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'Odd Couple II'

The idea of hiring jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau fresh from their successes as grumpy old men sounds promising, but ... /**1D**

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Tall City Relays

The Lee Lady Rebels won their fourth meet of the year and maybe sent a message — watch out for us./**1C**

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Storm victims begin cleanup

Denise Presley leads her daughter Jana, 11, past their overturned car as they survey damage Thursday. Jana was injured Wednesday night when a tornado struck ripped through one town after another just outside Birmingham.

AP Photo

By Jay Reeves
Associated Press

BIRMINGHAM, Ala. — Rescue crews went from one wrecked house to another and a helicopter with a sensor to detect body heat was flown in to help find the dead and alive Thursday after a tornado killed at least 32 people in Alabama.

Encouraged by finding a 9-month-old baby alive, Sheriff Jim Woodward said rescuers would continue looking for victims through the night until they were confident everyone was accounted for.

The tornado struck with winds up to 250 mph while many people in this Bible Belt area were at regular Wednesday night church services. Violent weather from the same storm system also killed five people in Georgia and one in Mississippi, for 38 deaths altogether.

In Alabama, nearly all of the dead were in small communities west of Birmingham, where some houses looked as if they had exploded. More than 40 people remained hospitalized, several of them in critical condition.

Gov. Fob James said 150 homes were destroyed and 300 heavily damaged. President Clinton declared parts of Alabama and Georgia disaster areas, clearing the way for federal aid.

"It's quite amazing, and I hope you all say a prayer for those folks tonight, and join with them in spirit as they rebuild," the president said during a visit to a high school in Carrollton, Ky.

Under the disaster declaration, the federal government will shoulder 75 percent of costs for removing debris and some other emer-

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A.M. BRIEFING

TODAY
Sunny with high in the 80s. Weather on 2A

AP Photo

Dow 9,000

Stock brokers trade handshakes as stocks regained their footing at the New York Stock Exchange Thursday. The Dow Jones industrial average made two forays above 9,000 before finishing 103 points higher at about 8,995.

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Starr ties

WASHINGTON — Brushing aside possible conflicts of interest, the Justice Department gave Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr the go-ahead Thursday to investigate allegations that a conservative foundation may have provided financial assistance to his star witness. Justice officials were looking at Starr's ties to the American Spectator foundation.

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Wynette funeral

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — A public memorial service for Tammy Wynette ended Thursday with Lorrie Morgan bringing a crowd of 1,500 to tears and then to its feet with a rendition of "Stand by Your Man," Wynette's signature tune. A large portrait of Wynette was center stage and a spotlight was fixed on it. Loretta Lynn was scheduled to perform but canceled at the last minute. Dolly Parton told the audience Lynn "was just so broke up she couldn't make it here."

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Rick López:

I don't know what's worse: being sick or parents giving the third-degree about being sick.

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Something to sneeze at

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

The blossoms of local mulberry trees are lovely to look at, but are responsible for one of the most troubling allergens of the season.

Pollen making life miserable for some Midlanders

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

With the blowing dust and early warm weather, Midland's spring allergy sufferers are taking nature's one-two punch to the nose a little harder this year.

Those suffering the worst runny noses, sneezing, watery eyes, wheezing and coughing over the last couple of weeks are likely to be victims of mulberry pollen allergies, according to local allergy specialists.

About 12 days ago, mulberry pollen counts "went through the roof," and remain very high, according to Dr. James Panuska, an associate with Dr. Stephen Wiesenfeld.

"Our counts are incredibly high ... we've never seen counts like this," Panuska said.

Whereas mulberry counts of 1,000 are considered high, Midland has been seeing counts as high as 13,000, Panuska said. This has tapered off a shade to just over 10,000, but this is still considered very high.

Panuska has received reports from near Las Vegas where record mulberry pollen counts of more than 30,000 have been seen, which he described as "unbelievable."

While mulberry pollen counts remain high, in the last three days or so, other trees have begun seeding the air with allergy-causing pollen, according to Mike Buss, a technician and allergy researcher with Dr. John Bray's Midland office.

Oaks, maples, elms — most of the city's trees are now taking advantage of the winds of spring to spread pollen throughout West Texas, and mesquite tree pollen is just starting to climb, Buss said.

Mesquite pollen is highly allergenic and those who suffer from this allergy should beware, as mesquites are likely to follow suit with higher than average annual pollen counts, according to Panuska.

And dust in the air is also affecting local allergy and asth-

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Arcade owners lose skirmish in 'eight-liner' fight

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

Local arcade owners who operated the amusement machines known as "eight-liners" lost another skirmish Thursday in the battle to stay in business.

District Judge George D. "Jody" Gilles denied a motion for an injunction against enforcement actions in a lawsuit filed by Growth Unlimited, an Iowa-based corporation that owns and leases the machines, and R.D. Lemmon, the owner of Tommy's Supermarket, who has 11 of the machines in his store.

The lawsuit named the city of Midland, the County of Midland, Sheriff Gary Painter, District Attorney Al Schorre and the Texas Department of Public Safety as defendants.

The lawsuit was later joined by the Emerald Forest Arcade and the Desert Rose Arcade, who became parties in the lawsuit as plaintiff-intervenors.

Gilles said in his decision, "The general rule is ... that courts of equity will not stop or enjoin law enforcement except under very limited circumstances."

Gilles said his court also lacked the jurisdiction to issue the injunction. "It is not proper for the court to decide whether this is legal or illegal."

Gilles said that in order for an injunction to be granted, the plaintiff's had to show "irreparable harm." He stated, "I cannot argue with the fact that the possibility of being arrested and taken to jail is traumatic, but I have yet to find a case that shows irreparable harm."

He said, "This court is not saying there is criminal activity going on — that is for another day and another court." Gilles added, "This court will leave it to a court sitting in a criminal jurisdiction to address this issue."

Lemmon told the Reporter-Telegram after the decision, "Of course, I am disappointed — naturally." He said he has made no decision yet about continuing the fight to be allowed to operate his eight-liners. "I haven't decided yet — I have to think about it a day or two.

"It is my own personal opinion that the law is vague," Lemmon said.

Jerry Alberetti, owner of Winner's Choice in Odessa, was in the courtroom throughout the two-day hearing. "I'm

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Homeless man's tale of life in ballet proves to be true

By Verena Dobnik
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Arthur Bell, a 71-year-old man, was found homeless and disoriented on a Brooklyn street last month, barely standing, his feet frozen. He told paramedics that he was once a ballet dancer in Paris.

"And they went, 'Yeah, yeah, yeah,'" recalled social worker Maria Mackin. Bell's medical chart, after all, noted possible signs of dementia.

But during the days that followed, Bell would tell Ms. Mackin tales of Paris and London, Frederick Ashton, Margot Fonteyn, Olga Preobrajenskaya, Katherine Dunham and James Baldwin.

"He started telling me things that only someone who was really in the dance world would know. And I thought, 'This is not dementia,'" said Ms. Mackin, who happened to have been a ballet photog-

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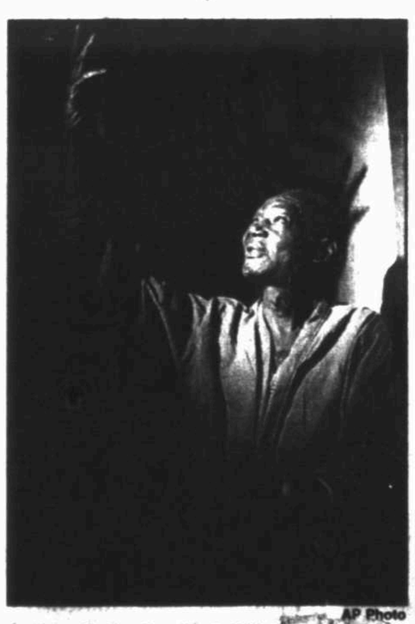

AP Photo

Arthur Bell, the first African-American dancer of the New York City Ballet, in Kings County Hospital in the Brooklyn borough of New York. He was found homeless on the New York City streets.

MISD officials guardedly hopeful about governor's education plan

By Richard Enos
Staff Writer

Midland Independent School District officials are cautiously optimistic about Gov. George Bush's call for $17.8 million more in teacher training to ensure that young people are better prepared for a growing Texas technology industry.

In a recent press conference, Bush announced the findings of a science and technology council he created. He said high school Advanced Placement (AP) courses are one answer to filling an estimated 140,000 more high-tech jobs by the year 2000.

The state currently has an estimated 772,000 Texans in the technology industry. In Midland, MISD officials wonder what impact the Bush proposal will have.

Ricardo Torres, MISD's executive director for secondary education, said the initiative apparently will move Texas high school honors programs away from an gifted and talented emphasis to reach more students with the college-level Advanced Placement courses.

MISD has three secondary course "tiers": gifted and talented, advanced and general. Gifted and talented targets 5 to 8 percent of student populations, while AP classes are open to more.

"He's trying to have that replace the gifted and talented (program)," Torres said. "I find it interesting that basically we're moving in the direction of the AP tests. The AP tests validate whether or not we're teaching the kids the curriculum that will prepare them for college and beyond."

The AP program is a cooperative effort backed by a national college board based in Princeton, N.J. Under the program, 50 percent of the nation's 21,000 high schools offer college level courses such as in computer science, government, economics, English, science and math.

Under MISD and many other districts' curriculum, students may obtain both

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today
Sunny
High 80
Low 48

Saturday
Windy
High 83
Low 52

Sunday
Partly cloudy
High 82
Low 50

Today is expected to be mostly sunny with a high near 80 degrees, according to the National Weather Service. Winds will be from the southeast at 10 to 20 mph and gusty this afternoon.

Tonight should be clear with a low around 50.

Saturday's forecast is for mostly sunny skies with a high between 80 and 85 degrees. Sunday's forecast is for partly cloudy skies and a high of 82.

Thursday's high was 77 degrees, compared with a record of 93 set in 1939. The low was 35, compared with a record low of 20 set in 1973.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall	0.00 in.
Rainfall	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.00 in.
Total for year	1.16 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

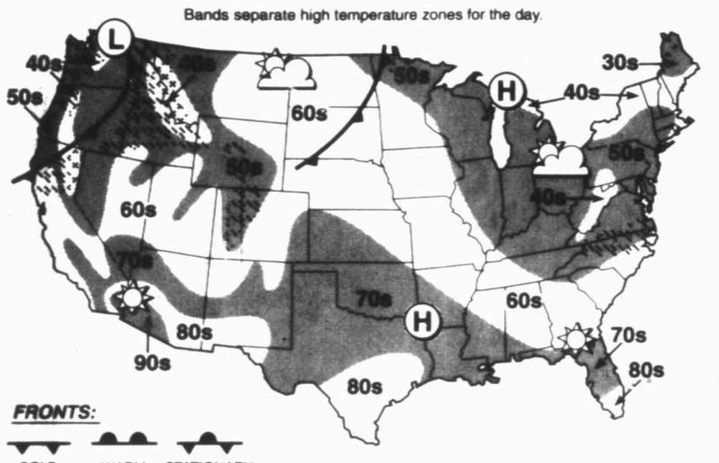
High	77
Low	35
Normal high	78
Normal low	47

Sunrise 7:26 a.m. Sunset 8:14 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Friday, April 10.

Bands separate high temperature zones for the day.



FRONTS: COLD WARM STATIONARY

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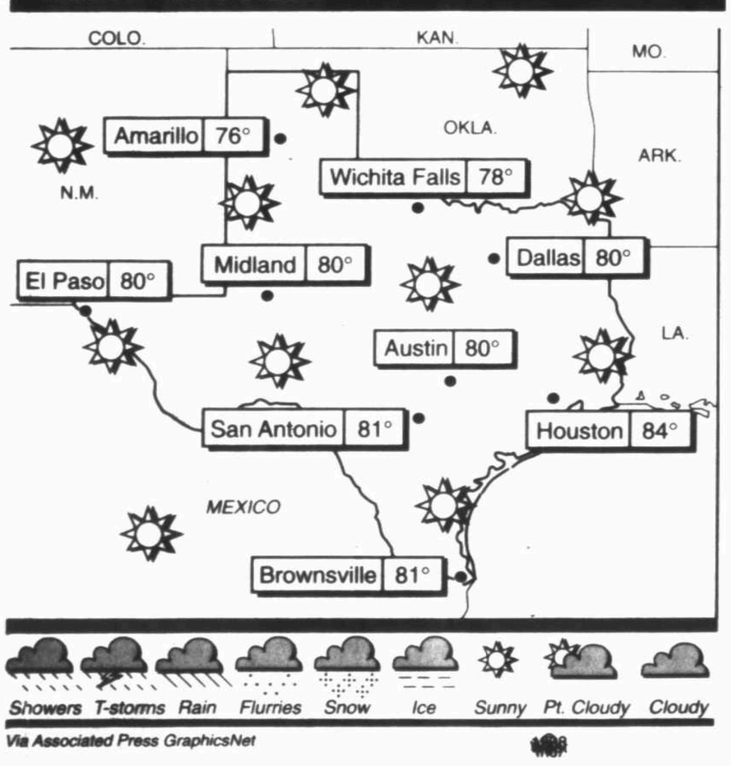
Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

Temperatures indicate previous day's high and overnight low to 8:33 p.m. EDT.

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y	50	44	15	cdy
Albuquerque	65	35	clr	
Anchorage	48	34	cdy	
Asheville	69	58	68	cdy
Atlanta	65	60	.64	cdy
Atlantic City	47	46	80	cdy
Baltimore	51	51	95	cdy
Billings	51	34	19	cdy
Birmingham	59	55	1.76	cdy
Bismarck	60	23	clr	
Boise	59	43	02	cdy
Boston	51	43	12	clr
Brownsville	82	58	clr	
Buffalo	45	43	27	clr
Burlington,Vt	50	35	clr	
Casper	54	26	13	cdy
Charleston,S.C	82	64	70	cdy
Charleston,W.Va	63	53	25	rn
Charlotte,N.C	78	63	2.15	cdy
Cheyenne	50	29	cdy	
Chicago	45	42	13	cdy
Cincinnati	53	50	92	cdy
Cleveland	50	46	82	cdy
Columbia,S.C	79	64	1.19	cdy
Columbus,Ohio	57	54	77	cdy
Concord,N.H	59	43	cdy	
Dayton	53	51	1.51	cdy
Denver	54	28	clr	
Des Moines	52	41	07	clr
Detroit	47	46	1.25	cdy
Duluth	44	33	cdy	
Evansville	50	50	94	cdy
Fairbanks	47	26	cdy	
Fargo	53	39	clr	
Flagstaff	58	21	clr	
Grand Rapids	50	42	08	clr
Great Falls	52	26	cdy	
Greensboro,N.C	75	60	56	cdy
Hartford Spgfld	54	39	25	clr
Helena	52	31	cdy	
Honolulu	80	72	10	cdy
Indianapolis	50	48	1.36	clr
Jackson,Miss	69	54	18	clr
Jacksonville	84	65	1.09	clr
Juneau	44	33	01	cdy
Kansas City	57	41	02	clr
Las Vegas	72	47		cdy
Little Rock	62	51		clr
Los Angeles	67	53		clr
Louisville	52	52	24	cdy
Memphis	56	51	05	cdy
Miami Beach	90	76		cdy
Milwaukee	43	38		clr
Mpls-St Paul	58	38		cdy
Nashville	55	52	10	cdy
New Orleans	75	56		clr
New York City	50	46	52	cdy
Norfolk,Va	77	64	32	cdy
North Platte	59	21		clr
Oklahoma City	65	42		clr
Omaha	57	41	11	cdy
Orlando	86	69		clr
Philadelphia	48	45	78	cdy
Phoenix	78	51		clr
Pittsburgh	64	51	49	cdy
Portland,Maine	53	39	cdy	
Portland,Ore	57	45	06	rn
Providence	53	42	08	clr
Raleigh-Durham	77	62	91	cdy
Rapid City	58	25	02	cdy
Reno	58	32	clr	
Richmond	72	59	1.04	cdy
Sacramento	66	48	01	rn
St Louis	47	45	02	cdy
Salt Lake City	54	40	01	cdy
San Diego	66	52	clr	
San Francisco	62	52	07	cdy
San Juan,P.R	85	75	cdy	
Santa Fe	60	24	clr	
St Ste Marie	55	33	clr	
Seattle	55	42	rn	
Shreveport	71	49	clr	
Sioux Falls	54	38	02	cdy
Spokane	54	33	rn	
Syracuse	50	40	04	clr
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	81	73	cdy	
Topeka	58	42	01	clr
Tucson	75	43	clr	
Tulsa	63	47	clr	
Washington,D.C	53	52	1.19	cdy
Wichita	61	41	clr	
Wilkes-Barre	44	42	98	cdy
Wilmington,Del	48	46	82	cdy

State forecast



Via Associated Press GraphicsNet

Texas temperatures

By The Associated Press
Thursday
Highest temperature last 12 hours, lowest past 18 hours and precipitation for 24 hours ending at 7 p.m. CDT:

	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Abilene	73	37	
Alice	86	53	
Amarillo	65	36	
Arlington	M	M	
Austin bergstrom	77	41	
Austin Mueller	78	55	
Beaumont	77	52	
Brownsville	82	58	
Burnet	75	49	
Childress	69	39	
College Station	75	45	
Conroe	75	46	
Corpus Christi	81	56	
Corsicana	73	44	
Cotulla	85	47	
Dalhart	65	31	
Dallas	72	47	
Del Rio	84	45	
Denton	72	40	
Dfw Airport	72	46	
El Paso	73	40	
Fort Stockton	80	40	
Fort Worth	71	44	
Galveston	78	63	
Harlingen	83	56	
Hondo	79	43	
Houston Hobby	79	56	
Houston Intrctnl	77	48	
Huntsville	74	47	
Junction	78	38	
Kingsville	84	53	
Laredo	84	57	
Lubbock	72	33	
Lufkin	74	44	
Marfa	73	25	
McAllen	86	56	
Midland	77	35	
Mineral Wells	74	39	
Navy Corpus	77	69	
New braunfels	80	49	
Palacios	79	53	
Paris	68	46	

STORMS: At least 38 dead in tornado's wake

(From 1A)

gency services. Temporary housing, low-interest loans and other aid will be available to people whose homes or businesses were lost or damaged.

Vice President Al Gore was to visit Alabama and Georgia Friday.

In the town of Rock Creek, the tornado hurled one victim into a tree and flung others across streets and yards. The house where Allison Brown and his wife, Hazel, spent most of their 89 years looked as if it had been blown up. They were found dead, together, two blocks away in a ditch.

"I hope it was quick," said Lynn Pappas, their daughter. "I hope they weren't afraid."

The twister ripped open trailer homes as well as houses with traditional foundations. Deb Helms and her two sons, Colby, 8, and Carson, 4, were killed while they hid in the basement of their Rock Creek home.

"It's supposed to be the safest place," said Leon Hyche, a relative. "The whole wall collapsed on them."

Rescue crews went from one devastated house to another and brought out tracking dogs to sniff out anyone dead or alive. The sheriff said a helicopter with a heat sensor was being flown in.

There was one joyous discovery Thursday, he said, when a 9-month-old baby missing throughout the night was found alive. The sheriff was unsure if the parents had survived.

In northern Mississippi, a 16-year-old boy was killed when a storm shattered the mobile home he was in. His sister and another girl had fled the home a short time earlier.

The storm system roared into Georgia early Thursday, with high winds and heavy rain and hail. Two people died in the Dunwoody area northeast of Atlanta, one when a tree fell on a house. Two hundred miles to the southeast, one death was reported at Fort Stewart, Ga. — that of a soldier working in the administration building. A woman and a 13-year-old girl were killed in a mobile home community just south of the base.

Throughout the particularly hard-hit Birmingham area, wooden homes were left in splinters, and brick houses were reduced to foundation rubble. Overturned cars and household furniture littered streets and yards. Fallen trees and power lines blocked roads.

The center of Rock Creek, the Rock Creek Church of God, was converted into a trauma center in the first hours after the tornado hit. The injured rested on pews as a cool breeze blew through the broken windows.

By morning, with the air crisp and skies sunny, diesel trucks from the power company rumbled along cluttered roads and chain saws buzzed as cleanup workers cleared streets. The pungent smell of fallen and freshly cut pine and oak trees filled the air.

The roadside debris included empty intravenous bottles and latex gloves of paramedics, evidence of the frantic rescue work of the long night.

Gary McGowan lost his home but counted himself among the blessed. As word of the approaching tornado spread, he ran from Calvary Baptist Church to his trailer, only to find that his wife and 3-year-old daughter had gone to her parents' home nearby. He ran inside, and they all sought shelter in a central hall.

"I laid over my wife and baby, and God laid over me," he said.

ALLERGIES: High pollen levels making lives miserable

(From 1A)

ma sufferers. Most noticeably elevated is the portion of dust particles that are less than 10 microns in diameter. This tiny "respirable particulate matter" is not easily filtered and collects in the lungs and airways, causing problems for those who are allergic to this dust, Buss said.

"Trees (pollen) are very high ... and dust is way, way up," said Buss, who collects samples locally and determines the components of airborne material for Dr. Bray's office.

Both at Bray's office and Wiesenfeld's office, the numbers of people seeking allergy and asthma relief are very high. "It always gets bad this time of year, but it's been very bad this year," one office worker said.

"We are putting out warnings," Panuska said.

Those suffering tree pollen and dust allergies should keep the windows of their homes closed and should drive with their vehicle windows up and the air conditioning set on "recirculate" so that outside air is not brought into the vehicle, Panuska said.

These people should not exercise outdoors and should avoid being outside especially in the mornings when pollen counts are higher.

"And they should avoid wind exposure — so I guess they'll have to move to Ohio," Panuska joked.

Those people with asthma who have been wheezing and coughing at night should see their doctors, Panuska said.

Those with uncontrollable eye and nasal symptoms should see their physicians as well, since alternate medications can be prescribed to battle this year's more severe allergy symptoms, he said.

Allergic reactions may involve any part of the body, but the most frequently involved are the nose and chest airways, resulting in hay fever, rhinitis or asthma, according to information from Pharmacia Diagnostics (1987) manual.

Allergy is a reaction to common substances that do not affect the entire population. After repeated exposure to these allergenic substances, the allergy sufferer develops a sensitivity that is usually related to the production of a special type of immune antibody called immunoglobulin E, or IgE.

The healthy individual has a very low level of IgE in the blood, while those with certain allergic conditions such as hay fever, allergic asthma and some forms of eczema have high levels of IgE, according to research compiled by the University of Illinois medical school.

When IgE antibodies are produced against an allergen, such as mulberry pollen, the IgE is activated by the presence of the pollen and attach to the surface of what are called mast cells. Once engaged by the IgE molecules, these cells release chemicals including histamine, which causes the swelling and mucous production of hay fever and, in susceptible people, the smooth muscle contraction that closes air passages and resulting asthma.

This is why antihistamine medications often alleviate allergy symptoms.

SKIRMISH: Arcade owners lose latest eight-liner battle

(From 1A)

shocked that someone has to be arrested and go to criminal court for this to be decided." Alberetti has voluntary closed his arcade business.

Robin Howell, an employee of Vegas Slots in Odessa, lamented the loss of her job to the crackdown on eight-liners. She was disappointed by Gilles's ruling. "It shocked me — I thought we pleaded a good case," she said. Ms. Howell, a single mother, has been unemployed for two weeks as a result of the arcade closing.

The arcade owners are contending that a 1995 amendment to the Texas Penal Code provided an exemption for certain amusement machines. That exemption made lawful certain amusement machines which otherwise would have been illegal as gambling devices under the Texas Penal Code.

The lawsuit states, "One of the machines which was made legal by the exemption was the amusement machine commonly known as an eight-liners."

A ruling by Texas Attorney General Dan Morales in late January of this year outlawed eight-liners by determining the exception to be unconstitutional.

The lawsuit contends that the plaintiffs invested a substantial amount of money to purchase or operate the amusement machines, prior to the ruling by Morales.

The arcade operators also spent additional money bringing their eight-liners into compliance with Texas law on payouts as requested by Midland District Attorney Al Schorre in late December of 1997 — prior to the Attorney General's ruling.

Arcade owners received a March 23, 1998, letter from Schorre advising them that the Texas Department of Public Safety would begin enforcement actions against the arcades.

David Lindemood, an attorney for the plaintiffs, argued that irreparable injury had occurred to his clients.

"The problem is the amount of money these people have invested as a result of the plain reading of this statute." He added, "These people are scared to death and rightfully so." He said that arcade owners faced possible bankruptcy and embarrassment because of the closings.

In his summation to the court, Leslie Vance of the Attorney General's office, told Gilles, "They (arcade owners) have not suffered — they have not been arrested — they shut down voluntarily."

Vance said, "What they really want is a free pass to conduct a clearly illegal business." He said the arcade owners "took a chance and started a business." He called the eight-liners "basically a slot machine without the arm on it."

Marshall Caskey, the Commander of Special Crimes Service with the Texas Department of Public Safety, told the court, "These are, by all indications, nice people," he said. "I would rather they unplug them than us have to arrest them."

Caskey testified he was told by a member of the Texas Legislature, "If they ever thought we were legalizing eight liners, we made a mistake. We never intended eight-liners to be legal."

Midland County Attorney Russell Malm said, "I am very pleased with the decision — frankly we did not feel the court had jurisdiction."

MISD: Guarded optimism greets Bush plan

(From 1A)

high school and college credit in AP courses by one of two different ways. The students may either take the high school course and enroll concurrently at a junior college, or they may take the course for high school credit and then pass an end-of-course AP exam for college credit.

The governor wants to see more Texas students taking AP classes and said the courses better prepare high school students for college.

His plan in part would spend about $18.7 million over two years to boost the number of Advanced Placement students from 34,000 to 100,000 and quadruple the number of AP teachers to 10,000, by 2002.

The $18.7 million will expand the AP program's bonuses and stipends to teachers to seek additional training in math and science.

"Texas wants to attract the high-tech, high-wage jobs of the 21st century and make sure our students and citizens are prepared for those jobs," Bush said.

Democratic Land Commissioner Garry Mauro, who's running against Bush for governor this year, said he supports Bush's ideas, but believes they don't go far enough.

"Until we pay qualified teachers enough to keep them in the classroom and until we build the classrooms we need to eliminate portable buildings and overcrowded classrooms, we aren't doing everything we can for Texas families," Mauro said.

Back in Midland, Torres said the governor's ideas are good ones in concept. The additional money could go toward deferring the cost of $75 to $90 per AP exam and train more teachers.

"There's no question that if we combine the science and math base for our kids, they will be more competitive for the science and math (jobs)," Torres said.

According to MISD business office figures, the district receives about $48.7 million in state aid this year. About $300,000 of that is targeted by the state for MISD's elementary gifted and talented program (honors).

But currently the state does not specifically target money for advanced high school curriculums. Districts can spend money on those programs from the rest of their state aid.

The Associated Press contributed to this report

BALLET: Pioneering black dancer found homeless

(From 1A)

rapher at one time. She also saw that Bell was "incredibly graceful ... slender, sleek."

The accuracy, the richness of detail and the clarity with which he spoke led her to the New York Library for the Performing Arts at Lincoln Center.

Bell's story checked out.

He had been a pioneering black ballet dancer. Though he was no star, he left his artistic mark on the 1940s and '50s, "when there was no place for African-Americans in classical ballet," said Madeleine Nichols, curator of the dance collection at the library.

Bell worked odd jobs after his dance career ended, but can't remember how he wound up on the street, where he had been living for months in the dead of winter. His last address was a men's shelter. He would have been sent back there had Ms. Mackin not intervened.

