tuesday, March 29
At Madison Square Garden
New York

Saint Joseph's 70, Memphis 58
South Carolina 75, Maryland 67

Championship
Thursday's score

South Carolina 60, Saint Joseph's 57

South Carolina 60, Sain't Joseph's 57

SAINT JOSEPH'S (24-12) — Carroll 5-19 3-5 15, Mallon 1-3 0-0 3, Jones 3-3 4-5 10, Lee 4-9 2-2 13, Stachitas 4-9 1-2 11, Bryant 1-1 0-0 2, Jalloh 1-5 0-0 3, Ferguson 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 19-51 10-14 57.

SOUTH CAROLINA (20-13) — Kinsey 2-7 2-2 7, Powell 6-16 4-7 16, Wallace 3-10 2-2 8, Kelley 3-8 1-2 8, Trice 2-2 3-4 8, Gonner 2-7 0-0 6, Chappell 0-0 0-0 0, Tisby 2-3 3-4 7, Balkman 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 20-54 15-21 60.

Halftime—Tied 28-28. 3-Point Goals—Saint Joseph's 9-28 (Lee 3-7, Stachitas 2-5, Carroll 2-13, Jalloh 1-1, Mallon 1-1, Ferguson 0-1). South Carolina 5-15 (Gonner 2-5, Trice 1-1, Kinsey 1-2, Kelley 1-4, Powell 0-1, Wallace 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Saint Joseph's 33 (Jones 9), South Carolina 37 (Wallace 9). Assists—Saint Joseph's 12 (Stachitas 7), South Carolina 9 (Kelley 3). Total Fouls—Saint Joseph's 17, South Carolina 13. A—11,555.

Most Valuable Players

2005—Carlos Powell, South Carolina
2004—Daniel Horton, Michigan
2003—Marcus Hatten, St. John's
2002—Dajuan Wagner, Memphis
2001—Marcus Hill, Tulsa
2000—Robert O'Kelley, Wake Forest
1999—Sean Lampley, California
1998—Kevin Clark, Minnesota
1997—Robert Traylor, Michigan
1996—Erick Strickland, Nebraska
1995—Shawn Smith, Virginia Tech
1994—Doremus Bennerman, Siena-x
1993—Voshon Lenard, Minnesota
1992—Bryant Stith, Virginia
1991—Adam Keefe, Stanford
1990—Scott Draud, Vanderbilt
1989—Jayson Williams, St. John's
1988—Phil Gamble, Connecticut
1987—Randolph Keys, S. Mississippi
1986—Brad Sellers, Ohio State
1985—Reggie Miller, UCLA
1984—Tim McCormick, Michigan
1983—Ron Anderson, Fresno St.
1982—Mitchell Anderson, Bradley
1981—Greg Stewart, Tulsa
1980—Ralph Sampson, Virginia
1979—Clarence Carter, Indiana
1978—Jim Krivacs ,Texas
1977—Greg Sanders, St. Bonaventure
1976—Cedric Maxwell, N.C. Charlotte-x
1975—Ron Lee, Oregon-x
1974—Mike Sojourner, Utah-x
1973—John Shumate, Notre Dame-x
1972—Tom McMillen, Maryland
1971—Bill Chamberlain, North Carolina
1970—Dean Meminger, Marquette
1969—Terry Driscoll, Boston College-x
1968—Don May, Dayton
1967—Walt Frazier, Southern Illinois
1966—Bill Melchionni, Villanova-x
1965—Ken McIntyre, St. John's
1964—Lavern Tart, Bradley
1963—Ray Flynn, Providence
1962—Bill Chmielewski, Dayton
1961—Vinny Ernst, Providence
1960—Lenny Wilkens, Providence-x
1959—Tony Jackson, St. John's
1958—Hank Stein, Xavier, Ohio
1957—Win Wilfong, Memphis State-x
1956—Charlie Tyra, Louisville
1955—Maurice Stokes, St. Francis, Pa.-x
1954—Togo Palazzi, Holy Cross
1953—Walter Dukes, Seton Hall
1952—Norm Grekin, La Salle
1951—Roland Minson, Brigham Young
1950—Ed Warner, CCNY
1949—Don Lofgan, San Francisco
1948—Ed Macauley, St. Louis
1947—Vern Gardner, Utah
1946—Ernie Calverley, Rhode Island-x
1945—George Mikan, DePaul
1944—Bill Kotsores, St. John's
1943—Harry Boykoff, St. John's
1942—Rudy Baric, West Virginia
1941—Frank Baumholtz, Ohio U.-x
1940—Bob Doll, Colorado
1939—Bill Lloyd, St. John's-x
1938—Don Shields, Temple
x-MVP came from losing team

NCAA men

FINAL FOUR
At Edward Jones Dome
St. Louis
National Semifinals
Saturday, April 2

Illinois (36-1) vs. Louisville (33-4), 6:07 p.m.
North Carolina (31-4) vs. Michigan State (26-6), 7:47 p.m.

Championship
Monday, April 4

Illinois-Louisville winner vs. North Carolina-Michigan State winner, 8:18 p.m.

NIT women

Semifinals
Monday, March 28

West Virginia 80, Kentucky 75, 2OT
Southwest Missouri State 89, Iowa 80

Championship
Thursday, March 31

Southwest Missouri State 78, West Virginia 70

SW Missouri St. 78, West Virginia 70

WEST VIRGINIA (21-13) — Bulger 6-14 2-2 16, Cole 5-7 7-10 17, Sanni 3-8 0-1 6, Paige 10-17 0-0 22, Sowho 2-10 0-0 5, Owens 0-1 0-0 0, Glusko 1-3 1-2 4, Heminger 0-0 0-0 0, McGee 0-1 0-0 0, Lee 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 27-61 10-15 70.

SW MISSOURI ST. (25-8) —Lingor 7-17 2-4 20, Lehman 1-3 3-4 5, Terweip 0-1 0-0 0, Koch 8-16 4-4 23, Klaassen 4-7 0-0 10, Cowgill 5-10 6-6 18, Balerio 0-0 0-0 0, Kirk 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 26-56 15-18 78.

Halftime—West Virginia 36-35. 3-Point goals—West Virginia 6-20 (Bulger 2-5, Paige 2-6, Glusko 1-3, Sowho 1-6), SW Missouri St. 11-29 (Lingor 4-10, Koch 3-6, Klaassen 2-5, Cowgill 2-7, Lehman 0-1). Fouled out—Bulger. Rebounds—West Virginia 37 (Sanni 8), SW Missouri St. 31 (Lingor 8). Assists—West Virginia 13 (Paige 10), SW Missouri St. 13 (Koch 5). Total fouls—West Virginia 18, SW Missouri St. 12. A—8,871.

Champions

2005—Southwest Missouri State
2004—Creighton
2003—Auburn
2002—Oregon
2001—Ohio State
2000—Wisconsin
1999—Arkansas
1998—Penn State

NCAA women

THE FINAL FOUR
At RCA Dome
Indianapolis
Semifinals
Sunday, April 3

LSU (33-2) vs. Baylor (31-3), 6 p.m.
Tennessee (30-4) vs. Michigan State (32-3), 8:30 p.m.

Championship
Tuesday, April 5

Semifinal winners, 7:30 p.m.

CENTRAL HOCKEY LEAGUE PLAYOFFS

FIRST ROUND
(Best-of-7)
Northern Conference
Tulsa vs. Colorado
Friday, March 25
Colorado 6, Tulsa 3
Saturday, March 26
Colorado 3, Tulsa 1
Wednesday, March 30
Colorado 4, Tulsa 3, OT, Colorado leads series 3-0
Friday, April 1
Colorado at Tulsa
Saturday, April 2
Colorado at Tulsa, if necessary
Wednesday, April 6
Tulsa at Colorado, if necessary
Thursday, April 7
Tulsa at Colorado, if necessary
Wichita vs. Bossier-Shreveport
Thursday, March 24
Bossier-Shreveport 1, Wichita 0
Friday, March 25
Wichita 6, Bossier-Shreveport 3
Saturday, March 26
Wichita 1, Bossier-Shreveport 0, Wichita leads series 2-1
Friday, April 1
Bossier-Shreveport at Wichita
Saturday, April 2
Bossier-Shreveport at Wichita
Monday, April 4
Wichita at Bossier-Shreveport, if necessary
Thursday, April 7
Wichita at Bossier-Shreveport, if necessary
Southern Conference
San Angelo vs. Laredo
Friday, March 25
Laredo 1, San Angelo 0
Saturday, March, 26
Laredo 2, San Angelo 1, Laredo leads series 2-0
Friday, April 1
Laredo at San Angelo
Saturday, April 2
Laredo at San Angelo
Monday, April 4
San Angelo at Laredo, if necessary
Tuesday, April 5
Laredo at San Angelo, if necessary
Thursday, April 7
San Angelo at Laredo, if necessary
Amarillo vs. Lubbock
Thursday, March 24
Lubbock 3, Amarillo 1
Friday, March 25
Amarillo 3, Lubbock 0
Saturday, March, 26
Amarillo 4, Lubbock 1
Tuesday, March 29
Amarillo 2, Lubbock 1, Amarillo leads series 3-1
Saturday, April 2
Lubbock at Amarillo
Sunday, April 3
Lubbock at Amarillo, if necessary
Thursday, April 7
Amarillo at Lubbock, if necessary
CONFERENCE FINALS
(Best-of-7)
Northern Conference
TBA
Southern Conference
TBA
PRESIDENT'S CUP FINALS
(Best-of-7)
TBA

BASEBALL

Exhibition

AMERICAN LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
Toronto	16	8	.667
Los Angeles	18	11	.621
Baltimore	13	10	.565
Minnesota	15	12	.556
Cleveland	15	13	.536
Tampa Bay	13	13	.500
New York	13	14	.481
Oakland	14	16	.467
Boston	12	14	.461
Detroit	12	14	.461
Kansas City	12	14	.461
Chicago	13	16	.448
Seattle	12	15	.444
Texas	10	18	.357

NATIONAL LEAGUE

	W	L	Pct
San Francisco	17	11	.607
New York	15	10	.600
Colorado	17	12	.586
St. Louis	14	10	.583
San Diego	16	14	.533
Houston	13	12	.520
Los Angeles	13	12	.520
Arizona	15	14	.517
Cincinnati	15	15	.500
Chicago	14	15	.483
Milwaukee	14	16	.467
Atlanta	12	14	.461
Pittsburgh	12	14	.461
Washington	11	14	.440
Philadelphia	11	17	.393
Florida	10	19	.345

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

Thursday's scores

L.A. Dodgers 3, N.Y. Mets 0
Houston 7, Atlanta 4
Florida 3, Washington 1
Toronto 9, Philadelphia 9, tie
Cleveland 7, Detroit 6
Minnesota 4, Boston (ss) 2
Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 4
Seattle 4, San Diego 1
Milwaukee 4, L.A. Angels 2

Today's games

N.Y. Yankees vs. Detroit at Lakeland, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay vs. Washington at Viera, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Minnesota vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton, Fla., 12:05 p.m.
Boston at Arizona, 2:40 p.m.
Colorado vs. Texas at Albuquerque, N.M., 5:05 p.m.
Toronto vs. Cincinnati at Memphis, Tenn., 5:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Atlanta, 6:05 p.m.
Houston at Round Rock (AAA), 6:05 p.m.
Florida vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla., 6:10 p.m.
Baltimore vs. St. Louis at Oklahoma City, 7:05 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Milwaukee, 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at L.A. Angels, 9 p.m.
Chicago Cubs vs. Seattle at Las Vegas, 9:05 p.m.
Oakland at San Francisco, 9:15 p.m.

Astros 7, Braves 4

Houston	**103**	**100**	**200**	**—**	**7 9 1**
Atlanta	**010**	**003**	**000**	**—**	**4 10 1**

Oswalt, Wheeler (6), Qualls (7), Lidge (8), Gallo (9) and Quintero, Chavez (8); Smoltz, McConnell (6), Martin (7), Gryboski (8), Reitsma (9) and Estrada, Perez (7). W—Oswalt, 3-0. L—Smoltz, 2-1. Sv—Gallo (1). Houston, Ensberg (3). Atlanta, LaRoche (2).

Rangers 3, Royals 0

Texas	**000**	**101**	**100**	**—**	**3 8 1**
Kansas City	**000**	**000**	**000**	**—**	**0 6 2**

Drese, Cordero (6), Almanzar (8) and Barajas, Alomar (6); Greinke, Wood (8), Affeldt (9) and Buck, Castillo (8). W—Drese, 3-0. L—Greinke, 2-2. Sv—Almanzar (2).

NATIONAL LEAGUE

BATTING—Bonds, San Francisco, .362; Helton, Colorado, .347; Loretta, San Diego, .335; Beltre, Los Angeles, .334; Pujols, St. Louis, .331; Pierre, Florida, .326; Casey, Cincinnati, .324.

HITS—Pierre, Florida, 221; Loretta, San Diego, 208; JWilson, Pittsburgh, 201; Beltre, Los Angeles, 200; Pujols, St. Louis, 196; Izturis, Los Angeles, 193; Rollins, Philadelphia, 190; Helton, Colorado, 190.

DOUBLES—Overbay, Milwaukee, 53; Pujols, St. Louis, 51; Helton, Colorado, 49; BAbreu, Philadelphia, 47; Loretta, San Diego, 47; Biggio, Houston, 47; Lowell, Florida, 44; Casey, Cincinnati, 44.

TRIPLES—JWilson, Pittsburgh, 12; Pierre, Florida, 12; Rollins, Philadelphia, 12; Izturis, Los Angeles, 9; Freel, Cincinnati, 8; JDrew, Atlanta, 8; Durham, San Francisco, 8; JKent, Houston, 8.

HOME RUNS—Beltre, Los Angeles, 48; Dunn, Cincinnati, 46; Pujols, St. Louis, 46; Bonds, San Francisco, 45; Edmonds, St. Louis, 42; Thome, Philadelphia, 42; Alou, Chicago, 39.

STOLEN BASES—Podsednik, Milwaukee, 70; Pierre, Florida, 45; BAbreu, Philadelphia, 40; Freel, Cincinnati, 37; DRoberts, Los Angeles, 33; EnChavez, Montreal, 32; CPatterson, Chicago, 32.

PITCHING (16 Decisions)—Clemens, Houston, 18-4, .818, 2.98; Carpenter, St. Louis, 15-5, .750, 3.46; Lima, Los Angeles, 13-5, .722, 4.07; Schmidt, San Francisco, 18-7, .720, 3.20; Peavy, San Diego, 15-6, .714, 2.27; Milton, Philadelphia, 14-6, .700, 4.75; Pavano, Florida, 18-8, .692, 3.00.

STRIKEOUTS—RJohnson, Arizona, 290; BSheets, Milwaukee, 264; Schmidt, San Francisco, 251; OlPerez, Pittsburgh, 239; Clemens, Houston, 218; Oswalt, Houston, 206; Clement, Chicago, 190.

SAVES—Isringhausen, St. Louis, 47; Benitez, Florida, 47; Gagne, Los Angeles, 45; Smoltz, Atlanta, 44; Mesa, Pittsburgh, 43; Graves, Cincinnati, 41; Hoffman, San Diego, 41.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

BATTING—ISuzuki, Seattle, .372; Mora, Baltimore, .340; VGuerrero, Anaheim, .337; IRodriguez, Detroit, .334; Durazo, Oakland, .321; CGuillen, Detroit, .318; JvLopez, Baltimore, .316.

DOUBLES—BRoberts, Baltimore, 50; Belliard, Cleveland, 48; DOrtiz, Boston, 47; Jeter, New York, 44; MRamirez, Boston, 44; THafner, Cleveland, 41; Lugo, Tampa Bay, 41; Mora, Baltimore, 41.

TRIPLES—Crawford, Tampa Bay, 19; Figgins, Anaheim, 17; CGuillen, Detroit, 10; Infante, Detroit, 9; MYoung, Texas, 9; JoCruz, Tampa Bay, 8; 5 are tied with 7.

HOME RUNS—MRamirez, Boston, 43; DOrtiz, Boston, 41; Konerko, Chicago, 41; VGuerrero, Anaheim, 39; Teixeira, Texas, 38; ARodriguez, New York, 36; Sheffield, New York, 36.

STOLEN BASES—Crawford, Tampa Bay, 59; ISuzuki, Seattle, 36; Figgins, Anaheim, 34; BRoberts, Baltimore, 29; ARodriguez, New York, 28; Lawton, Cleveland, 23; Jeter, New York, 23.

PITCHING (16 Decisions)—Schilling, Boston, 21-6, .778, 3.26; Santana, Minnesota, 20-6, .769, 2.61; Mulder, Oakland, 17-8, .680, 4.43; Rogers, Texas, 18-9, .667, 4.76; THudson, Oakland, 12-6, .667, 3.53; JRincon, Minnesota, 11-6, .647, 2.63; PMartinez, Boston, 16-9, .640, 3.90.

STRIKEOUTS—Santana, Minnesota, 265; PMartinez, Boston, 227; Schilling, Boston, 203; KEscobar, Anaheim, 191; FGarcia, Chicago, 184; Bonderman, Detroit, 168; Lilly, Toronto, 168.

SAVES—MRivera, New York, 53; FCordero, Texas, 49; Nathan, Minnesota, 44; Percival, Anaheim, 33; Foulke, Boston, 32; DBaez, Tampa Bay, 30; Julio, Baltimore, 22; Dotel, Oakland, 22.

College

EAST

Allegheny 6, Penn St.-Behrend 5
Boston College 7, Rhode Island 3
Brandeis 2, Springfield 1
Kean 8, William Paterson 1
Lock Haven 10-8, Mansfield 9-13
Manhattanville 16, Lehman 3
Mass.-Dartmouth 4, Bridgewater, Mass. 3
N.Y. Tech 8, Fairleigh Dickinson 5
Queens College 8, Dowling 7
Sacred Heart 6, Iona 4
La Roche 5, Washington & Jefferson 4
Wagner 7, Lafayette 3

SOUTH

Nevada 11, Louisiana Tech 5

MIDWEST

DePauw 15, Franklin 4
Saginaw Valley St. 15, E. Michigan 4

Bowling

PBA Denny's World Championship Standings
At Taylor (Mich.) Lanes
Fourth Round
27-game pinfall

1, Mark Moore, Macomb, Mich., 6,020. 2, Christopher Loschetter, West Melbourne, Fla., 5,972. 3, Robert Smith, Thousand Oaks, Calif., 5,960. 4, Dave D'Entremont, Middleburg Heights, Ohio, 5,954. 5, Jeff Carter, Springfield, Ill., 5,881. 6, Brian Voss, Alpharetta, Ga., 5,878. 7, Michael Machuga, Erie, Pa., 5,860. 8, Brad Angelo, Lockport, N.Y., 5,857.

9, Patrick Healey Jr, Flower Mound, Texas., 5,836. 10, Rick Lawrence, Celina, Texas, 5,825. 11, Amleto Monacelli, Venezuela, 5,824. 12, Paul Fleming, Bedford, Texas, 5,796. 13, Tim Criss, Bel Air, Md., 5,795. 14, Joe Ciccone, Buffalo, N.Y., 5,790. 15, Mika Koivuniemi, Hartland, Mich., 5,782.

16, tie, Randy Pedersen, Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Mike Scroggins, Amarillo, Texas, 5,757. 18, tie, Brian Waliczek, Birch Run, Mich., and Tommy Jones, Greenville, S.C., 5,751. 20, Tom Baker, Buffalo, N.Y., 5,721. 21, Jason Couch, Clermont, Fla., 5,716. 22, tie, Dale Traber, Cedarburg, Wis., and Harry Sullins, Chesterfield Township, Mich., 5,712. 24, tie, Tony Reyes, San Bruno, Calif., and Ryan Shafer, Elmira, N.Y., 5,710.

26, Steve Jaros, Yorkville, Ill., 5,706. 27, Doug Kent, Newark, N.Y., 5,705. 28, Rudy Kasimakis, Tupelo, Miss., 5,703. 29, Blaise Bedolla, Roseburg, Ore., 5,697. 30, Ritchie Allen, Columbia, S.C., 5,696. 31, tie, Bob Learn Jr, Erie, Pa., and Brian Kretzer, Dayton, Ohio, 5,693.

33, Mike DeVaney, Escondido, CA, 5,690. 34, Christopher Collins, Fayetteville, N.C., 5,681. 35, Tom Daugherty, Tampa, Fla., 5,679. 36, Parker Bohn III, Jackson, N.J., 5,678. 37, tie, Norm Duke, Clermont, Fla., and Michael Fagan, Greenlawn, N.Y., 5,675. $1000. 39, Jeff Lizzi, Sandusky, Ohio, 5,663, $1000. 40, tie, Bryan Goebel, Shawnee, Kan., Nathan Bohr, Wichita, Kan., 5,657, $1000.

42, Chris Johnson, Garland, Texas, 5,648, $1000. 43, John May, Lincolnton, N.C., 5,641, $1000. 44, Bryon Smith, Roseburg, Ore., 5,638, $1000. 45, Eric Forkel, Las Vegas, 5,619, $1000. 46, Brian LeClair, Athens, N.Y., 5,618, $1000. 47, Patrick Dombrowski, Parma, Ohio, 5,616, $1000. 48, Kelly Kulick, Union, N.J., 5,605, $1000.

49, Bill Rowe, Canada, 5,600, $1000. 50, Hugh Miller, Seattle, 5,595, $1000. 51, Del Ballard Jr, N. Richland Hills, Texas, 5,592, $1000. 52, Richard Wolfe, Vienna, Va., 5,584, $1000. 53, Ken Simard, Greenville, S.C., 5,581, $1000. 54, Mike Edwards, Tulsa, Okla., 5,578, $1000. 55, Walter Schaub II, Schaumburg, Ill., 5,571, $1000. 56, Brian Himmler, Cincinnati, 5,567, $1000.

57, Paul Nicholas, Romeoville, Ill., 5,564, $1000. 58, Tyler Jensen, Wheat Ridge, Colo., 5,556, $1000. 59, Ken Abner, Cincinnati, 5,555, $1000. 60, Dennis Horan Jr, Temecula, Calif., 5,542, $1000. 61, Jonathan Van Hees, Newport, R.I., 5,537, $1000. 62, tie, Wes Malott, Austin, Texas, and DJ Archer, Carrollton, Texas, 5,520, $1000. 64, Carolyn DorinBallard, N Richland Hills, Texas, 5,516, $1000.

65, Mike Wolfe, New Albany, Ind., 5,509, $1000. 66, Christopher Sand, Chesterfield, Mich., 5,501, $1000. 67, Lonnie Waliczek, Wichita, Kan., 5,484, $1000. 68, John Petraglia, Manalapan, N.J., 5,483, $1000. 69, Shannon Buchan, Waterloo, Iowa, 5,474, $1000. 70, Jack Jurek, Lancaster, N.Y., 5,465, $1000. 71, tie, Troy Wollenbecker, Toledo, Ohio, and Rick Steelsmith, Wichita, Kan., 5,452, $1000.

73, Steve Rogers, Bourbonnais, Ill., 5,447, $1000. 74, Liz Johnson, Cheektowaga, N.Y., 5,417, $1000. 75, Steve Wilson, Lake Worth, Fla., 5,399, $1000. 76, Robert Glass, Lawrence, Kan., 5,395, $1000. 77, Tim Mack, Garfield, N.J., 5,380, $1000. 78, Eugene McCune, Munster, Ind., 5,376, $1000. 79, Michael Haugen Jr, Las Vegas, 5,353, $1000. 80, Bobby Hall II, Landover, Md., 5,340, $1000.

81, Shane Keefauver, Canton, Ill., 5,323, $1000. 82, Steve Easterday, Carrollton, Ohio, 5,316, $1000. 83, Jimmy Johnson, Pataskala, Ohio, 5,265, $1000. 84, Jack Laffey, Indianapolis, 5,258, $1000.

Tennis

ATP-WTA Tour Nasdaq-100 Open Results
Key Biscayne, Fla.
Purse: Men, $3.45 million (Masters); Women: $3.115 million (Tier I)
Surface: Hard-Outdoor
Singles
Men
Quarterfinals

Roger Federer (1), Switzerland, def. Tim Henman (6), Britain, 6-4, 6-2.

Women
Quarterfinals

Maria Sharapova (2), Russia, def. Venus Williams (8), United States, 6-4, 6-3.

Doubles
Men
Semifinals

Wayne Black and Kevin Ullyett (2), Zimbabwe, def. Nikolay Davydenko, Russia, and Dominik Hrbaty, Slovakia, 6-3, 6-4.

FIGHT SCHEDULE

Today

At Uncasville, Conn. (ESPN2), Willie Gibbs, Philadelphia, vs. Andres Pacheco, Pueblo, Colo., 10, middleweights.

At The Palace Indian Gaming Center, Lemoore, Calif. (SHO), Robert Guerrero, Gilroy, Calif., vs. Adrian Valdez, Mexico, 12, for the vacant NABF featherweight title.

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At DCU Center, Worcester, Mass. (SHO), Wayne Braithwaite, Brooklyn, N.Y., vs. Jean-Marc Mormeck, France, 12, for the world cruiserweight unification title.

At Emerald Queen Casino, Tacoma, Wash., Troy Beets, Biloxi, Miss., vs. Joseph Awinongya, Joliet, Ill., 10, heavyweights.

April 4

At Osaka, Japan, Isaac Bustos, Mexico, vs. Katsunari Takayama, Japan, 12, for Bustos' WBC strawweight title.

April 7

At Pechanga Resort, Temecula, Calif. (FSN), Julio Gonzalez, Huntington Beach, Calif., vs. Montell Griffin, Chicago, 12, IBF light heavyweight eliminator.

April 8

At Miami (ESPN2), Mike Anchondo, La Puente, Calif., vs. Jorge Barrios, Argentina, 12, junior lightweights.

At Orleans Hotel and Casino, Las Vegas, Jose Luis Araiza, Mexico, vs. Fransisco Paredes, Mexico, 10, super flyweights.

April 9

At Don Haskins Center, El Paso, Texas (PPV), Marco Antonio Barrera, Mexico, vs. Mzonke Fana, South Africa, 12, for Barrera's WBC super featherweight title.

April 15

At Northern Quest Casino, Airway Heights, Wash. (ESPN2), Antwun Echols, Dade City, Fla., vs. Kingsley Ikeke, Los Angeles, 12, IBF middleweight elimination bout.

April 16

At Tokyo, Veeraphol Nakhonluang, Thailand, vs. Hozumi Hasegawa, Japan, 12, for Nakhonluang's WBC bantamweight title.

At Chicago, Paul Briggs, Australia, vs. Tomasz Adamek, Poland, 12, for the vacant WBC light heavyweight title.

April 22

At Dodge Arena, Hidalgo, Texas, Joan Guzman, Dominican Republic, vs. Fernando Beltran, Mexico, 12, for Guzman's WBO junior featherweight title.

April 23

At Caesars Palace, Las Vegas (PPV), Antonio Margarito, Mexico, vs. Kermot Cintron, Reading, Pa., 12, for Margarito's WBO welterweight title; Juan Diaz, Houston, vs. Ebo Elder, Atlanta, 12, for Diaz's WBA lightweight title; Shane Mosley, Pomona, Calif., vs. David Estrada, Miami, 10, welterweights; Calvin Brock, Charlotte, N.C., vs. Jameel McCline, Clifton, N.J., 10, heavyweights.

April 30

At Jose Miguel Agrelot Coliseum, San Juan, Puerto Rico (PPV), Ivan Calderon, Puerto Rico, vs. Noel Tunacao, Philippines, 12, for Calderon's WBO strawweight title; Nelson Dieppa, Puerto Rico, vs. Hugo Cazares, Mexico, 12, for Dieppa's WBO junior flyweight title.

At Madison Square Garden, New York (HBO), John Ruiz, Las Vegas, vs. James Toney, Los Angeles, 12, for Ruiz's WBA heavyweight title.

May 7

At Mandalay Bay, Las Vegas (SHO), Jose Luis Castillo, Mexico, vs. Diego Corrales, Sacramento, Calif., 12, for the WBC and WBO lightweight titles; Juan Manuel Marquez, Mexico, vs. Victor Polo, Colombia, 12, for the WBA and IBF featherweight titles.

May 11

At Sydney (Australia) Entertainment Center, Mikkel Kessler, Denmark, vs. Anthony Mundine, Australia, 12, for Kessler's WBA super middleweight title.

May 14

At MGM Grand, Las Vegas (PPV), Winky Wright, Washington, vs. Felix Trinidad, Puerto Rico, 12, middleweights.

May 21

At United Center, Chicago, Lamon Brewster, Los Angeles, vs. Andrew Golota, Chicago, 12, for Brewster's WBO heavyweight title.

May 28

At Staples Center, Los Angeles (PPV), Julio Cesar Chavez, Mexico, vs. Ivan Robinson, Philadelphia, 10, super lightweights; Carlos Hernandez, West Covina, Calif., vs. Jesus Chavez, Austin, Texas, 12, super featherweight elimination bout; Rafael Marquez, Mexico, vs. Ricardo Vargas, Mexico, 12, for Marquez's IBF bantamweight title.

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

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MC BASEBALL TODAY

Midland College vs. Odessa College

Today: Noon, doubleheader, American Legion Stadium, Odessa.
Saturday: Noon, doubleheader, Christensen Stadium

Records: Midland College 24-6 overall, 2-6 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Odessa College 20-8, 4-4

Notes & quotes: Midland College is coming off a 1-3 showing at El Paso Community College last weekend. ...Odessa College split a four-game series at Clarendon last weekend. ...After the two games today in Odessa, the Chaps host the next 10 conference games at home. ...While the hitting has been inconsistent for MC, the Chaps are fourth in the WJCAC with a .356 average. OC is fifth in conference with a .355 clip. ...Pitching has also been solid for MC as the Chaps are fourth with a 3.58 team earned run average. "When you go to El Paso where the wind is blowing, you're going to give up some hits. But I would say pitching has been a pleasant surprise," MC coach Steve Ramharter said. ...The Chaps are expected to start Shawn Shaefer (5-1, 3.60) and Kurtis Schumacher (5-1, 1.71) today and then Adam Moser (6-1, 2.93) and Rene Calderon (3-0, 4.64) on Saturday. ...OC leads the WJCAC with a 2.54 team ERA. ...A sore spot for the Chaps has been fielding as their .938 fielding percentage is last in the WJCAC.

Next game: Midland College at McMurry University JV, 4 p.m. Tuesday, doubleheader, Abilene

WJCAC Standings

	Overall W	Overall L	Conf. W	Conf. L
Frank Phillips	26	5	6	1
New Mexico JC	26	6	6	2
El Paso CC	21	14	5	2
Odessa College	20	8	4	4
Clarendon Coll.	14	9	3	4
Western Texas	11	19	2	5
Howard College	19	8	2	6
Midland College	**24**	**6**	**2**	**6**

This weekend's series
Clarendon vs. Frank Phillips; El Paso Community College at Howard College; Midland College vs. Odessa College; Western Texas at New Mexico Junior College

MC SOFTBALL TODAY

No. 8 Midland College at Clarendon College

When: Tripleheaders beginning at 11 a.m. today and Saturday
Where: Clarendon College, Clarendon
Records: Midland College, 31-8-1 overall, 13-1 in Western Junior College Athletic Conference; Clarendon College, 3-23, 3-13

Notes: Midland College is coming off a doubleheader split with Odessa College. An 11-3 loss in the first game was the first defeat for MC in conference play and the 11 runs was the most MC has given up all year. The Lady Chaparrals bounced back in the second game for a 13-10 victory. ... MC freshman Brianna Dairy took the loss on the mound in the first game but had a great day offensively with six hits, two home runs and two doubles. Danielle Payne added four hits. ... MC leads the WJCAC in hitting (.338 batting average) and pitching (1.43 ERA). ... Clarendon is last in the WJCAC in hitting (.199) and sixth out of the seven conference teams in pitching (3.47).

Next: Western Texas at Midland College, 4 p.m. Friday, April 8, doubleheader, Freddie Ezell Softball Complex

LOCAL SPORTS

Powell signs with MC

Lee senior baseball player Aaron Powell signed a letter of intent to play at Midland College on Thursday. Powell, who has been playing mainly as the designated hitter for the Rebels this season, is the third player from a local high school to sign with the Chaparrals.

Lee's Barry Keiffer and Midland High's Jaime Armendariz have also signed with MC.

"You might call Aaron a raw player but he's not raw in his approach at the plate," MC head coach Steve Ramharter said. "A lot of kids tend to pull the ball but he hits the ball to all the fields. He's got a chance to be a great baseball player."

Powell is hitting .214 during the young District 3-5A season for the Rebels.

CHAPS

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conference over the last few years.

"We haven't been living up to our potential offensively in the last two series," said freshman third baseman and Midland High graduate Steven Ellington. "I don't know if it's nerves, but we're coming around. We faced good pitchers in El Paso and New Mexico, we played six of the first eight on the road, plus El Paso and New Mexico are two of the best teams in conference."

Ellington has been one of the most consistent hitters on the team, tied for fourth with a .383 average, one home run and a team-high 35 RBI.

"I'm doing all right," said the Chap third baseman. "I wish I was doing better defensively."

Ellington seems to have adjusted to the college game well, despite having to face much tougher competition on a daily basis. Ellington is one of nine freshmen in the everyday hitting lineup.

"I really like it," Ellington said. "It's kind of having the best player on our high school team at every position. The competition is a lot better and much more intense and everybody knows what they're doing."

Ellington now looks to help turn his team's fortunes around in conference play this weekend. The Chaps have been successful against non-conference opponents, posting a 22-0 record.

"We knew we were good in the first part of the season but then we found out we're not perfect," he said. "Some of the teams we played weren't very good and I think we got a false sense of who we really are. But even though we've had a few losses, we're still in good shape."

Added Ramharter: "After starting the season 19-0, they just never had any adversity to deal with and unfortunately this came at a key time. I have confidence that we'll get it straightened out. With 28 conference games, there's still a long way to go."

PRUITT

(From 1C)

the Bill Williams Softball Complex.

"It helped me learn that sometimes people tend to take for granted what they have ... good health and all that kind of stuff," said Pruitt, a junior outfielder. "It was God, and a lot of prayer."

Surgery to remove a nodule on her thyroid detected during a routine physical in August was planned for Dec. 20. Pruitt said the surgery was expected to be about 2 1/2 hours but said it took more than four because the entire gland was removed.

Pruitt was diagnosed with Papillary Carcinoma, which is one of the most common forms of thyroid cancer and a type of cancer that is treatable. After she was diagnosed, Pruitt received an iodine radiation treatment in early February.

Since that time she has had checkups with doctors, and will take a pill the rest of her life.

"I think she's grown through this," said Celeste Pruitt, Melani's mother. "It's just a new experience and I think it makes you sympathize to other situations. It's good to go through some kind of trial like this. If it's not something that shows up now, it will definitely show up as she matures and grows. We're a very prayerful family and we prayed a lot through all of this."

Pruitt wasted little time returning to the field after the radiation treatment. She was on the field in less than a week, working out with the team and trying to return to the starting lineup.

Pruitt, though, did not want to be looked at any different when she came back. She is an outgoing individual, but when it comes to talking about what she has gone through the last few months she is very private. She does not want any more attention heaped on her than anybody else.

And Pruitt admits since she's been back she has probably worked harder than she has in her entire career, adding that if doctors had said she might not be able to play she probably would have tried anyway.

"It's not like I'm trying to go around getting pity and stuff," Pruitt said. "That never really happened and I didn't want to use it as an excuse. I probably go harder now just because I know that I need it. They push me as hard as anybody else, and I like that."

Pruitt is starting in the outfield, mainly in left, and with some absences in the Lady Mustangs lineup Pruitt will return to the batting order. She has mainly been the team's flex player, but is hitting .429 with six hits this season.

Coming back as soon as Pruitt did was something that did not shock her parents or softball coach Byron Myers.

During her career at Midland Christian, Myers said Pruitt has established herself as a determined individual. She became the team's pitcher when ace Taharra Tisdale missed several games, and finished with a winning record.

Myers said Pruitt worked tirelessly along with her teammates during the offseason to improve, and that work ethic is part of the reason Pruitt returned earlier than even she thought. He does see times when she does tire, but her determination keeps her going.

"She is just resilient," Myers said. "She is just one of those kids that has played tough. She had a good fall and worked hard. I think if she hadn't had that then she would probably be still trying to recover."

Congressional committee asks info from NFL, other sports

WASHINGTON (AP) — The same Congressional committee that conducted hearings into steroids in baseball has asked NFL commissioner Paul Tagliabue for information about how football regulates the performance-enhancing substances.

The Government Reform Committee also said Thursday it will ask for similar data from the NBA, NHL, NCAA, U.S. Track and Field and Major League Soccer.

"As the committee has stated publicly numerous times, its focus on the performance-enhancing drug use in sports is not limited to professional baseball," the committee said in a letter signed by committee chairman Rep. Tom Davis and ranking Democrat Rep. Henry Waxman.

"As part of this investigation, we are requesting basic information on steroid policies from a number of sports leagues."

Tagliabue responded in a letter that he has directed his staff to be fully responsive to the committee's request.

"New information has called into question the effectiveness of the NFL drug policy," Waxman said in a statement Thursday. "I'm pleased that our committee will closely look at that policy as part of our continuing investigation into steroid use in sports."

The committee asked the NFL to provide details on the testing procedures and how they were negotiated between the league and the union. It also requested summaries of all test results during the time the testing has taken place, although not the names of individual players. The committee set next Friday as the deadline for the league to provide it with the information.

The letter to the NFL comes a day after CBS' "60 Minutes Wednesday" reported that Panthers punter Todd Sauerbrun and center Jeff Mitchell and former offensive lineman Todd Steussie filled testosterone cream prescriptions during the 2003 season, when the team went to the Super Bowl.

In addition to the cream, which is banned by the NFL, Sauerbrun also reportedly obtained syringes and the injectable steroid Stanozolol, which is banned by the league.

The NFL has had random testing for steroids for the past 15 years. A total of 44 players have been suspended during that period for using the performance-enhancing substances.

The league has proposed toughening its testing standards to conform with a change in standards by the World Anti-Doping Agency and the International Olympic Committee. That change has to be approved by the NFL Players Association, whose executive director, Gene Upshaw, is a former offensive lineman who has been outspoken about the use of the substances in the sport.

Agency backs plan for Jets stadium

Associated Press

NEW YORK — The New York Jets' plan for a $1.9 billion Manhattan stadium that could also serve as the centerpiece of the 2012 Olympics cleared a major hurdle Thursday when its bid was approved by the state agency that owns the proposed site.

The Metropolitan Transportation Authority board unanimously accepted a $720 million offer from the New York Jets to develop the site over a remote railyard on Manhattan's West Side, turning down two competing proposals worth more money.

The 75,000-seat stadium is backed by the city and state and would allow the Jets to play in New York for the first time in a quarter-century. The Jets currently play home games at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.

Jets president Jay Cross said he hoped construction could begin in July, noting the NFL recently awarded the city the 2010 Super Bowl on the condition of a new stadium.

Bloomberg, a Republican, has made the stadium the early centerpiece of his re-election campaign, insisting it will create jobs and growth for years to come in a largely underdeveloped frontier along the Hudson River.

In a statement, the mayor praised the Jets for investing in the city's future and added, "But ultimately, New Yorkers will be the big winners if this project becomes reality."

Many New Yorkers do not share his zeal, opposing the plan by 53 percent to 38 percent, according to a Quinnipiac University poll released before the vote. Some residents have said the stadium will cause too much congestion and cost too much money.

"Why are you doing this?" City Council speaker and Democratic mayoral hopeful Gifford Miller asked the MTA board during public comment before the vote. "This is not over. This is a terrible mistake."

Outside the hearing, anti-stadium demonstrators began chanting "Sweetheart deal!" after the vote was finished, while union workers backing the plan replied, "Jobs! Jobs!"

Olympic officials have said building the stadium is critical to New York's bid. The International Olympic Committee will award the Games in July. Paris, London, Madrid and Moscow are the other finalists.

Among those who submitted competing bids for the site was Cablevision, the company that owns Madison Square Garden. It fears the new facility, just a few blocks away, would compete with the Garden and drain its revenue.

■ NFL Briefs

Arresting officer says Rams' Little was intoxicated

CLAYTON, Mo. — Leonard Little failed several field sobriety tests when stopped for speeding a year ago, the officer who arrested him told jurors Thursday as testimony began in the DWI trial of the St. Louis Rams defensive end.

Ladue Police Officer Gregory Stork said Little "was intoxicated. There's no doubt in my mind."

Scott Rosenblum, Little's attorney, said in his opening argument earlier in the day that the sobriety tests were flawed.

Little is charged with speeding and felony drunk driving as a persistent offender. In 1999, Little pleaded guilty to involuntary manslaughter in the death of 47-year-old Susan Gutweiler in a crash in downtown St. Louis.

In that case, Little's blood-alcohol level was nearly twice Missouri's legal limit. Little later served three months in jail, four years of probation and 1,000 hours of community service. He also was suspended without pay for the first half of the 1999 season.

If convicted of the DWI charge, Little — a Pro Bowl selection in 2003 — could face up to four years in prison and another NFL suspension.

Little was stopped shortly before 4 a.m. last April 24 on Interstate 64.



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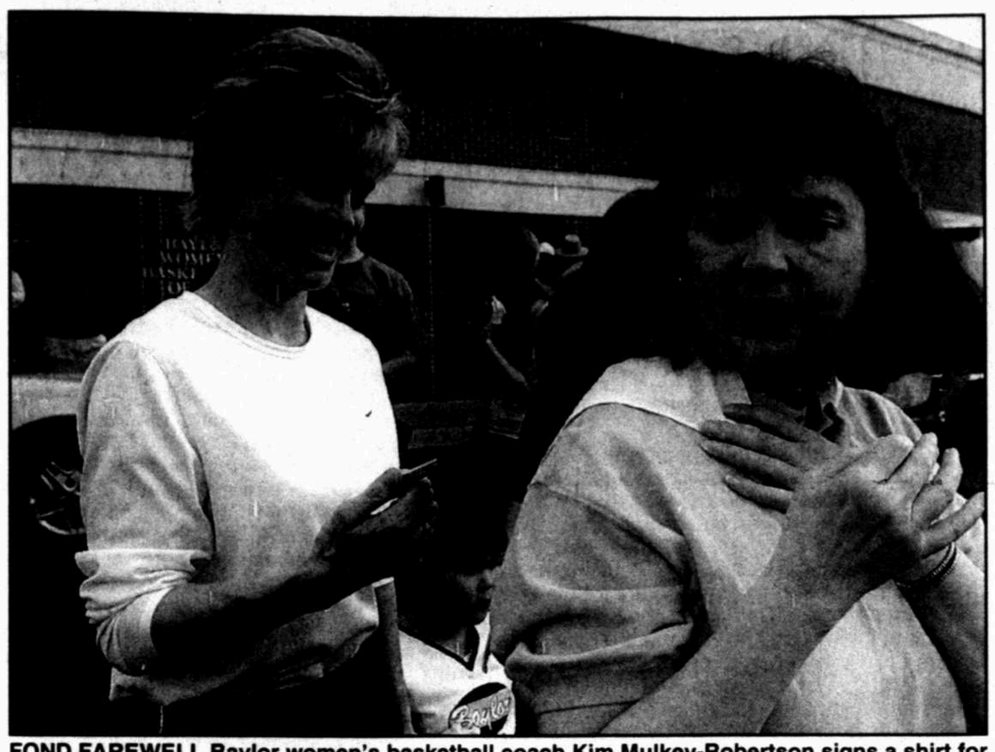
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FOND FAREWELL Baylor women's basketball coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson signs a shirt for local fan Vicky Todd following a sendoff party at the Ferrell Center Thursday in Waco. Hundreds of fans showed up to see the Lady Bears leave for their first first NCAA Final Four appearance when they play LSU on Sunday.

Former assistant to Armstrong alleges he found banned substance

AUSTIN (AP) — A former personal assistant to Lance Armstrong filed court papers Thursday alleging that he discovered a banned substance in the cycling champion's apartment early last year.

Armstrong's attorney, Timothy Herman, called the allegation false and "absurd."

Speculation kept building, meanwhile, that Armstrong would retire later this year after trying to win his seventh straight Tour de France.