Now he's in a nursing home, recuperating from frostbite on his feet and legs. Slowly, he's learning to walk again with a cane. He uses a wheelchair most of the time.

"I convinced them that he needed a higher level of care," Ms. Mackin said. "I said, 'This is a guy who was a pioneer in the dance world. He's special, he's an important part of African-American culture. We should go out of our way to help him.'"

Before she became a social worker, Ms. Mackin was a photographer for Capezio, the dance shoe company. She took photos of dance greats such as Rudolf Nureyev and Bob Fosse.

When Bell was rescued off the street, "the very first thing I asked was, 'Do you have Medicare?'" Ms. Mackin recalled. "And he said, 'Oh, I'm not really sure. We didn't have to worry about these things when I lived in Paris and London, it's a different medical system.' And I thought, oh, this is a very sophisticated man. That was an awakening from my usual clients.

"I asked, 'What were you doing in Paris?'"

And his story began to unfold.

"I was absolutely thrilled," Ms. Mackin said. "I thought, oh my God, this is incredible, if this is true. And I really believed it was true and that the world had let this man slip through the cracks."

Bell speaks of dance with a lucid passion that awakens his frail, 5-foot-11 body. Sitting in a wrinkled bathrobe, he arches his long neck and uses his long fingers to punctuate his remarks with lively elegance. The muscles in his legs are still sculptured.

The eldest of a Florida preacher's nine children, Bell finished high school and got on a bus to New York. He quickly found a job in the garment district and started taking dance classes with Dunham.

He moved to Paris in the early '50s, where he said he lived in the same rooming house as Baldwin, the writer. He danced with the Ballets de la Tour Eiffel while studying with Preobrajenskaya, the retired Russian ballerina.

In 1950, Ashton, the great British choreographer, chose him as a guest soloist in the New York City Ballet's world premiere of "Illuminations."

Bell, who receives $400 a month in Social Security, is waiting for his Medicaid application to be processed and wants to move to "somewhere where I could be near the theater most of the time." He also wants to establish a scholarship fund for struggling young minority dancers.

Not being able to dance anymore doesn't trouble him, he said, "because when you love something, the love for it just goes beyond anything. Dancing is in my soul."

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Experts disappointed by Hashimoto's latest economic plan

TOKYO (AP) — Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto's highly touted tax cut amounts to only $340 in savings this year and next for the average household — not enough, economists say, to reverse Japan's economic slide.

Nonetheless, the stimulus package that Hashimoto detailed Thursday marked a politically embarrassing departure from his policy of cutting Japan's mammoth national debt. It received a cautious welcome in Washington, which has been urging aggressive measures to lift the Japanese economy.

The proposal calls for $30 billion in tax cuts over the next two years as part of $76 billion that would be pumped into the economy.

"I think that's peanuts," Sung Won Sohn, chief economist at Norwest Corp. in Minneapolis, said of the tax cut. "Consumers are likely to save rather than spend it because of pessimism" about the economy.

The United States and Asian leaders have insisted that Japan must move boldly so its consumers can buy more and help Asian neighbors out of their worst financial crisis in decades.

"We look forward to seeing the details later this month. What is crucial is that Japan move quickly to put in place a strong program," U.S. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin said.

Once foreign exchange trading started in New York, the Bank of Japan sought to add to the impact of the tax cut announcement by buying yen to prop up the currency's value. Rubin welcomed the intervention, but there weren't any indications the U.S. Federal Reserve was also trying to lift the yen.

Washington has been pressuring Japan to lift its economy without taking advantage of the weak yen to boost exports. While the pressure has irritated Japanese officials, Japanese business leaders have been pushing for changes to reverse a seven-year slump that has taken a heavy toll on consumer and business confidence.

Mom-and-pop stores are going bust. Middle-aged company workers, once confident that a job was forever, are finding themselves squeezed out of work as more and more businesses restructure to adapt to harsher economic times.

On Wednesday, the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development warned that Japan was on the brink of a recession and could expect its economy to shrink by 0.3 percent in 1998.

"Our economy is in a serious state" Hashimoto told reporters. "To respond to the strong wish of the people to make the economy better, I have decided to implement measures to restore trust in our nation's economy."

But analysts said the tax cuts were not enough to send people out buying.

Last year, Japan passed a one-time income tax cut of $15 billion. Experts criticized that plan, saying consumers would save the money rather than spend more.

"He made the same mistake again," said Shigenori Okazaki, an analyst at SBC Warburg.

One of the pillars of Hashimoto's agenda has been to put the country's finances in order by early in the next century. Thursday's move means he will have to abandon those plans, at least for now.

The policy U-turn could reinforce the image of an indecisive administration mired in the politics of compromise in a desperate attempt to reconcile the irreconcilable: balancing the budget and jump-starting growth.

Hashimoto's vague promise to lower Japan's corporate tax rate to "international levels" in the next three years also worried analysts. Senior members of the prime minister's own party had called for immediate corporate tax cuts to the U.S. and European rate of about 40 percent. They now are 46.35 percent.

Before Hashimoto spoke, the Tokyo Stock Exchange's main index climbed one percent, closing at 16,536.66, in anticipation of tax cuts.

Court orders U.S. authorities to stay execution of Paraguayan

THE HAGUE, Netherlands (AP) — The World Court intervened for the first time in a death penalty case Thursday, demanding that the United States spare the life of a Paraguayan facing execution in Virginia next week.

But it appeared unlikely that the legal lifeline thrown to Angel Francisco Breard — on death row for the 1992 murder and attempted rape of Ruth Dickie of Arlington, Va. — would reach across the Atlantic. U.S. officials have said previously that the World Court has no jurisdiction in this case.

The 15-judge World Court, the U.N.'s highest judicial body, has no enforcement powers and relies on countries to comply voluntarily with its decisions.

In Washington, reaction was muted.

"We are urgently exploring the legal effects of the court's order with the Department of Justice," State Department spokesman James P. Rubin said.

Paraguay went to the World Court, contending that the 32-year-old Breard was not informed of his right to assistance from Paraguayan consuls in the United States after his arrest for the slaying.

Paraguay appealed for a stay of execution, claiming that the failure by Virginia's law enforcement authorities to tell Breard he had the right to such assistance violated the 1963 Vienna convention, an international treaty that provides for consular help for people who get in trouble on other countries.

U.S. authorities do not deny the mistake, but say they apologized to Paraguay for the oversight and claim the lack of consular help had no bearing on the trial's outcome.

Paraguay says its consular officials would have advised Breard to accept a pretrial plea bargain in which he could have pleaded guilty in return for a life sentence. U.S. authorities deny that such an offer was made.

Thursday's ruling means the court believes there is a treaty-based dispute between the two nations and that Breard should not be executed until that dispute is settled. It did not address the legality of Virginia's use of the death penalty.

"The court orders the United States to take all measures at its disposal to ensure that Angel Francisco Breard is not executed pending the final decision of the court," Vice President Christopher Weeramantry said, reading the World Court's unanimous decision.

Virginia's authorities played down the ruling, saying Breard was clearly guilty and deserved to die by lethal injection Tuesday.

David Botins, a spokesman for Virginia state Attorney General Mark Earley, said the state's attention remained on the stay petitions that have been filed before the U.S. Supreme Court.

"Virginia opposes a stay being granted," Botins said. "We must not forget that Breard's guilt is not in question. Our thoughts and prayers need to be with the family of the victim at this time,"

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Paraguay's representative at the World Court, Manuel Caceres, called Thursday's decision "a vindication of international law" and planned to telephone Breard in prison to tell him the news.

U.S. officials left court declining to comment on the decision.

In January, a U.S. federal appeals court dismissed a lawsuit Paraguay had filed against Virginia, saying the Constitution prohibits foreign governments from suing states.

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Israeli Jews scramble to finish Passover preparations

A branch manager at a kosher McDonald's in the Jerusalem suburb of Mevaseret Tsion hung up a special kosher-for-passover menu: Chicken McNuggets fried in matza flour and burgers on matza meal buns.

JERUSALEM (AP) — The frantic hum of vacuum cleaners filled the air Thursday and observant Jews lined up to dip their pots and pans into vats of boiling water as Israel got ready for the Passover holiday.

In Jerusalem's twisting streets, garbage bins overflowed and merchants rang up steady sales of cleaning supplies — testifying that residents were scouring their homes for any traces of the leavened food forbidden during Passover. The weeklong holiday starts Friday evening.

Tsivia Mizrahi, 58, stood next to a pile of pots and pans in her tiny, scrubbed-down kitchen and proudly showed off the stove she had taken apart to clean.

"We work for a month to prepare for a seven-day holiday. The house is upside-down," she said, waving a rubber-gloved hand toward buckets of soapy water and displaced furniture.

Her sister Esther, ready for battle in rubber boots and a work apron, apologized for being too busy to talk.

"Come back next week. Then we can relax and have a cup of coffee," she said, gently shooing a reporter out the door with her broom.

Passover celebrates the exodus of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. Observant Jews abstain from yeast products, including bread and beer, to commemorate the hasty departure of the Israelites, who tradition says had no time to let their bread rise before leaving Egypt.

Jews traditionally do a thorough housecleaning before Passover to make sure no "hametz," or yeast products, remain.

In the ultra-Orthodox neighborhood of Mea Shearim, residents lined up to dip their kitchen utensils into vats of boiling water to "kosherize" them for Passover.

Avi Horowitz, a 19-year-old yeshiva student in sunglasses and blond side locks, worked from 8 a.m. to 10 p.m. all week plunging pots, pans, silver, and even steel wool sponges into the vats.

"We do it this so people will have really kosher utensils for Passover," Horowitz said, his cheeks flushed pink from the heat of the water. "I don't do it for the money, but because it's a mitzvah."

One religious man, with a gray-speckled red beard and black hat, said he was making his 10th and final run to the vats this week.

"This is what God wants us to do," he said.

Under the watchful gaze of an inspector from Israel's rabbinic authority, the staff at a kosher McDonalds in the Jerusalem suburb of Mevaseret Tsion left no french fryer, grill or hamburger flipper unturned Thursday.

"Clean this again," ordered Yuval Adi, 23, the inspector, sticking his fingers into the Chicken McNugget fryer and finding tiny bits of dried food stuck in a crevice.

Standing on a ladder, the branch manager hung up a special kosher-for-Passover menu: Chicken McNuggets fried in matza flour and burgers on matza meal buns.

"What's important is that every Jew will now be able to eat here," said Rabbi Yaakov Cohen.

A Jerusalem branch of Bonkers Bagels did brisk business before closing for the holiday.

"We're really busy today," said manager Tali Bach. "People are trying to eat as many bagels while they still can."

Pontiff leads Holy Thursday foot-washing

ROME (AP) — Stressing that the powerful must also be humble, Pope John Paul II led a Holy Thursday foot-washing ceremony in the splendor of a Rome basilica and took up a collection to buy medicine for Cubans.

"To reign means to serve," John Paul said in his homily in St. John's Lateran Basilica, urging the faithful to have "an attitude of humble openness toward the neediest."

Dressed in white cassocks, 12 acolytes, or assistants for the liturgical service, fanned out through the fourth-century basilica, which serves as Rome's cathedral, to collect money to buy the medicine. The decision to donate the money raised grew out of the pope's historic visit to Cuba in January.

John Paul bent over and poured water on one foot left bare by each of 12 priests seated on a platform. The pope dried the feet with a few dabs of a white cloth and then kissed the feet.

The ceremony reenacts Jesus' washing of his disciples' feet before the Last Supper, a sign of his servitude and sacrifice for all mankind.

Similar scenes played out at churches throughout Jerusalem on the Thursday before Easter.

At the Church of the Holy Sepulcher, the traditional site of Jesus' crucifixion, burial and resurrection, tourists and nuns in white habits watched as the Latin Patriarch conducted the ritual ceremony.

Dozens of priests in white robes surrounded the patriarch, Michel Sabbah, as he read Mass in Latin, punctuated by the crowd's singing.

Sabbah knelt before 12 young seminarians, wiping their feet with cloths from a silver platter, wetted from a large silver bowl that took two people to carry.

As the procession came to an end, smiling pilgrims wiped tears from their eyes. One young woman was so moved she got down on her knees and prayed.

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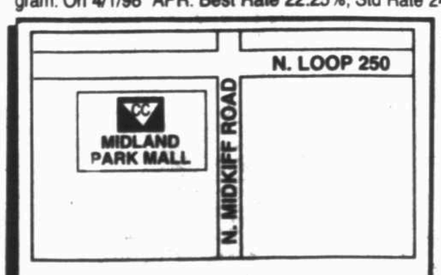

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Disagreement 'not an option' in peace talks

BELFAST, Northern Ireland (AP) — In danger of missing a deadline for a Northern Ireland peace plan, two prime ministers, a former U.S. senator and the province's key politicians said Thursday they would "shoot out the clocks" and work overtime.

Prospects for success rose and fell as swiftly as the day's rapidly changing weather — blazing spring sunshine one moment, gray skies spouting sleet the next.

The leaders of the eight participating parties emphasized that nobody wanted to waste the momentum created by the talks chairman's call for a peace settlement by midnight Thursday.

"We might have to shoot out the clocks at five minutes to midnight, but we'll get there," said David Ervine, who leads a party linked with a pro-British Protestant paramilitary group, the Ulster Volunteer Force. "The gap is bridgeable. We have a decent chance of an agreement."

Northern Ireland's bloody history has been littered with failed political initiatives ever since the rise of street confrontations between Catholic protesters and Protestant authorities in the late 1960s.

But even success in these talks would not mean a certain end to the shooting and bombing campaigns waged sporadically by groups on both side of the political divide.

Past truces always have provoked damaging splits between pragmatists and those determined to carry on "armed struggle" to the end against Britain and the north's dwindling pro-British Protestant majority.

The marathon deliberations kept the prime ministers of Britain and Ireland, Tony Blair and Bertie Ahern, effectively hostage, since both men pledged to stay involved until a deal was reached — or fell through.

"We have to prepare ourselves for the possibility that we may not be able to reconcile our differences," warned Gary McMichael, whose Ulster Democratic Party represents the biggest pro-British paramilitary group, the outlawed Ulster Defense Association.

But Ervine said that wasn't an option.

"To walk away from here would mark the destruction of a lot of political careers," he said.

One party did dramatically depart Castle Buildings, the drab brown office in east Belfast where the search for a compromise way to govern Northern Ireland began in June 1996.

The Ulster Unionists, the pro-British Protestant party considered most central to an agreement, left for their headquarters to present the emerging shape of an agreement to the group's 110-member executive committee.

A handful of Protestant hardliners picketed the entrance, but inside Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble received a standing ovation before the news media was barred.

Most parties said substantial progress was made Thursday on a key plank of any settlement — the structure and powers to be wielded by a cross-border council of lawmakers linking Northern Ireland with the Irish Republic.

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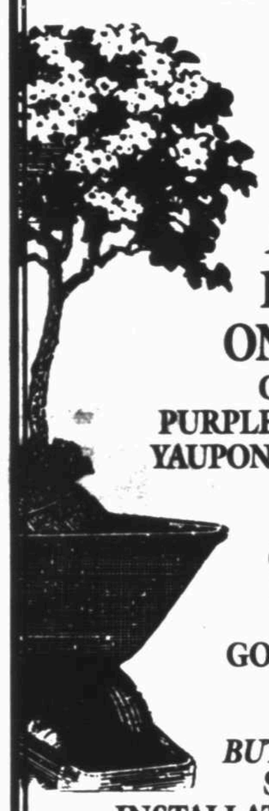

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150 die in stampede to 'stone the devil' at Mecca pilgrimage

MECCA, Saudi Arabia (AP) — Muslims rushing to fulfill a ritual known as "stoning the devil" set off a huge stampede Thursday that reportedly killed 150 pilgrims, most of them elderly, on the last day of the annual pilgrimage known as the hajj.

Some of the victims had sat down to rest on an elevated walkway in the 100-degree heat while waiting to move toward the site for the ritual. They were trampled from behind by fellow pilgrims when word came that the group could move. Others were knocked off the walkway and fell 17 feet to their deaths.

"If security forces had not intervened to stop the rush, thousands of pilgrims would have died," a Mecca police official said on condition of anonymity.

A doctor who saw the stampede told The Associated Press that as many as 600,000 pilgrims were waiting for police to open the walkway so they could cast their stones. Another doctor said an elderly Moroccan woman was trampled so heavily that her head was crushed.

There was no estimate of the number of injuries, which doctors said included cuts and broken bones. Police and doctors said those killed were from Malaysia, Indonesia, India, Pakistan and the Mideast.

The stampede took place in the desert plain at Mina, about three miles from Mecca. To shield themselves from the sun, pilgrims had covered their heads with towels or carried umbrellas, some inscribed with the phrase "God is great."

Ambulances rushed to the scene, and Saudi television showed soldiers carrying a body out on a stretcher. One soldier was trying to revive another casualty whose face was covered by an oxygen mask. Another offered water to an elderly man, who grabbed the bottle with a trembling hand.

It was the latest tragedy to befall the hajj, which has been bloodied by other stampedes, fires and political protests that turned violent.

Saudi Arabia has invested millions to improve security for the increasing number of Muslims who make the pilgrimage. The hajj is required of all Muslims at least once in a lifetime if they can afford it, and some 2.3 million are in Mecca this year.

The pilgrims were preparing for a ritual known as "stoning the devil," in which they hurl pebbles at three pillars symbolizing the temptations of Satan. Saudi officials say Asian Muslims tend not to believe in a symbolic throw and rush to get close enough for their pebbles to strike the pillars.

Saudi officials said on condition of anonymity that the death toll was more than 150. The official Saudi Press Agency said 107 died.

Last year, fires driven by high winds tore through a sprawling, overcrowded tent city at Mina, trapping and killing more than 340 pilgrims and injuring 1,500.

In 1994, 270 pilgrims, most of them Indonesians, were killed in a similar stampede during the stoning of the devil ritual.

In the hajj's worst tragedy, 1,426 pilgrims, many of them Malaysians, Indonesian and Pakistanis, were killed in 1990 in a stampede in an overcrowded pedestrian tunnel leading to holy sites in Mecca.

The number of persons making the hajj has multiplied many times over in recent decades, taxing facilities to the limit.

Before World War II, when most pilgrims still came by desert caravan, the number at the hajj was a few as 10,000. Buses and airplanes — as well as rising wealth in the Muslim world — have enabled millions to converge on Mecca for the pilgrimage.

The Saudis have sought to limit the crowds. Since 1987, they have enforced a quota that allows just 0.1 percent of each country's Muslim population to make the hajj. Some Muslims complain they must wait for years for permits.

Thousands of Saudi police are assigned to guard the pilgrimage routes and scores of government volunteers move with the pilgrims to assist them.

Saudi authorities set up 6,000 hospital beds this year and called in more than 10,00 doctors to attend to the sick. Dozens of first aid workers rode motorbikes to provide emergency help.

Before the stampede, helicopters had been circling Mina to try to spot pilgrims overcome by the heat. Workers threw small bags of chilled water from trucks to those making their way to the pillars.

Eighty-two dead in Chinese mine explosions, fires

BEIJING (AP) — Explosions and fires in three Chinese coal mines, two of them unlicensed, have killed 82 people and injured 48 others, Chinese media reported Thursday.

The Xinhua News Agency said 21 people were killed April 2 in a mine in Hebi city in central Henan province, 300 miles south of Beijing. The next day, fires in a privately owned mine killed 14 people and injured 37, it said.

And a mine explosion early Monday killed 47 people and injured 11 in Pingdingshan city, also in Henan, it said.

Two of the three mines had no license and the third did not have proper certification, Xinhua said.

Chinese mines have been plagued by lax safety, despite repeated official efforts to reduce accidents. Coal mines have the nation's worst industrial safety record, with thousands of deaths each year from cave-ins, fires, flooding and explosions.

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Rome's new streetcar named disaster for some passengers

ROME (AP) — Already packed, the No. 8 streetcar pulled up to the stop to take on another mass of grumbling Romans steeling themselves for another harried ride.

With the exception of fondlers and pickpockets, Rome's gift to the new millennium has few fans.

"Air, I need air," were Barbara Guzek's first words as she dodged a male passenger's groping hand and fought her way out to Viale Trastevere, a main street that slices through the working-class Trastevere neighborhood.

The new electric streetcar service was supposed to give Romans a rapid, gliding ride between poorly served outlying neighborhoods and the capital's historic heart.

But since the trolley's debut March 23, it has been dogged by frequent breakdowns, slower-than-promised runs and long waits for the next, jammed tram.

The No. 8 is a "trip inside the belly of a shark that for some days has been terrifying the Roman people and provoking annoyances, rebellions, petitions, ticket-strikes, threats of roadblocks and appeals," wrote Giuliano Zincone, a columnist for the Milan daily Corriere della Sera.

Romans were already miserable enough dodging construction holes and detours while the city races to get ready for 2000, when 25 million extra tourists are expected for millennium and Holy Year celebrations.

Counting her 10-minute wait for the trolley, which is supposed to come every three minutes, the five minutes aboard and the 80 cent-fare, Guzek calculated she would have been better off walking the 1-mile stretch she traveled.

"I'd like to say that I won't take it again, but I'm afraid I'll have to sometimes," Guzek said. She and tens of thousands of others in Rome don't have much choice.

Overnight, a dozen heavily used bus lines disappeared or became longer, contorted routes, and taxis lost their preferential lane to make way for the trolley lane and tracks.

The trolley was supposed to be faster than buses. But that backfired when "intelligent" traffic signals proved pretty dumb, and occasional accidents paralyzed the system for up to an hour at a time.

"They should have waited to cancel all those bus runs," complained Renato Rocca. "The trams are so crowded that I let three or four go by before I hop on."

The trolley's downtown terminus is Largo Argentina, near where Julius Caeser was believed to have been stabbed. It now is an obstacle course, where passengers dare cars and some of Rome's 600,000 zooming motorbikes, which have no respect for white-striped pedestrian walkways.

Rocca, a court clerk traveling during one of Rome's four rush hours — many of the 3 million Romans go home for lunch — ventured that anything new in the Eternal City draws criticism.

"Change just isn't in the Roman mentality," Rocca said.

But some have grudging words of approval.

'If nothing else, it's doesn't pollute like the (diesel) buses," said Anna D'Alessandra, riding the trolley to the Education Ministry.

Mario Di Carlo, chairman of Rome's transit authority, said as soon as bigger trolley cars are delivered, passenger capacity will increase 60-70 percent.

Meanwhile, the right-wing opposition has made the streetcar a rallying cry. Luckily for Mayor Francesco Rutelli, he's in the last of his two terms as Rome's first elected mayor.

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U.N. report: Iraq continues to hide weapons

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Iraq continues to conceal the scope of its biological weapons program and has failed to account for the missiles that can deliver the deadly agents, a U.N. report said Thursday.

The report criticized Iraq for failing to provide any new detailed information. It also said Iraq's disclosures of its weapons and missile capability and its claim that its biological program was destroyed in 1991 were "incomplete and inadequate."

The findings come as the chief U.N. weapons inspector, Richard Butler, completes a six-month review of Iraqi cooperation on inspections, including the recent visits to so-called presidential sites that Baghdad had previously declared off-limits.

Thursday's document covered the result of meetings on biological weapons and missiles between U.N. experts and their Iraqi counterparts in Vienna, Austria, from March 20-27.

The report was particularly critical of Iraq's attitude going into the Vienna Technical Evaluation meeting, noting that Baghdad didn't send qualified experts.

"They did not grasp the opportunity offered. The attitude of Iraq ... toward the discussions was disappointing and shows no change since 1995," the report said.

U.N. weapons inspectors must certify that Iraq has destroyed its long-range missiles and biological, chemical and nuclear weapons before the Security Council will lift crippling economic sanctions imposed after Iraq invaded Kuwait in 1990 and touched off the 1991 Persian Gulf War.

In the report, U.N. inspectors made extensive references to a report Iraq issued in September which was billed as Baghdad's "full, final and complete" assessment of its weapons programs. The U.N. said the report "contains major mistakes, inconsistencies and gaps in information."

Specifically, the U.N. document dismissed Baghdad's description of its production ability for deadly biological agent aflatoxin, calling the account "implausible."

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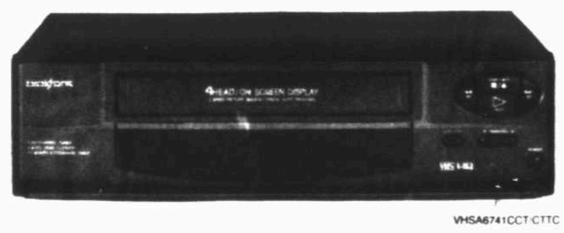

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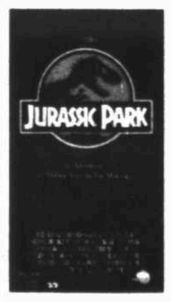

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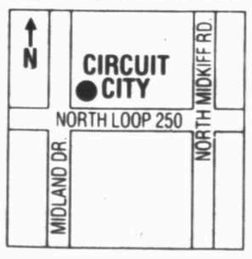

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U.S. would assist in efforts to arrest and try Pol Pot

WASHINGTON (AP) — The United States has assured Thailand and other countries it would assist in any effort to arrest and try Pol Pot, the Khmer Rouge leader accused of overseeing the slaughter of as many as 2 million Cambodians between 1975 and 1979.

"We are prepared to support and work to implement a variety of options," Attorney General Janet Reno said Thursday. A White House spokeswoman, Ann Luzatto, expressed support for any international effort that brings Pol Pot to justice.

Reno declined to say whether there has been or would be any U.S. indictment of Pol Pot, who is being held by a Khmer Rouge faction in Cambodia near the Thai border.

"If there was a situation in which we had to, in an appropriate circumstance, take custody, the Department of Justice would do so," Reno said in response to reporters' questions.

She said the Justice Department was working with the State Department and the National Security Council on the Pol Pot situation.

At the White House, Luzatto said "we think he should be held accountable for the atrocities" committed in Cambodia. "We are supportive of international efforts to have him held to account for the atrocities. We are prepared to support any kind of international effort to bring that about," she said.

While the remnants of the ruthless radical group that ruled the country are in hiding in the Cambodian jungle, a Thai military officer said Pol Pot could be captured if he crossed into Thailand — and if the United States guaranteed to fly him immediately to another country.

Traveling in Kentucky with President Clinton, the White House spokesman, Mike McCurry, said he was "not aware we are in any position at this point to bring him to justice."

Asked whether there might be an inclination to be lenient with Pol Pot because he is in his 70s and in failing health, McCurry said, "This is one of history's biggest mass murderers."

There would be no mercy for the Khmer Rouge leader "given the injustices in Cambodia" during his reign, the spokesman said.

Vietnam invaded the neighboring country in 1979 and displaced the Khmer Rouge, which retreated into guerrilla warfare. Last year, Pol Pot lost a power struggle with other Khmer Rouge officials, and was placed under arrest in the jungle for killing a rival and his relatives.

James P. Rubin, the State Department spokesman, said other senior Khmer Rouge officials "should be held to account" as well.

Rubin declined to provide details of U.S. discussions with other governments.

The New York Times reported, meanwhile, that Clinton had ordered various U.S. government agencies to develop plans for Pol Pot's arrest and trial. White House and State Department officials said they could not confirm that Clinton had intervened.

One of the officials said the United States had discussed the issue of detaining Pol Pot for trial with many governments over several years "and made it clear we are prepared to support and work to implement a variety of options should Pol Pot and others become accessible to the international community."

Small plane gets stuck in power lines; rescued four hours later

SEATTLE (AP) — Mike Warren got hung up on his way to work Thursday.

Warren, who commutes to work by air, got his small plane tangled in power lines and dangled upside-down by one wheel, 60 feet above a highway, for nearly four hours before firefighters in a cherry-picker brought him down.

Warren, 47, was whisked away by paramedics for tests at Harborview Medical Center but apparently was none the worse for his ordeal, said hospital spokeswoman Pam Love.

His pride may be hurt, though.

Friends who caught his high-wire act on TV said Warren is an expert pilot.

"Mike would never had put himself in situation like that," Bill Ammirata told KIRO-TV. "I don't know what happened to him there — a power failure or something. He knows that airport like the back of his hand."

Warren, a crane operator, got hung up while trying to land at Boeing Field just south of Seattle after his commute across Puget Sound from Apex Airport near his home of Silverdale. The aircraft hung there like a model airplane hung in a dogfight position from the ceiling of a boy's bedroom.

Crane operators retrieved Warren's Cessna 150L shortly after his rescue, setting the 1,300-pound plane down on its landing gear.

"He was more concerned about his airplane than he was about himself," said Tukwila Fire Lt. Dave Ewing. "He's a lucky man," Ewing said, adding that the rescue "was a fun one to do."

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Japan intervenes in U.S. currency market to prop up weak yen

WASHINGTON (AP) — With the Clinton administration's strong endorsement, Japan intervened in U.S. foreign exchange markets Thursday to prevent the faltering yen from further destabilizing Asia and adding to an already growing American trade deficit.

Taking currency traders by surprise on a morning of light, pre-holiday trading, the Bank of Japan purchased yen by selling between $1 billion and $2 billion in what Japanese Finance Minister Hikaru Matsunaga characterized as "a decisive action."

The reaction was immediate and sharp. The dollar's value — which had hit a 6 1/2-year high of 135.2 yen on April 3 — plunged from 133.6 yen to 129.5 yen before recovering to 131 yen by late afternoon.

Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin, in a statement released just as traders began hearing of the intervention, said the United States shared Japan's concern about the yen's weakness.

"We welcome the action undertaken by Japanese authorities in the exchange market to support the value of the yen," he said.

A senior Treasury official, speaking later on condition of anonymity, said U.S. foreign exchange policy hadn't changed. But economists said they detected a clear shift.

"The fact that Rubin is coming out and sanctioning the intervention suggests we are no longer espousing a strong dollar," said economist Earl I. Johnson of the Bank of Montreal.

A strong dollar helps to restrain inflation in the United States by keeping a lid on import prices. Indeed, prices paid to U.S. producers fell 0.3 percent in March, the sixth consecutive month without an increase.

However, it also makes U.S. goods more expensive on overseas shelves and, by hurting export sales, can slow the U.S. economy. In January, the U.S. trade deficit in goods and services hit a record $12 billion.

After the dollar hit a low of 83.7 yen in April 1995, U.S. authorities took every opportunity to drive it higher. By February 1997, with the dollar at 122.8 yen, Rubin signaled the dollar was strong enough and it sank to 110.6 yen two months later.

Analysts took the latest statement as a signal the administration wouldn't be bothered by a modest decline in the greenback, which before the intervention had risen roughly 60 percent against the yen over three years.

Still, Rubin was by no means inviting a precipitous drop. Otherwise, the United States would have spent its own money to intervene instead of merely applauding Japan's expenditure, they said. The United States hasn't itself intervened since August 1995.

"This is a clear signal that Japan and the United States want a lower dollar and stronger yen," said economist Allen Sinai of Primark Decision Economic. "But I doubt this action is designed to send the dollar way down. ... It's probably designed to keep the dollar in the range of 130 yen."

Matsunaga, in announcing Japan's New York intervention from Tokyo, cited the need to avoid increasing Japan's surplus, which is a problem not only for the United States but for shaky Asian economies from Korea to Thailand to Indonesia. A devaluation in the yen would put further pressure on their fragile currencies.

"We're not that worried (in the United States) about Japanese competition right now," said economist Robert Dederick of Northern Trust Co. in Chicago. "But the thought has been the weak yen would make it more difficult for other East Asian officials to invigorate their economies."

Detroit City Council approves casino plan

DETROIT (AP) — The City Council approved a $1.8 billion plan Thursday to make Detroit the largest city in the country with casino gambling, despite complaints that blacks were shut out of the project.

The plan to build three casinos in a warehouse district east of downtown on the Detroit River now goes to the Michigan Gaming Control Board for review.

"We're obviously very happy and very pleased," said Herb Strather, chairman of Atwater group, a partnership that includes Las Vegas-based Circus Circus, which won one of the three casino franchises.

The other two went to MGM Grand and Greektown/Chippewa Indians.

Mayor Dennis Archer pushed the project as a way to revitalize the city's slumping economy, but was criticized after none of the three franchises were awarded to blacks in a city that is 80 percent black.

Archer countered by saying blacks had stakes in all three casino groups and would benefit from the creation of 11,000 permanent full-time jobs and the infusion of $180 million in taxes a year that will go to fighting crime and supporting schools.

Don Barden, a black businessman whose proposal was rejected by Archer, emphasized the state still must approve the casinos.

"This is not over yet," Barden said. "This is just a first phase. We could be back to square one in a number of months."

Archer also came under fire for moving the proposed casino site from the central business district to an area along the Detroit River a few miles away. Archer said the new area was the only viable site.

Council member Nicholas Hood III voted against the casinos because of their location.

"It doesn't have any economic spinoff for the downtown," he said of the riverfront site.

Some residents disagreed.

"It truly is the right thing for the city," said Brian McDonald, manager of the Soup Kitchen Saloon in the riverfront district. "It will bring a lot of revenue and physical improvements."

Archer did not immediately comment on the vote. He had an evening news conference scheduled.

"This is great news for Detroit," said his spokesman, Greg Bowens. "Detroit can move forward now with some significant development and we have just now entered into the international marketing scene."

Archer had given the council a Friday deadline to pass the plan or risk torpedoing the project. He had said a failure to act this week would endanger financing and embolden casino opponents statewide.

The council Thursday approved the Greektown/Chippewa Indians and Circus Circus proposals by 6-3 votes. The MGM Grand proposal passed 5-4.

Another Archer spokesman, Anthony Neely, has said that the state gaming board could act within four to six months, paving the way for temporary casinos to open by the end of the year or the beginning of 1999. Permanent casinos would follow two to three years later.

Supporters say gambling would give a boost to a city that has been striving to come back after a long slide.

Clinton tries to placate worried tobacco farmers

CARROLLTON, Ky. (AP) — In the heart of tobacco country, President Clinton pledged on Thursday to "do right by the families that grow tobacco" as he pressed his battle against teen-age smoking. Tobacco companies scoffed at his promise.

Clinton's visit, one day after cigarette makers said unprecedented anti-tobacco legislation was dead, was designed to increase pressure on the industry not to fight Congress at it moves to curb teen smoking and compensate states for smoking-related health care costs.

Clinton and lawmakers said they would act with or without Big Tobacco's cooperation.

"Even in tobacco country, we can't deny what ... has been done to market tobacco to children in ways that compromise their future," Clinton told a rally at Carroll County High School. And he urged families reared on the profits of burley leaf to look at such evidence.

"To me, no company's bottom line is important compared to America's bottom line. America's bottom line should be your life, your future, your health."

And he pledged that farmers would not be left to pay the price.

"Tobacco farmers have not done anything wrong," Clinton said. "If we succeed in reducing teen smoking, then sooner or later we will reduce the overall demand for tobacco. ... Can we do that and still do right by the families who grow tobacco, by the warehouses, by the communities? I think the answer to that is 'yes.'"

Not likely, the tobacco companies said.

"Any grower who falls for Bill Clinton's line is making a really terrible mistake," said J. Phil Carlton, the industry's top settlement negotiator in Washington. He said there is no way to protect farmers if companies are driven out of business or overseas.

While Clinton spoke, Brown & Williamson Tobacco Co. Chairman Nicholas Brookes joined over 400 employees to protest that the pending crackdown would devastate the industry and the local economy.

"I can't find another job that pays what Brown & Williamson pays," said Vicki Shockley, a single mother with a 15-year-old daughter, as workers paraded with signs saying, "Don't Tax Us Out of Our Jobs."

Last June, the big companies signed a deal with state attorneys general to settle 40 state lawsuits by paying $368 billion and curbing marketing in return for significant legal protections.

That deal, RJR Nabisco chief Steven Goldstone said Wednesday, is now dead because Congress and Clinton have toughened the provisions enough to kill his industry. The pending bill would raise the industry's penalties and fines to half a trillion dollars — without the legal protections — so Goldstone pledged to work to kill it.

"We agreed to change the way we do business, not to go out of business," said full-page newspaper ads by the top five tobacco companies Thursday.

Members of Congress called tobacco's move arrogant.

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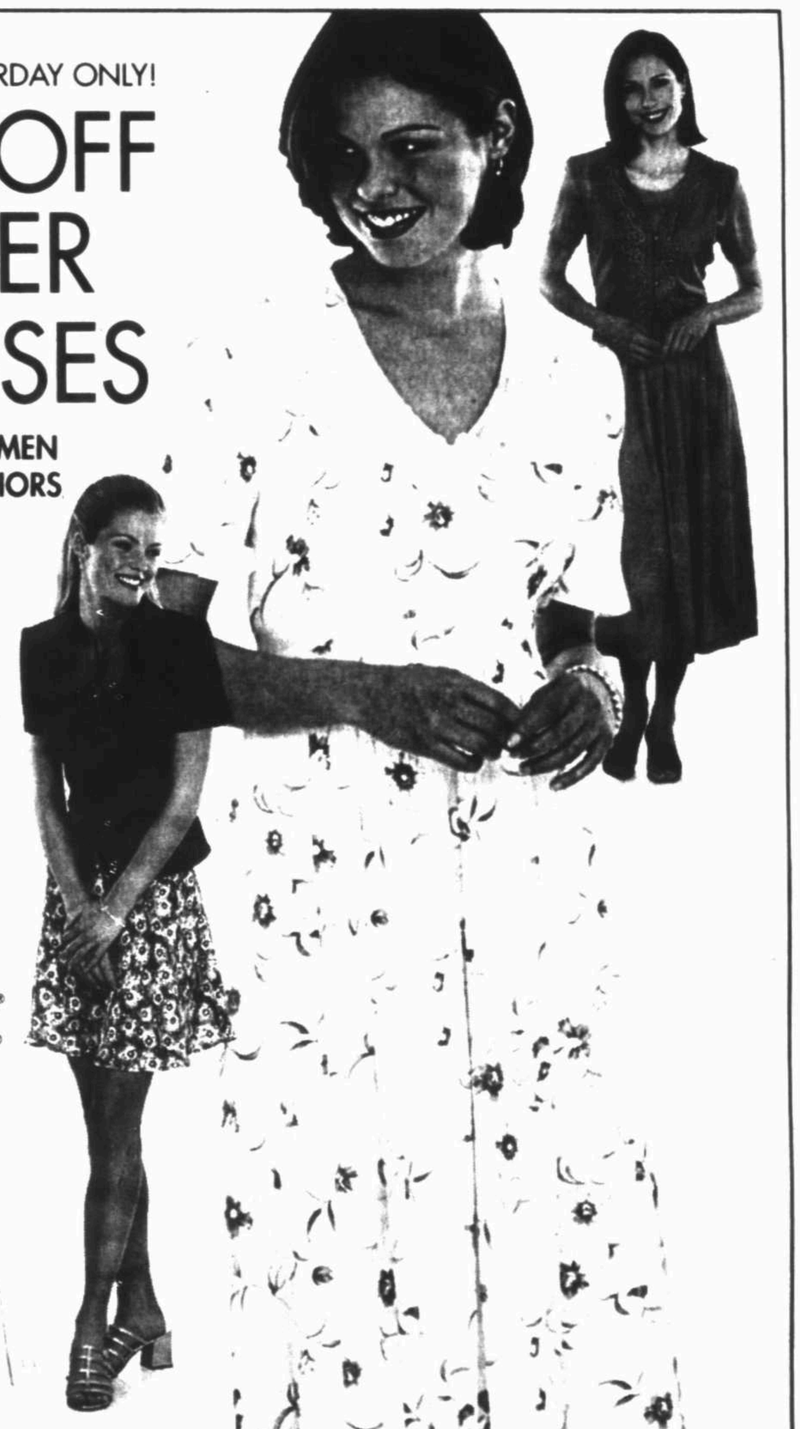
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Clinton's ban on assault rifles correct move

While in most instances concerning governmental attempts to restrict the availability of firearms in this country we side with those supporting free access to firearms on constitutional grounds, President Clinton's decision Monday to block the import of 1.6 million military-style rifles was the correct one.

Clinton's order barred the import of 58 high-powered, foreign-made guns with large-capacity magazines after a finding that they failed to meet an exemption to U.S. gun laws as sporting weapons. Most of the weapons were variations of the AK-47 and Uzi semiautomatic weapons and were not considered acceptable for continued import. Those weapons are not needed in this country.

Although we're leery of attempts to restrict gun ownership, the fact that the weapons included in this order all were deemed unsuited for sporting use and intended for military use means that they likely could end up on the streets and schoolyards of this nation.

The order followed a Treasury Department review of 59 weapons which was done in consultation with state game and law enforcement agencies, hunting guides, and publications and groups devoted to hunting and shooting. Of the weapons considered in that review, only one firearm was considered acceptable for continued import — the .308-caliber Vepr.

Although we're leery of attempts to restrict gun ownership, the fact that the weapons included in this order all were deemed unsuited for sporting use and intended for military use means that they likely could end up on the streets and schoolyards of this nation and that would only promote the continuation of the youth violence we've seen during recent months.

As if to underscore the importance of the order, 15 uniformed law enforcement officials stood behind Clinton in a silent show of support. However, the National Rifle Association immediately indicated it would make a bid to overturn Clinton's ban in Congress.

Why would a nation that has witnessed so much bloodshed in recent times from innocents killing innocents allow the continued import of weapons that only serve one purpose — assaults on other innocent people?

Today in History

Today is Good Friday, April 10, the 100th day of 1998. There are 265 days left in the year. The Jewish holiday Passover begins at sunset.

Today's Highlight in History:

On April 10, 1912, the luxury liner R.M.S. Titanic set sail from Southampton, England, on its ill-fated maiden voyage.

On this date:

In 1847, American newspaperman Joseph Pulitzer was born in Mako, Hungary.

In 1866, the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was incorporated.

In 1925, the novel "The Great Gatsby," by F. Scott Fitzgerald, was first published by Scribner's of New York City.

In 1932, German president Paul von Hindenburg was re-elected, with Adolf Hitler finishing second.

In 1947, Brooklyn Dodgers president Branch Rickey announced he had purchased the contract of Jackie Robinson from the Montreal Royals.

In 1959, Japan's Crown Prince Akihito married a commoner, Michiko Shoda.

In 1963, the nuclear-powered submarine U.S.S. Thresher failed to surface off Cape Cod, Mass., in a disaster that claimed 129 lives.

In 1972, the United States and the Soviet Union joined some 70 nations in signing an agreement banning biological warfare.

William Safire

Judicial secrecy used to cloak reach for more executive secrecy

WASHINGTON — Never in modern constitutional history has the federal judiciary so undermined the First Amendment.

Six weeks ago, the president made a sweeping assertion in court to create a new privilege of executive secrecy on matters having nothing to do with national security —and the court let him do it in secret.

Safire

For the first time, a judge is considering extending this claim of being above the criminal law beyond the president himself, to his wife and everybody on his staff —in secret.

And the legal arguments protesting the closure of hearings surrounding this change in the public access to the official operations of our government have been filed and answered —in secret.

Here we have a great constitutional issue involving the usurpation of power. It deserves scholarly debate and a thorough airing. But federal judge Norma Holloway Johnson — a Carter appointee insecure about public scrutiny of her peremptory rulings on the most profound matters affecting our system of government — has sealed the constitutional pleadings and, in the president's delighted interpretation, sealed all lips.

Judicial secrecy is being used to cloak a reach for greater executive secrecy. The president claims (1) he may delegate, and need not take responsibility for, asserting executive privilege; (2) that the first lady is a federal official who may make that claim for herself against criminal investigators; and (3) that his claimed immunity from investigation covers personal wrongdoing as never before contemplated in law.

On Wednesday, attorneys for a dozen of America's leading news organizations including The New York Times were at last permitted by a court of appeals panel publicly to protest this government in the darkness.

Judge Johnson's reason for an iron curtain is to protect grand jury secrecy. But the truth is that the news organizations are not seeking access to proceedings into criminal matters properly guarded by rule 6(e). On the contrary, they want to put on the record substantive legal arguments about the principle of executive privilege — in which the public has an indisputable right to participate.

The judge fears that an occasional need to clear the courtroom to uphold rule 6(e) would be "too disruptive." That's some excuse for subverting the Bill of Rights. The appeals panel, mirroring the widespread hostility toward the media, Wednesday seemed to defer to that fear.

Who besides the judge opposes public debate about the expansion of presidential power? Not the independent counsel, who we now learn has urged that the court release documents prepared by White House lawyers detailing the president's claims.

One party seeking to block serious public discussion of a principle of law affecting the whole American people is the publicity-hungry lawyer for Monica Lewinsky.

The other party urging that the public be barred at least until transcripts are delayed and sanitized by the White House is Clinton, despite his pretense that he knows nothing about the privilege claim only he can make. His lawyers argue that debate about the power claim is inextricably intertwined with Rule 6(e) material. That's a smokescreen.

Not only can this constitutional argument be "bifurcated" from the rest of the case, as lawyers say about separation, but capable federal judges know how to hold trials without divulging genuine national secrets. Grand jury proceedings have long been protected without "disruption" and without denying public access to ancillary hearings dealing with fundamental issues. This usurpation is being kept out of sight because a judge is not prepared to wield a gavel in open court.

Forget Clinton; forget sex; forget lying; where are the civil libertarians and strict constructionists who care about equal justice, the separation of powers, the right of the people to have a voice in the great decisions that affect our future?

It's been 42 shameful days since the president's secret claim to be more than an ordinary citizen under the law. The last president to claim executive privilege did it in open court. All the briefs were on the record. Judge John Sirica polled the grand jury in open court without "disruption" and the media reported the decision instantly.

But that was in another country.

William Safire's column is distributed by New York Times News Service.

Charley Reese

Readers off mark about Puerto Rican assimilation

Reaction to my column saying Puerto Ricans have earned the right to choose statehood if that's what they want has amused me. Many are worried that it may be difficult to assimilate the Puerto Ricans.

Assimilate them into what? Oh, my beloved conservatives with your stout hearts and equally stout heads, the America you want to preserve is long gone and you haven't even missed it yet.

Reese

For 50 years, the U.S. government has preached, practiced and propagandized internationalism. The official doctrine of government schools is multiculturalism, not assimilation, and internationalism, not patriotism. About the only thing graduates of government schools seem to know about America is that the founders of the country owned slaves and shot Indians.

The U.S. government admits 1 million legal immigrants a year while another quarter of a million enter illegally, and you are worried about assimilating people who have been American citizens for most of this century.

The U.S. government has enacted trade laws that sacrifice both American sovereignty and American jobs, handed out hundreds of billions of dollars to foreign governments, deployed troops in 100 foreign countries, not one of which is a threat to the United States, and you are worried about assimilating people who have served and died in defense of the United States.

Do you not realize that the standard practice of domestic politics is the same as it was when the Radical Republicans first took office under Lincoln -- to pit race against race, ethnic group against ethnic group, so the ruling elite can hold onto power?

Do you not yet realize that the modern Republican Party is what the former Russian KGB referred to as "political prophylaxis," a phony opposition into which conservatives can be drawn and controlled?

Who passed the North American Free Trade Agreement? Republicans.

Who passed the bill authorizing the World Trade Organization? Republicans.

Which party is blocking campaign finance reform? Republican.

Who stopped Congress from blocking the Mexican bailout? Republicans.

Who has prevented reform of the environmental laws that represent an assault against the last pillar of liberty – private property rights? Republicans.

Who saved the Greater Legal Services Corp., which Ronald Reagan tried to kill? Republicans.

Who has refused to stop the atrocity of abortion? Republicans.

Who has allowed the man in the White House to waste lives and treasure on U.N. peacekeeping missions? Republicans.

Who is allowing the armed forces to be depleted? Republicans.

Who allows foreign aid to sail through with virtually no debate? Republicans.

Who whitewashed the Waco massacre? Republicans. Who has confirmed the majority of the president's radical appointments to the bench? Republicans.

Who said, "(Expletive) the conservatives. Who else are they going to vote for?"? James Baker, Republican.

Conservatives said that if we elect a Republican president our ideas can become law. They elected Republican presidents and got the same policy they got under Democrats. Then they said if we had a Republican majority in Congress our ideas would get enacted. They got a Republican majority in Congress and got the same policy they got when Democrats were in power.

Heck, fellows, I'm a slow learner myself, but by God I'm not permanently slow. If the America you love is a constitutional republic committed to American independence and to the safety and welfare of Americans, your disagreement is not, I say again not, with brown or black or foreign-accented people. It's with folks who look like you and talk like you and were elected by you.

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Letters

Schneider has proven experience for position

I think the citizens of Midland should know that we have two very able candidates in both Pat Schneider and Mike Bradford. Based on working with Ms. Schneider on projects related to her district while she was on the City Council and comments regarding Bradford, we are fortunate to have a choice. The only different between the candidates seems to be the question of experience. Ms. Schneider has experience working in local government that Bradford lacks. I think the choice becomes clear between the two based on which candidate do we want to put through on-the-job training vs. one who has proven experience and ability in this area. I strongly endorse Ms. Schneider based on her knowledge of how the system works and she has shown clearly that she can be effective in local government.

Georgia Corwin

Bradford's election would be in best interest of city

The runoff elections draw near. As citizens contemplate their choice for county commissioner Precinct 2, I hope they consider the following issue. Our county library offers a treasure of information and enjoyment. Statistics show that more than twice as many books are being checked out as there are books per person in the county. The strong emphasis on education is requiring our high school and college students to turn to the library more often for a large portion of their research. Mike Bradford has presented creative plans to make the Midland County Library more accessible to more people. Bradford's election would be in the best interest of the students of Midland.

The library improvements proposed by Bradford also would have many benefits for the economy of Midland. Several communities with limited library resources exist within a 60-mile radius of Midland. These improvements would serve to attract more of these outlying communities to Midland for the sake of research. Once these commuters spend the necessary amount of time in the library, they will turn to Midland's restaurants, shop, and service stations for other needs. These commuters also will be paying local sales taxes that will benefit Midland County. The money spent in these facilities will be of immediate benefit to their local business. Bradford's election would be in the best interest of the economy of Midland.

Bradford has presented ideas and plans that have proven him to be an innovative leader who could meet the new challenges of a progressive city. I strongly encourage voters to keep these issues in mind when they go to the polls April 14th.

Joanie Holt

Schneider knows when to lead, when not to

I've admired Pat Schneider for many years and for many reasons. One is her unerring understanding of management. She has been a leader in almost every organization to which she belonged. However, many times I have seen her step back and say "No, that is not my jurisdiction — that is so-and-so's. And on the City Council she always upheld the role of department manager and the chain of command. Pat knows when to lead, and when not to.

I think this innate knowledge will be extremely important on the Commissioners' Court; and all county officials and personnel will enjoy working with her because she does understand and practice good management techniques.

Nilan Hirsch

Bradford would represent his entire precinct

I have known Mike Bradford and his wife Ann through the Midland College Athletic Program since 1990 and respect their commitment and involvement in promoting the city and the county of Midland. As a resident of Greenwood I have been impressed with Mike's concern for Greenwood's access to I-20 and the loop in a recent meeting at the Midland County Extension Building. I believe Bradford would represent his entire precinct and make Midland County an excellent county commissioner.

Greg M. Wright

Starr given go-ahead despite ties to conservative foundation

WASHINGTON (AP) — Brushing aside possible conflicts of interest, the Justice Department gave Whitewater prosecutor Kenneth Starr the go-ahead Thursday to investigate allegations that a conservative foundation may have provided financial assistance to his star witness.

Justice officials were looking at Starr's ties to the American Spectator foundation. But Deputy Attorney General Eric Holder told Starr in a letter that the independent counsel has "investigative and prosecutorial jurisdiction over these allegations" because it involved possible tampering with one of his witnesses.

"The department lacks jurisdiction to investigate it," Holder wrote.

Starr's friend and former law partner is a director on the foundation's board and the magazine's publisher is a personal friend of Starr's. Also, the foundation has received funding from a group controlled by billionaire publisher Richard Mellon Scaife that gave $1 million to Pepperdine University, where Starr plans to teach after the investigation.

Holder alluded to those ties in his letter, saying that "there have been suggestions that your office would have a conflict of interest, or the appearance of a conflict ... because of the importance of Hale to your investigation and because the payments allegedly came from funds provided by Richard Scaife."

And Holder practically invited Starr to refer the matter back to the Justice Department if necessary.

"Should you believe that this matter would be better investigated by the Department of Justice," he wrote, "we would be prepared to accept a referral from you."

Earlier Thursday, Attorney General Janet Reno declined to talk in detail about the matter although she told her weekly news conference that Justice officials hoped to have a decision quickly.

Allegations that Hale was assisted by conservative activists working for the magazine first came to light in March.

Caryn Mann, a Bentonville, Ark., funeral home employee, said that her former live-in boyfriend received money from magazine officials and that her son saw the boyfriend give cash to Hale when Hale was cooperating with Starr's invesigation.

She said Hale provided information about the Whitewater probe to officials at the magazine and that Hale was often accompanied by FBI agents when he visited her former boyfriend.

Parker Dozhier, Mann's former boyfriend, acknowledged to The Associated Press that he received $35,000 to be the magazine's "eyes and ears" in Arkansas and that Hale occassionally stayed rent-free in a secluded fishing cabin he owns, but denied giving money to Hale.

Terry Eastland, publisher of American Spectator, said there's no evidence that money from a $1.7 million research project on Whitewater, dubbed the "Arkansas Project," went to Hale. Eastland is overseeing an internal audit to determine how the project money was spent. Olson is assisting with that audit.

GOP lawmakers talking of Starr testimony — after report

WASHINGTON (AP) — House Republicans are weighing a plan to have Independent Counsel Kenneth Starr testify before Congress if he files a report outlining evidence of potentially impeachable offenses by President Clinton, officials said Thursday.

These officials, who spoke only on condition of anonymity, said that under the plan, Starr would outline and explain his findings to a panel of lawmakers.

Among the many unanswered questions about such an appearance, the officials added, is whether the independent counsel would appear in an open session. Nor is it clear what type of questioning he would be subject to.

Asked about the proposal, one Judiciary Committee official said it was "pure speculation" based on the assumption that there would be a referral to Congress. Any decision abut procedure will not be made until and unless the independent counsel makes such a referral the official said.

Republican officials said they had had no contact with Starr's office about his investigation.

Likewise, Starr's office said there had been no contact with the House.

Discussion of a possible hearing featuring Starr comes at a time when Speaker Newt Gingrich and Rep. Henry Hyde, R-Ill., chairman of the Judiciary Committee, are planning for an event that would be unprecedented: the submission of a formal report by an independent counsel outlining evidence of impeachable offenses.

Starr was appointed under legislation that was enacted after Richard Nixon resigned from office rather than face impeachment proceedings in the full House. The law requires any independent counsel to notify the House "of any substantial and credible information ... that may constitute grounds for impeachment."

Republicans were careful to describe any hearings that might follow submission of Starr's report as a review of his work, not as part of any formal impeachment inquiry.

Still, these sessions, if they occurred, would likely be a critical part of any determination on the part of the House to move onto the next step: a formal impeachment inquiry.