"Four more months and it's over ...," he told Gazzetta dello Sport, the Italian newspaper reported Thursday.

"I miss my kids and all the pressure I have on me is taking its toll," he said.

Armstrong has scheduled a news conference in the United States on April 18 before the Tour of Georgia. He signed a two-year contract with his new team sponsor before this season, but the deal requires that he race just one more Tour de France.

"You will all know a little more in two weeks' time," he said after finishing 24th in the Paris-Camembert cycling race this week. "I have to talk to the press and I have to tell them something important.

"The only thing I know for sure is that I will be starting the Tour de France this year. But it could be the last."

Mark Higgins, a spokesman for Capital Sports Entertainment — which represents Armstrong and runs the Discovery Channel team — would only say Thursday: "Lance will make an announcement at the press conference that is to be determined."

In Texas, Mike Anderson, who is involved in a legal fight with Armstrong over alleged promises the cyclist made to help Anderson start a bike shop, made the claim about a banned substance in a brief filed in state district court.

Armstrong, who is in Europe, has maintained that he is drug-free. The cancer survivor frequently notes he is one of the most drug-tested athletes in the world.

"We are not going to be blackmailed or pay extortion money to hide something that isn't true," Herman said.

Anderson, who says he had a key to Armstrong's apartment in Girona, Spain, alleges he was cleaning the bathroom in "early 2004" when he found a white box labeled "like any other prescription drug" but that did not have a doctor's prescription attached.

Written on the box was the trademark name "Androstenine, or something very close to this," Anderson said.

"He went to the computer, looked it up on the WADA or USADA Web site(s), and confirmed that what he had found was an androgen, a listed banned substance," Anderson's court brief states, referring to the World Anti-Doping Agency and the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

Anderson said he put the box back in the medicine cabinet where he found it. Fearing he would be fired, he said he did not confront Armstrong about it. He said he looked for the box again after Armstrong left Girona to train in the Canary Islands, but didn't find it.

In an interview, Anderson said, "I had a job to do, that's why I kept my mouth shut. I tried for a very long time to give him the benefit of the doubt. I waited for months to even tell my wife."

Anderson said it was the only time he found the alleged substance and that he never saw Armstrong take any steroids or other banned substances.

Anderson also said he and Armstrong had a discussion in 2004 about cyclists who dope and claimed Armstrong told him, "Everyone does it."

Armstrong's attorney, Hal Gillespie, said that conversation took place before Anderson allegedly found the steroid. The lawyer also said he plans to depose Armstrong.

Anderson said he believes Armstrong knew about the alleged discovery because their relationship began to deteriorate almost immediately.

"We were friends, and then overnight, we were treated as very, very low class servants," Anderson said, although he continued to work for him until November.

Herman countered that the two maintained a good relationship for several more months.

Anderson said he was working as a mechanic at a local bike store when he met Armstrong more than four years ago. They became friends, often riding together, and Anderson regularly worked on Armstrong's bikes before becoming his personal assistant in November 2002.

Anderson said he was paid about $3,000 a month for duties that ranged from building bike trails on Armstrong's Hill Country property to doing his grocery shopping in Spain.

Anderson said he was fired in November 2004 after asking for, and getting, a $500-a-month raise. He said Armstrong's representatives offered him a severance package totaling $7,000.

Armstrong and his personal service company, Luke David LLC, sued Anderson about a month later, claiming Anderson demanded Armstrong pay him $500,000, give him a signed Tour de France jersey and future endorsements to help him set up his own bike shop.

Fans send Lady Bears off to Indy

WACO (AP) — Even for a pep rally, Baylor coach Kim Mulkey-Robertson fine-tunes her game plan up to the last minute.

"The elite eight was great," Mulkey-Roberston told about 500 gold-clad Baylor fans on Thursday. "This is the Final Four, we want more."

Mulkey-Robertson quickly scribbled the rhyme onto a borrowed piece of paper moments before she addressed supporters who gathered to see the Lady Bears depart for their first Final Four appearance in school history.

For this crowd, just about anything Mulkey-Robertson could say — rhyming or not — would be met with cheers.

When she took the job five years ago, the Lady Bears were coming off a 7-20 season and had never been to the NCAA tournament. This is their fourth NCAA tournament since and they also made it to the Women's NIT championship in 2003.

Mulkey-Robertson is 129-38 at Baylor, with at least 21 wins each season. Baylor regents have approved a new contract for the coach, a six-year deal that will keep her at the school through the 2010-11 season.

Baylor (31-3), which has won 18 straight games, plays LSU on Sunday night in Indianapolis. It's a rematch of the season opener Baylor lost 71-70 in November.

Times have certainly changed on the Baylor campus.

Just two years ago, then-Baylor men's basketball coach Dave Bliss and then-athletic director Tom Stanton discussed the disappearance of basketball player Patrick Dennehy at the same site as Thursday's rally. It was the start of a lengthy scandal and tragedy that cast a black cloud over the university.

The somber atmosphere of that occasion was nowhere to be scene Thursday.

"I've been following the Lady Bears all season. I just got hooked," said Ryan Allison, 15, who was sporting a gold-colored wig. "I came to see them off because I can't make it to Indy."

Cheerleaders and a pep band fired up a crowd that wildly cheered as each Baylor senior took their turn on stage, each carrying a yellow rose.

Baylor sold out its allotment of 800 tickets for the Final Four and an additional 400.

For Baylor fans not going to Indianapolis, there will be several watching parties in Waco on Sunday night.

There will be one in the Ferrell Center, the campus arena where the Lady Bears won all 14 of their home games this season. The center will open an hour before the 6 p.m. game and the only difference in the arena will be watching the Lady Bears on a television screen, instead of on the court.

Several area churches around the world's largest Baptist university have altered their Sunday night schedules because of the game.

At the Columbus Avenue Baptist Church, there will be church-wide fellowship to watch the game instead of the normal evening worship service. The church is even providing dinner for members who want to get together to watch the Lady Bears.

"All the restaurants are loving this, because they are just packing it in," said Steve Smith of the Waco Chamber of Commerce. "The biggest challenge for all the churches on Sunday night is to have anybody in attendance."

Sharapova holds off Venus in semis

KEY BISCAYNE, Fla. (AP) — Maria Sharapova and Venus Williams reached a crescendo in the final game, swapping shrieks that accompanied their shots in a series of furious exchanges.

Sharapova was a little louder and a bit better.

Holding her ground and her serve when Williams mounted a comeback, Sharapova erased six break points to close out a 6-4, 6-3 victory Thursday in the semifinals of the Nasdaq-100 Open.

The second-seeded Sharapova advanced to her first Key Biscayne final. On Saturday, she'll meet the winner of the match Thursday night between unseeded Kim Clijsters and No. 1 Amelie Mauresmo.

Top-ranked Roger Federer and six-time champion Andre Agassi advanced to a semifinal showdown Friday night. Federer, bidding for his first Key Biscayne title, beat No. 6 Tim Henman 6-4, 6-2. Agassi, seeded ninth, won the final eight games to defeat Taylor Dent 7-5, 6-0.

Federer has beaten Agassi six times in a row and eliminated him at the past two Grand Slam events. The other semifinal will be an all-Spanish matchup between unseeded David Ferrer and No. 29 Rafael Nadal.

Williams, seeded eighth, ended a streak of six consecutive losses to her sister by beating Serena in the quarterfinals. But with Serena watching from the stands, Sharapova refused to let Venus pull off another upset.

Hitting with the precision of a ball machine, only noisier, Sharapova consistently placed her powerful serves and groundstrokes within inches of the lines. The reigning Wimbledon champion punctuated each big swing with her familiar high-pitched grunt and committed just 12 unforced errors in 115 points.

"I thought I played really well," Sharapova said. "I was in control for most of the match."

By the end, the grinding rallies had Williams shrieking, too. The final game lasted 16 points, with both players racing corner to corner in pursuit of shots. Williams failed to convert her only break-point chances in the match and finally sailed a weary backhand long on match point.

"She's got a lot of fighting spirit out there," Sharapova said. "I was very proud of myself for being able to win that game. It was a very tough one."

Williams offered a less gracious assessment. She blamed fatigue for her defeat and only grudgingly gave credit to Sharapova.

"She played fairly consistently," Williams said. "I probably shouldn't have made so many mistakes. I'll remember not to next time."

Both players held easily through the first nine games, before Williams wavered serving at 4-5. Sharapova hit two strong returns for the first break-point chance, and Williams sailed a forehand long to give the Russian the set.

Sharapova broke again and took leads of 3-0 and 4-1 in the second set. She hit one forehand winner past the 6-foot-1 Williams from two steps behind the baseline.

When she closed out the victory, Sharapova sank to her knees and slapped the baseline with glee. Still three weeks shy of her 18th birthday, she's 22-2 this year and has staged a remarkable rebound from a 6-0, 6-0 loss two weeks ago to Lindsay Davenport at Indian Wells.

"That was a long time ago," she said.



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REPEAT PERFORMANCE? Louisville's Darrell Griffith flashes a number one sign as he's hoisted on shoulders of teammates and fans after his team won the NCAA basketball championship, March 24, 1980, in Indianapolis, after defeating UCLA. Louisville meets Illinois Saturday at the Final Four in St. Louis.

Cardinals similar to 1980 team

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP) — At halftime of a game with South Florida, Rick Pitino kept the Cardinals on the bench so they could watch a ceremony honoring the school's 1980 NCAA championship team.

"I wanted them to see the difference in how a team is loved when they win a championship, because it goes down forever," Pitino said after the Feb. 12 game.

The Cardinals (33-4) evidently were inspired. They've won 13 straight since the ceremony and play Illinois (36-1) on Saturday at the Final Four in St. Louis.

"You idolize those guys coming up," said senior guard Larry O'Bannon, who played at the same Louisville high school as Darrell Griffith, the star of the 1980 team. "It is great to be a part of. It is like being a part of your own fraternity — the players who played for U of L."

The ex-Cardinals have spent the last two months commemorating the silver anniversary of the school's first championship, and they see striking similarities in the current Cardinals.

"This team is a very special team. They've got a lot of heart," said Griffith, still the school's all-time leading scorer.

"We're all proud of those guys because they remind us so much of us," said Roger Burkman, a junior guard in 1980.

Start with the rosters.

Besides O'Bannon and Griffith's high school connection, both teams had a freshman starting on their front line and two starters from the New York City area. The old team had brothers Rodney and Scooter McCray, from Mount Vernon, N.Y., and Rodney was a freshman. Today's team is led by Francisco Garcia from the Bronx and Taquan Dean from Red Bank, N.J., and has freshman Juan Palacios at forward.

Both teams also had stars who put in extra work.

Dean and Garcia wore 20-pound vests during individual drills early in their careers to improve conditioning. They still routinely arrive at Louisville's practice facility before sunrise or after midnight and fire hundreds of shots in the empty gym.

Griffith, the 6-foot-4 guard who led the 1980 champions in scoring, spent up to three hours after each practice dribbling around folding chairs and shooting over volleyball stands.

One night, coach Denny Crum got a call from a campus security guard at 1 a.m. to tell him Griffith was shooting in the gym and several teenagers were rebounding for him.

"I said, 'Well, they're not hurting anything, are they?'" Crum recalls. "The security guy said, 'No, I don't think so.' I said, 'Well, close the door and leave them alone.' Darrell was just in there trying to improve himself. He set the example for everyone."

The teams' styles of play are also similar.

The 1979-80 Cardinals were one of the first teams to employ full-court pressure that wore down opponents, yielded fast breaks and triggered scoring runs. Pitino built his reputation on that kind of strategy, and earlier this season he unveiled a 2-2-1 full-court press that was Louisville's staple under Crum.

"Those early years that Denny coached, it was a different wave," Pitino said. "Everyone thought you could win smaller and go to the pressure and create an exciting brand of basketball. That was an exciting brand of basketball they were playing. Everybody admired that style."

And then there's the Illinois connection. Louisville's next opponent provided a turning point for the Cardinals 25 seasons ago.

Louisville was ranked 10th before the 1979-80 season began and entered the late-December Rainbow Classic in Hawaii with a 6-1 record. The Cardinals beat Princeton, then lost to Illinois by 13.

"Illinois just beat our heads in," Crum said. "Our kids, I don't think, had yet learned to deal with all of the stuff, how hard you have to work to be really good."

After the game, the players had a closed-door meeting at their hotel without the coaches.

"We kind of said, 'There is no way we should be losing these games. We have as much talent as anyone in the country, so let's start playing,'" Burkman said.

The Cardinals won their next 18 games, still the longest winning streak in school history.

The current Cardinals have matched the 1980 team's school record for wins in a season — now all they need is a snappy nickname.

The high-flying 1979-80 team became known as the "Doctors of Dunk" and Griffith earned the moniker "Doctor Dunkenstein."

Griffith said even if Louisville brings home a championship on Monday night, his team's accomplishment will always stand alone.

"The success of the basketball team will always be judged by the 1980 championship team," he said. "I think we set the tone. Actually, being the first to do that, that's what you plan to do. You plan to set a legacy."

Final Four caps terrific tournament

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Rick Pitino and Roy Williams. Overachieving Michigan State and almost-undefeated Illinois.

The Final Four teams will have to put on quite a show if they're going to match the excitement of possibly the best NCAA tournament ever. But these marquee coaches and programs haven't had trouble entertaining thus far this tournament.

"I think it's the best ever," said Purdue's Gene Keady, one of the dozens of coaches who came to the Final Four city of St. Louis on Thursday. "The closeness of the games and how what they call the mid-majors really aren't mid-majors anymore. Anybody can beat you."

Vermont's upset of Syracuse and Bucknell's shocker over Kansas defined the first crazy week, and the madness continued into an even more dramatic set of regionals.

Three regional finals went into overtime, the first time that's happened. The opponents in Saturday's first semifinal, Illinois and Louisville, each overcame double-digit deficits to force overtime and advance.

"These young people, under the influence of pressure, how they accomplish what they accomplish is amazing," Pitino said.

Pitino became the first coach to lead three different programs — Providence, Kentucky and Louisville — to the Final Four, and there's no denying his touch on the bench made a difference.

With West Virginia on an unbelievable shooting tear, Pitino somehow kept the Cardinals within reach. He scrapped the 2-3 zone he'd been using to compensate for his team's lack of depth this season, told his players to press and trap and disrupt. The Mountaineers eventually cooled off, and the Cardinals (33-4) found themselves within a couple baskets.

And by the time overtime was winding down, Taquan Dean and Larry O'Bannon were celebrating and Louisville was winning going away.

"We've seen it all season from this team," Pitino said. "So many times, it looked like we were going to get knocked out. They're very resilient, very tough-minded and they're tough kids. I'm just a pussycat following their coattails. I just sit back and marvel at what they've accomplished."

Illinois (36-1) trailed Arizona by 15 with 4:04 left, then Bruce Weber's team staged one of the most stirring comebacks in tournament history.

Luther Head made a pair of 3-pointers and had a steal and layup to lead the rally. The Illini survived a tight overtime and made it to where they've been pointed since December, when they moved to No. 1 in the Associated Press poll — a perch they haven't been pushed from since, even when they lost their only game, to Ohio State on March 6.

"St. Louis has been the goal, but we've had that No. 1 for so long that that's been our outlook for the whole year," forward Jack Ingram said. "We want to bring this program to a level that no one else has ever done and winning some games in the Final Four will do that for us."

Also trying to break new ground is Williams, the Kansas-turned-North Carolina coach, who has accomplished virtually everything in college basketball except the national title. The Tar Heels (31-4) face Michigan State (26-6) in Saturday's second semifinal.

Two years ago, when he took the Jayhawks to the national final but lost, Williams recalled a conversation with his mentor, Dean Smith, after Smith won his first title with the Tar Heels in 1982.

Williams said he told Smith he was so happy for him, to have finally won a title. Smith replied that he didn't think he was any better a coach than he had been 2 1/2 hours before.

Williams spearheaded a remarkably fast turnaround when he arrived at North Carolina last season. Now, for the fifth time in his career, he finds himself two wins away from winning the elusive title.

"It definitely will happen, if not this year, another year," Pitino said of Williams. "Those programs are too strong not for it to happen. It just takes time and patience, a little luck along the way, and it will happen."

Michigan State and Tom Izzo got their championship in 2000, when the "Flintstones" — Flint natives Mateen Cleaves, Morris Peterson and Charlie Bell — wore the green and white. This was supposed to be something of a rebuilding year for the Spartans, and when they lost to Iowa in the first round of the Big Ten tournament, the season seemed to be slipping away.

As a motivational ploy, Izzo took a hammer and smashed the game tape from that loss. Four wins later — including a double-overtime victory over Kentucky last Sunday — and the Spartans are at the Final Four for the fourth time in seven seasons.

And this is, by most accounts, their most unexpected trip.

"It's been a unique group," Izzo said of the team led by Maurice Ager, Paul Davis and Alan Anderson. "I think there will be some memories that will come from this that will last a lifetime."

NCAA MEN'S FINAL FOUR

ILLINOIS VS. LOUISVILLE

ILLINOIS (36-1)
ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR: Beat No. 16 Fairleigh Dickinson 67-55, No. 9 Nevada 71-59, No. 12 Wisconsin-Milwaukee 77-63, No. 3 Arizona 90-89, OT.
STARS: The three-man backcourt of Deron Williams, Luther Head and Dee Brown have been the key to the best season in Illinois history. Williams averages 12.6 points and 6.7 assists. Head averages 15.7 points and set the school record with 105 3-pointers. Brown averages 13.5 points and shoots 50.7 percent from the field.
INJURIES: Head injured a hamstring in practice leading up the regional semifinals and center James Augustine twisted an ankle, but both are expected to be 100 percent for Saturday.
COACH: Bruce Webber is the lone rookie among the coaches at this Final Four. He had the Illini ranked No. 1 in the country for the final 15 weeks of the season and is the first coach to take a team with only one loss to the Final Four since Duke's Mike Krzyzewski in 1999.
KEY POINT: The Illini come in off one of the most amazing comebacks in NCAA tournament history, having trailed Arizona by 15 points with 4 minutes remaining in regulation. The frontcourt has been solid, but the Illini have barely outrebounded opponents all season. Depth could become an issue as the five starters all average at least 25 minutes.

LOUISVILLE (33-4)
ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR: Beat No. 13 Louisiana-Lafayette 68-62, No. 5 Georgia Tech 76-54, No. 1 Washington 93-79, No. 7 West Virginia 93-85, OT.
STARS: Francisco Garcia is among the best all-around players in the country, averaging 16.0 points, 4.2 rebounds, 3.9 assists and 1.7 steals, numbers that have all improved slightly during the NCAA tournament. He also blocks 2.3 shots per game. Ellis Myles has been the Cardinals' best rebounder all season with 9.3 per game, but over the last nine games the 6-foot-7 senior has also led them in assists at 5.0 per game.
INJURIES: Taquan Dean, the leading 3-point shooter on a team of 3-point shooters, sprained his right foot in the win over Washington but overcame that and leg cramps to lead the Cardinals against West Virginia.
COACH: Rick Pitino is the first coach to take three schools to the Final Four. He led Providence to the national semifinals in 1987 and took Kentucky there in 1993, 1996 and 1997, winning it all in 1996. He has the third-highest winning percentage in the NCAA tournament among active coaches (31-9, .775).
KEY POINT: Louisville also comes off an impressive comeback, rallying from 20 down in the first half to beat West Virginia. The Cardinals average almost 10 3s a game, shooting 40 percent behind the arc, and they are 20-0, including 3-0 in the tournament, when they make at least 10 3s. A very athletic team, Louisville outrebounds opponents by almost seven per game and its fullcourt pressure has forced almost 17 turnovers per game.

THE SKINNY: Few teams have ever entered the Final Four off such emotional wins as these teams. Both like to run. Louisville scores a little bit more (81.3-77.3), but Illinois allows a little bit less (60.8-63.9). There's no experience advantage on the court since none of the players has been here before, but Pitino has a huge edge in big games over Weber. The pace will be quick and there will be plenty of long-range shots, some well before the shot clock even reaches single digits.
THE PICK: Garcia leads Louisville to a 79-74 win.

NORTH CAROLINA VS. MICHIGAN STATE

NORTH CAROLINA (31-4)
ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR: Beat No. 16 Oakland 96-68, No. 9 Iowa State 92-65, No. 5 Villanova 67-66, No. 6 Wisconsin 88-82.
STARS: Center Sean May has been arguably the best player in college basketball over the last month with 12 double-doubles in his last 14 games, the last three in the NCAA tournament. He is averaging 21.5 points and 11.8 rebounds in the tournament while shooting 67.3 percent from the field and 80 percent from the free throw line. Point guard Raymond Felton has 27 assists and 11 turnovers in the tournament.
INJURIES: Senior forward Jawad Williams has been bothered by a hip injury since the quarterfinals of the Atlantic Coast Conference tournament but has been playing throughout the NCAA tournament.
COACH: Roy Williams is making his fifth appearance in the Final Four, the first with his alma mater. He led Kansas to the Final Four in 1991, 1993, 2002 and 2003, losing in the championship game the first and last times. He has some experience cutting down the nets, however, since he was an assistant to Dean Smith when North Carolina won the title in 1982.
KEY POINT: The Tar Heels lead the nation in scoring at 88.8 points per game and shoot 49.9 percent from the field and 40.2 percent from the 3-point line. Defense has been a concern during the tournament; Wisconsin scored 16 points over its season average in the regional final.

MICHIGAN STATE (26-6)
ROAD TO THE FINAL FOUR: Beat No. 12 Old Dominion 89-81, No. 13 Vermont 72-61, No. 1 Duke 78-68, No. 2 Kentucky 94-88, 2 OT.
STARS: Junior center Paul Davis has picked his game up in the NCAA tournament, registering double-doubles in the last three games. He is averaging 13.6 points and 7.8 rebounds in his nine career NCAA tournament games. Sophomore guard Shannon Brown had 24 points in the win over Kentucky, more than double his average for the season.
INJURIES: Reserve forward Delco Rowley missed the first two games of the tournament with a sprained knee but returned to see limited action against Duke and Kentucky.
COACH: The run to the Final Four put Tom Izzo in some pretty exclusive company. His 23-6 record in the NCAA tournament is the best among all active coaches, seven percentage points ahead of Duke's Mike Krzyzewski. On the all-time list of coaches with at least 20 games he trails only John Wooden, who went 47-10 in winning 10 national championships. Izzo took the Spartans to three straight Final Fours from 1999-2001, winning it all in 2000.
KEY POINT: The Spartans are one of the most balanced teams in the country, with six players averaging between 13.8 and 9.0 points. As always, they are one of the most dominant rebounding teams in the nation, grabbing seven more per game than their opponents. Point guard is a concern, although freshman Drew Neitzel has been consistent since taking over as the starter 14 games ago.

THE SKINNY: Even with May in the middle, North Carolina will want to run, trying to get the score in the high 80s. Felton will try to exploit Neitzel's inexperience and get Rashad McCants and Marvin Williams active on the break. Michigan State won't come close to slowing it down, but the Spartans will try to make it more of a halfcourt game.
THE PICK: Felton controls the game on both ends as the Tar Heels win 88-80.

By the Associated Press

Gamecocks win NIT championship

NEW YORK (AP) — Carlos Powell's final collegiate game went better than Pat Carroll's.

Tarence Kinsey drilled a 3-pointer from the right elbow with 1.3 seconds remaining Thursday night to give Powell and South Carolina their first NIT championship, 60-57 over Saint Joseph's.

Kinsey let his winning shot go just 6 seconds after Carroll tied it for the Hawks (24-12) with a 3 of his own. But that was one of the few shots Carroll, the Atlantic 10 co-player of the year, could get to go down. He finished 5-for-19, including 2-of-13 from 3-point range.

Powell scored a game-high 16 points and was chosen as the tournament MVP. Carroll's stellar career ended with a 15-point performance, after averaging 20.6 in the Hawks' first five NIT games.

Powell scored 31 points and grabbed 16 rebounds in his final two games.

South Carolina (20-13) reached 20 wins for the third time in coach Dave Odom's first four seasons there. The Gamecocks lost the 2002 NIT title game to Memphis.

Odom improved to 16-3 in the NIT. He won also won it in 2000 with Wake Forest.

Tre' Kelley gave South Carolina a 50-49 lead with a layup at 2:20. His 3-point attempt less than a minute later rimmed out, but Rocky Trice was fouled while grabbing the rebound and made both free throws.

Dwayne Lee cut it to 52-51 with a driving layup with 1:02 left, but Powell answered with a drive to push the lead back up to three points.

Kinsey made two free throws to make it 56-51 with 27.4 seconds remaining, seven seconds before Chet Stachitas hit a 3-pointer to bring the Hawks within two points.

Trice went 1-for-2 from the line, giving the Hawks a chance to tie with 19.6 seconds left.

Stachitas went up for a quick 3, but it was swatted out of bounds by Brandon Wallace with 13.5 seconds on the clock. Carroll got free soon after the inbounds pass and drilled the tying shot from in front his bench.

The crowd of 11,555 — made up of mostly Saint Joseph's fans — erupted only to have their cheers silenced seconds later by Kinsey's only 3 of the game.

Saint Joseph's came out hot in the second half, hitting three 3s in the first 3:13 after the break and grabbing a 40-34 lead. But the Hawks only scored from the foul line for the next 10 1/2 minutes.

Carroll, who missed his first five shots of the second half, broke the drought with 6:26 remaining when his basket got the Hawks even at 47.

Saint Joseph's got to the title game the hard way, starting in the opening round and playing four times before reaching New York. Of the final four, only the Hawks played in the opening round and they were the only team to have to win a game on the road.

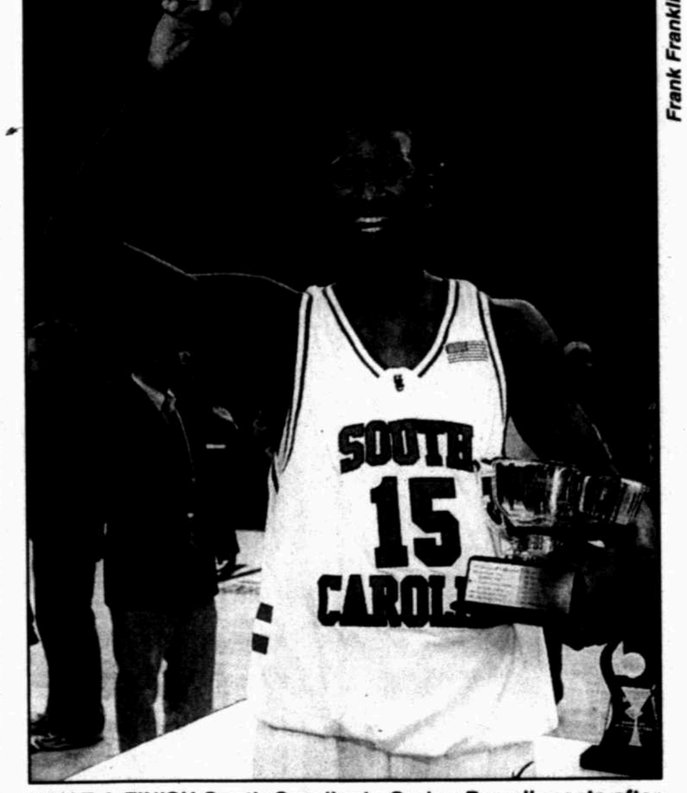
The Hawks were the NIT runners-up in 1996, Phil Martelli's first season as head coach.

The Gamecocks must've felt as though they were the visitors on Thursday, as there were approximately 8,000 Saint Joseph's supporters on hand.

Powell didn't seem to be slowed by the right forearm strain he sustained in the semifinal victory over Maryland on Tuesday.

The teams were tied at 28 after a back-and-forth first half in which they traded runs.

The Hawks closed the half by scoring 10 of the final 14 points — including 3-pointers by Lee and Carroll.



Frank Franklin II/AP

WHAT A FINISH South Carolina's Carlos Powell reacts after being named Most Valuable Player after defeating St. Joseph's, 60-57, for the NIT championship game at New York's Madison Square Garden, Thursday.

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CellGens	...	d4.53	-.22
CellThera	...	d3.59	-.09
Cephln	...	46.83	+.43
Ceradyne s	...	22.37	-.01
ChartCm	...	1.60	+.02
ChkPoint	...	21.74	-.10
Cheeseck s	...	35.45	-.80
ChipMOS	...	6.42	+.13
Chiron	...	35.06	-.35
CienaCp	...	d1.72	...
Ciprico	...	4.73	+.44
Cisco	...	17.89	-.14
CitrixSy	...	23.82	+.16
ClayEng	...	25.90	+.49
CogTech s	...	46.20	+.76
Cognos g	...	41.75	-.43
Coherent	...	33.76	-.24
Comcast	...	33.78	-.52
Comc sp	...	33.44	-.54
CompsBc	1.40f	45.40	+.26
Compuwre	...	7.20	-.10
Comvers	...	25.22	-.23
Conexant	...	1.50	+.01
Corgentch	...	d2.32	-.11
Costco	.40	44.18	-.81
CredSys	...	7.91	-.09
Cree Inc	...	27.75	...
Cyberonic	...	64.17	+4.43
Cytyc	...	23.01	-.26
D-E-F			
Dataram	...	4.70	-.06
DataTrak	...	16.80	+.46
Dawson	...	24.20	+.75
Dellinc	...	38.42	-.13
Dndreon	...	d5.45	-.20
Dgimpct	...	3.44	-.01
DobsonCm	...	2.02	-.20
DlrTree	...	28.73	-.07
DotHill	...	5.95	+.03
DbleClick	...	7.70	-.11
eBay s	...	37.26	-.43
ErthLink	...	9.00	+.01
EchoStar1	.00e	29.25	+.55
Eidos	...	1.17	+.09
ElectArts	...	51.78	-1.85
EngyConv	...	22.73	+1.09
Entegris	...	9.89	+.15
EricsnTl	.36e	28.20	-.40
EvrgrSlr	...	7.07	+.56
ExpScript	...	u87.19	-.48

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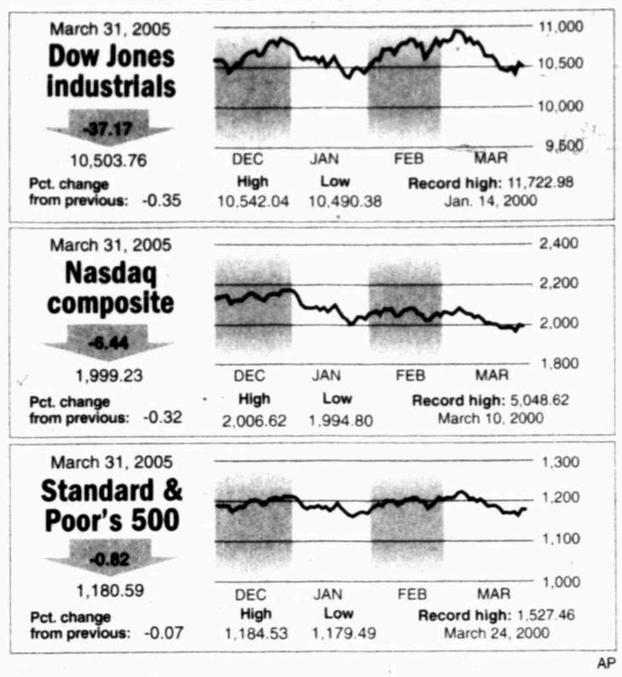
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AbdAsPac	.42	6.06	-.02
Ableauctn	...	.58	-.05
Abraxas	...	2.84	+.11
Adventrx n	...	1.69	+.23
ApexSilv	...	16.02	-.18
Arhyth	.11e	17.25	+3.95
Avitar	...	.10	...
BernaGold	...	2.68	+.10
BiotechT	.04e	140.79	-1.66
CNE Grp	...	.30	-.09
CVD Eqp	...	u5.25	+4.03
CalypteB n	...	.27	...
CdnSEn g	...	1.75	+.07
CanArgo n	...	1.31	...
CapRock	...	24.00	+.20
Cheniere	...	64.51	+.94
Crystallx g	...	3.51	+.01
DHB Inds	...	8.80	-.35
DJIA Diam	2.25e	104.94	-.40
DSL.net h	...	.13	-.01
DanlHd	...	17.25	+.75
Darling	...	3.99	+.01
DesertS gn	...	1.62	+.08
DigitAngel	...	4.58	+.20
EagleBbnd	...	.34	-.02
EldorGld g	...	2.87	+.17
ElecCity	...	.95	-.03
eMagin	...	.91	-.02
ExcelM	...	18.45	+.44
GascoEn n	...	3.03	-.07
GoldStr g	...	2.87	+.14
GreyWolf	...	6.58	+.25
Gurunet n	...	18.75	+.79
Harken	...	.49	+.03

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Name	Div	Last	Chg
A-B-C			
ACE Ltd	.84	41.27	-.73
AES Cp	...	16.38	+.02
AFLAC	.44f	37.26	-.56
AK Steel	...	11.06	+.21
AMR	...	10.70	-.33
AT&T	.95	18.75	+.05
AU Optron	.36r	14.66	+.54
AbtLab	1.10f	46.62	-.13
AberFitc	.50	57.24	+.74
Abitibi g	.10	d4.63	+.11
Accenture	...	24.15	-.41
AdamsEx	**.93e**	**12.87**	**+.02**
AdvAmer n	.36	15.48	...
AMD	...	16.12	-.09
Aegon	.53e	13.46	-.08
Aetna s	.02	74.95	-.56
AffCmpS	**...**	**53.24**	**+.27**
Agere	...	1.43	+.03
AgereB	...	1.42	+.04
Agilent	...	22.20	-.07
AirTran	...	9.05	-.32
Albertsn	.76	20.65	+.12
Alcatel	...	12.07	-.23
Alcoa	.60	30.39	+.49
AlligEngy	...	20.66	+.43
AlliedTch	.24	24.11	+.73
AlliedCap2	.28a	26.10	+.09
Allstate	1.28f	54.06	+.25
Alltel	1.52	54.85	-.07
AlphaNRs	n ...	28.67	+.58
Alpharma	**.18**	**d12.32**	**-.77**
Altria	2.92	65.39	+.04
AmBev	.95e	28.89	+.34
AmbacF	.50	74.75	-2.17
AmHess	1.20	96.21	+2.06
AMovilL	.21e	51.60	-.15
AmWest	...	5.43	+.13
AEP	1.40	34.06	+.51
AmExp	.48	51.37	-.10
AFnclRT	1.08f	14.63	-.16
AmIntGp	.50	55.41	-1.75
AmStd s	.60	46.48	+.59
AmTower	...	18.23	+.41
AmensBrg	.10	57.29	+1.49
AmSouth	1.00	25.95	+.36
Anadrk	**.72f**	**76.10**	**+2.05**
AnalogDev	.24	36.14	-.19
Anheusr	.98	47.39	-.11
AnnTaylr s	...	25.59	+.59
Annaly	1.83e	18.76	-.04
Aon Corp	.60	22.84	-.21
Apache	**.32**	**61.23**	**+1.84**
ApplBio	.17	19.74	-.25
Apria	...	32.10	+1.00
Aquila	...	3.83	+.08
ArchCoal	.32	43.01	+.87
ArchDan	.34f	24.58	+.23
AshfordHT	.64f	10.20	-.21
ATMOS	**1.24**	**27.00**	**-.09**
AutoNatn	...	18.94	+.16
AutoData	.62	44.95	-.04
Avaya	...	11.68	+.10
Avon s	.66f	42.94	-.04
BB&T Cp	1.40	39.08	-.10
BHP BillLt	.46e	27.98	+.42
BJ Svcs	.32	51.88	+1.35
BP PLC	**1.77e**	**62.40**	**+.10**
BakrHu	.46	44.49	+1.39
BkofAm s	1.80	44.10	+.08
BkNY	.80a	29.05	+.02
Baxter	.58e	33.96	-.30
BearingPt	...	8.77	+.05
BeazrHm s	.40	49.86	+.16
BectDck	.72	58.42	-.71
BellSouth	1.08	26.29	+.55
BerkHa A	**...**	**87000.00**	**-.10**
BerryP	**.48a**	**51.45**	**+2.31**
BestBuy	.44	54.01	+.69
Biovail	...	15.08	-.15
BlkHlCp	**1.28f**	**33.07**	**+.03**
BlockHR	.88	50.58	+.19
Blockbstr	.06a	8.83	+.23
Boeing	1.00f	58.46	-.33
Bowatr	.80	37.67	+.55
BrMySq	**1.12**	**25.46**	**-.08**
BrownFA	**.86**	**55.05**	**-.20**
BrownFB	**.98**	**u54.75**	**+.16**
Brunswick	.60f	46.85	+.99
BurlNSF	.68	53.93	+.23
BurlRsc s	.34	50.07	+1.00
CIGNA	.10	89.30	+.91
CIT Gp	.52	38.00	...
CMS Eng	...	13.04	+.54
CSX	.40	41.65	+.03
CVS Cp	.29	52.62	-.34
CablvsnNY	...	28.05	-.10
Cadence	...	14.95	+.08
Caesars	...	19.79	+.02
Cameco gs	**.24**	**44.24**	**+3.14**
CampSp	.68	29.02	+.57
CapOne	.11	74.77	+.06
CardnlHlth	.12	55.60	+.96
CaremkRx	...	39.78	-.23
CarMax	...	31.50	-.70
Carnival	.60	51.81	-.09
Caterpillr	1.64	91.44	-.04
Celanese n	...	17.99	+.29
Cemex	1.10e	36.25	+.22
Cendant	.36	20.54	+.01
CenterPnt	.40a	12.03	+.13
Centex	.16	57.27	+.02
ChesEng	.18	21.94	+1.02
ChevTex s	**1.60**	**58.31**	**+.05**
Chicos s	...	28.26	-.16
Chubb	1.72f	79.27	-.60
CINergy	1.92f	40.52	+.17
CircCity	.07	16.05	+.10
Citigrp	1.76f	44.94	+.02
CitzComm	1.00a	12.94	+.12
ClearChan	.50	34.47	+.15
CocaCl	**1.12f**	**41.67**	**-.28**
CocaCE	.16	20.52	-.16
ColgPal	**1.16f**	**52.17**	**-.11**
CmcBNJ s	.44	32.47	+.62
CVRD s	.89e	31.61	+.77
CVRD pf s	.88e	26.57	+.55
CompAs	.08	27.10	-.08
ConAgra	1.09	27.02	+.47
ConocPhil	**2.00**	**107.84**	**+2.41**
ConsplEgy	.56	47.02	+1.41
ConEd	2.28f	42.18	+.30
CtlAir B	...	12.04	+.15
CoopCam	...	57.21	+1.13
CornellCos	...	12.60	+.18
Corning	...	11.13	+.33
CntwdFn s	.56f	32.46	-.01
Crompton	.20	14.60	-.04
CrosTim	**2.70e**	**39.10**	**+1.35**
CrwnCstle	...	16.06	+.39
CrownHold	...	15.56	+.03
CypSem	...	12.60	+.02
D-E-F			
DR Hortn s	.27	29.24	+.21
DanaCp	.48	12.79	+.44
Danaher s	.06	53.41	+.14
Darden	.08	30.68	-.08
Deere	1.24f	67.13	+.83
DelMnte	...	10.85	+.15
Delphi	12m	4.48	+.02
DeltaAir		4.05	-.10
DevonE s	.30f	47.75	+1.73
DiagPdct	.28	48.30	-.64
DiaOffs	.25	49.90	+1.67
Dillards	.16	26.90	+.79
DirecTV	...	14.42	+.01
Disney	**.24f**	**28.73**	**+.38**
DollarG	.16	21.91	+.10
DomRes	2.68f	74.43	+.73
DonlleyRR	1.04	31.62	+.24
DoralFin	.72	21.89	-.29
DowChm	**1.34**	**49.85**	**+.82**
DuPont	1.40	51.24	+.12
DukeEgy	1.10	28.01	+.06
DukeRlty	1.86	29.85	-.15
Dynegy	...	3.91	+.10
ETrade	...	12.00	+.01
ECC Cap	n ...	d6.00	-.21
EMC Cp	...	12.32	-.07
EOG Res s	.16	u48.74	+2.37
EKodak	.50	32.55	+.09
Eaton	1.24f	65.40	+.40
EdisonInt	1.00	34.72	+.49
Edwards	.64	44.80	+1.80
ElPasoCp	.16	10.58	+.17
Elan	**...**	**d3.24**	**-3.74**
EDS	.20	20.67	-.11
EmrsnEl	1.66	64.93	+.06
EmpDist	**1.28**	**23.26**	**-.10**
EnCana g	.40	70.42	+2.83
EgyEast	**1.10**	**26.22**	**+.20**
EnPro	**...**	**27.50**	**-.18**
ENSCO	.10	37.66	+1.31
Entergy	2.16	70.66	+.68
EqtyOffPT	2.00	30.13	-.12
EqtyRsd	1.73	32.21	-.04
EthanAl	.60	d32.00	-.91
Exelon s	1.60	45.89	+.77
ExxonMbil	**1.08**	**59.60**	**+.36**
FMC Tch	...	33.18	-.35
FPL Gp s	1.42	40.15	+.40
FairchldS	...	15.33	-.24
FairPoint n	.23p	14.97	-.68
FannieM	lf1.04m	54.45	-.70
FedExCp	.28	93.95	-1.05
FedrDS	.54	63.64	+.40
Feldman n	.27p	d12.11	+.08
FstlNFn s	1.00a	32.94	-.26
FirstData	.24f	39.31	-.55
FirstEngy	1.65	41.95	+.78
FishrSci	...	56.92	-1.16
FordM	.40	11.33	-.11
ForestLab	...	36.95	-.10
FdtnCoal	n .16	23.51	+.39
FredMac	1.40f	63.20	-.70
FMCG	1.00a	39.61	+.77
Freescale	n ...	16.95	+.08
FreescB	n ...	17.25	+.05
FriedBR	1.36	15.87	+.05
Frontline	**s1.00b**	**49.00**	**+2.65**
G-H-I			
GATX	**.80**	**33.19**	**-.11**
GabGloM	**.48**	**10.06**	**-.08**
GenElec	**.88**	**36.06**	**-.14**
Gannett	1.08	79.08	-.52
Gap	.18f	21.84	+.03
Gateway	...	4.03	+.02
Genentch	s ...	56.61	-.47
GAInv	**1.17e**	**30.87**	**+.04**
GenDynam	1.20	109.99	+.19
Goodrich	**.80**	**38.29**	**-.21**
Goodyear	...	13.35	-.08
GrafTech	...	5.69	...
GrantPrde	**...**	**24.16**	**+1.23**
HCA Inc	.60f	u53.57	+1.16
HRPT Prp	.84	11.91	-.03
Hallibtn	**.50**	**43.25**	**+1.11**
Hanover	**...**	**12.07**	**+.44**
HarleyD	.50	57.76	+.08
HarmonyG	.11e	7.80	-.03
HartfdFn	1.16	68.56	-.67
HltMgt	.16	26.18	+.03
HrstArT	**.28**	**25.50**	**+.06**
Heinz	**1.14**	**36.84**	**+.19**
HewlettP	.32	21.94	-.06
Hilton	.08	22.35	+.20
Hitachi	**1.05e**	**62.13**	**-.06**
HomeDp	.40f	38.24	+.09
HonwlllntI	.83f	37.21	+.06
HostMarr	.32f	16.56	-.19
Humana	...	31.94	-.89
Huntsmn	n ...	23.32	+.57
ICICI Bk	**.33e**	**20.72**	**+1.15**
ITW	1.12	89.53	-.10
ImpacMtg	3.00	19.18	+.48
INCO	...	39.80	+1.30
IngerRd	1.00	79.65	+.20
IBM	.72	91.38	+.70
IntlGame	.48	26.66	-.02
IntlPap	1.00	36.79	+.44
IntlSteel	...	39.50	+1.23
Interpublic	...	12.28	+.12
J-K-L			
JPMorgCh1	.36	34.60	-.35
JanusCap	.04	13.95	...
JohnJn	**1.14**	**67.16**	**-.89**
JohnsnCtl	1.00	55.76	-.10
KerrMc	**1.80**	**78.33**	**+1.60**
KeyEng lf	...	11.47	+.42
Keycorp	1.30f	32.45	+.20
KimbClk	**1.80f**	**65.73**	**-.07**
KindMorg	**2.80f**	**75.70**	**+.76**
KingPhrm	...	d8.31	-.03
Kohls	...	51.63	+.31
Kraft	.82	33.05	+.29
KrspKrm	...	7.63	-.22
Kroger	...	16.03	+.09
LSI Log	...	5.59	-.01
LaQuinta	...	8.50	+.04
LehmBr	.80f	94.16	-.41
LennarA	.55	56.68	+.23
Lexmark	...	79.97	+.87
LibtyMA	1.93f	10.37	+.12
LillyEli	1.52f	52.10	-.67
Limited	.60f	24.30	+.18
LockhdM	1.00	61.06	-.41
LaPac	.40	25.14	-.17
LowesCos	.16	57.09	+.20
Lubys	**...**	**7.75**	**...**
Lucent	...	2.75	-.04
Lyondell	.90	27.92	+.44
M-N-O			
MBIA	**1.12f**	**d52.28**	**-4.36**
MBNA	.56f	24.55	+.06
Marathon	1.12	46.92	+1.11
MarIntA	.34	66.86	+.24
MarshM	.68m	30.42	-.28
MStewrt	...	22.59	+.53
Masco	.80f	34.67	+.32
MassCp2	**1.16e**	**26.75**	**-.25**
MasseyEn	.16	40.04	+.69
Mattel	.45f	21.35	-.07
Maxtor	**...**	**5.32**	**+.37**
MayDS	.98	37.02	+.09
Maytag	.72	13.97	+.06
McCorm	.64	34.43	-.07
McDnlds	**.55f**	**31.14**	**-.51**
McGrH	1.32f	87.25	-.64
McKesson	.24	37.75	+.13
McAfee	...	22.56	+.05
MedcoHlth	...	49.57	-.43
Medicis	.12	29.98	+.06
Medtronic	.34	50.95	-.59
MellonFnc	.72	28.54	+.03
Merck	1.52	32.37	-.07
MerrillLyn	.64	56.60	-.39
MetLife	.46f	39.10	+.05
MichStr s	**.28**	**u36.30**	**+.30**
MicronT	...	10.34	-.14
MittalSt	...	32.35	+1.40
MolsCoorsB	1.28f	77.17	-.87
Monsnto	.68	u64.50	+.90
MorgStan	1.08	57.25	+1.97
Mosaic	...	17.06	+.06
Motorola	.16b	14.97	+.02
Muniyld	**.99**	**13.83**	**+.09**
MylanLab	.12	17.72	+.04
NCR Cp	s ...	33.74	+.32
NRG Egy	...	34.15	+1.05
NatlCity	1.40	33.50	-.06
NatGrid	**1.84e**	**46.75**	**-.33**
NOilVarco	...	46.70	+.80
NatSemi s	.08	20.61	-.20
Navistar	...	36.40	-.52
NeimM A	.60f	u91.51	+3.81
NwCentFn	6.20f	46.82	+.72
NY CmtyB	1.00	18.16	-.10
NY Times	.62	36.58	+.16
NewellRub	.84	21.94	+.23
NewmtM	.40	42.25	-.16
NewsCpA	n.16e	16.92	-.23
NewsCpB	n.06e	17.61	-.12
NiSource	.92	22.79	+.22
NikeB	1.00	83.31	+.96
NobleCorp	...	56.21	+2.37
NokiaCp	.44e	15.43	-.15
Nordstr	.52	u55.38	+1.48
NorflkSo	.44f	37.05	-.03
NortelNet	...	2.73	-.09
NoFrkBc s	.88	27.74	-.13
NorthrpG s	1.04f	53.98	-.18
Novartis	.86e	46.78	-.33
NovaStar5	.60a	36.01	-.33
Nucor s	.60f	57.56	+.26
NvMAd	**1.00a**	**14.65**	**+.13**
NvPMI	**.89a**	**13.46**	**+.09**
NuvPl	**.92**	**13.93**	**+.05**
NSTFI3	**.65a**	**12.82**	**+.02**
NTXQI	**.92**	**15.00**	**+.20**
OMI Cp	.32f	19.15	+.66
OcciPet	**1.24f**	**71.17**	**+1.67**
OfficDpt	...	22.18	-.22
OfficeMax	.60	33.50	+.58
OutbkStk	.52	45.79	-.20
OwensIll	...	25.14	+.97
P-Q-R			
PG&E Cp	1.20	34.10	+.23
PNC	2.00	51.48	-.19
PacifCre	...	56.92	-1.70
Pactiv	...	23.35	+.47
PallCp	.40f	27.12	+.78
ParTch	**...**	**u15.57**	**+.22**
ParkDrl	**...**	**5.75**	**+.14**
PeabdyE	s .30	46.36	+1.40
Penney	**.50**	**u51.92**	**+4.02**
PenRE	**2.16**	**40.32**	**-.18**
PepsiCo	.92	53.03	-.33
PerkElm	.28	20.63	+.82
PetrbrsA	.58e	38.47	+.70
Petrobrs	1.75e	44.18	+1.19
Pfizer	**.76f**	**26.27**	**-.02**
PhelpD	1.00	101.73	+3.10
PioNtrl	.20	42.72	+1.33
PlacerD	.10	16.22	+.16
PlainsAA2	**.45f**	**38.75**	**+1.41**
PlainsEx	...	34.90	+1.42
PogoPd	**.25**	**49.24**	**+.51**
Praxair	.72f	47.86	+.36
Premcor	.08	59.68	+2.13
Prestige n	...	17.65	-.35
PrideIntl	...	24.84	+.77
ProctG s	**1.00**	**53.00**	**-.36**
ProgrssEn	2.36	41.95	+.47
ProgCp	12	91.76	+.01
Providian	...	17.16	+.01
Prudentl	.63f	57.40	+.41
PulteHm	.20	73.63	+1.03
QwestCm	...	3.70	-.07
RadioShk	.25	24.50	-.07
RangeRsc	.08	23.36	+.51
Raytheon	.88f	38.70	+.10
RegionsF	n1.36f	32.40	-.18
RelantEn	...	11.38	+.20
Revlon	...	2.88	+.09
Rhodia	.52e	2.14	-.07
RiteAid	...	3.96	+.03
RobtHalf	.28f	26.96	+.26
RockwlAut	.66	56.64	+.44
Rowan	**.25e**	**29.93**	**+.97**
RylCarb	.52	44.69	+.56
RoylDut	2.26e	60.04	-.05
RubyTues	.05	24.29	-1.09
S-T-U			
SAP AG	.24e	40.08	-.15
SBC Com	1.29	23.69	-.01
SK Tlcm	.68e	19.72	+.05
SLM Cp	.76	49.84	-.10
SabnR	2.88e	36.95	+.66
SabreHold	.36f	21.88	+.35
Safeway	...	18.53	...
StJude s	...	36.00	-.48
StPaulTrav	.88	36.73	+.02
Saks	**...**	**u18.05**	**+1.50**
SalmSBF	**.14e**	**12.65**	**...**
Sanofi	.61e	42.34	-.50
SaraLee	.79	22.16	+.18
SchergPl	.22	18.15	+.13
Schlmb	.84f	70.48	+1.13
Schwab	.08	10.51	+.04
SciAtlanta	.04	28.22	+.33
SeagateT	.32f	19.55	+.63
SiderNac s	3.05e	24.10	+.82
SimonProp	2.80f	60.58	-.45
SmithIntl	.48	62.73	+2.00
Smucker	1.00	50.30	+.47
WalMart	.60f	d50.11	-.73
Walgrn	**.21**	**44.42**	**-.58**
WA Mutl	1.84f	39.50	+.15
WsteMInc	.80f	28.85	-.35
Waters	...	35.79	-.95
WeathfInt	...	57.94	+2.09
WellPoint	...	125.35	-.52
WellsFrgo	1.92	59.80	+.10
WDigitl	**...**	**u12.75**	**+1.58**
WstnGR s	**.20**	**34.45**	**+1.13**
Weyerh	1.60	68.50	+.62
WmsCos	.20	18.81	+.61
WillisGp	.86f	36.87	+.17
Wlonbgo	.28	31.60	-.17
WrghtEx	n ...	17.10	-.62
Wyeth	**.92**	**42.18**	**+.26**
XTO Egy s	.20	32.84	+.84
XcelEngy	.83	17.18	+.16
Xerox	...	15.15	-.08
YumBrds	.40	51.81	-1.19
Zimmer	**...**	**77.81**	**-4.80**
V-W-X-Y-Z			
ValeantPh	.31	22.52	-.19
ValeroE s	.32	73.27	+2.87
ValorCm	n.18p	14.47	-.48
VeritDGC	lf ...	u29.96	+.89
VerizonCm	1.62f	35.50	+.07
ViacomB	.28	34.83	-.03
Vishay	...	12.43	+.22
Visteon	...	5.71	...
Vodafone	.55e	26.56	-.16
VulcanM	**1.16f**	**56.83**	**+.81**
Wachovia	1.84	50.91	+.11
WalMart	.60f	d50.11	-.73
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Zimmer	**...**	**77.81**	**-4.80**
Thornbg	**2.72f**	**28.04**	**+.11**
3M Co	1.68f	85.69	-.29
Tiffany	.24	34.52	+.33
TimeWarn	...	17.55	+.06
Timken	**.60f**	**27.34**	**+3.34**
Todco	**...**	**25.84**	**+1.62**
TollBros	...	78.85	+1.75
Trchmrk	**.44**	**52.20**	**+.05**
ToyRU	...	25.76	-.07
Transocn	**...**	**u51.46**	**+2.60**
TriContl	**.20f**	**17.80**	**+.03**
Tribune	.48	39.87	+.90
TycoIntl	.40	33.80	-.23
TylerTech	**...**	**7.61**	**+.07**
Tyson	.16	16.68	-.10
UICI	**.50a**	**24.25**	**-.10**
USEC	**.55**	**16.28**	**+.77**
UST Inc	2.20f	51.70	-.18
UnionPac	1.20	u69.70	-.14
Unisys	...	7.06	-.06
UtdMicro	.32f	3.37	+.11
UPS B	1.32f	72.74	-.62
US Bancrp	1.20	28.82	+.19
USSteel	.32f	50.85	+.25
UtdTech	1.76f	101.66	-1.07
UtdhlthGp	.03	u95.38	-.33
Univision	...	27.69	+.41
Unocal	**.80**	**61.69**	**+.41**
UnumProv	.30	17.02	-.15