In a political vein, many Republicans view Clinton's poll ratings as inexplicably high, given the controversy over sex-and-cover-up charges that have swirled around him. Clinton has denied any wrongdoing.

Some Republicans suggest that a public airing of Starr's material, depending on the evidence he has accumulated, could begin eroding public confidence in the president.

Starr is investigating whether Clinton had a sexual relationship with former White House intern Monica Lewinsky and then encouraged her to lie about it in the Paula Jones sexual harassment lawsuit.

Starr also is investigating possible obstruction of justice of the 4-year-old Whitewater investigation in Arkansas, and he is delving into the Clintons' relationship with their former business partner Jim McDougal. As a lawyer in Little Rock, Ark., Hillary Rodham Clinton did work for McDougal's failing savings and loan.

Despite the lack of official contact between the independent counsel and the House, speculation has been intense in Congress in recent weeks that Starr would issue a report to lawmakers by the end of May.

Marine demoted, reprimanded following beating

BEAUFORT, S.C. (AP) — A Marine sergeant accused of allowing hazing and severe beatings among trainees at Fort Knox, Ky., was demoted to corporal and reprimanded in a plea agreement with prosecutors.

Sgt. Michael P. Whitaker, 25, of Great Falls, Mont., was one of nine Marines charged after the beating of Pvt. Maciej Lugowski, 20.

Lugowski, now a private first class, lost his spleen after several Marines assaulted him on Dec. 17.

Whitaker, a tank-maintenance instructor at Fort Knox, was sentenced Wednesday during a special court-martial at the Marine Corps Air Station in Beaufort, S.C.

Whitaker was originally charged with hazing violations and multiple counts of dereliction of duty for failing to stop and report hazing. He faced a reduction in rank to private, loss of pay and a bad-conduct discharge.

He pleaded guilty Tuesday to violating the Marine ban on hazing, said Maj. Rick Long, a Marine spokesman at Parris Island, S.C. He received a letter or reprimand and was demoted to corporal.

Investigators say trainees at Fort Knox beat each other during weekly "love sessions," with the knowledge and encouragement of their superiors.

Two trainees pleaded guilty last month to hazing, assault, maiming and conspiracy charges.

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Stars turn out to remember 'first lady of country' Tammy Wynette

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (AP) — A public memorial service for Tammy Wynette ended Thursday with Lorrie Morgan bringing a crowd of 1,500 to tears and then to its feet with a rendition of "Stand by Your Man," Wynette's signature tune.

A large portrait of Wynette was center stage and a spotlight was fixed on it. Loretta Lynn was scheduled to perform but canceled at the last minute. Dolly Parton told the audience Lynn "was just so broke up she couldn't make it here."

The hourlong service, held at famous Ryman Auditorium in downtown Nashville, was emotional throughout, with stars paying tribute to "the first lady of country music."

Randy Travis, Wynonna, Parton, The Oak Ridge Boys and Rudy Gatlin performed, while Merle Haggard appeared on video.

Earlier Wynette was buried after a private funeral that featured Parton, who was so upset she couldn't finish a song.

"Thank you. That's all I can sing right now," Parton said after cutting short the gospel tune "Shine On."

Garth Brooks, Randy Travis, Trisha Yearwood and Crystal Gayle were among the mourners.

At the public service, Parton again sang "Shine On," this time making it all the way through. At the end, she sang the refrain from "I Will Always Love You," her famous 1970s tune.

A tearful Naomi Judd called Wynette the "most distinguished female vocalist in our history" and said she was "one of the biggest-hearted people I've ever known."

"We had three queens in country music and one of them's gone now," Judd said, referring to Wynette, Parton and Lynn.

She then introduced Wynonna, who earned a standing ovation with a stirring rendition of "How Great Thou Art."

Wynette, 55, died Monday at her home from a blood clot in her lungs. She had a long history of health problems and was hospitalized many times in the last decade for ailments ranging from respiratory problems to the mumps.

Born Virginia Wynette Pugh in Itawamba County, Miss., Wynette picked cotton as a child and earned a living as a hairdresser before making it as a singer.

With a robust voice that could deliver entire songs seemingly on the verge of tears, Wynette scored 39 Top 10 hits from 1967-88 and sold more than 30 million albums.

"Stand by Your Man," which became Wynette's anthem, was No. 1 in 1968.

Wynette also had duet hits with George Jones, her husband from 1969-75. They tended to be about domestic bliss or strife, as did solo Wynette efforts like "D-I-V-O-R-C-E" and "My Man."

Wynette knew all about divorce. She was married five times, but her marriage with George Richey lasted from 1978 until her death.

In 1986 she entered the Betty Ford Center for an addiction to prescription drugs. Two years later she filed for bankruptcy.

Wynette was buried at Woodlawn Memorial Park in Nashville.

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More than 3,000 attend opening of POW museum

ANDERSONVILLE, Ga. (AP) — More than 3,000 people, most former POWs, overflowed from a huge tent Thursday at the opening of the National Prisoner of War Museum at the site of an infamous Civil War prison camp.

"We commemorate the sacrifice of 800,000 Americans who served a cause greater than their self-interest and whose loyalty obliged them to suffer extraordinary deprivation and cruelty," said Sen. John McCain, R-Ariz., who spent more than five years as a prisoner in Vietnam.

"Their humanity, so ironic and gallant in its opposition to organized inhumanity, was their glory," he said in a speech.

Former POWs had been pushing for years for a museum to tell the stories of war prisoners from the American Revolution through the Persian Gulf.

The 10,000-square-foot museum includes sculptures, videotapes, photos, memorabilia and interactive exhibits.

"It's about time the United States recognized what we paid for so dearly. We went through hell," said Bob Brown, 73, a World War II prisoner from Brownsville, Calif.

Brown was captured 56 years ago and took part in the Bataan Death March. Some 16,000 American and Filipino troops died on the 70-mile trek to a Japanese prison camp in the Philippines, which was then a U.S. colony.

"Freedom is the most precious commodity you can have. It's the worst one to lose," said Simon McCloud of Victoria, Texas.

He spent more than three years as a Japanese prisoner. Severe gangrene forced him to amputate four of his own toes, using scissors and a razor blade.

Members of Congress and state and federal officials attended the opening and the crowd sang "The Star-Spangled Banner," accompanied by a Marine band.

The POWs rose by military branch, then by the war, for a series of ovations.

"This is truly a gathering of eagles," said Wayne Hitchcock, a POW in Germany during World War II.

He represents the nation's 56,000 living POWs as head of the American Ex-Prisoners of War, which helped raise money for the $5.8 million museum. "They know what freedom truly is."

Among the spectators was retired Swiss Army Col. Heinrich L. Wirz, who has a special tie to the Andersonville National Historic Site where the museum is located.

Wirz, who came from Zurich for his eighth visit to Andersonville, is a great-grandnephew of Confederate Capt. Henry Wirz, commander of the Civil War prison at Andersonville, where nearly 13,000 Union soldiers died. Wirz was tried as a war criminal and executed at war's end.

"This is a very big spot in the history of the United States and also in the history of my family," said Wirz, who has extensively researched his ancestor's life and considers him a scapegoat.

The museum notes that Civil War prisons were harsh for both sides.

Some of the ex-POWs said the museum will help with the difficulty many had recovering from the experience, which often included physical and psychological torture.

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Homeless Network to meet in Midland

Conference to focus on how to help 'service providers' offer assistance, hope

■ Public forum to begin at 10 a.m. April 23 at Holiday Inn Hotel on city's west side.

By Ed Todd
Staff Writer

Where are the homeless people?

Well, it is a cinch that they, at least most of them, are not hanging around street corners with signs announcing their plight or willing to exchange a block of work for a plate of food or a night's lodging.

Most are invisible.

"It's a problem that is hard to document," said Kathy Reid, executive director of the Austin-based Texas Homeless Network (THN).

In Texas, there are 85,000 to 225,000 homeless people in a vast state with a population of 17 million.

And the problems of those homeless and, more particularly, how to help "direct-service providers" to give assistance and hope to the homeless will be discussed in Midland in the THN's 24-member board's public meeting at 10 a.m. April 23 in the Holiday Inn Hotel on Midland's west side.

Hellinghausen

The THN meeting is open to representatives of the Midland-Odessa area housing groups and to individuals who are interested in the homeless, providing them shelter and assisting them in doing what is necessary to escape the poverty cycle.

"People see the homeless guy on the street corner," Ms. Reid said. They stereotype has him holding a sign seeking funds or food or work.

"And those are the kind of people that the general public thinks of as homeless people," Ms. Reid said. "But, in reality, there are far more of the 'invisible homeless,' " individuals and families who are "moving from place to place," from relative to relative or friend to friend. "And they don't really have a place that they are living in," a place to call home, other than a "car or abandoned building.

"We define being homeless as somebody who has 'inadequate shelter,' " Ms. Reid said. And in the main, the whole homeless problem is "a poverty issue."

Midland's Don Hellinghausen, who is a THN board member and a direct-service provider for the homeless in Midland, echoed that viewpoint.

"There is sort of an umbrella called 'poverty,' " Hellinghausen said. "If you could pay rent or buy a house, you wouldn't be homeless."

Statewide, the estimated homeless ranges from 85,000 to 225,000, Ms. Reid said. Most are in metropol-

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Rotarians mark 70 years of service

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Leila Seal, Midland Rotary president, J.B. Roberts, district governor, and Kay Graham, Sweetwater president, hold onto the Rotarian Bell Thursday evening at the 70th Anniversary Banquet for Rotary at the Petroleum Club.

By Gary Shanks
Staff Writer

Rotarians from around the state joined in celebrating the 70 years of community service provided by Midland's oldest Rotary Club at a late Thursday banquet at the Petroleum Club.

The Midland Rotary Club was formed in 1928 and, as all Rotary clubs must, was chartered through the efforts of an existing club, explained Leila Seal, Midland Rotary Club president and the first woman president of the club.

Members of the Sweetwater Rotary Club attended the banquet in honor of their club's contribution as the chartering club for the Midland Rotary Club.

The club was formed though the efforts of 10 local men, among them Elliott Barron, Paul Vickers, J.E. Stephens, E.A. Nolen, Paul Barron, Chas McClintic, Fred Joekel and Ily Pratt, according to the 1930 Rotary newsletter, The Balanced Wheel. These were later joined by other interested Midlanders who comprised some of the inaugural officers including Kenneth Ambrose, Fred Wemple, Grove Porter and Harry Anderson.

These first members worked hard and within one year's time, the Midland Rotary Club boasted 44 members.

As Midland has grown, the Midland Rotary Club has chartered both the Midland West Rotary Club and the Midland Daybreak Rotary Club.

At the banquet, speeches were made by such people as District Gov-

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Parents get tips, tools in classes put together by volunteer group

By Mella McEwen
Staff Writer

Local parents of children from infants up to age 5 are getting assistance through early childhood parenting classes offered by members of the AmeriCorps volunteer service.

Six AmeriCorps volunteers are working at Casa de Amigos on the new program, known as Familias Unidas. The six are among 46 new members of the Texas Parenting Education Corps, a program of the Mental Health Association in Texas.

"The goal is to educate parents so they can educate their children to be better citizens and to stay in school," said Ludi Navarro, director of community relations for Casa de Amigos. "Most of the families we service are low-income, so we're trying to break the cycle of poverty by keeping people in school."

The goal also is to prevent child abuse and neglect and reduce potential involvement with the criminal justice system, and early childhood parenting is a proven strategy in combating abuse and reducing juvenile crime.

The six volunteers designed and conduct a two-phase parenting course.

Phase One is a weekly group-based parenting class on Wednesdays from 1 to 3 p.m. at Casa. The volunteers take turns conducting the class and watching the nursery.

They also make daily in-home visits to approximately 50 families. The volunteers pair up, with one volunteer working separately with the children in the family, the other working with the parent. The sessions also include activities involving the parent and child.

The volunteers also assess the home and if the parent needs help with social services, they can refer her or him to other agencies for assistance.

"I think the classes are doing great," said volunteer Janet Tarlton. "This is a nurturing program; our goal is to prevent child abuse. Most of the clients come because they want to, they're interested

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DPS to start phasing in 6-year driver's licenses

AUSTIN (AP) — Beginning this week, Texans should be making fewer trips to driver's license offices and, in the future, find shorter waits when they get there.

The Department of Public Safety said Thursday it has started implementing a new law that eventually will see driver's licenses valid for six years instead of the current four.

"Since folks won't have to visit our driver license offices as often, we should have fewer people waiting in line on any given day," said Col. Dudley M. Thomas, DPS director.

The longer-lasting licenses will be phased in over the next four years.

During the interim, new driver's licenses issued will be good for six years.

But licenses being renewed will be extended for four, five or six years, with computers determining the time period, said Sherri Green, DPS spokeswoman.

Staggering the duration of renewed licenses should level out renewal rates and keep all of them from all expir-

During the phase-in period, renewed licenses will be extended for four, five or six years with computers determining the time, according to a DPS spokeswoman.

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Midland man pleads guilty to aggravated kidnapping charge

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

A Midland man pleaded guilty Thursday to the aggravated kidnapping of his former girlfriend from her apartment in northwest Midland in May of 1997.

Tony L. Fox entered the guilty plea before 238th District Judge John Hyde in exchange for an 18-year sentence in the state penitentiary.

Assistant District Attorney Teresa Clingman told the Reporter-Telegram, "Considering the trauma the victim would have to have gone through with a trial, I think that justice was served."

Fox was indicted by a grand jury in June of 1997 on one count of aggravated kidnapping and four counts of aggravated sexual assault stemming from the incident.

According to court records, the victim was leaving for work from her apartment about 5 a.m. when she was accosted by her former boyfriend. Fox had lived with the woman until a few weeks before the kidnapping and assault, when he moved to the Houston area.

The woman was abducted, bound

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BASIN BRIEFING

Mail delivery

The U.S. Postal Service will conduct business as usual, including delivery of mail, today, Saturday and Monday. Although many businesses and governmental offices will be closed on some of those days, because of Easter, the Postal Service will not be affected.

Country Peddler

The Country Peddler Show, sponsored by American Country Shows, Inc. will be located at the Ector County Coliseum, located at 42nd and Andrews Highway, April 17, 18 and 19. Hours for Friday will be 4 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Country Peddler Show is the original folk art and decorator show. It features a selection of personal apparel, furnishings and decorator accessories including textiles, furniture, carving, pottery, paintings, potpourri, porcelain and numerous other items. Admission is $4 for adults, under 12 free and seniors $2.

'Bucks 'N Trucks'

AUSTIN — The Texas Lottery is set to release its new "Bucks 'N Trucks" game June 3. The $2 game will offer players 50 special edition Dodge Rams and more than $50 million in cash prizes, the agency said Thursday. The new game is one of many attempts the lottery is making in an effort to rebound overall sales, which continue to lag. Executive Director Linda Cloud on Thursday told the three-member Lottery Commission that sales remain flat and the state's share of the take will likely fall $287 million short of the $1.1 billion state officials had projected. State lawmakers last year slightly cut overall lottery prizes and advertising money to increase their share. Ms. Cloud said that action — along with the age of the game and nationwide lottery sales declines — are contributing to the lottery's shortcoming. "It's a combination of factors" causing the shortfall, Ms. Cloud said.

Body Identified

VANDENBERG AIR FORCE BASE, Calif. — A body found along the shoreline was identified as that of an airman from Arlington, Texas. The man was Senior Airman Donald R. Blackney, 26, the base said in a statement Thursday. Blackney was assigned to the 30th Security Forces Squadron, a unit of the 30th Space Wing. The Santa Barbara County coroner's office and military forensic specialists were trying to determine the cause of death. The task was complicated by the body's exposure to rough seas and weather. Blackney was reported missing when he did not report for duty Tuesday morning after a three-day weekend. Two off-duty airmen discovered the body that afternoon in the ocean along the coves of Honda Point.

River Walk visitor

SAN ANTONIO — A 3 1/2-foot alligator found swimming upstream along a popular stretch of the San Antonio River Walk has been wrestled out of the water by animal control officers. One official theorized the alligator was someone's pet that grew too large or that it was used in a prank before it was set loose in the river. Texas Parks and Wildlife Department workers released it along a remote stretch of the river near the Wilson County line.

TODAY'S AGENDA

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

Christian Motorcyclists' Association, Warfield Truck Stop, 7 p.m., 694-9765 or 697-5037.

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

Southside Lions Club, noon, Southside Lions Club Building.

Ranchland Hills Ladies' Association, bridge luncheon, 10 a.m., Ranchland Hills County Club.

Midland Woman's Club Shopper's Luncheon, 11:[illegible] a.m., Hogan Park, open to public.

Tall City Road Riders, dinner ride, 7 p.m., leave from Team Bank, 694-5310.

Midland A&M Club, 11:30 a.m., Ranchland Country Club, 1600 E. Wadley.

Beyond Choice support group, for those dealing with post-abortion issues, 1:30 p.m., Dot, 683-3776 or Kim, 580-HELP.

RICK LÓPEZ

Weird dreams, dose of reality almost make being sick look good

López

I first knew I was getting into some severe allergy problems two weeks ago, when I woke up with crust-covered eyes and a cough louder than Mr. Ed's.

I wasn't being stubborn when I delayed seeing a doctor until the last minute. I had a trial to finish covering and a few other projects that needed completion.

I finally saw a doctor last week, and by that time it was almost too late. My 103-degree fever and other conditions were enough reason for him to excuse me from work.

At first, I liked the idea of staying home for a whole week. I thought about all the things I could do in my spare time, like go to the movies, get my car serviced and even do a little window shopping.

Wrong. All I've managed to do was cover my entire apartment floor in used tissues and cough up all kinds of gross stuff. That doesn't really sound like an exciting weekend getaway, does it?

There's not much to watch on basic cable, except for "Dukes of Hazzard" and "Three's Company" reruns.

I figured that the least I could do was catch up on some studying, but my triple-digit temperature and my narcotic cough syrup didn't put me in the mood.

Instead, I had these really bizarre dreams (or delirious hallucinations) because of that combination.

THE DREAMS

For instance, there was one night when I could barely sleep more than two hours at a time.

In a dazed spell, I said to myself, "I wonder when this is going to end."

Then I heard a voice from the other side of the room. "Fuhgettaboutit!"

I turned. There was no one else in the room except for Smokey, the demon cat. Who else could it have been?

"How'd you learn to do that?" I asked, but I didn't get a reply. Either I was really desperate for some company, or my pet was watching too many mobster movies.

Too bad. I always wanted to know if animals are more of a challenge in a match of "Paper, Rock, Scissors" or what they would take with them to that hypothetical desert island.

THE REALITY

For all of you who just moved away from your parents' house, never let them know you are sick.

I would have never told my folks, until my dad waved $100 in my face. I took the offer and opened Pandora's Box.

Mom called every half hour and wanted to know what allergy symptoms I had, what medicine the doctor gave me and if I was eating OK.

She asks, "Did he wear gloves when he checked you? I hope you're not driving under all that medication. What kind of food are you eating?"

Dad asks, "How much did they charge you? Did you try taking over-the-counter medicine before you saw a doctor?"

I don't know which is going to make me feel worse — either getting the third-degree from my folks or getting over this plague.

Next time, I'll let the talking cat answer the phone.

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Rick López is a staff writer for the Reporter-Telegram.

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Pitching in

Ed Jones, right, chairman and chief executive officer (CEO) of Chase Bank of Texas-Permian Basin, and Dorothy Smith, left, display an over-sized check that represents the $5,000 that Chase Bank donated to Midland Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS). Ms. Smith is president of Midland NHS, and Jones is the Midland NHS 1998 honorary fund-raising chairman. At far right is Betty Terrell, Midland NHS vice president and a Chase Bank senior secretary. At far left are Joe Stubbs, Chase Bank's community reinvestment officer and Midland NHS treasurer, and Rosie Rodriguez, Midland NHS interim director. Midland NHS's mission is "to combat community deterioration, revitalize neighborhoods, and secure safe and sanitary affordable housing in declining areas of the community."

ROTARIANS: Club celebrates 70 years

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ernor J.B. Roberts and Kay Graham of the Sweetwater club.

Mostly, the evening was set aside for "reminiscing" and remembering the good works of community service born of the Midland Rotary effort, according to Ms. Seal.

"It's a celebration of 70 years of good people doing good things for the community," Ms. Seal said.

A number of letters of congratulations and proclamations regarding the anniversary were penned by the Texas Senate, Gov. George W. Bush and Texas Rep. Tom Craddick.

A proclamation by the Midland City Council and Mayor Bobby Burns declared April 9, 1998 as Midland Rotary Day.

Rotary International is a worldwide organization dedicated to assisting Rotarians and Rotary clubs accomplish the goals of Rotary, which include service activities by individuals and groups that enhance the quality of life and human dignity, encourage high ethical standards and create greater understanding among all people to advance the search for peace in the world, according to information presented by Rotary International.

Rotary International is the association of 28,000 Rotary clubs in 158 countries around the world. Nearly 1.2 million business and professional men and women constitute the membership of these clubs that share the purposes of providing humanitarian service and building good will and peace in the world under the motto "Service Above Self."

Locally, the Midland Rotary clubs work to sponsor student scholarships and to sponsor international student exchange programs.

POLICE REPORTS

Woman jailed

An Odessa woman is behind bars in connection with a hit-and-run accident last week that left an Odessa man dead.

Late Wednesday, April 1, Leon Perdona Gonzales was struck and killed by a driver who fled the scene, according to reports from the Odessa Police Department. The accident occurred in the 2100 block of East 8th Street in Odessa.

Sarah Beth Anderson, 25, has been arrested in the wake of the crime and is charged with the second-degree felony of intoxication manslaughter and the third-degree felony of failure to stop and render aid.

No other charges are expected to be filed in this case, according to Odessa police reports.

Midland Police Department

Wednesday

Theft: A purse was taken at 4517 N. Midland Dr., it was reported at 2 p.m.

Vandalism: A window and storm door were damaged with BB gun fire at 4904 Island Drive, it was reported at 8:23 p.m. by Teri Olson.

Thursday

Vandalism: Tires were slashed on two vehicles at 1202 S. Pratt, it was reported at 7 a.m. by Sylvia Gonzales.

Vandalism: Tires were slashed on two vehicles at 1203 S. Pratt, it was reported at 7 a.m. by Jose Ramirez Natera.

Midland County Sheriff's Department

Wednesday

Theft: Three 18-packs of beer were taken from a business at 13220 W. Highway 80, it was reported at 8:55 p.m.

Thursday

Theft: An air compressor and tool box were taken at 1607 E. CR120, it was reported at 1:11 p.m. by Frank William Satterfield.

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

OBITUARIES

Maurine Johnston

Maurine Johnston, formerly of Midland, died Friday, April 3, 1998, at Llano Hospital in Llano, Texas. Memorial services will be held at 3:30 p.m. Saturday, in the First United Methodist Church Glass Chapel with the Rev. Molly Krueger officiating.

She was born May 21, 1921, in Nocona (Montague County), Texas to Joshua M. and Eva Marmaduke Johnston. She was reared in Montague and Crane counties and finished high school at Crane and attended Texas Tech University. She lived in Midland from 1947 through 1988, at which time she moved to LBJ Lake at Kingsland in Llano County, Texas. While living in Midland, Mrs. Johnston was a member of the First United Methodist Church.

She was a stockbroker and accountant for various companies in Midland before retiring.

She was preceded in death by one brother, Duke Johnston of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, and one niece, Patricia Ann Johnston of Midland.

She is survived by her brother, Bill Johnston and sister-in-law, Clara, of Midland; five nieces, Shanann Passley of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Lynn Parrish of San Diego, California, Virginia Davis, of Rockwall, Texas, Cidney Ratliff of Seattle, Washington, and Jan Yost of San Angelo, Texas; her nephew, Jeff Johnston of Midland; several great-nephews and great-nieces; and two godchildren, Mike Epps of Lubbock and Toni Wallingford of Houston.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be directed to the First United Methodist Church, 3305 N. Baird, Midland, Texas 79701 or to a charity of your choice.

Obituary & Death Notice policy

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

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

Deadline for both free death notices and paid obituaries is 4:30 p.m. and information must be either received from or verified by a funeral home.

Danita Walker

Danita R. Walker of Midland died Friday, April 3, 1998, in Fort Worth, Texas, in a car accident. She is survived by her husband, Steven Walker of Midland; her mother, Doris Dillard and stepfather, Elmer Dillard of Buffalo Gap, Texas; two brothers, Danny Rogers Jr. and wife, Melba, of Sacramento, California, and David Rogers of Midland; two stepbrothers, Bob Dillard of Midland and Bill Dillard of Grapevine, Texas; her grandmothers, Opal Smith of Aspermont, Texas, and Jewell Thompson of Cross Plains, Texas, and also by her father-in-law, Don Walker of Midland; a brother-in-law, Donny Walker of Levelland; a sister-in-law, Debbie Rhoades of Midland; and numerous nieces and nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her father, Danny Rogers Sr., in January 1998.

Danita was born in Abilene, Texas, on September 16, 1954. She married Steven Walker on August 5, 1973. She attended school in Hobbs, New Mexico, and Andrews, Texas, before graduating from Lee High School in 1972. She earned a B.A. in business administration management in 1977 from UTPB. She worked as a landman for numerous companies, beginning with Boyd & McWilliams, Harry Blomquist III, Stringer Oil & Gas Co., Cass Energy Corp., and Santa Fe Energy Resources. At the time of her death, she was working with Greg McCabe as an independent landman.

Danita became a certified professional landman in 1991. She was a longtime member of Permian Basin Landmen's Association, serving on the board of directors for several terms and holding numerous positions as officer for the organization. Danita was the first woman to be elected to serve as president of the PBLA, serving from 1992 to 1993. She represented the PBLA as its Region V director to the American Association of Petroleum Landmen from 1996 to 1997, and was currently serving as the chairman of the Policy Manual Update Task Force and assistant chairman of the Publications Committee. She served as chairman of the Spouse Events for AAPL's 1996 Annual Conference and had served on the Industry and Public Relations Committee for AAPL.

She was an active member of the First United Methodist Church of Midland, serving as chairwoman of the outreach committee, member of the Foundation review committee, Church Council, AIM team and restructure committee, member of New Life Sunday School class and was a founding member of New Challenger Sunday School Class.

Visitation with the family was Thursday, April 9, at Ellis Funeral Home. Burial will be at 3:30 p.m. Friday, April 10, 1998, at Resthaven Memorial Park. A memorial service will be at 4 p.m. Friday, April 10, at the First United Methodist Church of Midland, Texas, followed by a reception in Fellowship Hall. Officiating pastors will be the Rev. Lane Boyd, the Rev. Molly Krueger and the Rev. John Rech.

The family requests memorials be sent to the Danita R. Walker Memorial Charity Foundation, c/o PBLA, P.O. Box 2292, Midland, Texas 79702 or the First United Methodist Church.

DEATH NOTICES

Virginia Bush

AMARILLO — Former Midlander Virginia Lauder Bush, 76, died Wednesday, April 8, in Amarillo.

Services are to be at 3 p.m. Friday at the Children's Chapel, St. Andrews Episcopal Church. Arrangements are under the direction of Blackburn Shaw Funeral Directors of Amarillo.

She was born June 21, 1921, in Amarillo. She graduated from Amarillo High School in 1939. She married J. Waymon Bush on June 25, 1942, in Amarillo. She was a member of the Midland Women's Bowling Association.

She was preceded in death by her husband, July 14, 1985.

Survivors include one sister, Ruby Cathie of Manchaca and one brother, Howard Lauder of Amarillo.

Memorials may be sent to St. Andrews Episcopal Church, 1515 S. Georgia, Amarillo 79102 or St. Anthony's Hospice.