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NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Elan	1521091	3.24	-3.74
QwestCm	374583	3.70	-.07
AmIntGp	261340	55.41	-1.75
Lucent	239891	2.75	-.04
Pfizer	211510	26.27	-.02

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cenveo	5.64	+.80	+16.5
WDigitl	12.75	+1.58	+14.1
Timken	27.34	+3.34	+13.9
Prmian	13.89	+1.22	+9.6
Saks	18.05	+1.50	+9.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Elan	3.24	-3.74	-53.6
MBIA	52.28	-4.36	-7.7
C&D Tch	10.05	-.82	-7.5
RobbMyr	22.01	-1.64	-6.9
IntegES	2.76	-.20	-6.8

DIARY

Advanced	2,011
Declined	1,269
Unchanged	167
Total issues	3,447
New Highs	45
New Lows	38
Volume	2,195,568,260

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	623575	117.96	-.24
SemiHTr	271213	32.53	-.36
SP Engy	124441	42.87	+.85
iShRs2000	92360	122.15	-.02
iShJapan	84516	10.49	+.02

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CVD Eqp	5.25	+4.03	+330.3
CogentC rs	12.50	+3.05	+32.3
Arhyth	17.25	+3.95	+29.7
ChadThr	3.70	+.51	+16.0
FarmTel	2.30	+.30	+15.0

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Nephros n	3.34	-.60	-15.2
FusionTl n	4.90	-.55	-10.1
MSBIIB08 n	3.75	-.42	-10.1
Q Comm	4.92	-.53	-9.7
BlondT	3.62	-.33	-8.4

DIARY

Advanced	579
Declined	345
Unchanged	94
Total issues	1,018
New Highs	12
New Lows	19
Volume	273,265,090

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
Nasd100Tr	846497	36.57	-.16
Microsoft	613644	24.17	+.01
JDS Uniph	534300	1.67	+.07
Cisco	458740	17.89	-.14
MCI Inc n	444604	24.90	+.45

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Bookham	3.19	+1.57	+96.9
BluDolp	2.73	+.79	+40.7
Simclar	4.40	+.92	+26.4
SyntroCp wt	6.91	+1.35	+24.3
Syntrol wt	8.00	+1.50	+23.1

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Ebix Inc	10.13	-2.66	-20.8
NaraBcp s	14.05	-3.20	-18.6
Mind CTI	3.89	-.80	-17.1
GeoPharm	3.05	-.62	-16.9
LMI Aer	5.42	-1.09	-16.7

DIARY

Advanced	1,522
Declined	1,548
Unchanged	170
Total issues	3,240
New Highs	49
New Lows	95
Volume	1,779,211,351

NASDAQ NATIONAL MARKET

Name	Div	Last	Chg
A-B-C			
ADC Tel	**...**	**1.99**	**-.13**
ASML Hld	...	16.77	-.11
ATI Tech	...	17.29	+.42
Abgenix	...	d7.00	-.17
Activisn s	...	14.80	-.48
Adaptec	...	4.79	+.21
AdobeSy	.05	67.17	-.56
Affymet	...	42.81	-.44
AkamaiT	...	12.73	+.03
Akzo	**1.44e**	**u45.96**	**+1.22**
Alamosa	...	11.67	+.24
AlteraCp	...	19.78	-.03
Altiris	...	23.85	-.80
Amazon	...	34.27	-.05
AmCapStr	2.92	31.41	-.02
AEagleO s	.20f	29.55	+.45
APwCrlv	.40	26.15	+.13
AmrTrde	...	10.21	-.15
Amgen	**...**	**58.21**	**-.78**
AmkorT	...	3.86	-.04
Amylin	...	17.49	+.11
AnchrGls	**...**	**2.24**	**+.28**
Andrew	...	11.71	+.10
Angiotch g	...	15.35	+.22
ApolloG	...	74.06	-.23
AppleC s	...	41.67	-1.13
ApldMatl	**.12**	**16.25**	**-.39**
AMCC	...	3.28	+.09
aQuantive	...	11.01	-.17
Arbinet n	...	d19.05	-.97
Ariba rs	...	7.76	-.24
Arotech	**...**	**1.39**	**-.08**
ArtTech	...	1.05	-.04
AscentSoft	...	18.53	-.12
AskJys	...	28.08	+.15
AthrGnc	...	13.09	+.09
Atmel	...	2.95	-.06
Autodsk s	.03j	29.76	+.20
Avanex	**...**	**1.30**	**+.10**
Axcelis	...	7.30	-.01
BEA Sys	...	7.97	+.05
BallardPw	...	5.17	+.03
BedBath	...	36.54	+.02
Biogenidc	**...**	**d34.51**	**-3.84**
Biomet	**.20e**	**d36.30**	**-2.73**
Biopure	**...**	**.33**	**-.01**
Bookham	**...**	**3.19**	**+1.57**
Brdcom	...	29.92	+.04
Broadwing	...	4.14	-.09
BroderCm	...	5.92	+.02
CBRL Grp	**.48**	**41.30**	**-.83**
CMGI	...	2.05	-.09
CNET	...	9.44	-.02
CNS	**.20**	**17.80**	**+.02**
CV Thera	...	20.36	+.48
CalDive	**...**	**45.30**	**+2.30**
CareerEd	...	34.26	+.20
CasualMal	**...**

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Report suggests Texans overpaying for insurance

By Natalie Gott
Associated Press

AUSTIN - Insurance companies in Texas overcharged homeowners and drivers by $4 billion last year despite recent legislation designed to limit rising rates, according to a report released Thursday by two state consumer groups.

The report by the Center for Economic Justice and Texas Watch said that the insurance industry overcharged homeowners by $2.1 billion, or 90 percent, and drivers by $1.8 billion, or 19 percent in 2004.

An insurance industry spokesman said he does not know where the groups came up with the $4 billion figure and said that many insurers have voluntarily reduced their rates.

The consumer groups urged legislators to do more to curb skyrocketing insurance costs.

"Two years ago, Texans were clamoring for relief from their skyrocketing insurance premiums," Alex Winslow, executive director of Texas Watch, said in a statement. "These findings show that Texans are still being unfairly price gouged by their insurance companies."

The report comes a few weeks after the Texas Department of Insurance ordered several insurance companies to justify their homeowners insurance rates. That order came after new data showed record profits for insurance companies in 2004.

If the department determines the rates are excessive, it can order the companies to lower their rates. The insurance company filings are due May 1.

"Literally, tens of thousands of homeowners in Texas have seen their rates decline," said Jerry Johns, president of Southwestern Insurance Information Service. "For the past decade the insurance industry has consistently lost money in this state, yet remained here in the hope that things will get better."

According to the report, the overcharges amount to about $600 per insured home and about $200 per insured vehicle.

The report was based on data from the Texas Department of Insurance and was analyzed by Birny Birnbaum, the executive director of the Center for Economic Justice and former chief economist at the insurance department.

The data released by TDI a few weeks ago showed that in 2004 the average loss ratio, which is the percentage of premiums paid for claims, was 27.6 percent for the homeowners insurance industry. In 2003, the loss ratio was 58.5 percent and in 2002, it was 108.2 percent.

The loss ratio in the auto industry was 56.4 percent, the report said.

The 2004 loss ratios are far less than the payout level that allows insurers to earn a reasonable profit, the report said.

Sen. Troy Fraser, R-Horseshoe Bay, hadn't read the report but said legislation he sponsored two years ago gave the insurance commissioner the authority to order lower rates if he finds they are excessive.

Birnbaum, however, said Insurance Commissioner Jose Montemayor has failed to ensure a fair market for consumers. The groups called on lawmakers to take several steps, such as banning credit scoring and mandating stiffer penalties for companies that overcharge consumers.

Mark Hanna, with the industry group Insurance Council of Texas, said more regulations will hurt competition. He also noted TDI's "aggressive" action of ordering another review of homeowner rates.

"To openly criticize TDI and Commissioner Jose Montemayor for a lack of oversight of the insurance industry in Texas is at best, a disregard of the truth," Hanna said.



Paul Sakuma/AP

A warning sign is posted near high gas prices at a Shell gas station in Menlo Park, Calif., Thursday, March 31.

Crude futures finish above $55 a barrel

By Brad Foss
Associated Press

Crude futures rallied above $55 a barrel Thursday, helped by rising prices for gasoline and heating oil and an investment bank report that said strong demand and tight supplies could cause a "super spike" that sends prices above $100 a barrel.

After climbing as high as $56.10 a barrel, light, sweet crude for May delivery settled at $55.40 a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange, an increase of $1.41. An intraday Nymex peak of $57.60 was set on March 17.

Brent crude futures rose $2.20 to settle at $54.29 on the International Petroleum Exchange.

Heating oil rose more than 5 cents to finish at $1.6576 a gallon on the Nymex, while unleaded gasoline rose nearly 6 cents to $1.6549 a gallon.

On Wednesday, heating oil futures settled more than 5 cents higher and gasoline futures closed more than 2 cents higher following the release of U.S. government data that showed a drop in the nation's supply of gasoline and distillate fuel, which includes heating oil.

The report, which also showed a large increase in crude oil inventories, said gasoline demand over the past month was 2 percent higher than last year.

"I think the market is a little surprised that demand is staying pretty strong even with record-high prices," said Tom Bentz, a broker at BNP Paribas Commodity Futures in New York.

The average retail price of regular unleaded gasoline is $2.15 per gallon, according to the Energy Department.

As for the Goldman Sachs report that raised the possibility of oil prices rising as high as $105 a barrel, Bentz said: "I don't think it's influencing traders that are in the oil industry," meaning traders who are buying and selling on behalf of clients that actually produce or refine petroleum. Bentz said the report has likely influenced speculators by justifying already high prices.

Goldman Sachs analyst Arjun N. Murti said in the report that "oil markets may have entered the early stages of what we have referred to as a 'super spike' period — a multi-year trading band of oil prices high enough to meaningfully reduce energy consumption and recreate a spare capacity cushion only after which will lower energy prices return."

Murti said factors contributing to the runup in prices include geopolitical turmoil in oil producing nations and greater energy efficiency worldwide that has enabled economies to grow in spite of the higher prices.

But Murti said he does not believe hedge fund activity is playing a significant role in global oil markets.

For its part, Goldman Sachs is a big player in the energy trading markets, buying and selling oil and other commodities.

Adam Sieminski of Deutsche Bank in London said: "There is a lot of concern about the upcoming driving season.

Ng Weng Hoong, a Singapore-based analyst with EnergyAsia Report, said in an e-mail: "the $60 mark is the next barrier waiting to be crashed. With few signs of a global economic slowdown, no one is predicting an oil price crash just yet as the markets move into the traditionally weak demand second quarter."

The U.S. government's latest supply snapshot showed that refineries were running at 91 percent of their output capacity and that imports of crude have averaged 10.2 million barrels a day over the past month, compared with 9.9 million barrels a year earlier.

In the latest signal that OPEC considered the market under control, Qatar's oil minister, Abdullah bin Hamad Al Attiyah, said there were no supply problems and that he did not expect the group to meet before June, as scheduled.

OPEC agreed earlier this month to raise production quotas by 500,000 barrels per day and said it would consult on whether to increase them by a further 500,000 if prices continued to rise. It recently decided against such immediate action.

Worldwide demand is forecast by the International Energy Agency to rise 2.2 percent this year to an average of 84.3 million barrels a day.

While oil prices are roughly 47 percent higher than a year ago, Nymex futures would need to surpass $90 a barrel to approach the inflation-adjusted high set in 1980.

TIPS, DIPS & BLUE CHIPS

Stocks sag on surge in oil

NEW YORK - Stocks sagged Thursday, ending a lackluster quarter in negative range as investors weighed rising U.S. incomes and consumer spending against lofty oil prices, which rose following an investment bank's suggestion that energy was in the early stages of a bull market.

The report from Goldman Sachs warned oil was entering a "super spike" period that could drive prices as high as $105 per barrel, but many on Wall Street were skeptical about the call. The only thing that could take crude to such high levels would be a major disruption in supply from Iran, Iraq or Saudi Arabia, which seems unlikely at this point, said Tracy Herrick, chief economist for the Private Bank of the Peninsula, in Palo Alto, Calif.