Magdaleno Catano

Magdaleno Catano, 88, died Wednesday, April 8, in a local hospital.

Services are to be at 11 a.m. Saturday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church. Rosary will be at 6 p.m Friday in the Thomas Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be in Fairview Cemetery under the direction of Thomas Funeral Home.

He was born July 22, 1909, in Mexico.

He was preceded in death by a daughter, Eva Catano.

Survivors include his wife, Manuela Catano of Midland; his sons, Refuguio Catano of Dimmitt, Ruben Catano of Odessa, Manuel Catano of Artesia, N.M., and Israel Catano of Amarillo; his daughters, Elfa Olgin of Midland, Consuelo Martines of Morton and Norma Catano of Dallas; 29 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Dorothy Holloway

Dorothy Holloway, 76, died Thursday, April 9 at her residence.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 11 a.m. Saturday, April 11 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Bob Porterfield officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

She was born October 5, 1921 to Cleave and Clara Warren Tyler in Coahoma and was reared there. She married Elton Holloway in 1950 in Midland.

Survivors include her husband, of Midland; a son, Floyd Ray Lewis, of Spring; two brothers, Lanny Tyler of Bay City and Tiney Tyler of Ulysses, Kan., and two grandchildren.

The family requests memorials be directed to the American Lung Association of Texas, P.O. Box 26566, Austin Texas 78755-0566.

CLASSES: AmeriCorps volunteers put together program

(From 1B)

in learning to be better parents; others come because they're told to. We enjoy them all; we nurture the mothers — there's no condemnation at all, we build the mothers up. We have activities, we have snack time, then we have the serious work. We work on topics like spoiling the child and another on ages and stages. The hardest thing is to be aware of what children are capable of at different stages."

Ms. Navarro said that part of the volunteer program is regular evaluation of client feedback, which the six do monthly.

"Some of the stories I hear are that the parents will stop and listen to themselves before they do something with the children that they shouldn't be doing. Some of the parents don't realize the children are paying attention to them when they think they're not, so they're more aware of that. And sometimes the mother will take the class and the father will observe the changes in how she handles the children and he'll start using some of the techniques."

She said one of the good things about the early parenting program is that the volunteers have branched out to also serve teen parents enrolled at Coleman High School.

According to Ms. Navarro, the center has benefited because it gives Casa a new program to assist client families without having to hire new staff members. She has seen the number of AmeriCorps volunteers working with Casa grow over the past four years from one full-timer and one part-timer in the first year to six full-timers this year.

"For agencies like us with limited funding, we get a new program without having to pay 100 percent of the cost. We still have to match some expenses, in some cases 33 percent and 15 percent in other cases, but that's better than 100 percent."

And, she noted, the volunteers benefit from their services as much as the parents do.

"Part of the program is to help the volunteers develop new skills and give them better opportunities in the program."

For Ms. Tarlton, 56, who came to the states from Great Britain in 1958, the program gives her hands-on experience.

"I went back to school because I wanted to get into social work," she said. "I lack three hours earning my associate degree and through this program I'm earning $7,000 in scholarships so I can finish my bachelor's degree. This is giving me casework experience. And I think it's exciting that AmeriCorps is open to older students like me as well as younger students."

Besides, she said, "we're all helping each other out, and I like that."

LICENSES: DPS to begin phase-in period this week

(From 1B)

ing at one time, she said. By 2002, the licenses issued should be spread evenly over six years.

"When the renewals come due, they're not all coming due at the same time. We're evening out the renewal cycle so that we won't have big crowds at the driver's license offices all the time," Ms. Green said.

The fee for a driver's license will remain at $4 per year.

However, the total cost will vary during the transition period, depending upon how long the license will be valid. Motorists will pay $16 for a four-year license, $20 for five years or $24 for six years.

One of the law's authors, Sen. J.E. "Buster" Brown, R-Lake Jackson, said lawmakers hoped "to help reduce some of the common frustrations associated with renewing driver's licenses."

"We haven't changed the price per year, only the number of years you will renew with each trip to the DPS. Another way to look at it is that we've reduced the number of unflattering driver's license pictures Texans will have to take in a lifetime," Brown said.

DPS officials also called attention to other new license laws taking effect:

- DPS-issued identification cards now will cost $15 for six years. Texans age 60 and older will be able to pay $5 for cards valid indefinitely.
- A new fee structure for licensed motorcycle operators.

In the past, extra fees were charged only to those renewing licenses with a "Class M" motorcycle operator certification, the DPS said. Now, new Class M applicants will be charged $15 in addition to the regular auto driver's license fee. Renewing a license with a Class M certification will cost $8 more than the standard fee.

The fees are designated for a special fund to provide motorcycle safety information and operator training statewide.

- When renewing or applying for a driver's license or identification card, applicants will be given the opportunity to donate $1 to benefit blindness education, screening and treatment.

GUILTY: Man agrees to plea bargain

(From 1B)

and gagged with duct tape, and threatened with a shotgun and a knife, according to reports.

Fox then drove the woman to an oil field road just east of Garden City "with the intent to violate and abuse her sexually." The indictments also state that Fox "intentionally and knowingly terrorized" the woman and "intentionally and knowingly placed her in fear that death and serious bodily injury would be imminently inflicted."

The aggravated sexual assault charges were dismissed against Fox as part of the plea bargain. "That was simply a part of the plea agreement," Ms. Clingman said. "The victim has agreed to the sentence."

Fox will have to serve nine years of the sentence before he becomes eligible for parole, according to Ms. Clingman.

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Is The Battle Really Over?

When the charges were leveled in an Arkansas news conference months ago, the news was old news. We knew before this President was elected that his virtues were subject to social change, and could be adjusted and explained. Now, a court has ruled that there are no grounds for the lawsuit for the Paula Jones' case, and it has been "thrown out of court." Other charges with Lewinsky are pending, and reports of witness tampering and intimidation seem rather clear. But the irony of it all comes from voters who replied when asked about possible adultery in the White House. Some 70% reportedly said, "he's doing a good job; his personal life is his business!"

Folks, this is not a political matter, it is moral! If a man will lie about his personal conduct at his house, he will lie about major decisions at the White House! God says, *"Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truthfully are his delight." Proverbs 12:22.* Our battle is for the return of truth and honor to the high offices of our country! God continues, *"therefore, putting away lying, each one speak truth with his neighbor..." Ephesians 4:25.* This nation "under God" deserves a leader who tells the truth!

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Report: Higher school district rates offset property tax break

AUSTIN (AP) — Gov. George W. Bush remains committed to increasing the state's share of public school costs, his office said in the wake of a newspaper report that found many school districts had raised property tax rates.

The Houston Chronicle reported Thursday that Bush's property tax break, which saved the average homeowner about $140 last year, wound up being partially offset when more than four of every 10 school districts raised tax rates in 1997.

A draft report by the state comptroller's office indicates that 454 school districts — 44 percent of the total — raised their property tax rates.

School officials told the Chronicle the increases were needed to cover the cost of growing numbers of students and inadequate state aid.

Statewide, school taxes grew roughly 5 percent from 1996 to 1997 compared to 6 percent growth the previous year, according to the draft report. The growth is computed by applying tax rates to changes in property values.

Property tax collections actually dropped in nine Harris County school districts, thanks partly to the higher homestead exemption that lawmakers approved at Bush's urging after they had watered down his original tax relief plan, the newspaper reported.

The Legislature increased the homestead exemption by $10,000, which in Houston meant a jump from $25,000 to $35,000 for most HISD homeowners and an exemption of $45,000 for senior citizens.

Harris County Chief Appraiser Jim Robinson called the exemption "a significant piece of tax relief."

The Legislature increased state aid to school districts by $1 billion to cover the local tax revenue they lost from the higher exemptions. But some school officials contend the extra state money didn't completely cover their losses.

David Dunn, head of governmental relations for the Texas Association of School Boards, said other districts also had to raise tax rates to cover growth and to expand programs despite additional state aid.

In 1996, more districts, 539, raised tax rates.

According to the comptroller's study, school taxes totaled almost $10.4 billion in 1997, a $499 million increase over 1996.

Robinson said a comparison of taxable property values indicates the $10,000 the Legislature added to the homestead exemption was partly responsible for limiting the growth in tax revenue in the Houston Independent School District, the state's largest, to only 1 percent between 1996 and 1997.

Dallas ISD's taxes increased by 6.7 percent, and Austin ISD's jumped 11 percent. Fort Worth ISD saw a 1.6 percent reduction and El Paso ISD had a 5.4 percent drop.

The average tax rate rose 1.7 cents to $1.40 per $100 valuation.

"Local school boards have to make their own decisions," said Bush spokeswoman Karen Hughes.

However, she said, "The state is paying more for the cost of public schools today than when Gov. Bush was elected."

Escape mastermind fakes illness, gets by parole board

HOUSTON (AP) — On paper, Steven Jay Russell was a dead man. The inmate with a Texas-sized reputation for creative escapes, was dying of AIDS.

Relying on a stack of medical documents that included the deadly diagnosis, the Texas Board of Pardons and Paroles gave Russell a special medical parole on Jan. 16.

The scam proved to be Russell's best ever.

By impersonating a dying man, he had fooled the parole board into releasing him from a 45-year sentence about 43 years early. His state-aided escape — and arrest Tuesday in Florida — has redfaced Texas officials lost for an explanation.

"I think when you have a situation like this the whole system screwed up," said Victor Rodriguez, Texas parole board chairman.

Records uncovered Thursday show that's exactly what happened.

The decision to release Russell appears to be based solely on medical records, which may have been forged.

Parole board minutes reveal that Russell was originally granted his "special needs parole" on Oct. 29 because he was determined to be physically incapacitated, Rodriguez said.

The parole was withdrawn on Nov. 21, after it was discovered that Russell could walk, and was not as debilitated as first thought.

"His mobility, combined with his previous escape attempts was the reason to withdraw the parole," Rodriguez said.

But then on Jan. 16, more medical documents reported that Russell was really sick. Sick enough to be let out on paroled release to a nursing home in south Texas.

This time, parole members overlooked the fact that Russell had 14 aliases and a penchant for impersonation that had led to three incredibly sly escapes. In one spectacular episode in 1996, Russell fashioned white inmate clothes into medical scrubs with a green ink pen and walked out the front gate of the Estelle Unit.

Rodriguez emphasized that the three-member panel in Huntsville that approved the release a second time in January, did so based on medical records provided by prison doctors.

"That formed the basis for the special needs parole," Rodriguez said. "He was declared terminal by the medical staff. It is obvious to us now that there is a problem with that information."

In Texas, nearly all inmate medical care is provided through a contract with the University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston.

Jill Scoggins, hospital spokeswoman, said Russell came to the Texas prison system with medical documentation that indicated he had the HIV virus that causes AIDS. She would not comment on whether that diagnosis was ever verified by UTMB staff or whether Russell was misdiagnosed.

"We're not going to violate patient records," she said. "Specifics about a patients record cannot be revealed."

She also couldn't say whether the medical records Russell provided to the parole board were authentic or fake.

"It's possible they were forged, I can't say for certain," Ms. Scoggins said.

Another state agency was noticeably silent Thursday.

Six weeks later after the parole board approved his request, Russell traded a cell at the Stiles Unit in Beaumont for a room at the Restful Acres Care Center, a nursing home in south Texas. With the help of another state agency — the little-known Texas Council on Offenders with Mental Impairments — Russell was given a 14-day pass to travel to Houston for experimental AIDS treatment.

The agency lobbied the parole board for the pass on Russell's behalf, according to state records.

Dee Kipowit, the agency's director, did not return messages left by The Associated Press.

Within days after Russell's exit from the nursing home, a man who said he was a doctor informed Restful Acres that Steven Russell had died during treatment in Houston. A death certificate would be sent verifying the death.

Texas prison officials were notified immediately, but they were suspicious.

Authorities traced Russell to Dallas, where while posing as an attorney, he had been visiting his ex-lover in jail. He is also believed to have impersonated a Virginia millionaire to try and get a $75,000 loan at a Dallas bank.

Bank officials became suspicious and contacted authorities, so Russell feigned a heart attack and was rushed to a hospital. He's thought to have made a phone call from the premises, impersonating an FBI agent and saying that he was no longer a wanted man.

He left Dallas and made his way to south Florida, where he was arrested Tuesday night while walking to his car. Texas authorities say there will be an extradition hearing next week.

Prison officials are preparing escape charges against him for duping the parole board.

Rare silver minnow threatens West Texas Water Authority

PLAINVIEW (AP) — Just when the 11 West Texas cities that comprise the Canadian River Municipal Water Authority thought they'd have flowing taps for decades, along swam the Arkansas River shiner.

The Lone Star Chapter of the Sierra Club and the Southwest Center for Biodiversity are convinced the little silver minnow is imperiled and demand in a New Mexico federal lawsuit filed last month that the fish be declared an endangered species.

While the lawsuit targets the Interior Department, CRMWA officials feel like they're in the cross hairs, too.

"We don't really have a part in the suit as it's filed now," general manager John Williams said. "But if it takes the same course as others we've seen, we need to protect our ability to participate."

The authority feels threatened because of a plan to pump up to 14.7 billion gallons annually from rural Roberts County, located along the Canadian. The underground water will be used to blend with the salty Lake Meredith water that supplies Lubbock, Amarillo and nine other cities.

While not referring to the Roberts County plan specifically, Sierra Club spokesman Scott Royder said overpumping is a threat to the shiner and other creatures who rely on riverbeds.

"The loss of the shiner, which depends on that kind of habitat, is an indicator that concerns us," Royder said. "We're basically concerned about the continued decline of an (Ogallala) aquifer that supports animals and humans. We cannot continue to draw water from an aquifer that cannot recharge. I would hope most people would not want the aquifer to go extinct."

Royder said the lawsuit's only goal is to force the government to designate the shiner as an endangered species.

HOMELESS: Offering help, hope to be focus of meeting

(From 1B)

itan areas ... Houston, San Antonio, Dallas, Fort Worth, El Paso and Austin. THN board members are from those cities, as well as Harlingen, Marshall, Bryan, Port Arthur, Amarillo, Wichita Falls, Midland and Brownsville.

Throughout the United States, the number of homeless people ranges from hundreds of thousands to 7 million in a nation of about 250 million. In the world of 5.6 billion people, there are perhaps 100 million homeless people.

While Midland is without a centralized shelter for housing the walk-in homeless similar to the homeless shelter system operated by the San Antonio Metropolitan Ministries (SAMM), Midland does have the benefit of housing programs such as those operated by churches, the Midland Habitat for Humanity, Christmas In April, Midland Fair Havens, Midland Neighbor Housing Services, The City of Midland Community Development Office, Midland County Housing Authority, Midland Housing Authority, The Salvation Army, Community and Senior Services, Permian Basin Center for Battered Women and Their Children and High Sky Children's Ranch.

"There are people out there doing things in a very quiet way" to assist the homeless, noted Hellinghausen. Church groups and individuals pay for the housing of homeless individuals or families in motels or other housing units.

The THN two-hour meeting will be preceded by a 7:30 a.m. "Housing Update" breakfast meeting in the Holiday Inn and will be followed by a tour of Midland's housing projects.

The "invisible homeless" often are on the move, Hellinghausen noted. "Most move in with friends or relatives for a short time, and then they have to move on. They are not in the alley. There are some that are, of course."

While the homeless people usually are "under-employed" or "lack employment, there are some working homeless," Hellinghausen said. "The average age of the homeless person is 9," which means that many families with young children are among the wandering homeless.

Ms. Reid said that "in the northern parts of Texas, particularly during the winter when the weather is so severe, those homeless people even move indoors or they move to warmer climate ... to survive the winter."

"Texas is highly influenced by Hispanic culture," particularly in South Texas, Ms. Reid said. "And among Hispanic people, you'll find 25 to 30 people living in a two-bedroom apartment. And they'll keep packing people in because they keep packing relatives in."

Among the homeless are those not just beset by poverty and lack of skills but those who are debilitated by mental illness or by the effects of drugs, including alcohol.

"In Houston, it is a big problem," Ms. Reid said of the homeless. "They have a lot of abandoned buildings downtown. And people will move into those buildings and live there even though there's no running water, no electricity, living in what we would consider very sub-standard housing, cardboard buildings that are kind of just stapled together."

And among the homeless are "families who are ... just sort of down on their luck," Ms. Reid said.

In San Antonio, for example, a family ended up in a SAMM shelter after the father, "the principal breadwinner," broke a leg, didn't have disability insurance and lost his job as a construction worker.

"His income stopped," Ms. Reid said. The man, his wife and the children "got thrown out of their apartment. They lost everything they owned. What do you do?"

That man and his family were sustained by San Antonio's SAMM sheltering program for the homeless and returned to work once his injury healed. Once again, he provided a livelihood for his family.

"And how many of us are in similar situations where, if our source of income were cut off tomorrow, it wouldn't take us long before we wouldn't have anything," Ms. Reid said. "If we are fortunate to have some family to take us in temporarily, we might be OK."

"Those kind of (homeless) circumstances are kind of beyond our control," Ms. Reid said. "What do you do next?

"We've got a huge number of families with small children out there" among the homeless. "And you don't see those folks because they don't stand on the corner with signs."

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Military schools boasting record enrollments

N.Y. Times News Service

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. — Reveille sounds at 0600 hours, echoing across the lush, leafy campus of Valley Forge Military Academy, heralding a new dawn both for the 800 cadets here and for military schools across America.

Spurned in the anti-military atmosphere of the Vietnam War, military schools dwindled in numbers from nearly 600 in the late 1950s to just 41 by the time U.S. military involvement ended in Southeast Asia in the 1970s.

But now, with parents increasingly concerned about chaotic conduct and the lack of value-oriented curricula in some public school classrooms, military schools are filled to capacity.

Typical of this change is Gail Paroda of Hamilton Township, N.J., whose 17-year-old son, Andy, is in his third year at Valley Forge.

"My son, military school? No way, I thought," said the 46-year-old Paroda, who came of age during the Vietnam War. "But his public school destroyed him, telling him he was stupid. He had no self-esteem, no future."

In desperation, she enrolled her son at Valley Forge, where he has done an about-face, not only in grades — he's gone from a D to a B average — but in self-confidence and, according to his mother, "a real sense of right and wrong."

Waiting lists of applicants are commonplace at military schools today, according to Lewis Sorley, executive director of the Association of Military Colleges and Schools of the United States.

"A day doesn't pass that I don't get several phone calls from parents desperate to find a military school near them," said Sorley.

So great is the demand that, for the first time since 1965, a new military school is being planned — a "Christian" military academy, the decade-old vision of Forrest Clay Wheat Sr., a retired naval officer and successful businessman in the telecommunications industry.

"We're going to create the best possible leaders we can have for the new millennium," Wheat said. "As a Christian school, we'll provide moral guidance to what is right and what is wrong in life."

Wheat's school, the Virginia Naval Academy, will be built on a 1,000-acre former plantation on the banks of the Rappahannock River near Virginia's coastline. The plan is to have 400 students, graduating 100 a year.

Unlike most military schools, which are still overwhelmingly male, Wheat's school will be co-ed, like the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. Wheat hopes his school will be a "feeder" for Annapolis.

And because military schools are typically very expensive — Valley Forge costs a minimum of $20,700 per year — Wheat is trying to endow his school with adequate funds for merit scholarships.

"We want to admit people not because they have the right social standing or money, but because they have the capability to learn and develop," he said.

As American attitudes toward military schools have changed, so have the schools themselves, turning their attention and energy to character-building as much as to discipline and academic achievement.

And in that, the 80-year-old Valley Forge Military Academy, among the foremost schools of its kind, has led the way.

Honor codes that prohibit lying, cheating and stealing are fixtures at all military schools. So, too, at many schools, is mandatory attendance at religious services.

But in 19. ', Valley Forge also introduced character education to its curriculum, classes in which cadets grapple with case studies of moral dilemmas. Today, many of those lessons are drawn from William Bennett's best-seller, "The Book of Virtues."

"The idea is to develop the whole man, a man who is responsible for himself and to others, not necessarily for military service but for good citizenship," said Gen. Al Sanelli, the academy chaplain, who is responsible for the character education program.

Many of the new cadets initially dismiss character education as irrelevant.

"Most of them come here not knowing any better," said John McDonald-Guizar, 17, a second-year cadet from Houston. "Cheating? They think: what's the big deal? Everybody cheats. But after awhile, they start thinking about it and talking about it, and they get it."

Rear Admiral Virgil Hill Jr., the academy president, lamented that conditions in American society today — especially homes broken by divorce or strained by demanding careers — make character education necessary.

"You talk to 14- and 15-year-old kids about honor, it's not an easy subject, not something that they've had a lot of discussion about up to then in their lives," Hill said. "But it sticks, and for most of these kids, their time here is a life-altering experience."

It doesn't stick with every cadet, however. About 15 percent of those who enroll at Valley Forge wash out before the end of the year.

"It's not easy," said Chris Dasilva, 17, of Boca Raton, Fla., who is completing his first year at Valley Forge.

Military schools still have the reputation as a dumping ground for boys in trouble, and a significant number of current Valley Forge cadets fit the profile.

"I was getting into trouble, getting in with the wrong crowd, bad grades, not getting along with my parents, just going downhill," said Jim Hanna Jr., 16, of Worthington, Ohio, who arrived in January.

"But this place keeps you in check," he said.

Indeed, some things about military schools haven't changed.

At Valley Forge, reveille is 6 a.m. Uniformed cadets are called to attention before each meal and at the beginning and end of each class. Officers, teachers, administrators and visitors are saluted. Lunch is preceded by a midday marching review. Haircuts are administered weekly. Mandatory study hall is 7:30 to 9:30 each evening. Taps is at 10 p.m.

Before a new cadet can earn privileges, such as telephone time, a pass to leave the campus, or time at "the Boodle," where TV and video games are as much a treat as the burgers and fries, he must earn his cap shield, a metal emblem worn on the hat.

But there is no physical hazing of plebes.

Lawmaker seeks delay in Citicorp/Travelers merger

WASHINGTON (AP) — A House Banking Committee Democrat says the proposed merger between Citicorp and Travelers Group should be delayed until allegations that Citibank laundered drug money for the jailed brother of the former Mexican president are fully investigated.

"No merger should go forward unless Citibank is completely exonerated of these charges," Rep. Maxine Waters of California, the Congressional Black Caucus chairwoman, said Thursday in declaring her opposition to the deal announced this week.

A spokesman for the Federal Reserve, which must pprove the merger, did not immediately return a telephone call seeking comment.

The Justice Department has been investigating since mid-1996 to see whether U.S. laws were violated when Raul Salinas transferred millions of dollars from Mexico through New York to Switzerland. The New York bank was a conduit for the transferred funds.

The Mexican and Swiss governments also are investigating.

Waters said Swiss investigators have credible evidence that Salinas, whose younger brother, Carlos, is the former president, acted as the middleman for Colombian and Mexican drug lords by laundering tens of millions of dollars through Citibank's private banking system.

Citicorp, the nation's second-largest bank, and Travelers Groups, an insurance and brokerage giant, this week proposed a deal valued at $82 billion that would give millions of consumers across the globe a single place to take care of all of their banking and investment needs.

Waters, in a letter Thursday to Fed Chairman Alan Greenspan, asked that the merger application be put aside until the Justice Department investigation is completed and "there is a finding regarding Citicorp's guilt or innocence in connection with money laundering."

Waters also sent letters to President Clinton and Attorney General Janet Reno, and has asked House Banking Committee Chairman Rep. Jim Leach, R-Iowa, to schedule hearings.

Waters, the senior Democrat on the Banking panel's government oversight and investigations subcommittee, said she also would introduce legislation to block the review of merger applications involving institutions that have been accused or found guilty of money laundering.

"We cannot continue to direct all of our war on drugs to our street dealers," she told reporters. "We have to go after drug dealing and money laundering in high places."

In addition to the money-laundering allegations, Waters said she also opposes the Citicorp-Travelers Group merger because it could reduce access to financial services by the poor.

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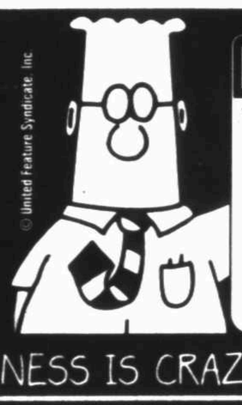
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Scholars debate standards as racial terms go public

By Peter Canellos
N.Y. Times News Service

Three friends — a black man, a white man, and a white woman — are sitting around talking, and before their conversation ends, one word gets passed around nine times, as smoothly as if reciting someone's name.

It's the n-word. The conversation is from "Jackie Brown," director Quentin Tarantino's recent tribute to the "blaxploitation" films of the '70s, inviting moviegoers of all races to share the vibe — and especially the vernacular — of black folks talking among themselves and with their white friends.

Now, as Boston magazine faces escalating pressure to formally apologize for a headline describing Henry Louis Gates Jr., chairman of the Afro-American Studies department at Harvard, as the university's "Head Negro In Charge," the magazine's editor insists the title was only meant to echo a phrase sometimes used by black people themselves.

And while the editor, Craig Unger, Wednesday said he regrets approving the headline, many blacks and whites wrestled with the underlying issues: Has the upsurge in interest in black popular culture by whites put some racial terms back in play, if expressed in the ironic way blacks sometimes use them?

If not — and most people interviewed insist that racial terms have not returned to popular usage — is it fair to condemn non-blacks who might not perceive the difference between people in one group talking among themselves and outsiders saying the same things?

"Whatever your love calls you, that's a language that's there, but obviously that love language does not go into the public domain," said Bob Buckley, a Cambridge poet who is black.

Buckley explained that when whites in "public positions" use words like "negro," the terms have a totally different connotation than when used by blacks. "Blacks used their own language so the master couldn't decifer it," Buckley said. "Craig Unger should know that. He's still the master."

Afro-American history scholars, some of them black and some white, who gathered for a regularly scheduled weekly colloquium at Harvard's Lamont Library Wednesday, generally agreed that Boston magazine had used a deeply offensive term.

But a few noted that the freer use of some formerly toxic phrases in new contexts — in movies, in rap music, and even in the halls of academia — might reasonably cause confusion.

"In the story, he (Gates) says things like there's something called the 'one-nigger syndrome' and people might not know where the lines are," said Richard Taub, a sociology professor at the University of Chicago, who is white.

Yet, most white scholars of Afro-American history say they know instinctively not to use terms that, through American history, have been deeply wounding to blacks — even if black scholars use the same terms.

"I stay on the safe side and I don't use them," said Robert Baum, an Iowa State University professor, who is white.

Baum said that among his fellow Jews he sometimes uses derogatory terms about Jewish people, joking about "Jewish time" — a reference to being late for appointments — but "I'd find these terms very offensive from someone else."

Jim Mendelsohn, an associate at Harvard's W.E.B. DuBois Institute, who is white, said it is wrong for any white person to assume a level of familiarity with blacks that would allow the use of historically derogatory phrases.

"In a country that has yet to come to terms with its racial history, there's a wish that all the problems of racism would simply go away" and everyone could interact in the same way, Mendelsohn said. "But in the U.S., that adds up to simply not dealing with history."

Some people disagree, among them a few Boston black leaders including the maverick Rev. Eugene Rivers, who defended Boston magazine. They shared editor Unger's view that the phrase in the headline, while derived from plantation days, is now used by blacks to describe African-Americans who are picked by predominantly white institutions to be their minority "spokesmen."

Unger has said some well-known black academics use this and other racial terms in new ways, to draw parallels between past and present roles of blacks in white institutions. He has suggested the phrases have been sanitized in the process, and can now be invoked in their "current usage."

Similarly, black rap singers routinely use the n-word to describe black people, apparently to conjure up images of oppression.

Most specialists insist that whites should never feel free to make the same observations, because it would rightly be perceived as denigrating blacks. "I would never use those terms even with people I've known for years," said Baum.

Still, the line beyond which white people should not tread is not always clear. Among black friends and colleagues, some whites say, they feel free to make light of stereotypes about blacks — but rarely with n-words included.

Indeed, at Wednesday's Harvard colloquium, Patricia Sullivan, a white historian of the civil-rights era, described white folk musician Pete Seeger's trip down South to register black voters in the 1960s, joking, "This was the white man playing the banjo, and the black man talking."

The audience, equally divided among blacks and whites but all sharing an interest in black history, twittered with laughter. No one objected at all — out loud.

Better health may be massage away

By Chris Strugis
Hearst News Service

ALBANY, N.Y. — When Robert Gilbert's wife suffered severe back pain after childbirth, he soothed her with Swedish massage techniques.

"You're so good at this you should do it for a living," she told him.

Gilbert agreed. So he quit his job as a newspaper proofreader in Glens Falls, N.Y., and went to massage therapy school, receiving his license about three years ago. He now works at an Albany spa and is a hockey team massage therapist.

"It's very rewarding," Gilbert said. "With this job people say a very heartfelt thank-you every time."

While "massage parlor" once was a euphemism for the site of naughty acts, today legitimate massage establishments are filled with people seeking relief from stress, headaches, lower back pain, depression, insomnia and sore muscles. Scientific studies have also touted the benefits of massage therapy for premature infants, children with diabetes and patients with the AIDS virus.

Since 1992, the Touch Research Institute in the pediatrics department at the University of Miami School of Medicine has studied the effects of massage therapy.

"We're finding that massage reduces stress hormones and in some cases increases a neurotransmitter, serotonin, which is often depleted in people with depression or chronic pain or chronic stress," said Maria Hernandez Reif, director of massage for the institute.

In men infected with the human immunodeficiency virus but not yet sick with AIDS, the institute found that massage reduced levels of cortisol, a stress hormone, and increased the number of "natural killer cells" that attack viruses and tumors, she said. Massage also boosted the subjects' immune systems, she said.

The Touch Research Institute is now studying whether massage boosts the immune system for breast cancer patients, Hernandez Reif said.

Since 1990 more than 3,00 people have received massage licenses in New York, doubling the number of practitioners, according to the state Education Department. Fueling the boom is the public's growing acceptance of alternative medicine and the proliferation of studies on the health benefits of massage. There also is a bill pending in the state Legislature that would require insurance companies to provide coverage for treatment by licensed massage therapists.

"Many, many physicians, chiropractors and physical therapists refer patients to massage therapists, or have them on their staff," said Kathleen Doyle of the Board of Massage Therapy at the state Education Department.

Dorothy "Teddy" Foster of Saratoga Springs, N.Y., tried massage a few years ago because of muscle spasms in her neck and back.

"It really helps you," said Foster, marketing director for the Center for Esthetic Enhancement. "You get done, you get dressed and you can kind of go back out into the world where you left off. You revisit the stresses of your life and it's not so bad."

Massage is believed to promote health by moving lymph, a milky white fluid that carries impurities away from the tissues promoting better cell health, according to the Internet page of the American Massage Therapy Association in Evanston, Ill.

A bill pending in the New York Legislature would require insurance policies for hospital, surgical or medical care to include services by a licensed massage therapist.

"As of this date, the profession of massage is the only licensed health profession in New York which is not listed with the New York Insurance Law. This legislation would add massage therapy as a regular component of health care policies in the state," according to a memo about the proposed law sponsored by state Assemblyman Paul A. Tokasz, D-Buffalo, and state Sen. William T. Stachowski, D-Buffalo.

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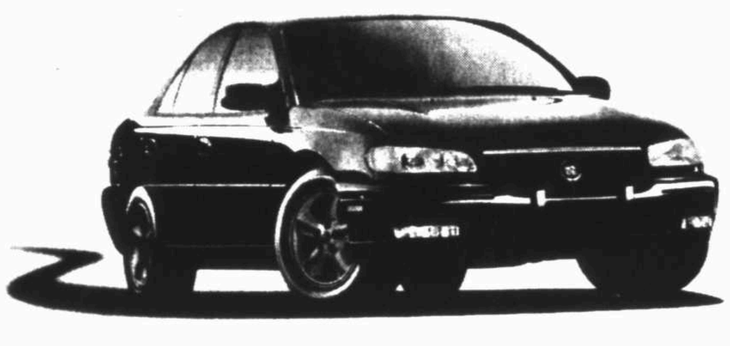

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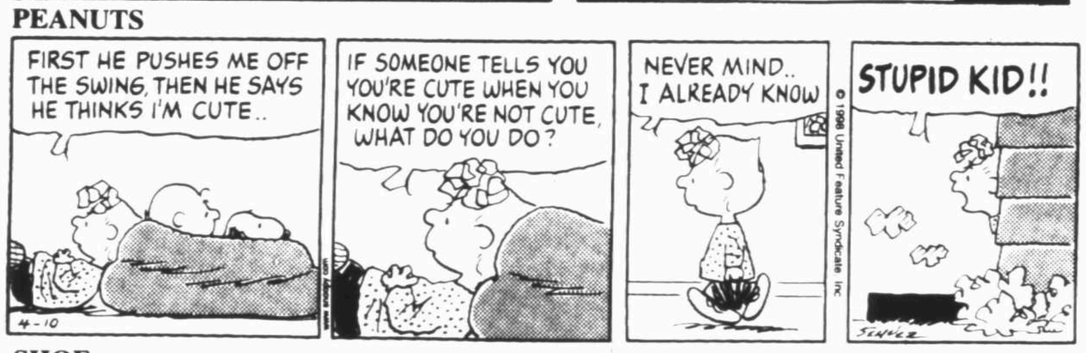

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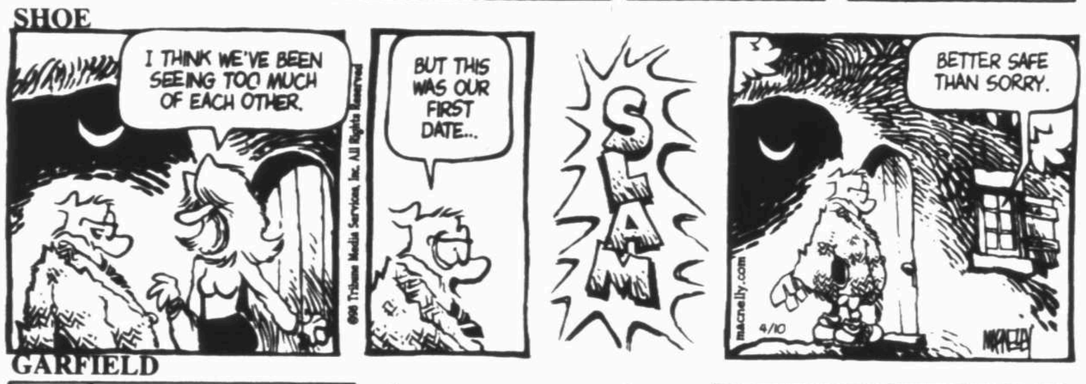

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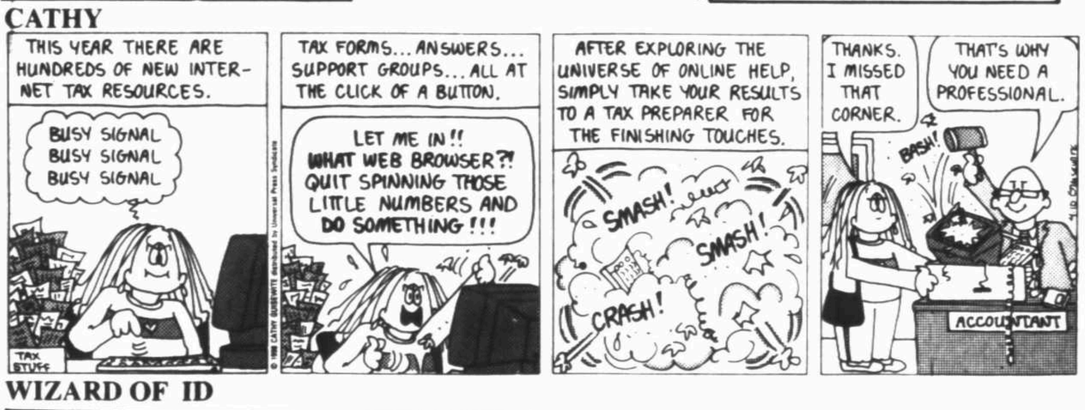

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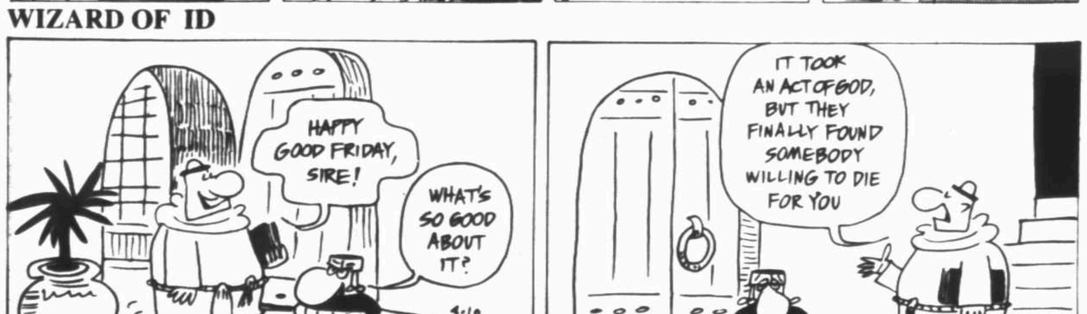

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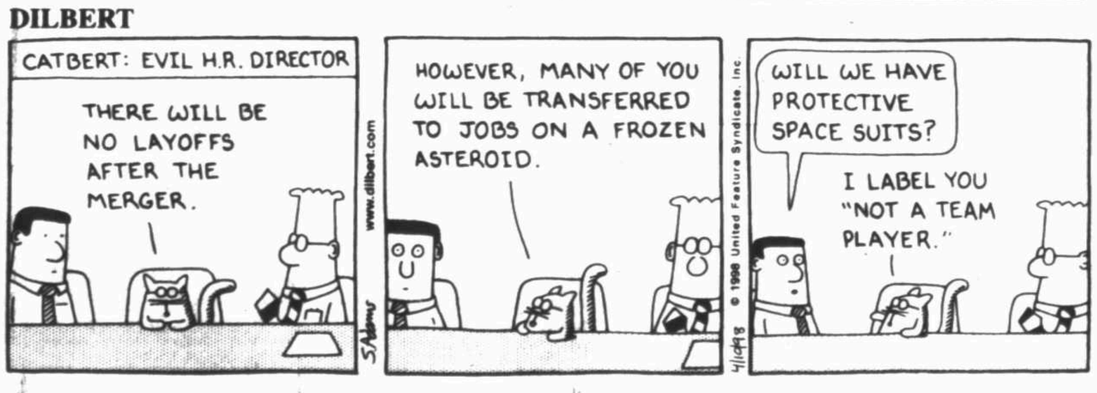

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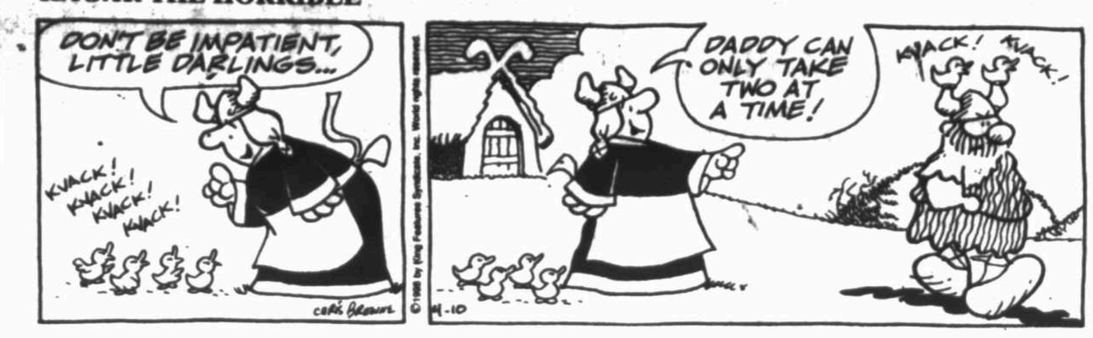

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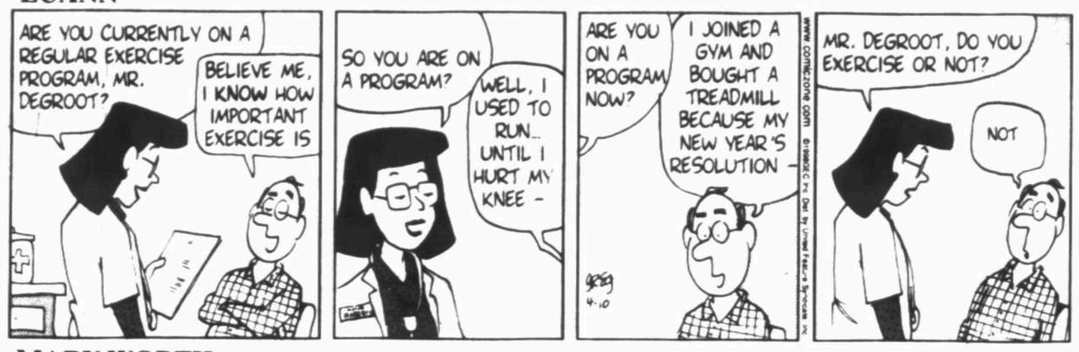

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JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1998

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Friday, April 10, 1998:
Partners play a big role in your year. Learn to defer, and understand where others come from before passing judgment. You're likely to confront issues about boundaries, that is, how much to give and when to stop. Popularity is high. Friendships take an interesting twist, and one in particular could become much more. You are working toward a dream, and others pitch in. If you are single, you will be enriched by a relationship that adds to your innate wisdom. If attached, this is a banner year when the two of you shoot for a long-cherished dream. LIBRA plays devil's advocate.

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★★ Bend in the other direction, and flow with the unusual. Others want to share with you. Be open; you discover how the impossible might be possible! Your dynamic nature explodes onto a mental plane. Let your imagination go. Tonight: An adventure with a friend!

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★ You are task-oriented. A partner spices up your work with a fresh idea or new slant. Even if you feel that someone is asking for a revolution, you still can benefit enormously. Open up to an authority figure; he also has a good imagination and can be helpful. Tonight: Take it easy.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Creativity is high and allows for much feedback. A partner will reveal more. You are startled at what you learn. Unexpected offers to travel are tempting. Why not go for it? Experiment and enjoy. Follow a different drummer, listen to your wild core. Tonight: Take off quickly.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ You come from a point of security. Do not fight a change at work; rather, greet it with a positive attitude. Question the source of negativity. An associate startles you, as he suddenly takes a risk. Decisions aren't necessary right now. Tonight: Enjoy the home front.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ Make that additional effort. Attempt to get through to another, who at times might be elusive or difficult. Passion returns to your life. You see someone with brand-new eyes. Relish the process of getting to know each other. Tonight: Specialize in flirtation!

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Money is a high priority. Be open to changing your work situation, so that you have more independence and freedom. New technology proves to be a gift, not a liability. Open up to what could be. You are more willing to work late hours from a home office. Tonight: Buy a new plant or flowers.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★★ Your smile perks up someone. A sense of magic adds to a budding romance. Talk about your goals, and see how they compare. Go beyond the moment, and eye the long-term. A relationship could have enormous potential. Tonight: Your wish is someone else's command.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★ Sometimes, it is wiser to watch than participate. This idea poses a challenge to you, as you are one who likes to be involved in life. You gain insight. Tumultuous behavior is not needed. You can make changes, once you understand the different players. Tonight: Vanish mysteriously.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★★ Aim for what you want. Network, and reach out for others. Your ability to socialize is your strong suit, professionally as well as emotionally. Answer your phones, remaining responsive as the unexpected occurs. You can adapt. Tonight: With the apple of your eye.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ Learning to flow with the unexpected, especially financially, will help you in the future. You have pulled the money wild card; the ups and downs can be remarkable. You are in the limelight, where others clearly respect you and need your advice. Be a good listener. Tonight: Out and about.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Your vivacity could surprise others. Recent developments transform your life, as well as your immediate circle. Socializing and enjoying the quality of your life occupies more time. Share a vision with an open-minded associate. It can happen! Tonight: With friends.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★ Close relating opens you up to experience more of life. Examine insights that present themselves through dreams. On some level, you are stunned by what your mind reveals. Closeness and better understanding result from a disclosure. Tonight: See your favorite person.

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With Omar Sharif and Tannah Hirsch

IF ONLY THE CARDS WERE GLASS

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
♠ A 9 6 2
♡ J 9 6 4 3
◇ J
♣ Q J 4

WEST
♠ K Q 10 7 4 3
♡ 10
◇ Q 7 5 3 2
♣ 7

EAST
♠ 8 5
♡ K 8 2
◇ A 10
♣ K 10 9 8 3 2

SOUTH
♠ J
♡ A Q 7 5
◇ K 9 8 6 4
♣ A 6 5

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♡	1♠	4♡	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: King of ♠

Looking at all four hands on this deal from a world championship match between Italy and the U.S., it is easy to see that four hearts is a relatively simple contract. Unfortunately, declarer did not have the advantage of peripheral vision.

North-South were employing canape opening bids, in which the first-bid suit is often shorter than the second. As a result, four hearts was reached in quick time, a contract that seems destined to be fulfilled after West led the king of spades.

Declarer won the first trick with dummy's ace and immediately led the jack of diamonds. East, Sidney Lazard of New Orleans, rose with the ace of diamonds and switched to the ten of clubs. That ran to dummy's queen and declarer now seized the chance to dispose of the potential club loser before tackling trumps.

South came to hand with a spade ruff, cashed the king of diamonds for a club discard and tried to cross back to dummy by ruffing a diamond low. Lazard overruffed with the eight, returned the king of clubs for partner to ruff away declarer's ace of clubs, then scored the king of hearts by overruffing the table when West played another diamond. As a result, declarer lost the ace of diamonds and three trump tricks!

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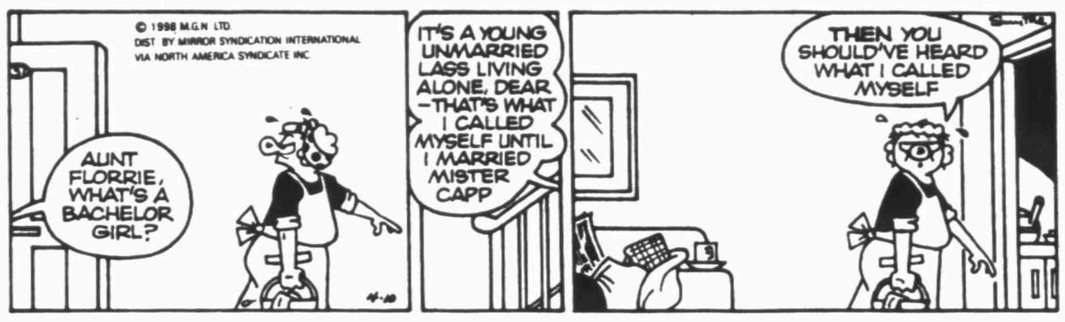

FAMILY CIRCUS

"Shh! Eileen is talkin' to me. She's my Guardian Angel."

DENNIS THE MENACE

"IF THIS IS THE BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS, WHAT DO THE REST OF US EAT?"

TODAY'S TV SCHEDULE

FRIDAY EVENING — **April 10, 1998** — For Complete Information Please Check Movie Listings

Broadcast	O	C	6:00	6:30	7:00	7:30	8:00	8:30	9:00	9:30	10:00	10:30	11:00	11:30
(3) KMID	2	3	News 403	Wheel of Fortune	Sabrina, Witch	Boy Meets World	America's Funniest Home Videos 5799 (TVG)		20/20 6403		News 74294	Cheers 83942	Nightline 6107	Politically Incorrect
(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Beyond Belief: Fact or Fiction? 76768		Millennium: Luminary 58316		Soldier of Fortune, Inc. (Part 1 of 2) 65652		Home Improvement	Mad About You	Vibe 92942	
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 2861	Grace Under Fire	Kids Say/Things	Candid Camera	Unsolved Mysteries 78590		Nash Bridges: Lady Killer 92126		News 6188519	Golf (10:35)	Late Show With David Letterman (10:50)	
(9) KWES	9	9	News 8497	Seinfeld 9749	Players: Conundrum 34126 (TVPG)		Dateline NBC 16774		Homicide: Life on the Street 23010 (TV14)		News 4174215	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	Joe Good	J. Hagee	The Light of the Southwest 69652				News	J. Meyer	Richard Roberts 57671		S. Soleyn	Dr. Nangle
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 784107		Washington Week	Wall Ut skeyser	McLaughlin Group	TechnoPolitics	In Search of Law and Order: America's Kids		Telecourse 526010		Off the Air	
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(8) CNBC		8	How to Retire Early	Equal Time W/Bay	Hardball With Chris Matthews 4141749		Rivers Live 4150497		The News With Brian Williams 4236861		Charles Grodin 4133720		Rivers Live 7200010	
(10) WGN		10	Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Montreal Expos 369720						News 824010		Beverly Hills, 90210 834497 (TVPG)		In the Heat of the Night 539045 (TV14-V)	
(11) WTBS		11	Baseball: Atlanta Braves at Philadelphia Phillies 148958						Club Paradise (PG-13, '86) ** (Robin Williams, Peter O'Toole) 7203590				The Breakfast Club (11:15) (R, '85) 3976687	
(14) FAM		14	The Waltons 506381 (TVG)		Rescue 911 158768 (TVPG)		Diagnosis Murder 230316 (TVPG)		Hawaii Five-0: Blind Tiger 147652 (TVPG)		The 700 Club 157039		Bonanza: The Wish 763749 (TVG)	
(24) BRAV		24	Diana Ross Sings		A Man of No Importance 5287213			Split Scr'n	Death and the Maiden (9:10) (R, '94) 63557774				Inside Actor's Studio	
(26) BET		26	Planet Groove Top 20 Video Countdown				Hit List 466010		Comicview 559774		Rap City Top 10		227	Mid. Love
(27) DISN		27	James and the Giant Peach (PG, '96) *** (Paul Terry) 7782855				The Return of Jafar (7:20) (G, '94) 82209316	Robin Hood 83258381	(8:35) (G, '73) **		Walt Disney Presents 912229 (TVG)		Zorro 288774	Mickey Mouse Club
(28) CNN		28	Moneyline	Crossfire	The World Today		Larry King Live 705565		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Sports
(29) ESPN		29	SportsCenter (5:30)	NHL Hockey 876749						Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter 531942		Baseball Tonight	Strongest Man
(30) USA		30	Highlander: For Evil's Sake 964381 (TVPG)		Walker, Texas Ranger 714213 (TVPG)		Golf: The Masters. Second Round 904836					Crocodile Dundee II (PG, '88) ** (Paul Hogan, Linda Kozlowski) 130403		
(31) FX		31	Miami Vice 7046045		The X-Files 2811381		NYPD Blue 2900229		In Color	In Color	The X-Files 2810652		NYPD Blue 8168251	
(32) A&E		32	Law & Order: Consultation 333497 (TVPG)		Biography 176039 (TVG)		America's Castles 258687 (TVG)		Tom Jones: Part I (Part 1 of 3) 251774 (TVPG)				Biography 672403 (TVG)	
(33) TLC		33	Vila's Home Again	Vila's Home Again	Real America: 48 Hours: Out of Mind 573229		Great Mysteries & Myths 486749 (TVG)		Connections 3: Elementary Stuff 499213 (TVG)		Real America: 48 Hours: Out of Mind 492300		Great Mysteries & Myths 999403 (TVG)	
(34) NICK		34	Doug 452854	Rugrats 914126	Charlie Brown	Bewitched 903010	The Wonder Years	The Wonder Years	Happy Days	I Love Lucy	Mary Tyler Moore	Taxi 605126 (TVG)	Newhart 527229	Dick Van Dyke
(36) LIFE		36	Intimate Portrait		Unsolved Mysteries		Visions of Murder ('93) ** 141478				Attitudes	Gold. Girls	Gold. Girls	Mysteries
(39) OUTDR		39	Great Outdoorsman	Trailside	Saltwater Angler	Hunting With Hank	Sportsman Journal	Sport. Clays Skins	Pull 6785590	Complete Angler	Saltwater Angler	Hunting With Hank	Sportsman Journal	Sport. Clays Skins
(42) UNI		42	Sin Ti 11942 (TVPG)		Esmeralda 56478	La Vida de Nuestro Senor Jesucristo ('66) ** (Claudio Brook, Gayle Bedell) 225584					Impacto Extra	Noticiero Univision	Al Ritmo de la Noche 443132 (TV14)	
(43) FSN		43	The Last Word	Fox Sports News	Hockey: North American University Championships 488126						Fox Sports News 15687		Fox Sports News 41107	
(44) COM		44	13th Young Comedians Special 3905687		One-Night Stand	Janeane Garofalo	Dana Carvey: Critics' Choice 2587381 (TVPG)		Pee-wee Herman Show 2670045 (TVPG)		Robin Williams: Off the Wall 2673132		Jonathan Katz	Janeane Garofalo
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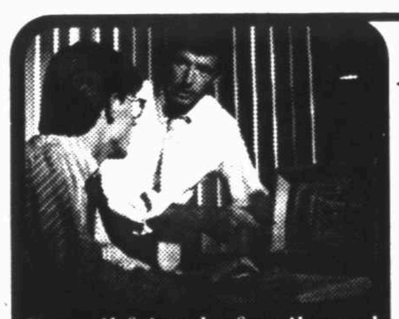
(20) DISC		20	Gimme Shelter 411229 (TVG)		Wild Discovery 174671 (TVPG)		Discovery News	Storm Warning!	The Lost Treasure of King Charles I 170855		Justice Files: Kidnapped 173942		Wild Discovery 581107 (TVG)	
(21) AMC		21	Hombre (5:30) ('67) *** 378478				The Pleasure of His Company ('61) *** 706792			The Mummy ('59) ** 843584			Apartment for Peggy	
(22) TNN		22	Dallas 738229		Motor Madness: NASCAR Interstate Batteries 500 738836 (TVG)						Dallas 570132		Motor Madness 470300	
(23) TNT		23	Babylon 5 658039		NBA Basketball: Atlanta Hawks at Charlotte Hornets 476774					NBA Basketball: Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Lakers 718671				
(46) HBO		46	Eight Men Out (5) (PG, '88) *** 141956		Maximum Risk (R, '96) ** (Jean-Claude Van Damme, Natasha Henstridge) 5561768				Operation Delta Force II: Mayday (8:45) (R, '97) 92483774			Dennis Miller Live	Perversions	One Man's Justice
(47) MAX		47	The Cable Guy (5:15) (PG-13, '96) 91287958		The Beautician and the Beast (PG, '97) ** (Fran Drescher, Timothy Dalton) 772497				The Dentist (R, '96) ** (Corbin Bernsen, Linda Hoffman) 427300			Intimate Sessions	Centerfold ('96) * (Gabriella Hall) 378313	
(48) SHOW		48	The Spice Girls in Concert: Wild! (5:30)		Unforgettable (R, '96) * (Ray Liotta, Linda Fiorentino) 125565				Stargate SG-1: Hathor 6716233 (TVPG-LV)		The Outer Limits	The Hunger	Poltergeist: The Legacy 8082381 (TVPG-DV)	
(49) TMC		49	Movie (4:40)		When We Were Kings (PG, '96) *** 820942		Ghosts of Mississippi (PG-13, '96) ** (Alec Baldwin, Whoopi Goldberg) 3689215				Threesome (10:15) (R, '94) *** (Lara Flynn Boyle, Stephen Baldwin) 52330774			
(50) VC1		50	The Edge (5) 2100861		Good Burger (PG, '97) ** (Kel Mitchell) 8642039				The Edge (R, '97) ** (Anthony Hopkins) 8046942				Air Force One 9031403	
(51) VC4		51	Good Burger (5:30) (PG, '97) ** (Kel Mitchell, Kenan Thompson)			Good Burger (PG, '97) ** (Kel Mitchell, Kenan Thompson)				Good Burger (PG, '97) ** (Kel Mitchell, Kenan Thompson)				Good Burger (PG)
(88) PLAY		88	The Legend of Barbi Q and Little Fawn (AO, '95)				Strip Search (TVMA)		Playboy's Most Wanted		The Night That Never Happened (R, '97)			
(89) HC		89	Fire Down Below (R, '97) ** 8040768				Sex Sells/M. Chambers		Hot Body: U'wear Affair		Kull the Conqueror (PG-13, '97) ** 1710213			



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PEOPLE

Duchess of York bails out founder of youth center for child-support arrears

PITTSBURGH — As police waited outside, the former **Sarah Ferguson** played squash in a charity event to raise funds for an inner-city youth center.