The report seemed to have an impact on trading, nonetheless; crude futures surged $1.41 to $55.30 per barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange _ difficult for stock investors to ignore.

Dollar falls, gold rises in Europe

LONDON - The U.S. dollar fell against other major currencies in European trading Thursday. Gold prices rose.

The euro was quoted at $1.3906 in European trading, up from $1.2959 Wednesday. Later, in midday trading in New York, the euro was worth $1.2973.

Other dollar rates in Europe, compared with late Wednesday, included 106.80 Japanese yen, down from 107.37; 1.1907 Swiss francs, down from 1.1947; and 1.2110 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2175.

The British pound was quoted at $1.8907, up from $1.8819.

In midday trading in New York, the dollar bought 107.11 yen and 1.1948 Swiss francs, while the pound fetched $1.8886.

Gold traded in London at $427.50 bid per troy ounce, up from $426.30 on Wednesday. In Zurich the bid price was $428.18, up from $426.50. Gold rose 60 cents in Hong Kong to close at $427.25.



BETTER BUSINESS BUREAU

Traveling medical screenings: Lapse in time could create diagnosis for trouble

Q: I've been invited to attend an ultrasound medical screening process that the ads say will warn me if I'm prone to a stroke or other serious attack. Is this reliable?

The medical community has a number of misgivings about these sorts of "mass medical screenings." Typically, this is a business from out of town that visits an area for a weekend or a couple of days, does a bunch of tests for a very reasonable price, then moves on. Almost always, the results of the screenings are delivered by mail a couple of weeks after the test — the physicians who are said to review the tests aren't on site when the tests are conducted, and it takes time for the doctors to get back to you with the results.

Q: Who administers the tests?

That's a good question. Having talked to a number of the services who provide the tests, they explain that physicians don't administer scans in most hospitals, so there's no difference in the way the tests are conducted. They say their technicians have the same training as people running the machines at medical facilities. The makers of the scanning equipment are on the fence about the "remote tests," though. They train or provide the training materials for use with their machines, but worry about the sometimes finicky devices traveling hundreds of miles and how well the tests are conducted. On the other hand, if the machines are checked and tested, and the technicians are taught well, they might work together the same way the same machines in a hospital do. Depending on what specific tests they offer, the testing service will probably have nurses available on site.

Bob Manista is president of the Better Business Bureau serving the Permian Basin. The Bureau can be contacted at 563-1880 with questions or concerns about businesses or business opportunities.



Q: So…all things being equal, why is the medical community concerned about such tests?

Some members of the medical community worry that too much time goes by between the testing and the out-of-state physician's review. If there really was a serious problem, days or weeks might go by before you hear about it. And — no matter how qualified the physician reading the results may be — he or she is not your doctor. There may be nuances to your medical history that come into play. If doctors could "phone in" their exams, we wouldn't need clinics. Of course, the testing companies clearly say in their ads that the test isn't designed to take the place of your own doctor, but some members of the medical profession worry that a negative test result from the traveling lab might lead to a false sense of security in their patients when there's a lot more to your overall health picture than a few fairly particular tests. Early ads for these kinds of testing events also left a bad taste with some clients and doctors. Those ads bordered on fear-mongering — to the tune of "you're probably having a stroke right now and don't know it" — but that kind of scare tactic is few and far between these days.

Q: What happens if they find something wrong in my test?

Typically, the service will recommend that their clients with some sort of identified problem see their personal physician, who will probably order similar tests to confirm the problem. The BBB System — that's 130 offices throughout North America — has never heard of a case of the technicians at such an event identifying a problem and whisking the client away to a medical facility. It's just not how this works. The service's physician probably won't make recommendations beyond seeing your physician, and it wouldn't be appropriate for him to do so.

Q: In the best case, what do the tests accomplish?

The BBB isn't in a position to judge the efficacy of medical procedures, but we do listen to complaints from former clients who believe it took too long to get results — there have been a few of those. We also check in with the medical community on such issues. No one is going to say that the tests are quackery. They aren't. They are reliable tests and, under the best circumstances, might identify a problem that you weren't aware of before the testing. But they won't solve a problem, they'll only make you aware of it. You still need to keep up a good relationship with your physician, and they'd probably be willing to order similar tests if you, in consultation with your doctor, believe you need one.

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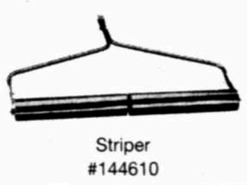
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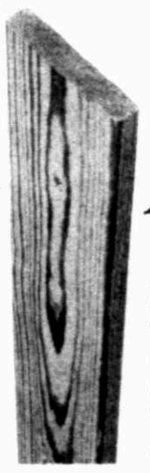


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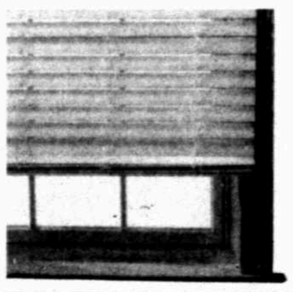
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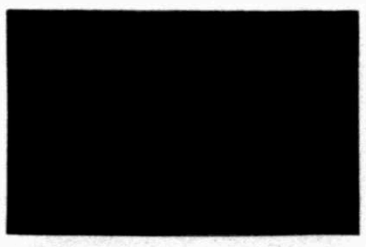
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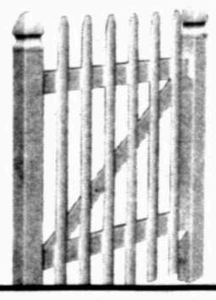
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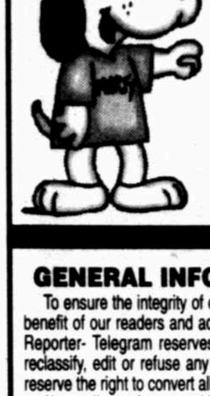
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Please check your ad the first day it appears, and, if you find a mistake, please call our office at 682-6222 so we can correct the error immediately. This will ensure that your ad is exactly what you want readers to see. If an error does occur, you can choose to rerun your ad once for free, or we'll gladly refund the cost of the portion of the ad affected by the error. If an ad is inadvertently omitted, we will assume liability up to the cost of the ad itself – consequently, we will publish your ad in our next available edition or refund the price you have paid.

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We'll advertise your household item (priced under $350) for...
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(Mon. - Thur.) Submit your 15 word ad in writing (please fax it, mail it, or bring it in).

All of our specials are for private, non-commercial individuals only and some specials require pre-payment, some do not. One item per ad please. One Free Bee per family per week. Call 682-6222 for complete details.

AUTOMOBILES FOR SALE:

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20 WORDS UP TO 12 WEEKS $29.95

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Think of 20 words to describe your vehicle (including the price) and call us today!

REAL WHEEL DEAL

30 WORDS WITH PHOTO $25.50

Advertise anything on wheels, with a photo, for 14 days.

You'll get 30 words to describe your vehicle. You can bring a photo to us or we'll take one for you! Call us today for details.

SELL IT IN 10

4 LINES 10 DAYS FREE $20.50

Advertise anything on wheels for 10 days. In the unlikely event that it doesn't sell, we'll run it for 10 more days FREE!
If it still doesn't sell, we'll run it 10 more days FREE if you drop the price 10%.

You'll get 4 lines to describe your vehicle (that's about 18 words, including the price). If you would like more information in your ad, each additional line is only $5.

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HAPPY ADS: *Happy Birthday! Congratulations! Welcome Home! Graduation Day!*

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New Arrivals - Announce the birth of your precious newborn for only **$18.00!** We'll help you create a keepsake and publish it on any day you choose. You'll get 3" inches of space to announce Baby's name, birthdate, and more.

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2004 Toyota Camry, Stk. #H5199A — $299² MO./$16,999	
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AGENDA
ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT
APRIL 14, 2005

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Zoning Board of Adjustment of the City of Midland, Texas, on Thursday, April 14, 2005 in the Council Chambers, City Hall, 300 North Loraine, beginning at 3:00 P.M., to consider the following:

BD-05-011 Consider a request by Sharon J McArthur, for a **Special Exception** to the height requirement for a fence in the front yard setback on Lot 15, Block 11, 349 Ranch Estates Addition, City and county of Midland, Texas, located on the north side of Checotah, approximately 500 feet east of Kanawha, addressed as 1711 Checotah.

BD-05-012 Consider a request by Kevin Rabernaldt, for a **Special Exception** for an encroachment into the side yard setback on Lot 1, Block 15, North Park Hill Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas, located at the north west corner of the intersection of N. "D" Street and Country Club Drive, addressed as 1200 Country Club Drive.

BD-05-013 Consider a request by Rhotenberry-Wellen Architect, for a Variance for a two-story addition in the rear yard on Lot 19, Block 1B, Racquet Club South, Section 3 Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas, located on the southwest corner of the Racquet Club South subdivision, addressed as 2735 Racquet Club Drive.

NOTE:
The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired person wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (432)685-7248. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF WILLIAM A. "THOM" THOMPSON, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that on the 30th day of March, 2005, Letters Testamentary were issued to David W. Larson as Independent Executor in proceedings in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, in Probate, styled "In the Matter of the Estate of William A. "Thom" Thompson, Deceased", being No. P-14,479 in that Court, and which proceedings are still pending. All persons having claims against the Estate are hereby required to present the same to David W. Larson, 13329 Rolling Hills Lane, Dallas, Texas 75240, within the time prescribed by law.

DATED this 30th day of March, 2005.

David W. Larson,
Independent Executor of the Estate of William A. "Thom" Thompson, Deceased

LEGAL NOTICE

This is an official notification that the mailing list is being prepared for the Request for Proposals 0346-05, for Wireless Services, Cellular Phones, PCS and CDPD for the City of Midland.

The RFP will be available on or about April 1, 2005. To receive a copy of the RFP, you must submit a written request to the City Purchasing Agent, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, Room 220, Midland, Texas 79701 or fax (432)685-0523 by April 15, 2005. Telephone requests will not be accepted. Proposals must be submitted by no later than April 27, 2005 at 11:00 AM to the address shown on the RFP cover sheet.

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NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF DORIS NAN HARRISON, DECEASED

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DATED this 30th day of March, 2005.

Susan Boone,
Independent Executrix of the Estate of Doris Nan Harrison, Deceased

NOTICE TO ALL PERSONS HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST THE ESTATE OF JULIE H. MITCHELL, DECEASED

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary upon the Estate of Julie H. Mitchell, deceased, were issued to George Jeffrey Hyatt, Independent Executor, on March 9, 2005, in the proceeding styled "Estate of Julie H. Mitchell, Deceased," Cause No. P14435 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas, which is still pending and that said person now holds such Letters. All persons having claims against said Estate, which is being administered in Midland County, Texas are hereby required to present the same to said Independent Executor, at 12001 Wycliff Lane, Austin, Texas 78727 before suit upon same is barred by the general statutes of limitation, before such Estate is

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ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS
FILE #0387-05

PROJECT NO.: W-241/8666
PROJECT NAME: Midland Drive Paving & Drainage Improvements from Illinois Ave to Business 20 Frontage Road.

The City of Midland, Texas is soliciting bids for the furnishing of materials and labor for the construction of 48,900 SY of 7" HMAC Paving and 1,753 SY of Concrete Valley Gutter together with appurtenances and incidentals.

Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to condition of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract.

Notice to bidders, information for bidders, specifications containing the conditions of employment and minimum wages, plans and proposal forms are on file in the Purchasing Department on the second floor of the City Hall, 300 North Loraine, Midland, Texas and may be secured upon a deposit of fifty dollars ($50.00) for each set.

Bids will be received at the office of the City Secretary, City Hall, Midland, Texas until 11:00 A.M. on the 11th day of April, 2005. Bids will be opened and read aloud at that time.

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS
CITY OF MIDLAND, TEXAS
FILE #0383-05

PROJECT NO.: W-241/8674
PROJECT NAME: Midland Drive Water and Sewer Improvements from Illinois Ave to Business 20 Frontage Road

The City of Midland, Texas is soliciting bids for the furnishing of materials and labor for the installation of approximately 7,660 LF of 12" waterline together with appurtenances and incidentals.

Attention of Bidders is particularly called to the requirements as to condition of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under the contract.

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George Jeffrey Hyatt, Independent Executor of the Estate of Julie H. Mitchell, Deceased, Cause No. P14435 in the County Court of Midland County, Texas.

LEGAL/PUBLIC NOTICE

ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS

The Big Spring Independent School District shall receive sealed bid proposals until 4:00 p.m., April 19, 2005, on the following:

Boys Basketball Supplies
Girls Basketball Supplies
Swimming Supplies

Specifications and bid documents may be secured from the school district's Business Office located at 708 East 11th Place, Big Spring, Texas 79720-4648, phone number (432)264-3620. Bids will be publicly open and read immediately following the deadline for receiving the bids in the Business Office of the Big Spring Independent School District. Bidders are invited to be present at the bid opening. Bids received after the opening date and time will be returned unopened. Bids will be presented for consideration to the Board of Trustees on May 12, 2005, at 5:15 p.m. at their regularly scheduled board meeting. The Big Spring Independent School District reserves the right to accept or reject any of all bids.

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110 Lodge Notices

Centennial Lodge #1448
Reg. meeting, 1st & 3rd Sat. 8:30am. Breakfast 7:30am. 570-0328. Gary Moore W/M. Bob Ellwood, Sec.

Midland Masonic Lodge #623
1600 W. Wall
Regular Stated Meetings 2nd & 4th, Thursdays, 7:30 pm.
Robert G. Kiker, Sec.
Paul W. Burns, WM

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. Ed Hayes, Secty.

Acacia Masonic Lodge #1414
1000 Upland
Stated Communication, 2nd & 4th Tues. @7:30, Refreshments 6:30pm. Al Mitchell, W.M. James L. Hawkins, Sec.

115 Announcements

Email Your Classified Ad!

We now have an Email address created just for you...

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Type out your Classified ad, let us know when you want it published, and how to contact you with a confirmation of the details. (We prefer to confirm by phone, so please give us the number where you can be reached.) If the ad is for you personally, we'll need your home phone number, address, etc. If the ad is for your business, we'll need your main office phone number, address, etc.

As always, you can contact us by phone at 682-6222, or by fax at 682-6999.

(Please allow 1 - 2 days for e-mailed ads. Text only please, no photos or logos accepted. If you want your ad to start tomorrow please contact us by phone or fax. Thank you....)

130 Personals

Personally Speaking

The Fun & Convenient Way to meet Midland Singles!

Look for it on Fri., Sat., Sun., & Wed. in The Midland Reporter- Telegram Classified.

Call **1-800-834-5294** to place your personal ad.
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$2.19 Per minute.
You must be at least 18 years of age or older to use this service.

110 Lodge Notices

Midland Chapter #253
Order of Eastern Star
1600 W. Wall
Stated Meetings
2nd & 4th
Tuesdays, 7:30 pm
WM Wilma Wheat
WP Ray Stailey

115 Announcements

Friday
April 1, 2005

NEED WITNESS to accident involving white van and white pickup at Midland Dr & W. Illinois on Monday, March 28th at 6:30pm. Please call 683-8774 or 557-1927 with information.

FREE PHONE! Easy credit. Free long distance $40- 1200 Minutes, $75- Unlimited; Call Rolen 631-3381.

COUNTRY WESTERN Band needed to join male singer "Zacharia". To audition call 699-6772

130 Personals

IS IT YOU that the Lord is telling to help a church in need? 432-528-3434.

150 Lost & Found

"$500 REWARD!
Lost Standard Poodle Black, female. Vicinity of 3000 Sentinel. Very shy. Please Call 413-6458, 685-3113. Absolutely No questions asked!"

LOST: YELLOW Lab, male, vicinity of Sun Ridge Ranch Estates, County Road 50 and 1242. Reward! (432)689-5450

FOUND FEMALE German Shepherd/ Huskie. White and black. Call to identify. 262-3901.

FOUND: LARGE black male dog with no tags, vicinity of Seaboard and "L" Street, on 03/28/05. (432)682-1279

FOUND TWO small dogs. Vicinity of Thomason and Highway 80. Call to identify 694-0880.

FOUND MALE small brown dog with black collar. Vicinity of Fasken Park. 520-2614.

150 Lost & Found

FOUND PURSE- Vicinity Midland Drive and Wadley. Call 697-1820 to identify.

REWARD $500. NO questions asked. Male Australian Shepherd, no tail. Mix colors, gray, brown, white, blue. Montana tags. (713)775-9991/ (432)661-8218.

FOUND: 2 Border Collies, 1 male, 1 female, corner of CR 116/ CR 1250 689-7641.

FOUND LOP eared rabbit, on 03/30/05, vicinity of Andrew's Hwy/ Ward. Please call (432)618-0305 or cell (432)571-8020

FOUND ADULT Dalmatian female. Call 262-3200 or 978-3480 to identify.

LOST: YORKIE, Female, puppy, answers to Maisy, no collar, vicinity Douglas/ Midland. Drive. We miss our loving baby! Reward! 03/29/05 Nee4ds medication (432)556-5852 or 556-5846.

REWARD. Lost gray and white cat with smudge on nose. Lost near Windtree Apartments off of Midkiff on Feb. 28. 432-559-6538/ 432-638-6914.

FOUND: PEKINGESE (?)- Black, 03/25/05, vicinity Lakes Apts. To identify, call (432)889-5254 (day) (432)694-9570 after 5:00

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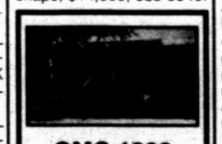
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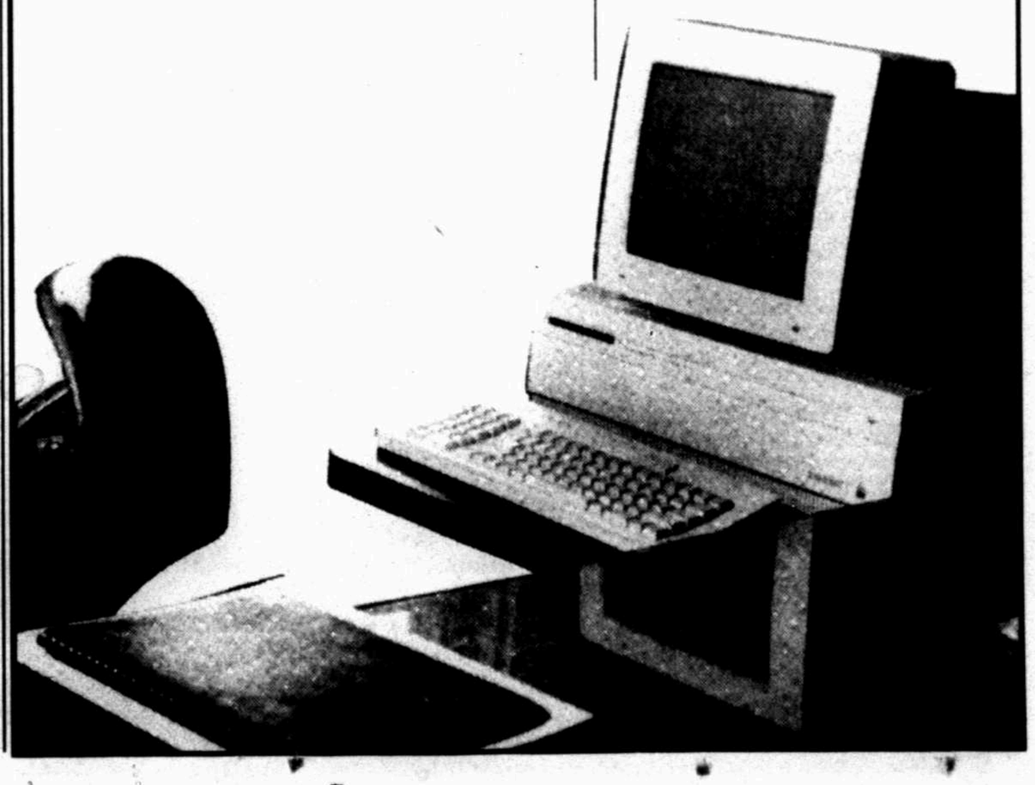
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LOOKING FOR MY COWBOY
Family-oriented WF, 35, N/S, loves to laugh, hunt, fish, and shoot clay targets. Looking for that WM, 18-45, N/S, who is looking for me. ☎547441 @ **nuthinbuthuntin**

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SHARE MY PASSIONS
Separated WF, 41, likes the mountains, fishing, skiing, travel and more. Looking for mature man, 38-50, who really likes the outdoors, for dating, maybe more. ☎622590

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SBF, 24, seeks honest, sweet, communicative, open-minded, easygoing SM, to share night life, cuddling, good talks, romance and possible LTR. ☎517430

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SHF, 26, CNA, seeking an attractive, intelligent SM, 18-40, for fun and conversation, possible relationship. ☎495692

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SWF, 48, looking to meet SWCM, who's interesting, loves playing golf, watching movies, cooking and truly enjoys life, someone who would love to love and be loved. ☎564501

HOPE TO FIND YOU
SWF, 48, 5'7", 175lbs, educated, RN, enjoys bowling, park walks, Las Vegas. Seeking intelligent, educated, secure man who enjoys church, movies, dining, relaxing at home, for a lasting, loving relationship. ☎200916

GOOD TIMES AWAIT US
Separated WF, 51, 5'3", smoker, pleasingly plump, brown/blue, looking for a good-hearted, easygoing man, 48-55, who enjoys friendship, honesty, having a good time. ☎476758

I KNOW YOUR OUT THERE
SWF, 32, Libra, N/S, MBA, attractive, account executive, mother of two, enjoys tennis, golf, movies, seeks SWM, 32-45, N/S, for happiness in a meaningful relationship. ☎489128

SHARE THE LOVE
SBF, 24, 5'7", dark brown hair and eyes, medium complexion, BBW, seeks honest, sweet, open-minded SBM, 24-30, for friendship, dates, talks and maybe more. ☎581811

OUT AND ABOUT
SHF, 23, 5'9", brown/brown, average build, Gemini, smoker, seeks man, 23-35, for friendship, possible romance. ☎559227