Then the Duchess of York posted $4,000 bail for the program's founder, Ramon "Tru" Dixon, who was arrested Wednesday for failing to pay child support.

Fergie posted bond for Ramon "Tru" Dixon after losing at squash to Sen. Arlen Spector.

"Here is a man who has so much to give to the community and inner-city kids, and they get him for something like this," she was quoted in the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette as saying.

After Miss Ferguson lost a squash match to **Sen. Arlen Spector, R-Penn.**, an event that raised nearly $10,000, police arrested Dixon for being $6,000 in arrears.

The mother of Dixon's daughter, Nakisha, said she couldn't understand "how Fergie could back somebody who shirks child support."

"He's not paying to help take care of his own child," Michelle Davis told Post-Gazette.

Miss Ferguson met Dixon last year when she was in Pittsburgh to film a segment on inspirational people for her first television special.

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LONDON — British Foreign Secretary **Robin Cook** quietly married his former secretary in a civil ceremony Thursday, eight months after breaking up with his wife under circumstances most uncivil.

Cook, 52, had announced last month that he would marry Gaynor Regan, a 41-year-old divorcee, on April 19 at Chevening House, his official country residence. But he moved the date forward to avoid "media intrusion," according to a statement.

The civil ceremony took place at the public registry office in Tunbridge Wells, 35 miles southeast of London.

Last August, Cook was about to fly to the United States on vacation with his wife, Margaret, when he was told a tabloid newspaper was about to break the news of his affair with Mrs. Regan.

He took his wife into a private room at the airport and told her their 28-year marriage was over. Their divorce became final March 13.

Cook's former wife, a doctor who is a blood specialist, said Thursday that neither of their two children was at Thursday's ceremony.

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KNOXVILLE, Tenn. — Actor **Louis Gossett Jr.**, who appeared in the TV miniseries "Roots," will join members of **Alex Haley**'s family in dedicating a statue to the late writer.

The 13-foot-high, 4,200-pound bronze figure, described as America's largest statue of a black man, depicts Haley sitting with a book in his hand.

The Pulitzer Prize-winning author of "Roots" was born in west Tennessee and later lived in Knoxville. He died in 1992.

Gossett won an Emmy in 1977 for his portrayal of the slave Fiddler in the TV miniseries based on Haley's novel.

The statue was installed in November and will be dedicated April 24.

Also expected to show up at the dedication are Haley's relatives, former **Tennessee Gov. Lamar Alexander** and **Robert Guillaume**, who starred in the TV series "Benson."

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NEW YORK — Husband-and-wife singers **Roberto Alagna** and **Angela Gheorghiu**, who have been feuding with the Metropolitan Opera over one production, have signed a contract to perform in another.

Alagna, a tenor, and Ms. Gheorghiu, a soprano, will play the leading roles in Donizetti's "The Elixir of Love" in the 1999-2000 season, **Joseph Volpe**, the Met's general manager, said Wednesday.

Last week, the Met withdrew the couple's contract to perform in a Franco Zeffirelli production of Verdi's "Traviata" next season. Volpe said the couple had wanted to approve the production concept and designs, a right the Met does not give to any singer.

But Alagna, who signed CDs and programs Thursday at the Met's gift shop, said the sticking point was that he and his wife were asked to sing eight performances instead of six.

"It made this small scandal. I think it is strange," Alagna said.

Volpe, who paid a visit to the couple's dressing room after Saturday's performance of "Romeo and Juliet," said he feels the dispute is over.

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LOS ANGELES — **Kathy Ireland** has a second child on the way.

The thirtysomething Sports Illustrated swimsuit model told "Entertainment Tonight" the baby is due in the fall.

"We don't know if it's a boy or a girl," Ireland told the program for Thursday's broadcast. "We're just so excited."

Ms. Ireland is married to physician Greg Olsen. Her first child, Eric, is 4.

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Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire reports.

DAILY CROSSWORD PUZZLE

Edited by Trude Michel Jaffe

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5 Hunk
9 Betrayer
14 "Exodus" author
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16 Wear away
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34 Play catch
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36 Mississippi sight
37 Cheer for a matador
38 Sheer fabric
39 VIP's transport
40 Golden Gate section
41 Newspaper printer
42 Two-time U.S. Open champion
43 Avoid, redundantly
45 Inter —
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47 Hiawatha's craft
49 Swallow
51 Bro kin
54 Leading character, redundantly
57 Act the benefactor
58 Nothing doing!
59 Pavarotti solo
60 Seen at the movies
61 Has markers out
62 "The — Years of Our Lives"

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13 Perceive
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19 Draws a line in the sand
23 One of the Fab Four
24 "The — Minded Professor"
25 Aesop tale
26 Modern memo
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28 Ideal society
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30 Japanese verse form
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32 Dummy Mortimer
35 Generous one
38 Shrew
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43 Place for 40 Down
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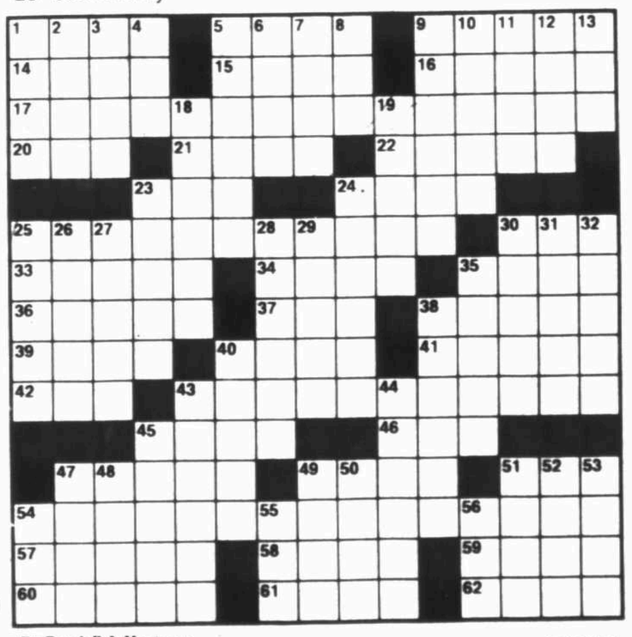

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AROUND TOWN

The Family PRIDE Council, a local council representing the Children's Trust Fund of Texas, has changed the date for the respondent's meeting. The meeting will be conducted 5:30-7:30 p.m. April 13 at the Midland County Extension Office, 2445 E. Business Loop 20 (old Highway 80).

Midland Family PRIDE Council President David Garcia will chair the meeting.

John Chacon, community development manager for the Children's Trust Fund, will explain the grant available and the grant process.

Midland County will be eligible for funds beginning Sept. 1. Any legally constituted entity (other than a state agency) may apply for funds to benefit child abuse prevention programs. Funds may be used for prevention of child abuse and neglect, and education programs, not for treatment.

Deadline to submit proposals is May 20. For more information about applications call (409) 845-1877...

...ODESSA MOTHER'S Club will host a "Geranium Tea" April 23 at #15 Santa Fe Place. The event will benefit the children's department of Ector County Library. Odessa Nursery will provide the geraniums. For time and more information call (915) 362-5168...

...ST. JOHN'S Episcopal Church will host the 1998 West Texas Christian Track Meet May 9 at the Ratliff Stadium in Odessa. Opening ceremonies will begin at 7:45 a.m. Track events will begin at 8 a.m. Events will include the running long jump, softball throw, various meter dashes and various meter relays.

Entry fee is $5 with all proceeds going to benefit the private school. Deadline to enter is April 17. For more information call (915) 362-5168...

...MIDLAND QUILTERS Guild will meet 7 p.m. April 14 and 1 p.m. April 15 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ's Family Center. The public is invited to attend either meeting. For information call 694-1388...

...WEST TEXAS Jazz Society will present Lennie Bluett, singer and pianist, with Mark Lowe on bass and Neal Goates on drums, 8 p.m. April 15 at the Midland Hilton ballroom. Admission is free for jazz society members, $15 for non-members and $5 for students. Reserve seats will be $10 extra. For information and reservations call 563-1701 or 682-4283...

...COL. THEUNIS Dey chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will meet 1 p.m. April 13 at 1000 Neely. Mrs. Walter C. Hubbard III will speak on "The Panama Canal: Then and Now"...

...COMMUNITY BEREAVEMENT support group, for anyone who has lost a loved one whether recently or long ago, will meet 7 p.m. April 16 at Hospice of Midland, 911 W. Texas. For information call 682-2855...

...MIDLAND WOMAN'S Club will meet for luncheon April 16 at the clubhouse in Hogan Park. Social time will be 11:30 a.m. with luncheon scheduled for noon. The program, presented by the Fine Arts Club, will feature a performance by Country Line Dancers. Guests are welcome. For reservations call 684-5643...

...VAN, Serving the Visually Impaired, will meet for bingo party 10:30 a.m. April 15 at VAN House, 2908 W. Ohio. Persons attending are asked to bring brown bag lunches. For more information call 694-2648...

...PERMIAN BASIN Poetry Society will celebrate National Poetry Month with an open-mike reading 2-4 p.m. April 18 in the Fifi Murphy Auditorium of Ector County Public Library, 321 W. 5th St. in Odessa. All writers of poetry, both students and adults, are invited to participate. Winners of Odessa's Crockett Junior High School poetry contest, sponsored by the society, will be announced. The public is invited to attend.

Information about the society, Poetry Society of Texas and Academy of American Poets is included in a display during April in the reference area of Midland County Public Library.

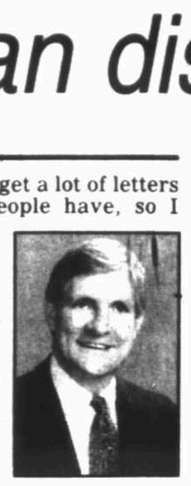
For more information call 520-4679...

FAMILY MATTERS

Woman discovers life better after divorce

By Jim May, Ph.D.

DEAR FAMILY: You get a lot of letters about problems that people have, so I wanted to let people know that things can get better.



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Two years ago my husband of 14-plus years decided one day that there wasn't enough romance in our marriage. After he made a half-hearted attempt at talking to our minister and one visit to a counselor, he left to go and "find himself."

I found out later that he had some help in "finding himself," because what he meant was "find her!"

I was hurt when he moved out and our children were upset. But when someone told me that he was seeing another woman already, I was totally destroyed. I hate to admit it, but I drove by his apartment and waited until I saw them go in one night and not come out.

When I confronted him about it, he told me I was crazy and he wanted a divorce. He filed the next day, and before I knew it, I was a single mother with two young kids to take care of.

I had not worked since the birth of our oldest, so I had all of that to do again. All the problems with finding day care (which I hated to do to the kids), a job and a new life were overwhelming. I became depressed and almost couldn't do anything.

But thanks to a letter in your column about depression, I saw a doctor and, with the right medication, beat the depression.

You also suggested that another person go to a divorce recovery class and I did, and it was great. I found out that I was actually pretty normal and, most important, that there *was* life after divorce. I took the children to the Rainbows program, and it really helped all three of us adjust to what had happened.

I attended the divorce recovery group meetings and became active in the church. I went back to work and at the end of the first year had found a good job that I like.

The kids are doing fine in day care. I am still sorry that they have to do that, but it was not my choice or my fault.

A few months ago I met a good, church-going, godly man who cares for me and treats me wonderfully. I never knew that anything or anyone could be this good.

God is active in my life and I feel truly alive and grateful. There are still problems with my ex and the way he treats my children, but I am working very hard to forgive him. My faith is helping me with that too.

I could go on and on about what all has changed in my life, but I've already probably written too much. If you have to cut this down it's fine, but I just have so much joy in my life now that I want to share some of it.

Keep encouraging people to find help and go to groups — it does work. But most of all, turn to God. He has a plan for you. HAPPY MOM

DEAR HAPPY: I would not think of editing your letter. What a blessing to receive and share this Holy season.

God never closes a door without opening another. Most of us have a hard time turning *to* God when things get really bleak. However, God loved us enough to sacrifice His Son in love that we might be saved. As you have discovered, Easter does follow Good Friday.

Many times we have to face difficult experiences — usually not by choice — but God's grace is always there. God does teach us how to "turn lemons into lemonade." We often have to get the specifics through the ministry of others — church, divorce recovery groups, Rainbows, physicians, counselors — but God's grace has made that possible too.

What a blessing to learn to live in His grace and gratitude. Your lesson to our children — turn to God and godly people — is a powerful and lasting one.

Continue *your* ministry — like this letter — and take your place in helping others to find the courage through faith to find a better day.

THE FOLLOWING "WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT FOR YOUR CHILDREN" MAKE GREAT "EASTER EGGS" FROM THE CENTERS FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES:

- You're on the right track now!
- You're doing a great job!
- Now you've got it figured out.
- That's the way!
- How did you do that?
- Keep it up!
- Nothing can stop you now!
- That's the best ever.
- That's very clever!
- Good thinking!
- You make that look easy.
- I've never seen anyone do it better.
- I'm so very proud of you!
- That's quite an improvement.

Jim May is the director of the Family Wellness Center.

Questions for this column should be addressed to Family Matters, P.O. Box 10485, Midland, 79702.

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DEAR ABBY

Teen survivor of drug abuse says drugs are not cool at all

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: I am an 18-year-old female college student, and it saddens me to see what a big problem drugs and alcohol have become to the youth of today.

Seven years ago when I was 11, I, too, wanted to get high once, "just to see what it was like." Well, four years and one arrest, a long-term psychiatric hospitalization and $30,000 later, I finally admitted that I had a serious problem — not to mention the pain and grief I caused my family.

Van Buren

I never intended to become an addict. Nobody does. I just wanted to try it because all the "cool" people did drugs, and I wanted to be "cool," too.

It has been three years since I've touched any drug, but it's still a daily struggle. I was very lucky to have received help. By the time I turned 15, I weighed 85 pounds and had more cocaine, methamphetamine, marijuana and alcohol in my blood than any human body should have been able to tolerate. Because of drugs, I have also had to bury three friends I used to "party" with.

Today, I'm doing wonderful things with my life and am proud of my accomplishments. Abby, if just one person who reads this will stop and think about what experimenting with drugs did to me, then everything I've been through will not have been in vain. — OLDER, WISER AND CLEAN

DEAR OLDER, WISER AND CLEAN: I hope that other teens will take your painful and hard-earned lesson to heart. Nothing teaches as effectively as the voice of experience.

DEAR ABBY: Last summer I had a life-changing experience. I was watching a television program that featured a segment on obsessive-compulsive disorder. I didn't pay much attention until I heard a list of symptoms that characterize OCD.

I stopped dead in my tracks as I heard every detail of my own bizarre behavior (behavior I had hidden for years) described. After doing some research at my local library, I discovered that I, like millions of others, was not insane but suffering from a very common disorder. OCD is characterized by recurrent, unwanted and unpleasant thoughts (obsessions) and/or repetitive, ritualistic behaviors the person feels driven to perform (compulsions). Typical obsessions are dirt, germs and contamination; inordinate concern with order, arrangement or symmetry; inability to discard useless or worn-out items, etc. Typical compulsions include excessive washing (particularly hand washing or bathing); and repetitive actions such as counting, arranging and ordering or hoarding.

After seeing a psychiatrist, I was prescribed medication and started behavioral therapy. I now feel normal for the first time in my life. Please, Abby, publish the symptoms of obsessive-compulsive disorder, not only to increase awareness for those who are suffering and don't know why, but also for people who are close to someone who is suffering. People with OCD hide their behavior well. This disorder is still very much in the closet. — BETTER IN BOSTON

DEAR BETTER: A recent Oscar-winning movie, "As Good As It Gets," was brought to my attention by The Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to improving the welfare of people with obsessive-compulsive disorder. The movie tells the story of a successful writer (played by Jack Nicholson) who is struggling with OCD. With as much publicity as the film is receiving, obsessive-compulsive disorder may gain new understanding from the general public. The Obsessive-Compulsive Foundation can be reached by writing to P.O. Box 70, Milford, Conn. 06460-0070; e-mail: ocfinfojuno.com.

CONFIDENTIAL TO JEANNE: Happy birthday, my precious firstborn.

DEAR ABBY: This is in response to the letter about using closed military bases for vocational schools. I'm not criticizing the idea, but I am criticizing the writer's misconception of vocational school students. I was offended at his statement that those of us who attend these schools are disadvantaged kids who are not college material.

I am a girl completing 10th grade at a vocational-technical high school in Delaware. Students must achieve a certain grade point average and fill out an application even to be accepted into this school. If they get into any trouble or don't keep up their grades, they are removed from the school. Furthermore, 60 percent of the students here go on to college after graduation.

My grandmother told me that vocational schools were first established for disadvantaged "problem children," but times have changed since Granny's day. These schools are not for dumb kids who come to learn a trade because they'll never do anything else productive in their lives. Students at my school are intelligent and excel academically as well as in their "shops."

Abby, people need to change their views about vocational schools. I speak for many of us students when I say that we are not "disadvantaged" and we are, indeed, "college material." — HONOR STUDENT ATTENDING VOCATIONAL SCHOOL IN DELAWARE

DEAR HONOR STUDENT: Thank you for righting this misconception. You are living proof that vocational students can be college material. There are also students attending vocational schools who are learning a trade to provide themselves with comfortable livelihoods. My hat is off to them.

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

New diet pill offers hope

By Carol Bidwell
N.Y. Times News Service

LOS ANGELES — You've got cottage cheese thighs and a willpower deficiency. The refrigerator calls your name so loudly you can hear it from your bedroom.

You try to resist the hot dogs at the ballpark, the hamburgers at the school carnival, the buttered popcorn at the movies, but you always seem to give in. And while the extra weight shows up almost immediately on the scale, it takes months — maybe even years — for it to disappear again.

So what's a dieter to do?

Just what we've always done: Pray for a new pill or potion or herb that will melt away fat while we scarf down our favorite foods.

Thirty years ago, we thought Regimen was the answer. Or maybe bananas and eggs. Eggs and grapefruit. Weight Watchers. Jenny Craig. The Calories Don't Count Diet. The Drinking Man's Diet. Ayds candy. Optifast. Over-the-counter appetite suppressants.

By 1995, more than 100,000 desperate dieters had even had their stomachs stapled or surgically bypassed altogether, according to Dr. Robert R. Baron, head of the University of California, San Francisco, Division of General Internal Medicine.

When the prescription fen-phen weight-loss "cocktail" hit the market a couple of years ago, we could see slim-fit jeans and bikinis in our future. But fen-phen was yanked off the market in September after a Florida study linked heart-valve problems with one of the fen-phen drugs. Frightened, some of us swore off diet pills forever; other, braver — or more desperate — dieters couldn't wait for another safer pill to become available.

"Patients would come to me with tears in their eyes and say, 'I need it (fen-phen). It's the first time in my life I've had any hope. What do I do now?'" said Dr. Robert Michals, who runs weight-loss clinics in Sherman Oaks and Glendale.

STRUGGLING DIETERS didn't have to wait long. Meridia, a new diet pill approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, became available in late February. Is it the magic bullet?

Dayle Gloria, 42, of North Hollywood hopes so. She's fought her weight for half her life and says the extra 30 pounds she carries on her 5-foot-3-inch frame might as well be 500, as hard as each one is to drop permanently.

The department store saleswoman lost 40 pounds on fen-phen, then gained 37 back when the drug was taken off the market. She signed up for Meridia as soon as it was available, hoping that this pill, this time, would be the answer.

The new drug, plus vitamin supplements and behavior modification counseling, costs her $200 a month. But she figures she'll pay for it with what she saves by buying fewer groceries.

"I'm on a budget, but I'm so unhappy with my weight gain," Gloria said. "Without something to help, I just can't stop eating. I used to pray every night, 'God, give me anorexia'."

In the two weeks she's been taking Meridia, she's cut her food intake by half. "(The drug) just tells you not to eat anymore."

Meridia may be the answer for many dieters with large amounts of weight to lose, said Dr. David Heber, director of the UCLA Center for Human Nutrition and leader of one of the studies that convinced the FDA to approve the drug as a diet aid.

Meridia, according to Knoll Pharmaceutical Co., which produces it, is the first in a new class of drugs — called serotonin and norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors, or SNRIs — approved for treatment of obesity. It increases brain levels of both serotonin and norepinephrine, two chemicals that control appetite. As a result, the drug — prescribed in 5-, 10- or 15-milligram once-a-day doses — makes dieters feel fuller and may increase their metabolism.

Unlike 1970s amphetamines and even fen-phen, which caused nervousness and sleeplessness in dieters, no major side effects have been noted in people taking Meridia, said Heber. The only downside is a mild rise in blood pressure, but by the time dieters have lost 10 pounds, the hypertension reverses itself.

The drug, however, is not recommended for people with a history of coronary artery disease, congestive heart failure, arrhythmias, stroke or seizures. And the behavior modification component is crucial to the patients' success, helping them keep the weight off after they stop taking the drug.

Recently, 100 overweight patients enrolled in a new UCLA program that combines Meridia with low-fat eating, exercise and behavior modification that will not only help them lose weight but keep it off — something most diet plans lack.

"With Meridia, dieters will feel more in control of their eating," Heber said. "It's part of the answer, but it's not the whole answer. You'll still have to diet and exercise. People really need to be ready to change.

"But today, when you combine medications and behavior modification, you can help people lose weight very successfully."

Michals, who's been prescribing Meridia for 300 patients for as long as five weeks, said their weight loss has been steady and painless.

THE ONLY MAJOR side effect is the financial bite the drug regimen takes out of their wallet. Not that anyone who's ever been on a diet should be surprised. The never-ending search for a weight-loss solution is a pricey proposition. Last year, Americans spent more than $30 billion on weight-loss plans, diet pills, potions and books, Baron estimated.

And although Americans overall are more health-conscious than ever, with sales of low-fat foods and health club memberships at an all-time high, more than 30 percent of us are overweight, up from 25 percent in 1949 and 20 percent in 1933.

Houry Zakarian, 21, of Glendale, an assistant manager for a paging company, is one of the 30 percent. She's been trying to lose weight since she was 13 and family members began to comment on her growing girth. On her last diet, she lost 40 pounds. But soon her clothes began to get tighter; by the time she stepped back on the scale, she'd regained the 40 pounds she'd lost, plus 40 more.

A few weeks ago, tipping the scales at 256 pounds, she had despaired of ever losing weight again. But since then, using a combination of the herbal supplement St. John's wort and fentermine, the nondangerous half of the fen-phen cocktail, she's dropped 19 pounds. And she's looking forward to September, when she's scheduled to attend a family wedding. By then, she figures she'll have lost 60 to 80 pounds.

So far, it's been easy to lose, Zakarian said, but if the regimen she's on stops working, she'll do whatever it takes to take off more pounds. Even if that means taking Meridia. "I've tried so many things, I'm not frightened of anything anymore," she said. "I'll take whatever the doctor recommends."

Of course, if we listened to our doctors, we'd all be slim and trim. We know that being obese — more than 20 percent over what medical experts say is your ideal weight — puts us at risk for diabetes, heart disease, hypertension and some forms of cancer.

To someone who's never fought excess poundage, losing weight seems so simple. Just eat less, exercise more. Still, we hang the laundry on the otherwise unused exercise bike and continue to chow down on the foods we know we shouldn't eat. Why?

Can you spell C-R-A-V-I-N-G-S?

"Have you ever gotten up at 3 a.m. and driven to the grocery store because you wanted ice cream and, somehow, felt perverted?" Michals asks rhetorically.

He battled his own diet demons — and lost 50 pounds himself on fen-phen two years ago.

"I love bread, and I'd wake up and smell it baking even though there was none in the house. That's what makes us eat out of control," he said. "You can lose weight on your own, but it's agony. Meridia makes it easier; it allows you to distance yourself from food so you're in control again."

That's just what Gloria needs. "Food becomes very comforting," she said. "You look at the commercials on TV, and everything is food, food, food. And that ice cream at 11 o'clock sounds so good, so I'll eat it. Not eating is not an option. I'll eat it and I'll cry, and I'll eat and I'll cry."

Controlling those cravings is one of the keys to weight loss, Heber said. And new medical breakthroughs are about that and more — controlling appetite, controlling how much fat is in our foods, controlling metabolism, even controlling what may be a "fat gene," an unwanted inheritance from our ancestors that predisposes us to get and stay fat, no matter how hard we try to diet.

Until now, an estimated 95 percent of dieters — even the ones who reach their goal weight — regain their lost poundage, plus additional pounds, health experts say.

But Gloria and Zakarian — and many more like them — are determined that this will be their last diet ever. What makes it different this time, Zakarian said, is that before, she always lost weight so her ever-critical family wouldn't nag her.

"Now, this is for me," Zakarian said. "It's not for anybody else. It's my turn. I want to look good. And I'm going to do it — for the last time."

Have questions about whether Meridia is for you? Consult your doctor, call Knoll Pharmaceutical Co. at (800) 526-0221 or check out the company's Web site — www.healthyweight.com — for information. If you're already taking Meridia and want information about enrolling in Knoll's free "Point of Change" behavioral-modification program, call (888) 566-5502.

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CASA DE AMIGOS

Casa de Amigos is located at 1101 E. Garden Lane. For more information about services provided call 682-9701. Activities include:

■ Monday: 9 a.m. billiards/bowling; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.

■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. gem and mineral; 10:15 a.m. sing-a-long; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. bingo.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10:15 a.m. advisory meeting; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. table games.

■ Thursday: 9 a.m. billiards; 9:45 a.m. adult classes; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. games.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. billiards; 10:15 a.m. crafts; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 12:15 p.m. Bible study.

MIDLAND YMCAs

The Midland YMCAs have many activities scheduled for Prime Time adults. For more information regarding available activities and classes contact Central YMCA, 800 N. Big Spring, 682-2551; Alamo YMCA, 901 N. Midland Drive, 694-2528; Northeast YMCA, 2301 Butternut, 682-8469.

Scheduled activities at the Central YMCA are:

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 8 a.m., 9 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. Low impact aerobics; 7 a.m. YMCARDIAC (YCT) Therapy, call for appointment before beginning class.

■ Call for information, Y's Way to a Healthy Back.