WE WILL DANCE
Ambitious SWF, 25, N/S, enjoys working, likes to see new movies, take walks by the lake, ISO attractive, intelligent SWM, 19-30, N/S, to share many romantic evenings. ☎599979

LITTLE DETAILS MATTER
SBF, 23, smoker, full-time mommy of 2, loves scary films, reading, and writing. Seeking patient BM, 21-28, who likes kids, for LTR. ☎491759

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SWF, 45, 5'7", N/S, mother of 2, looking for SCM, 43-56, N/S, who enjoys camping, walks, family time, for serious LTR. ☎541042

LIMITED TIME OFFER
SWF, 21, 5'10", smoker, blonde/blue, thick build, pretty tall for a girl, seeks SWM, 19-25, smoker. ☎547233

MY LOVING ARMS
SWF, 39, 5'4", good job, loves playing pool. Seeking SWM, 44-46, similar interests, friends first, possibly more. ☎966687

GREEN EYES
SF, 21, light complexion, green eyes, light hair, 5'7", 125lbs, pretty, enjoys time with her son, cars, dancing and movies, seeking a SHM, 19-29, for fun and dating. ☎525956

LIVE, LAUGH AND LOVE
SHF, 32, 5'2", 145lbs, Gemini, N/S, seeks honest, sincere, marriage-minded WM, 37-48, loves the outdoors. ☎282120

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WE CAN HAVE A NICE TIME
SHM, 37, 5'6", 185lbs, Aquarius, N/S, social drinker, has no kids, spends spare time running, playing softball, dancing, ISO SHF, 24-45, to share everything with. ☎546718

MUST LIKE CHILDREN
DHM, 25, 5'7", 120lbs, two children at home, ready to try dating again. Seeking outgoing, honest lady, 21-34, who likes having fun. ☎112045

MAYBE TODAY
I'm a 33-year-old, easygoing SWM who's up for anything especially if it's travel, watching sports, and spending time w/family. I'm looking to meet a woman for possible LTR. First ad. ☎425743

SHOOT FOR THE STARS
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WHERE ARE YOU?
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SHM, 21, 5'10", N/S, average build, looking for the right SHF, 18-30, to talk with and share some dreams. ☎602315

NEW ARRIVAL
SHM, 23, 5'10", 190lbs, brown/brown, enjoys chilling, new to the area, seeking a SF, 18-30. ☎523289

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Old- fashioned gentleman, 30, likes playing pool, hanging w/family and friends, outdoors, all types of movies If this sounds interesting to you call and we'll see where the road leads. ☎581523 @ **Chevy1895**

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GOLDEN YEARS
SWM, 67, Libra, seeks a fun, happy female for fun, friendship and frolic. N/S, N/Drugs. ☎396999

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Light-complected SBM, 28, smoker, ISO special woman, 20-31, who has her life where she wants it to be. Sound like you? Get in touch. ☎600841

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SWM, 18, 5'10", 155lbs, brown/green, student, Scorpio, N/S, plays guitar. Seeking woman, 18-30, who likes music. ☎558667

TAKE MY LEAD
SWM, 22, 6', smoker, blond/hazel, looking for outgoing, fun woman, 18-25, who wants to hang out and have a good time. ☎598765

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SHM, 19, Sagittarius, N/S, athletic, looking for someone, 18-29, N/S, who loves to dance, wants to have fun, who enjoys one-on-one attention. ☎546758

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LET'S MEET!
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LET'S SHARE A LAUGH
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SHM, 19, N/S, enjoys working on cars and trucks, walking his dog. Seeking HF, 18-21, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎559455

OF THIS EARTH
SM, 46, deep green eyes, nice looking, works in sales, easygoing, down-to-earth, commitment-minded, enjoys watching sports, playing sports, time at home, gardening, racquetball, seeking SF, 28-46, similar qualities and interests ☎521341

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INTO SPORTS AND CARS
SWM, 25, Capricorn, N/S, seeks an outgoing WF, 20-27, with whom to hang out, watch movies, and have fun. ☎550817

GIVE ME A JINGLE...
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SWM, 44, N/S, N/D, nice-looking, commitment-minded, seeks S/DF, 28-50, for quiet times, movies, dining out, and sharing happiness. For friendship, possible LTR. ☎454410

LOOKING FOR FUN?
SHM, 24, 5'8", 145lbs, brown-green eyes, good-looking, good-humored, enjoys sporting events, movies, more. ISO good-looking SF with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. Possible LTR. ☎589245

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SWM, 24, smoker, never married, no kids, wants to meet someone new to talk with. Looking for SWF, 18-27, who likes alternative music, hanging around the house. ☎555750

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410 Miscellaneous Sales

→NEW TODAY←
REFRIGERATOR, PICTURE frame molding, middle table, large dog kennel, solar water still. 694-8144.

→NEW TODAY←
TWO-BEDROOM condo with full kitchen. For 7 nights at the Sheridan Vistana Resort in Orlando Florida. From May 22-29 2005. Sleeps six. See at: www.starwoodhotels.com Regular rate $220 per night. Will sell for $700 OBO. (432)687-4341.

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Friday
April 1, 2005

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→NEW TODAY←
FOR SALE: Raw silk wedding dress with head piece. Size 6-8 beautiful. $500 call 553-2937 or 620-0214.

COUCH AND LOVESEAT- $250. Tan leather recliner- $50. Small chest. Queen bedding & dust ruffle. Other miscellaneous. 687-1083.

15 PORTABLE WELDED fence panels, 10' wide X 6' tall. $500. OBO. Please call (432)528-6626

ROUND CLOTHES racks and chrome upright racks and 2 bookcases. Call 694-0930.

TREES! TREES! TREES! Delivered and Planted. (432)685-5058

410 Miscellaneous Sales

TRAMPOLINE. GREAT condition- $250 OBO. Patio table/ 6 chairs & matching swing- $225. Antique Singer machine- $80. 520-7667.

DECK/ porch set. Includes a love seat, two side chair/ upgraded cushions and glass top coffee table. All weather material, looks like wicker. Less than a year old. $400 firm. 432-520-0254.

413 Jewelry & Furs

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415 Miscellaneous Wanted

SOUTHWEST Rapid Reward Tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

BUYING OLD American guitars and amplifiers, any condition. 556-5760, 697-6447, 689-0550.

420 Good Things To Eat

texasfudge.com
Homemade chocolate meringue pie, and coconut meringue pie. $10. 1lb fudge $7. (432)557-4183.

430 Household Goods

GOOD CONDITION electric range, washer/ dryer, refrigerator, blond dresser and night stands, metal office desk and file cabinets. Saturday, April 2nd, 9:00am- 3:00pm. 323 Tanglewood.

BLACK FRIEZE shag rug, like new, approximately 9x12, professionally bound, paid $700, asking $200. 697-8801.

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432 Household Furniture

DINING TABLE with 4 chairs, coffee table and two end tables, light oak, queen brass headboard, king wood headboard. $600 for all. Call for individual pricing. 432-684-6129.

COMPLETE WHITE metal daybed with trundle, $250. Please call 685-5089 after 5:30pm.

54" X 54" DINING TABLE with 6 matching chairs and hutch. $450. 689-7406.

SLEEPER SOFA & Chair (Southwest style/ wood arms), end tables, coffee table & lamps. Excellent condition. $750 for all. 522-1243/ 553-9920.

WOODEN SPINDLE trundle with trundle, in very good condition. $325.. Please call (432)694-4976 after five.

BUNK BED. Black pipe with queen size bed/ sofa bottom- $200. 689-2277.

MOVING OUT Sale! Full size Lazyboy couch, $130. Coffee table, $50. Big dresser, $100. Call 432-349-5411 after 5pm.

→NEW TODAY←
LAZYBOY FLORAL Sleeper sofa and love seat. Blues/ mauve. Excellent condition. Please call 697-1325.

ALL WOOD queen, triple dresser with mirror, nightstand, $350. Booth #39 at Wall Street Antiques.

SOFA/ SLEEPER, green floral, queen size, $200. 2 Gold velveteen upholstered chairs, $75 each. Exercise bike, $35. 694-0258.

KING BED, $300. Large chest, $150. Full bed, $150. Twin bed, $150. Bunk beds, $195. 432-362-2746.

→NEW TODAY←
DINING SUITE $300. 2 Bedroom suites $400. each, sewing machine $150. Twin mattress, new $75. New Tan leather recliner. $400. electric Dryer $200. microwave $70. (432)689-0185 Leave message/ 694-8064

LAZYBOY NEW floral sofa- $650. Please call 684-8779.

TWO DRAWER, 5 foot computer desk. Solid wood, keyboard tray. Good condition. $135. 689-5403.

432 Household Furniture

FLEXSTEEL QUEEN sleeper sofa, (inner spring) neutral color, $300. 638-0111 or email for pic cid1@cox.net

GIRLS BEDROOM suite- Twin sleigh bed with trundle, desk/ chair, dresser/ mirror, $800. 694-2866 afternoons.

FOR SALE Bedroom set, 2 end tables and a coffe table. Call (432)262-6051

REDUCED
ETHAN ALLEN bedroom suite: $550; armoire-$850, dresser & mirror-$450; 2 night stands- $150 each. Cherry wood sofa table- $175; LIKE NEW 33" oak roll top desk-$250, two oak book shelves- $75.00 each. Sofa $100 each. 432-689-4953.

CHINA HUTCH, full size bed, and large dresser, formica table, buffet. Call 556-5446.

MUST SELL: King, queen and full size bedding, oak entertainment center, Lifestyler treadmill 425-8019.

MOVING. HOME office furniture. Contemporary computer desk, chair, 3 tall bookshelves, one credenza, $275. 262-5733.

QUEEN SIZE pillow top mattress sets, $179. Reddells Mattress Discounts, 432-522-1372, 432-694-9823.

435 Household Appliances

STOVE, 1957 Gas O'Keefe and Merritt, good condition, you haul. $500 432-694-3209.

MATCHING SET Kenmore Catalyst washer and dryer, white. $285 OBO. Call (432)694-7499.

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Washers, dryers, gas or electric stoves, refrigerators, freezers. Delivery and warranty available. Free appliance removal. 3408 Thomason Dr., Midland. (432)262-6313.

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ANTIQUE FURNITURE, 6' church pew, 54" round Oak table, Old High chair- folds down to make play table, complete dining room suite, Dark Oak, 6 chairs, table buffet, 500 gallon plastic tank, large set of golf clubs. (432)586-5200.

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470 Musical Instruments

MARTIN DC-16RGTE acoustic/ electric guitar. New condition! $1,275. 432-685-3399.

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Music computer, beautiful tone, nice looking piece of furniture. Easy to-play $1,500. (432)689-0301

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485 Electronics

TOSHIBA, 65H80-65" HD-ready, Theater Wide Rear Projection Television. Excellent condition. $1,650. Call (423)352-0866.

490 Computers/ Accessories

GATEWAY SELECT 475 MHZ 64 MB memory. Monitor, keyboard, mouse. Internet ready. $130. Stanton, 661-5052.

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LAB MIX puppies, 2 females to good homes, 262-3200/ 978-3480.

18 MONTH OLD female German Shepherd with papers to give away to good family. Current shots, spayed. Sweet but dominant, needs to be sole pet. (432)425-1206

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6 YEAR old gray-white cat, neutered, declawed, litter box trained. Needs a good home. 520-4500.

ADOPTED
FOR FREE 4 month old small dog. Give-away to a good home. Call (XXX)XX-XXXX.

FREE SHEPHERD mix puppies. Six weeks old. Please call 349-3638.

ONE 1/2 year old Ridgeback/ German Shepherd. Very active needs a loving home. Call 349-8776.

FREE PUPPIES. Blue Heeler/ Australian Shepherd mix. 634-9791.

FEMALE SPAYED 3 year old cat. Free to good home. 553-2137.

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FREE COMPUTERS to qualified disadvantaged children only. For qualifications, (432)264-0910, between 9:00 am- 6:00 pm only.

AUSTRALIAN SHEPHERD mix, male, 1 year, needs family with fenced yard. (432)556-7249

500 Pets and Supplies

AKC MINIATURE Schnauzer, black/ silver, 16 months. Female, spayed, all shots, leash/ command trained. Very friendly, loves children. $300. 682-4629.

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FOR SALE: Chocolate Labs, Shelties, Dachshunds (many colors), Shih Tzus, Schnauzers, Beagles and more. We also have lots of new birds. Check us out. Adobe Wells, (432)687-6388

AKC LAB puppies. Taking deposits. Black females Great background. Vet checked. Parents on premises. DNA certified. 432-349-6858.

AKC REGISTERED Boxer puppies for sale. Call 520-8175 or 634-5749.

REGISTERED LAB puppies- Yellows and blacks, born 02-27-05. 699-7810.

AKC REGISTERED Yorkie. 1 Year old male. Very playful dog. $350. Current on shots. 349-0258.

500 Pets and Supplies

AKC MINIATURE Schnauzer puppies, salt and pepper, two females, one male. Whelped January 29, 2005. Parents on site, 1st shots. 432-689-8997, 432-352-0544.

AKC YORKIE, male puppy, 12 weeks old. Very playful and friendly. First shots. $450. 689-0914.

PETS AT Peace now providing cremations and burials. Pre-need, 12 months, 0% interest. 620-8677.

FREE TO good home. Female 1/2 dachshund, 1/2 ? 6 Years old. Very sweet. 432-684-7175.

AKC REGISTERED Lab puppies (5), males $150. each. (432)770-4877.

EASTER BABIES! Pure white CKC Toy Poodle puppies. Males, $450. Females, $500. Cash. 432-943-5516.

505 Livestock

TWO MALES Llamas, gelded. $200 each. (254)629-8884.

WESTERN SADDLE, dark brown with suede seat, youth/ adult size $425. Australian Saddle, black tooled leather, very comfortable, brass fittings. youth/ adult size $325. Miscellaneous English tack and apparel (432)685-1083

510 Furniture & Appliances

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520 Building Materials

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550 Miscellaneous

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✓ ADDITION DAILY, WEEKLY, MONTHLY, AND YEARLY BONUSES
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DOWDCO offers a fast-paced team environment, competitive compensation and excellent benefits package. Candidates must pass a pre-employment drug test. Please send resume and salary requirements to: Human Resources, P.O. Box 7843, Midland, TX 79708. Please visit www.dowdco.com for job postings in additional areas.

311 Medical Help Wanted

DENTAL ASSISTANT
Our friendly family dental practice has an immediate opening for a responsible, energetic, chairside assistant with at least 3 years experience. Call 682-0786 between 9:00am and 3:00pm Tuesday through Thursday for more information.

FOR EXPERIENCE Medical Assistant or LVN,. For a busy Physician office. Mail in resume to: P. O. Box 9753, Midland, TX 79707.

GREAT PAY!
CNA's NEEDED
Apply in person. Only caring individuals need apply! 2800 N. Midland Drive.

HOME CARE Connections hiring for Per Visit RN's, LVN's. Marketing Relations Liaison. Bilingual is a plus. Forward/ fax resume to 2626 JBS Parkway, Ste 202B, Odessa, TX 79762. (432)550-0535.

LAB TECHNICIAN needed for doctor's office. Mail resume to P.O. Box 4935, Midland, TX 79704.

LOOKING FOR a receptionist for a growing Company. With some experience in sales. Good communication skills. Mail in resume to: P. O. Box 9753, Midland, TX 79707.

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LVN/ RN's NEEDED for nights, working with Pediatric cases in Midland. Competitive pay and benefits available. Complete Home Health Care, (432)570-8899 or come by 2402 W. Wall, Midland.

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LCDC or Licensed Social Worker for Drug outpatient treatment program in Odessa. Part time Monday- Friday 6am-10am. Fax resume to 432-682-8081

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STAFF ACCOUNTANT: Need self-motivated person with strong interpersonal skills and the ability to work independently. Responsibilities include: revenue accounting, A/P, property accounting, generating and analysis of financial statements, month-end account analysis, and product various accounting and operational reports. 3-5 years experience in accounting required. Computer skills: Excel and Accounting systems data entry and report generating. FAX RESUME: 432/366-7840 Attn: Office Manager

314 Clerical Help Wanted

Accent Granite & Marble
New to Midland/ Odessa. Looking for innovative/ decor minded individual to fill part time clerical/ inside sales position in our new designer showroom and gallery. Will train the right candidate. This position could lead to full time opportunity. Apply in person from 10 am- 3 pm, Monday- Friday at 4309 SCR 1290 (Coors Rd).

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→NEW TODAY←
RELIABLE RECEPTIONIST/ file clerk need for a law office. Neat appearance. Great starter job. Bilingual preferred. Apply in person at 507 E. Front.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

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HELP WANTED: Temp to permanent data entry, clerical type position. Must have better than average typing skills; as well as Microsoft Office, Windows XP knowledge. Will train person with right attitude. Please apply in person at 306 W. Wall, Ste. 415 to apply.

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314 Clerical Help Wanted

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Sales experience necessary, overnight travel required, $25,000 base salary + commission, bonuses, expenses, health insurance and 401(k). Fax resume to (210)337-2451.

318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

COME AND grow with us . New locations are in our future. Looking for potential F.D. manager. Must be energetic and outgoing, willing to do what it takes to please our guests. Live on property possible but not necessary. Positions available in Arlington and Abilene. Must be willing to relocate where needed. Send resume with salary requirements and personal goals to: Whitten Inn, 840 E. Hwy 80, Abilene, Texas 79601

IMMEDIATE OPENING! Large multi-site apartment community is now hiring for a Property Managers position. Please fax resume attention Cathy Hayes, 432-580-4309. Drug and background check required. EOE

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319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

BACKHOE OPERATOR with class "A" CDL. Apply in person 2802 WCR. 111, 7-8am- Monday- Friday. Must be able to Pass pre-employment drug screen & DOT physical.

BACKHOE OPERATORS
Service Company now hiring, backhoe operators. Must have class A "CDL". Competitive wages and new equipment. Please apply in person at: TCO Field Service, 3601 East Highway 158, Midland, TX.

EXPERIENCED RIG Mechanic needed. Pay according to experience. Must pass drug test and have clean driving record. Benefits include insurance, vacations, and 401K. Call 570-7355 or come by 1612 E. CR 115 in Midland.

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PUMPER needed in the Midland area. Come by 6748 E. HWY 80 with resume or to apply .

REVERSE UNIT Operator- experienced with CDL. Must pass DOT drug test. Send resume to P.O. Box 7748, Midland, TX 79708. Salary DOE.

ROUSTABOUTS
Service company now hiring experienced roustabout pushers and hands. Drivers must have class A CDL. Please apply in person at TCO Field Service, 3601 E. Hwy. 158, Midland.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

ROUSTABOUT GANG Pusher- experienced with crew and CDL. Must pass drug ,test. Salary DOE. Applications accepted Monday and Tuesday mornings between 6:00 and 8:00 am. 5800 East I-20, Midland, TX. NO PHONE CALLS.

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GARAGE SALES

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✪1505 Ridglea (off "A" and Douglas across from Bowie Elementary) Saturday, 8-? Baby swing, shelves, clothes, books, knick knacks, stuffed animals, toys, children's books, too much to list.

605 S. TERRELL- Bedroom black lacquer furniture, desk, weight bench, chest freezer, clothes, knickknacks, girls bedding, dishes, glasses. Saturday 8:30am- 1:00pm.

2000 COMMUNITY LANE. Saturday only! 8a- 3p.Lots of furniture, clothing, knick-knacks and miscellaneous!

1900 FLORIDA, #45. Saturday only, 9:00am- 12:00pm. 20 gauge shotgun, speakers and amplifier, videos, 2 antique tables, unfinished drop leaf table, twin/ full/ queen comforters, glass/ wood bookshelf, children's books, much more.

3125 KESSLER AVENUE. Thursday & Friday, 9a- 2p. Picture frames, computer accesories, pots, bikes, boys and girls clothing, toys, and much more!

ESTATE SALE
2207 HARVARD
Fri. 9a- 4p, Sat. 9a- 1p, Sun. 1p- 3p

FURNITURE: Washstand, Butterfly Leg Tables with Marble Tops, Console, Sofas, Dining Table with 6 Chairs, China Cabinet, Club Chairs, Buffet, End Tables, Side Chairs, Leather Wingback Chair, Electric Full Size Bed, Twin Beds, Night Tables, Chest of Drawers, 2 Kitchen Tables with Chairs, Coffee Table, Upholstered Parsons Bench, King Headboard, Drop Front Desk, Cabana furniture, Patio Furniture & More.

ANTIQUES & COLLECTIBLES: 1st National Bank Memorabilia, Mickey Mouse Watch, Fountain Pens, Pottery, World Time Clock, China, Murano Glass, Books, Feather Weight Singer Sewing Machine, Orientalia & More.

MISC.: Decorative Items, Yard Tools, Records, Games, Lamps, Costume Jewelry, Kitchenware, Glassware, Brass Tea Service, Linens, New Maytag Side-by-side Refrigerator, Washer, Dryer, Freezer & More.

Judy Jackson's Estate Sales
All Major Credit Cards Accepted

113 W. DENGAR. Saturday, 9a- ? Sunday, 12p- 2p. Furniture, antiques just a little of everything!

2515 LOCKHEED DRIVE. Alley sale. Saturday only! 8:00am to 4:00pm. We are moving- final close- out!

2816 W WALL (in rear), Saturday Only! 10:00-6:00. Tools, generator, furniture and soooo much more.

207 PEACH (behind JC's BarBQ). Friday, 11a- ? Saturday, 9a- ? 40" electric double oven stove, cloth car top carrier, portable swimming pool, camping trailer cover, gas lawn mower and miscellaneous.

1506 SOUTH Atlanta, Friday 8 am-1 pm. Garage sale, 2 recliners, gas grill, lots of baby clothes. Lots of miscellaneous.

2907 ROOSEVELT- MOVING Inside Sale Friday and Saturday, 8:00- ? Household items, kitchen table, 2 chairs, clothes, dishes and miscellaneous.

2508 COUNTRY CLUB- Saturday, 8:00- ? Huge Two Family Sale! Brand name clothes, electronics, furniture, stacked washer/ dryer, lots of good stuff!

☛307 DODSON, Wednesday-?, 10 am-5:30 pm. Kids shoes $2-$5, purses $5-$10, scrubs $18 2 piece set, bakers racks $75 each, shoes to size 15, jewelry $2-$10, T-shirts to 4 X, lots of miscellaneous, too much to mention. 432-687-1961.

1019 NORTH Midkiff, Friday 9 am-2 pm, Saturday 8 am-2 pm. Everything .50¢ move out sale. Look for Balloons.

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4303 COUNTRY Club, Saturday only 8 am-5 pm. Loveseat, computer desk, coffee table, gun cabinet, speakers, fishing gear, much more!

605 BROOKS DR. Moving sale. Friday & Saturday, 8a- 12p. Dining room set, living room set, clothes, washer & dryer.

✔4608 PRINCETON, Friday, Saturday 9-? Inside Sale! 58 Years of accumulation! 1997 Nissan Altima, Small motorcycle trailer, dishwasher, microwave, refrigerator, glassware, lamps, dishes, kitchen appliances, collectables, elderly equipment, furniture, bedspreads drapes, linens, sofas, chairs, coffee tables, tools, golf equipment, hospital bed and other beds, clothing, tons of books, miscellaneous galore. No early sales.

4813 CUTHBERT- GIANT Yard Sale! Several families cleaning out. baby items to furniture. Saturday only, 8:00.

3602 ANDREWS HWY- Friday & Saturday 9- 5. Profinish nail dryers, wax machine, manicure table, storage cabinets, tables, wooden counter, glass counter, trundle bed, bunk bed, household items, much more.

419 SWEETBRIAR DR. Saturday, 8a- ? Furniture, tool chest, computer, house decor, dishes, brand new office chair and more!

4514 COMANCHE, Friday-Saturday 8 am. Back yard sale, baby furniture, freezer, entertainment center, end tables, clothes, other miscellaneous.

4903 BROOKDALE- Friday 8- 4, Saturday 8- 1. Ashley kitchen table, BBQ pit, propane tank, lots of miscellaneous.

✔3207 W ILLINOIS, FRIDAY, Saturday, 7-? Computer stereo, 1994 Ford truck rear window, Barbie car, toddler pool, Little Tikes slide/ swing, videos, many stuffed animals, household, lots of miscellaneous, cam corde much more.

MOVING SALE
4411 HARLOWE
April 1st, Fri. 8am- 2pm.
& April 2nd, Sat. 8am- 1pm
(all items except automobiles
1/2 price Sat., April 2nd)

Refrigerator, washer, dryer, love seats, recliner, curio cabinet, dinette set, bedroom furniture, 2 TVs, 1 TV stand, lawn mower, edger, 2 spreaders, movie equipment, reel to reel equipment, 2 boat motors, 1978 Datsun pickup with camper shell (needs work), 1992 4 door Mercury Sable (running condition), miscellaneous linens and housewares too numerous to mention! Everything must go!

Sale by:
The Golden Girls

406 N. BENTWOOD, SATURDAY Only! 8-12, High chair, Nintendo, clothing odds and ends.

1304 Manor St, Saturday Only! 8-12 Nice women's clothing (12-16), men's/ teen age boys/ baby clothing and items, house hold items.

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3227 CAMARIE, Saturday 7 am-3 pm. Huge 6 Family sale lots of things for every man, woman, boy and girl. Stove, headboards. Lots and Lots of stuff...

✔2512 QUAIL POINT. Friday and Saturday Only! 8:00-5:00. Dishes, linens, Serger, camping and RV items, tools, old Trail bike, golf clubs, motorcycle gear, Harley jacket, chaps, boots, caps, rain gear, luggage, helmets, FLH seat, BMW electric vests, much more.

✔2610 WHITNEY DRIVE, Saturday 8-? Four Family Sale! Estate items, clothes, baby stuff, 26' color TV, paper backs, TV/ microwave cart, plastic aircraft model kits, Verlinden Diorama kits. Honda, trail, 90 motorcycle, kayak, 1990 Olds. Toronado, much more. Cash only!

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Living Estate Sale
2607 WARD
Thursday, Friday, Saturday
10 am-4 pm

Glass, cut, depression, ruby, Fenton. Capidimonte, Pickard, Bellick, Imari, Dresden figurines, copper, lamps, prints, & original art. Oriental rugs, linens, costume jewelry. Eight Chippendale style chairs, antique sofa, tables, 3 cedar chests, French chair, oak desk, 2 recliners, drafting table, geologists microscope, T.V.'s, Holt floor polisher. Hundreds of books including, law, children, Texas, classics, novels & cookbooks. Records & videos.

Nelda Davis Estate Sales

1714 CESSNA. Saturday only! 8a- ? Refrigerator, picture frame molding, middle table, large dog kennel, solar water still, king bed spread, lots of miscellaneous!

1715 EAST Oak Avenue, Friday-Saturday 12 pm-5 pm. Home interior decor sale.

2822 METZ DRIVE- Friday, Saturday Only! 9:00am-3:00pm. Huge Sale! Dining set, small appliances, hand and power tools, electronics, Play Station II and X-Box games, DVD, Videos, glassware, toys and lots more. Please park in front!

105 W DORMARD, SATURDAY Only!, 8-3 sofa, book case, weight machine, kitchen items, much more.

815 SHELL- Friday & Saturday 8:00am-12:00pm. Baby toys, baby boy clothes 0- 9 months, furniture, kitchenware, bath items, oriental rug and other rugs.

★3200 REO Drive-Gigantic Sale!! Friday-Saturday 8 am. Antique chest, lamps, pictures, computer, small appliances, cookbooks, decorative accessories, lawnmower, hand and power tools and lots and lots more.

✿3119 Humble, Friday, 8-12, Spring Cleaning Sale! miscellaneous household, furniture, kids/ adult clothing, lawnmower, more.

2510 TERRACE. Friday, Saturday & Sunday- 8 to 5. Lots of stuff, furniture, etc, etc.

408 W. SPRUCE- Backyard sale. Friday-Saturday 8:00am-? Electric stove, washer, dryer, lots of miscellaneous.

★2410 CIMMARON AVE. Saturday only! 9a- ? Couch, queen head board and bedding, king head board, mirror, in- tables, lots of pots & pans, roller blades, glassware, yard edger Christmas decor, clothing, and lots more!

✔3103 GULF AVE. (Between Grafa Park & Midland Christian School) Friday & Saturday, 8a-? Occasional tables, childrens toys & games, womens and mens dress clothes, Christmas items, dishes, weight set and more!

403 CRENSHAW DRIVE. Saturyday, April 2nd, 8am- 6pm. Furniture, appliances, electronics, computer equipment, household items and all size clothing.

2512 FANNIN, SATURDAY Only! 8-? Some furniture, household items, and a lot of nice stuff.

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

5001 POLO Parkway, Saturday only 8 am-1 pm. Four family sale, jewelry, dishes, books, 100's of cross stitch charts. Lots of everything!!!

■2104 CLUB DRIVE- 2 family garage sale. LOTS & lots of items! Boys clothes 10-14, girls clothes 5- 14, some men & womens clothes. Many household items! Cow collection, picture frames, toys, etc. Too much to mention! Saturday, 8:00- ?

2105 WOODLAWN- FRIDAY & Saturday, 8:00- 1:00. (West of "A" Street off Stanolind) Sofa and chair, TV stand, freezer, stroller/ car seat combo, baby clothes, baby and other miscellaneous items.

2600 MCCLINTIC, SATURDAY, 8-4P Only! chairs, dining table/ chairs, New king sizes mattress/ box springs, dresser, vacuum lamps, luggage, chandelier pictures, dishes, plus size clothing, wireless microphone, miscellaneous.

★2818 CIMMARON, Saturday 8 am-2 pm. Estate/ Garage sale, furniture, bikes, linens, toys, clothes for all, car seats, strollers, dishes, books, kid's CD's & videos. Much more!

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3401 SOUTH County Road 1223 1/2 #102. Saturday only 8 am-2 pm. A little bit of everything. Must see!

→NEW TODAY←

323 TANGLEWOOD- MIDLAND. Saturday, 9:00- 3:00. Inside moving sale! Appliances, furniture, books, kitchen items, collectibles, house- everything must go!

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Mark your Calendar for the SECOND ANNUAL
Trinity's Treasures Garage Sale
Trinity School
3500 W. Wadley
Friday, April 1st
Early bird sale from 3pm-6pm ($3.00 Entrance Fee)
Saturday, April 2nd- Open at 7am

We have a great selection of furniture, TV's, appliances, Art work, holiday items, linens, kitchen items, toys, computers, baby items, exercise equipment and clothes galore for the whole family.

You DON'T want to miss this huge event!!!

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1907 McDONALD- FRIDAY & Saturday. Desk, mirrors, etagere, hanging lights, outdoor five pole light, collectibles, womens 10-12 clothing.

3907 TANFORAN- (MOCKINGBIRD Heights) One Day Sale! Saturday only, 8:00-4:00. Lots of miscellaneous!

4534 Sinclair Ave. Apt #4102. Saturday only! 8a- 12p. Large china cabinet $900, french country chest of drawers $900, Baby Biz changing table $100.

✔5811 STERLING PLACE (west of Abell Junior High). Friday & Saturday, 8a- 1p. Moving sale. Exercise equipment, TV's, washer, dryer, refrigerator, kitchen, living room, office, patio furniture, bike and much more!

4001 TANFORAN. Friday only, 9A- ? Refrigerator, microwave, display cabinet, desks, wing recliner, and more!

4001 WESTMINISTER- SATURDAY, 8:00-2:00. Sofa and love seat, wooden desk and chair, bistro set, microwave cart, comforter sets, clothing, dishes, decorator items, lots more!

5503 DREXEL COURT- Massive Garage Sale! Baby stuff, clothes, furniture. Friday & Saturday, 8:00- 2:00.

✔4323 GREENBRIAR. Saturday, 8- 5. Clothes, shoes, purses, exercise equipment, Christmas decorations, some appliances and lots of miscellaneous items!

☛4706 W DENGAR, FRIDAY Only! 8-? Lane recliners, occasional chair, rocker, entertainment center, bar stools, end tables, tea cart, kitchen items, vacuums, 1988 GMC Van $2,500., miscellaneous and too much more to list. Cash Only!

❤5728 GRASSLAND BLVD. (ALLEY). Friday 9:30-2:00, Saturday Clearance 9-11. New in boxes: 3 and 9 light chandeliers, DVD player, Brass bath accessories, collectables, clothes, Italian tapestry, lamps, plants, pots, household, wood blinds. Cash Only!

6406 DRIFTWOOD DR. Saturday Only, April 2nd, 9:00am- 2pm. Computer stuff, golf stuff and more!

4201 DOWNING- (ACROSS from Parker Elementary) Three Family Sale! Saturday, 7:00. Trunks, clothes, sectional couch, bikes, tables, chairs, small appliances, country home decor, etc.

✖5708 GRASSLAND BLVD. Moving Sale. Saturday, 8- ? Color TV, vanity table, cradle, toddler bed, water dispenser & more junk.

❤ 3606 SHELL- Friday- Saturday 8:00am- 1:00pm. 3 Family sale. Lots of toys, clothes (all ages), shoes, bunk bed, swimming pool, southwestern decor, baby items, lots of miscellaneous.

3500 IMPERIAL AVE. Saturday only! 7:30a-2p. Sofa & love seat, new condition $450. Chain saw, many household items and much more! Cash only!

☛3505 CRESTMONT- Saturday, 8:00am. Cash only! Twin head and foot board, sofa, bikes, clothes- girls 10- 14, womens 16, mens L- XL, decorative items, housewares, Little Tikes, Game Cube & games, Yu-Gi-Oh cards, books and more!

★5210 LAVACA, Moving and Remodeling sale. Saturday 8 am-?. Tables, chairs, lamps, doors, fixtures, washer, dryer, cooktop, dishwasher, bedding, little tykes toys, exercise equipment, lots and lots of miscellaneous.

4204 CRESTWOOD, Saturday, Sunday only! 8-? Multiple Family Sale! Leather sofas, dining table/ chairs, lots of miscellaneous.

6100 ORIOLE, SATURDAY Only! 8-1. Two Family Sale! Washer, canister set household/ decor items, etc.

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ESTATE/ MOVING SALE
by Joseph and Team
4703 Preston Drive
(from W. Wadley to Mark St.
to Aspen to Preston)

All items in this house are super clean. Vintage and modern furniture combined. Drexel floral sofa and love seat, Drexel sofa table, 3 Curio cabinets, Sprague Carlton Harvest dining set, Beautiful rot maple bedroom suites, Sculptured pine bedroom suites, Mirrored pedestal, Quality vintage sunroom furniture-including glider sofa, Lead crystal lamp, Kenmore washer & dryer, Amana refrigerator, TV's, Housewares, Linens, Wall decor plus much more.

Please, no children!

Thursday 9-3, Friday 9-3
Saturday 9-?

3703 FAIRHAVEN. Saturday only. 8a- ? Clothes, smoker, home decor and miscellaneous.

5509 RIDGEMONT, SATURDAY Only! 8:00-1:00 Household, girls clothing (sizes 6-7), lots of miscellaneous. Cash only!

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

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GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20.50

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- ★ 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!

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The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon.
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Kathleen Tiner Retirement Sales
3537 Mercedes, Odessa
Thursday thru Saturday - 10 to 5

Kathleen is moving to Georgetown. This is a big inside and outside sale. House and 6 or more storage units. Miniature horses, harness, tack, blankets, antique bedroom suites, brass bed, coffee table, lingerie chest, filing cabinets, chest of drawers, small tables, 3 TV's, John Deere 22.12 tractor with blade, microwave and stand, refrigerator, freezer, washer/ dryer, 3 recliners, weedeater, lawnmower, lots of cookware, dishes and decorator items, linens, lace, fabric, & twin beds.

By Delora Kirby's Crew

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Super Seller !
15 words, 7 days, $10.50
Advertise your household item (priced under $350) with this Classified Special! Call **682-6222** for details...

320 Skilled Trades

DRILLERS CREW Car. 1982 Fleetwood in excellent condition. Good tires. Economic transportation. $2,800. Midland, (505)977-8515.

AMERICAN TRUCK & Equipment Painting is looking for experienced automotive/ industrial painters. Starting $10 to $13/ hour. Body work knowledge a plus. Call (432)756-3388 or apply in person at 3262 East I-20, Stanton, TX.

5+ YEARS experience in commercial/ residential construction: framers, interior, finish out. (432)889-2607.

HIRED

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: XXX W. XXXXXX Avenue or call (XXX)XXX-XXXX to set an appointment.

HOMES BY Whitaker is seeking a Qualified Trim Carpenter. Must be highly experienced in custom homes, crown moldings, stair cases, wood floors, etc., and have own tools. Call 697-7900 to schedule interview.

GOODSON SERVICE CO.,

Is now hiring experienced Retail Petroleum Technicians and experienced Maintenance Technicians.
for restaurant and convenience store equipment repairs. Fax resume or work history to 432-520-2814. Or come by office located at: 4612 Sinclair Avenue, in Midland, Texas.

MECHANIC
Service company now has opening for shop mechanic. Must be self motivated and supply own tools. Please apply in person at TCO Field Service, 3601 E. Highway 158, Midland, Texas.

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ELECTRONIC BENCH Technician- Must be able to read schematics Troubleshoot to component level, Possess solder and unsolder skills, Experience with pump off controllers is a plus. Salary DOE, Vacation, 401K, Health, EOE Email resumes to: mbasler555@hotmail.com Fax to: 432-697-0192

ASSISTANT MAINTENANCE/ Make Ready Person needed. Applicants should be experienced in all aspects of apartment maintenance. HVAC certification preferred but not required. Apply in person at Coventry Point Apartments, 3329 W. Wadley, Midland. EOE.

NEEDED IMMEDIATELY: Experienced electrician for gasoline plant with experience in troubleshooting 3 phase 480 Volt Service. Experience with motors a plus. Instrumentation experience helpful with 4-20 ma and pneumatic controls. Fax resume to (325)453-2109 or mail to WTG Jameson, L.P., 209 NE Railroad, Bronte, Texas 76933.

COMMERCIAL CONSTRUCTION Company Now hiring Concrete workers EXPERIENCED in all phases of concrete. Must have good transportation and willing to travel. Drug test and Pre-employment physical required. Apply at 2800 Windecker (Midland Airport) or call 638-2922 or 638-2920.

HIRED

XXXXXX: Equal Opportunity Employer; currently accepting applications for positions of laborers & roofers; starting pay for laborer- $7.00/ an hour; Drug testing required. APPLY IN PERSON: XXXXXXX- NO PHONE CALLS please.

DIESEL MECHANIC. Established, stable, oilfield dirt contractor needs mechanic to work on heavy equipment and Mack trucks. Experience preferred. Paid vacations, Insurance, 401K plan and safety bonus. New utility truck provided. Please call 432-684-6738 or 432-570-0049.

NOW HIRING Electronic/ Instrument Technician. Need knowledge of ac/ dc circuits. Knowledge of pneumatic circuits helpful. Good driving record required. Salary DOE. Local 50 year company. EOE. Send reply to Box J-5170 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

NOW HIRING Trailer Rigup Technician. Must have valid drivers license and good driving record. Knowledge of ac circuits and plumbing plus. Salary DOE. Local 50 year company. EOE. Send reply to Box J-5169 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

HIRING: Drivers, Class A CDL (tanker and hazmat), Belly Dump, Service Truck/ Serviceman. Salary DOE. EOE. Jones Bros. Dirt and Paving, 1401 S. Grandview, Odessa, TX. 79761

STATE LICENSED Journeymen and Apprentices. Apply in person, 8:00am to 5:00pm, Monday through Friday at 1701 N. Fairgrounds Road. 806-679-1890. Ask for Floyd Crow.

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LICENSED PLUMBER- Apprentices must have commercial experience. Top pay, local work. Please call 432-520-2134.

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321 Truck Drivers

GROWING MIDLAND-based oilfield services company has the following position available.

TRUCK DRIVER

Requires 1 year Oilfield Vacuum Truck Experience, valid Class A CDL, and good driving record. Apply at:

Basic Energy Services,
2324 FM 715
Midland, TX 79706
(432)682-7032
EOE M/ F/ D/ V

BASIC energy services

Drug Free Environment.

→NEW TODAY←
MIXER DRIVERS with six months experience start at $10.25. New mixer drivers start at $9.75 and increase to $10.25 after 6 months. $300 sign on after 90 days. Ready mix drivers needed in Midland. Full time position with Transit Mix Concrete & Materials Co., a leader in the ready mix industry in Texas. Full benefits package and new pay scale. 35 hours guarantee. Must have good driving record and CDL license. Experience a plus. Apply at Transit Mix Concrete: 2608 North F M 1788, Midland, TX. 432-561-8922 or 432-664-4155. Transit Mix Concrete is an EOE/ AA Employer.

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.

$1,000 SIGN ON
Bonus for experienced crude oil hauler. Local hauls based in Midland. (325)725-0955.

OWNER OPERATOR Needs Driver. CDL Class A, 2 years experience, flat bed, Texas and adjoining states home weekly. $500 sign on bonus. Call Gary Carlisle (432)694-0778.

TIRED OF the big company run around? Constant change in schedule? Do you have HAZMAT and Tanker endorsements? If so call 550-3000, if no answer leave message.

ADVANCED BACKHOE is looking for a backhoe operator with a CDL. 634-3800.

EXPERIENCED ARTICULATED forklift operator needed for field work. Need OTR experience, Class A CDL with good driving record. Must be able to pass DOT physical & drug test. Our equipment is new & in good condition. McClatchy Bros. Inc., 3901 W. Industrial, Midland, Texas. 694-9691.

DRIVERS WANTED. Oil field pipe experience necessary, clean driving record, CDL required. Please call (432)697-0015 for information.

Great Pay! Good Benefits!
A Great Career Opportunity. Now Hiring Drivers for: Pump Trucks, Transports, Vacuum Trucks. Requirements: Valid CDL, 21 years of age, Clean MVR. Must pass drug screen. No experience necessary. Call 432-756-2875. Apply in person at Key Energy, West I-20 South Service Road, Stanton, TX.

OVER THE ROAD flatbed driver. Must have clean CDL. Flexible schedule available. 689-2330.

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AGG DRIVER starting at $9.50 increased to $10.00 after six months. $300 sign-on bonus after 90 days. Aggregate Drivers needed in Midland. Full time position with Transit Mix Concrete & Materials Co., a leader in the ready mix industry in Texas. Full benefits pacake and pay scale. 35 hours guarantee. Must have good driving record and CDL license. Experience a plus. Apply at Transit Mix Concrete: 2608 North FM 1788, midland, TX. 432-561-8922 or 432-664-4155. Transit Mix Concrete is and EOE/ AA Employer.

→NEW TODAY←
CHEMICAL COMPANY seeks long haul driver for Midland Office. Must have clean driving record with Class A CDL license/hazard endorsement. Home most week-ends. Good salary and quick raises for right person. Benefits include medical/dental insurance and 401K retirement plan w/employer matching. Must be honest, dependable, drug free and have dependable transportation to and from work. Send reply to Box M-1028 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702

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Make the Right Decision to Move to the Meridian!
THE MERIDIAN
Take a tour today!!
4400 N. Holiday Hill Rd.
Midland, Texas 79707
432-699-7435

336 Adult Care Providers

DEPENDABLE EXPERIENCED CNA needs work. Long term desired, all considered. Please call 520-0169.

340 Child Care Needed

EXPERIENCED CHILD care needed in our home, part time. Contact (432)978-1235.

341 Child Care Providers

NEED TO have a sitter who can be flexible? Without charging extra? Or would you prefer a home environment? (432)770-2657

350 Business Opportunities

BE YOUR OWN boss. A 100K- 250K potential. 24 Hour message. 1-800-641-7909.
www.attainprosperity.com

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600 Rooms for Rent

ALL BILLS paid, furnished/ unfurnished. Nice decent and quiet. $175 monthly, students get discount. 432-967-0017.

605 Apartments Furnished

ALL BILLS Paid- Furnished one and two bedroom. Quiet down town complex. Must qualify credit check No HUD. To see call 682-3589.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

COME BY and inquire about our 1, 2 and 3 bedroom apartments. Silver Creek Apartments, 2438 Whitmire. 432-687-0053.

SAGEWOOD- Awesome 2 bedroom flat. 699-1693/ 520-7375.

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