■ By appointment, Specialized Strength Training for Seniors.

Scheduled activities for Alamo YMCA are:

■ Monday, Wednesday and Friday: 10:15 a.m., 1 p.m., 2 p.m., 3 pm. and 5 p.m. Arthritis Water Class.

■ Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 1-1:45 pm. P.A.C.E. class, dry land class for people with arthritis (arthritis classes co-sponsored by Northwest Texas chapter of the Arthritis Foundation).

SOUTHEAST SENIOR CENTER

The Southeast Senior Center, 1803 E. Indiana, is open 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday-Friday. For more information about services offered, call 685-7231. Activities include:

■ Monday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, needlework and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Tuesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. quilting, crafts and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Wednesday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics, choir and billiards; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Thursday: 9:30 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. table games.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. singing; 9:45 a.m. exercise; 10 a.m. Bible class and table games; 11:15 a.m. lunch; 1 p.m. movie and center bingo.

MIDLAND SENIOR CENTER

The Midland Senior Center is located in Kingsway Mall, 3303 W. Illinois, Space #18. For more information call 681-7636. Activities for April 13-17 include:

■ Monday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 9:30 a.m. art class; 10 a.m. Kitchenettes; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. ceramics for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards.

■ Tuesday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards, dominoes and ceramics; 9:30 a.m. line dancing for fun; 11:30 a.m. lunch and Medicare changes program; 12:30 p.m. art class; 1 p.m. income tax help, bridge, dominoes, cards, billiards and ladies billiards; 1:30 p.m. ATAC exercise class.

■ Wednesday: 9 a.m. billiards, cards, dominoes and exercise; 10 a.m. ceramics class and Gospel singing; 11:30 a.m. lunch and April birthday party; 1 p.m. income tax help, bridge, dominoes and cards.

■ Thursday: 9 a.m. prescription help, billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 9:30 a.m. country/western dancing and country line dancing; 11:30 a.m. lunch and sound sleep program; 12:30 p.m. art for fun; 1 p.m. bridge, dominoes and cards; 1:30 p.m. ATAC exercise class.

■ Friday: 9 a.m. billiards, exercise, cards and dominoes; 10 a.m. membership council meeting; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. partners' bridge tournament; 1 p.m. bridge, cards and dominoes.

American Association of Retired People will have tax volunteers to help low income elderly with 1997 income tax preparations. Hours are 1-4 p.m. Tuesday and Wednesday. Prescription assistance is available 9-11 a.m. Thursday. Participants need to bring proof of income and empty prescription bottles.

MISSION ADULT DAY CARE CENTER

Mission Adult Day Care Center of Midland is open 7 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday through Friday at 5212 Sinclair. For more information call 699-5825. Weekday schedule includes:

■ 8 a.m. light breakfast or snacks; 9 a.m. visitation, dominoes, special events; 10 a.m. exercise, R.O.M., discussion, current events, Dear Abbey, devotion prayers; 11:30 a.m. lunch; 12:30 p.m. rest period; 2:30 p.m. snacks.

■ Men's bowling, second Friday of each month; women's shopping trips, first Friday of each month.

Birthday parties and visits by the Kitchenettes are monthly.

Licensed professional staff includes nurses, activities director and certified nurses aides present daily. Transportation is insured.

COM AQUATICS SENIORS AND THERAPEUTIC EXERCISE

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

■ Monday: 7-11 a.m. water walking; 8 a.m.-noon, aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic deep aerobics; noon-12:45 p.m. or 1-1:45 p.m. arthritis exercise.

■ Tuesday: 7-9:30 a.m. water walking; 9:30-10 a.m. stretch and strengthen; 10 a.m.-noon aquatic physical therapy by appointment; 10:15-11 a.m. seniors/therapeutic aerobics; 12:30-1:30 p.m. arthritis plus; 7-8 p.m. healthy happy hour.

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■ Saturday: 11 a.m.-noon water walking.

CITY OF MIDLAND HOUSING AUTHORITY

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

■ Tuesday: 10 a.m. shopping at Midland Park Mall and exercise at Parker Place; 2 p.m. exercise at Hillcrest Manor, and senior update at Parker Place; 2:45 p.m. exercise at Langtry Village; 3:30 p.m. senior update at Langtry Village.

■ Wednesday: 2 p.m. bingo at Hillcrest Manor.

■ Thursday: 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place; 2 p.m. exercise at Hillcrest Manor; 2:45 p.m. exercise at Langtry Village; 3:30 p.m. bingo at Langtry Village.

■ Friday: 10 a.m. exercise at Parker Place.

RSVP

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

■ Area Agency on Aging needs 20 omsbudsmen to work in area nursing facilities. Omsbudsmen are advocates for quality care who provide residents information on their rights, and investigate and resolve complaints. Schedule is flexible, two hours per week; 14-hour training provided.

■ March of Dimes needs volunteers to make telephone calls to area businesses and individuals requesting donations and sponsorships for walk America. Special function; two to three days only; flexible schedule.

■ Midland SPCA needs clerks to help out at thrift store, assisting customers with merchandise, folding and sorting clothing or checking out items. Shift are 10 a.m.-1 p.m. or 1-3 p.m. Monday through Friday. All profits go to help the animals.

Tai chi benefits seniors' agility

By Connie Farrow
Associated Press

ST. CHARLES, Mo. (AP) — Richard Janning angles his knees slightly outward, concentrates his weight on his heels and confidently lifts himself out of the metal-frame chair.

For Janning, 82, this is not an act of everyday living. It is the result of exercise and learning the Chinese art of tai chi through weekly sessions with instructor Dennis Bussell.

"One of the first things he taught me is that I need to keep my heels under me when I get up, so I don't fall over," Janning said.

Bussell takes his martial arts class to 15 nursing homes across metropolitan St. Louis. The goal, he says, is to help people to improve their balance and to prevent falls and potentially crippling injuries.

Bussell uses folksy humor to draw his students in and to encourage them to try movements they often have given up as too risky. On this particular night, about 30 seniors have gathered at Parkside Meadows Retirement Community.

Trim and agile at 40, Bussell begins with a series of willowy arm stretches.

"I don't want you to watch your neighbor, I want you to go at your own pace," he advises. "You've earned the right to go as slow as you want."

Bussell describes tai chi chaun — its full name — as "the way of the energy hand." Legend has it that a Chinese monk saw a white crane preying on a snake and mimicked its movements to develop tai chi. Initially, it was practiced as a form of fighting, emphasizing strength, balance, flexibility and speed. Over time, it has evolved into a soft, slow and gentle form of exercise, which can be practiced by all ages.

Bussell says he was 19 when a Chinese family in Tulsa, Okla., took him in and allowed him to study with them. He began visiting St. Louis nursing homes about 18 months ago when one of his students suggested his class might benefit seniors.

AP Photo

Marie Keller, 79, emulates a relaxation exercise from martial arts instructor Dennis Bussell at Parkside Meadows Retirement Community in St. Charles, Mo. Seniors take tai chi classes from Bussell to improve their balance and to prevent falls. Bussell began visiting St. Louis nursing homes about 18 months ago when one of his students suggested his classes might benefit seniors.

"The first thing I did was sit down in a wheelchair and ask myself, 'Now if I was stuck here, what would I be able to do?' "

Bussell jokes that he has about 100 different stories to get his participants to visualize the movements that he wants them to mimic.

At one point in his class, those who are able to stand move behind their chairs. Bussell tells them to grip the chair and to put their toes together with their heels pointing outward.

Following Bussell's lead, his pupils point their right toes upward and gently turn to their right. Their right hand follows in a flowing movement. Their left foot and hand remain firmly planted. Once they reach a 90-degree angle, they set their foot down.

"Oh, you look just like waves in the ocean," he tells them, evoking a girlish giggle from some of the women.

"When I first came here, I told you that I would get you to stand on one foot, and you nearly laughed me out of the room," he says. "Look at you now!"

As the 30-minute class nears its end, eyes begin to droop and soft yawns can be heard from across the room.

Bussell smiles.

"Don't worry about yawning. I like it when you yawn," he reassures them. "It shows me that you're relaxing."

Afterward, students offer testimonials on their 10 months in the class.

Frances Clark, 83, says she's learned to massage the pressure points in her right wrists to relieve the nagging symptoms of carpal tunnel syndrome.

"All I have to do is touch it lightly, and the pain goes away," she says. "It's just amazing. I've been suffering with it for years."

For 82-year-old Robert Keller, it's brought relief from leg cramps and a return to his 2-mile walks.

"And I get to sleep through the night," says his 79-year-old wife, Marie. "He used to wake me up in the middle of the night and ask me to rub his legs because they hurt so bad."

Elivra Zumbehl, 94, just enjoys the comradery.

"I'm not always confident about where I'm walking. But at my age, I feel like I do pretty good," she says.

Studies confirm the benefits of tai chi. One study by Emory University researchers gathered 200 healthy people with an average age of 76. Some were given a simplified, 10-form version of tai chi's more than 100 movements, others got biofeedback-based training in balance on a movable platform, while the rest got education about falls but no physical training.

The tai chi and biofeedback groups were given 15 weeks of training, and researchers kept track of the times that all the participants reported falling over four months. The tai chi group went on average 47.5 percent longer than the others before a first fall, says researcher Steven L. Wolf.

"There appears to be a confidence that's gained from an awareness of where one's body is in terms of the environment," Wolf says.

Jennifer Regan, activities director at Parkside Meadows, says such studies only back up what she's seen firsthand.

Bussell's oldest student is a 104-year-old woman at Woodland Manor Nursing Home. "She's in a wheelchair, so she just uses her arms and feet, but she loves the class," says Tricia Dawson, activities director at the home.

Bussell says he's amazed by his students' progress.

"We live in a fast-paced world," he says. "Everybody wants them to get out of the way. I try to put myself in their shoes. When I come into this class, I'm 80 years old, too."

Martial arts instructor Dennis Bussell, 40, goes through exercises with residents of Parkside Meadows Retirement Community in St. Charles, Mo. Bussell takes his martial arts classes to about 15 nursing homes across metropolitan St. Louis. The exercises help seniors improve balance and prevent falls. Recent studies of tai chi and biofeedback done by the elderly showed that the seniors in the study who did tai chi went about 47.5 percent longer before a first fall than those in the other group, according to researcher Steven L. Wolf. Jennifer Regan, activities director at Parkside Meadows, said her experience in working with the elderly backs up the study's results.

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DR. PAGE

'Buddy system' helps provide emotional support

By Henry F. Page, M.D.

It was the great god Buddah (500 B.C.) who advocated serenity of the soul, and perhaps man's need for another person to provide support and protection, resulting in the term "buddy."

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The need for such assistance exists with about 30 million elderly Americans living alone. They represent the most vulnerable and imperiled segment of our society, primarily because their social, emotional and financial support has suddenly been impaired.

In the majority of cases, their offspring are caught sandwiched between care of children and care of parents, and are unable to provide adequate support.

Twenty percent of these loners see their children less than once a year.

This makes it incumbent for all persons, as they grow older and before their possible isolation, to build and maintain an outside social network of interests and activities.

Hopefully, this will offset the propensity of suddenly a bereaved spouse withdrawing from life, thus digging his or her own well of loneliness. Indication of such are a disinclination to visit friends, attend church or mix socially.

This trend can be reversed by the deliberate establishment of a mutual dependence, perhaps on an unspoken basis, with friends or acqaintances of a similiar social persuasion to help each other in time of need.

In one sense, this provides a "buddy" system as seen in swimming and mountain climbing.

Such support is deemed prudent when traveling life's tranquil seas, but when the seas become tumultuous, it turns into a necessity.

As a practical example, just a few weeks ago an alert, knowledgeable working widow suddenly one night developed severe chest pain and was rushed to the hospital via 911.

Lying alone in the cold, hectic atmosphere of the emergency room; being pushed hither and yon by intimidating, overly active, concerned strangers; attempting to answer a multitude of questions as to identity, insurance, past and present medical history, etc., all without the presence of a reassuring friend — all created alarm and confusion sufficient to impair any important decision.

And then appeared a guardian angel in the form of a co-worker who had heard of the situation and then and there resolved the various distressing problems.

Sources for a happy "buddy" can be from one's established society, society in general, place of worship or retirement community.

Don't put yourself in a situation described in the lamented ballad, "I ain't got no buddy, 'cause nobody cares for me."

Henry F. Page, M.D., F.A.C.P., is health and safety consultant to Manor Park Inc.

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Lawmakers propose tax breaks to help small oil, gas producers

By David Ivanovich
Hearst News Service

WASHINGTON — Hoping to help smaller oil and gas producers at a time of sliding oil prices, lawmakers from Texas to Alaska have unveiled a legislative package designed to grant tax breaks for smaller wells and incentives to restart abandoned wells.

Legislators from a number of the nation's largest oil and gas producing states are hoping to rally enough support on Capitol Hill this year for a wish list of tax breaks and incentives for the oil and gas sector called the Domestic Oil and Gas Security Enhancement Plan, or DOGS for short.

Sponsored by a group of lawmakers that includes Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison, R-Texas, Rep. William "Mack" Thornberry, R-Texas, and Sen. Don Nichols, R-Okla., the package would grant a tax credit of up to $9 per day for a "marginal" well, one that produces less than 15 barrels of crude or 90,000 cubic feet of gas per day.

The tax credits would vary depending on oil and gas prices. The full credit would apply if oil were selling for $14 a barrel or lower and gas were going for $1.40 a thousand cubic feet or less. The tax breaks would not apply once oil hit $18 per barrel and gas rose to $1.80 per thousand cubic feet.

On Tuesday, oil for May delivery closed at $15.61 a barrel, while gas futures closed at $2.42 a thousand cubic feet.

To encourage producers to reopen wells that have been shut in, the lawmakers would offer tax breaks on production from wells that have been abandoned for at least two years.

Hutchison argued that a similar program in Texas prompted producers to reopen 6,000 inactive wells.

That proposal, however, faces a major obstacle. The Congressional Budget Office has estimated it would cost the government $55 million annually, an estimate Hutchison called ridiculous.

"If they're not working, they're not producing revenue," Hutchison said.

Lawmakers from the oil and gas states also are backing a proposal to end wrangling by producers and the federal government over royalty payments, by allowing oil and gas companies to pay the government its cut in the form of actual oil and gas, a proposal known as "royalty-in-kind."

Sen. Mary Landrieu, D-La., has called on the federal government to split the royalty payments and other fees collected from oil and gas companies operating in federal waters.

Many of the proposals backed by the delegations from oil and gas producing states are not new. They have met fierce resistance on Capitol Hill before, and proponents concede the effort will not be any less difficult this year.

"There is no question, this is not easy," Hutchison said.

Longtime oil industry critic Ed Rothschild of Podesta Associates, a Washington-based governmental relations consulting firm, argued that if producers are going to get a tax break when prices fall, they ought to pay even more when prices rise.

"What about a refund when prices are high?" Rothschild asked. "The markets are fine when prices are high, and when prices are low we want to be bailed out."

"That's what happens in the marketplace. People go out of business because the price goes down, and somebody can do it cheaper, better. That's why we don't have buggy whips anymore."

George Yates, chairman of the Independent Petroleum Association of America, applauded the effort.

"When world oil prices fall to levels we have witnessed over the last several weeks, American producers are forced to shut down wells, and in turn, foreign oil replaces valuable U.S. production," Yates said. "It has happened before, it is happening now, and unless we deal with the crisis, it will happen again. Price volatility is one of the U.S. oil industry's greatest enemies."

Police search for man, teen girlfriend on crime spree

By Allan Turner
Hearst News Service

HOUSTON — A north Texas meat packer and his teen-age sweetheart — described by some as loopy lovers living in a Bonnie-and-Clyde dream world — are the object of an intensive manhunt after police said they robbed a sheriff's deputy of his pistols, stole a $36,000 Jeep Cherokee during a test drive and kidnapped the auto salesman.

The crime spree began in Lubbock just hours after Jimmie Hays, 29, a one-time high school football hero, and his girlfriend, Shannon Ludington, 17, bolted from their hometown of Panhandle on Feb. 23. Their surprise departure came just one day before Shannon was to star in her basketball team's big playoff game; it followed increasing tension with her parents over the relationship.

The most recent crime, the auto hijacking, occurred April 1 in Amarillo. The couple was last seen headed toward Oklahoma.

Thus far, no one has been hurt. The car salesman was left tied to a tree in rural Wheeler County, about 100 miles east of Amarillo. But authorities worried that future crimes may lead to bloodshed.

"They're not acting in a stable fashion," fretted Carson County Sheriff Loren Brand. "They've been in dangerous situations — I don't know if they recognize how dangerous.

"If they've got Bonnie and Clyde fantasies, I just hope they've seen the end of the movie."

Legendary outlaws Bonnie Parker and Clyde Barrow, who terrorized the Southwest and Midwest in a Depression-era robbery and murder spree, died in a hail of lawmen's bullets in 1934. Romanticized accounts of their lives have been featured in at least six motion pictures.

Residents of Panhandle, population 2,300, this week expressed puzzlement over the pair's alleged criminal exploits.

Ludington, a striking, black-haired 6-foot-tall star of the girl's high school basketball team, was known as a moody but essentially normal teen-ager who sang in the Baptist choir, participated in school plays and worked after school at her family's pizza parlor.

"I saw her three times a week," said church youth director Sterling Edwards. "She was a kid who came to the prayer meeting on Friday mornings before school. We had no idea anything like this was about to happen."

Hays, son of former Panhandle football coach Tommy Hays and a one-time honor student and football captain, had worked briefly at the Lubbock County Jail, then taken a job as a packer at an Amarillo slaughtering plant.

One of Hays' closest high school friends, Jason Roselius, now an Oklahoma City lawyer, described him as "a tough, funny guy."

"He was a little on the wild side," Roselius said. "But then we all were. We weren't on drugs, but we drank. ... We would get into fights."

Roselius said he and many of Hays' other friends "washed our hands of him" about five years ago after he stole a pistol from a friend's apartment. Hays later married, fathered a child and divorced, he said, and began using powerful steroids.

"He was heavy into steroids," Roselius said. "I believe, but this is just speculation, that the steroids may have affected his judgment."

Ludington's basketball coach, Greg Slover, noted the girl — whom he had known since her middle school years — recently had seemed sullen and had minor run-ins with school authorities. He suspected her relationship with Hays and her parents' disapproval of it, might have contributed to her apparent unhappiness.

Ralph Ludington, the missing teen's father, said he had "reprimanded Shannon several times" concerning the relationship.

"She swore up and down that she wasn't seeing him or talking to him," Ludington said. "But he wouldn't leave her alone. He was the chaser. He's not my kind of person. I didn't approve of him for my daughter."

To Gil Reeves, the kidnapped auto salesman, it was apparent the teen idolized her boyfriend:

"He (Hays) is calling the shots," Reeves said. "They were in love. She's head over heels in love. She'd follow him to the ends of the earth."

> **'If they've got Bonnie and Clyde fantasies, I just hope they've seen the end of the movie.'**
> — Loren Brand, Carson County sheriff

The pair's first crime, authorities say, occurred the day they left Panhandle.

"He showed up at the home of Deputy Gerry Nelson, whom he had known about five years," said Lubbock police Detective Joe Nevarez. "Hays used to dispense medication at the jail, but he had been gone several years. He asked the deputy if he still had his gun collection. ... Then he took one of the guns, racked one in the chamber and said, 'Well, we're going to take these guns. I'm in a little bit of trouble.'"

Nevarez said Hays stole a 9 mm semiautomatic and a .22-caliber target pistol.

For the next few weeks, authorities believe, the pair cruised the Southwest in Hays' 11-year-old blue Buick sedan, possibly venturing as far west as San Francisco. If they committed crimes during that period, Texas authorities are unaware of them.

But on April 1, a scruffy couple — both were attired in T-shirts and blue jeans and the man had a mustache and goatee — appeared at the Gene Messer Cadillac and Jeep Eagle dealership in Amarillo.

"They walked on the lot," said Reeves, 43. "... The girl said she was a teacher; the guy said he was an author. I asked him what he had written and he said it hadn't been published yet."

After browsing the lot, Hays and Ludington asked to test drive a charcoal gray Jeep Grand Cherokee Limited.

With Ludington at the wheel, the couple stopped at an Amarillo motel to retrieve luggage. Then, Hays pointed a pistol at Reeves and announced that the couple would "borrow" the vehicle for a few days.

"You're not going to kill me, are you?" Reeves asked.

"We don't plan to hurt anyone unless you hurt us or try to escape," Reeves said Hays told him.

For the next several hours, the couple gaily chatted as they meandered through the Texas Panhandle.

When the couple reached Wheeler County near the Oklahoma border, they pulled into a pasture and ordered Reeves out of the Jeep.

"They took me to the woods near this windmill that had fallen over. I thought this is where they'd kill me. They found a suitable tree, bound my arms and legs and then tied my body to a tree with duct tape," Reeves said. "They put tape over my mouth. I was totally helpless.

"Then they got in the car, waved goodbye to me and headed off toward Oklahoma."

Reeves was discovered about 90 minutes later by a farmer who had come to inspect the windmill.

Hays' Buick was found abandoned across the alley from the Amarillo auto dealership.

"That's what I mean," said Brand, the Carson County sheriff. "You don't rob somebody who knows you. You don't leave your car at a crime scene. I won't say these crimes aren't well thought out — they are still on the loose — but they just aren't prudent.

"Candidly, I'm working overtime to see this case gets solved somewhere else. I hope it ends peacefully. But if it doesn't — well, I don't want it happening here."

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Chicago Cubs at Montreal Expos, 6 p.m., WGN.
NHL — Montreal Canadiens at Buffalo Sabres, 6:30 p.m., ESPN.
HOCKEY — North American University Championships, 7 p.m., FSN.
NBA — Atlanta Hawks at Charlotte Hornets, 7 p.m., TNT.
Phoenix Suns at Los Angeles Lakers, 9:30 p.m., TNT.

Texas Scores

NBA — Seattle Sonics 103, Dallas Mavericks 101.
Houston Rockets at Golden State Warriors, late.
BASEBALL — Texas Rangers 11, Chicago White Sox 0.
Houston Astros 3, San Francisco Giants 1.
TEXAS LEAGUE — El Paso Diablos 7, Midland Angels 4.

Sports Today

TEXAS LEAGUE — El Paso Diablos at Midland Angels, 7 p.m., Christensen Stadium. RADIO: KCRS (550 AM).

4-5A Baseball

	District W	District L	Overall W	Overall L
Abilene High	5	1	11	7
Midland High	5	2	17	8
Odessa Permian	3	3	9	8
SA Central	3	3	9	9
*-Abilene Cooper	2	4	13	7
Odessa High	2	4	7	14
Midland Lee	2	5	15	7

*Record includes a tie.

Thursday's Games
Midland High 9, Midland Lee 2.

Saturday's Games
Odessa High at Odessa Permian; Abilene High vs. Abilene Cooper. Both games at 2:30 p.m.

4-5A Softball

	District W	District L	Season W	Season L
x-Abilene High	9	2	28	4
x-Midland High	9	2	18	8
Midland Lee	7	3	18	10
San Angelo	6	4	14	10
Odessa Permian	2	8	9	12
Odessa High	2	8	8	12
Abilene Cooper	1	9	14	12

x-Clinches state playoff berth.

Thursday's Games
Midland High 6, Abilene Cooper 5 (9 innings); Abilene High 5, Midland Lee 2; San Angelo 10, Odessa High 2. Odessa Permian was open.

Tuesday's Games
Odessa Permian at Midland Lee; Midland High at Odessa High; San Angelo at Abilene Cooper. Abilene High is open.

Clinkscale Trouble

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Dextor Clinkscale, a former strong safety with the Dallas Cowboys, turned himself in to Greenville County authorities Thursday afternoon, a day after he was charged with sexually assaulting an 18-year-old man.

Clinkscale, 39, of Greenville is charged with second-degree criminal sexual conduct and providing alcohol to a minor, sheriff's Sgt. Lee Owens said.

Clinkscale, who wrapped up his NFL career in 1987 with Indianapolis, was released on $23,500 bond, according to a woman at the sheriff's department who would not give her name. She said a court date has not been set.

The teen told authorities that Clinkscale, who played collegiate ball at South Carolina State, invited him to his house last Saturday. He said they had been drinking when Clinkscale assaulted him, Owens said.

If convicted, Clinkscale could face a 20-year sentence for the assault charge and 30 days and a $200 fine for the alcohol charge, Solicitor Robert Ariail said.

Clinkscale was up for a magistrate's seat in Greenville County, but withdrew his name Wednesday, according to state Sen. Ralph Anderson, who recommended him for the post.

Easy come, easy go

ST. LOUIS — The day Larry Hughes made himself available for the NBA draft, Saint Louis added a high-scoring player who could help overcome the loss.

Ricky Cranford, a 6-5 guard from St. Thomas More, a college prep school in Oakdale, Conn., signed a national letter of intent Thursday. Cranford averaged 22 points, seven rebounds and four assists in 14 games last season before suffering a season-ending ankle injury, and describes himself as a natural scorer.

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Lady Rebels pile up more than 200 points to capture Tall City Relays championship

By Stewart Doreen
Assistant Sports Editor

In the best conditions of the year to run a meet, the Midland track and field teams put together some of their best performances at Thursday's Tall City Relays.

One team, the Midland Lee Lady Rebels, did a little more. Coach Randy Smith's crew won its fourth meet of the year and maybe sent a message to the rest of the district, region and maybe even the state — watch out for us.

The Lady Rebs won the girls' team title, their fourth of the year, scoring massive total of 233 points. That was good enough to beat Permian's 162 points, a total which would have been good enough to win in most years. El Paso Austin placed third with 90, Midland High was fourth with 80 and Bowie finished fifth.

Along with the large point total, the Lady Rebs set two meet records and established new 4-5A best times in the two relays. In the 400 relay, Lee's foursome of Chavaye Glover, Amanda Douglas and Maurion Strambler and Toya Clater teamed up to run 47.34 seconds. In the 800 relay, the same Lady Rebels went around the track twice in 1:41.48. Lee also matched their season's best in the 1600 relay.

"We did what we wanted to do," Smith said. "We set the stage for what we want to do next week (at the District 4-5A meet which will be held at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium).

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Midland High's Weldon Cooks beats Lee's Clint McNutt to the tape in the 200-meter dash prelim Thursday at the Tall City Relays. Cooks won finals event later in the day.
Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Bulldogs repay reeling Rebels

■ Midland High baseball squad avenges earlier loss to Lee with 9-2 whipping for 6th straight win.

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

Try telling the Midland High Bulldogs that this was just another baseball game with their cross-town pals from Midland Lee.

After the final out of Midland High's 9-2 win over the Rebels at Ernie Johnson Field Thursday, the Bulldogs let out a torrent of emotion which included a celebratory dogpile near the pitcher's mound and even a few tears of joy. The win made the revolution complete from the first time the two teams met, with MHS sitting in the spot reserved for Lee and the Rebels sitting shellshocked, at rockbottom of the District 4-5A standings.

And once and for all, the Bulldogs, with a 17-8 mark and 5-2 in district, only a half-game out of first place, wanted to do away with the "F"-word — fluke — in describing their turnaround this season.

"Everybody has been saying we were a fluke," said Midland High coach Barry Russell, whose team has won five straight district games after opening with two losses, including a district opening 13-3 rout at the hands of Lee. "We've got a long way to go and a lot more goals to accomplish, but this is big."

Russell had said that his team needed to get at least one win over each of the league's big three teams, perennial contenders Lee, Abilene High and Abilene Cooper if the Bulldogs were to become playoff contenders themselves. With wins over AHS and Cooper in the first half of district, Midland High has now accomplished that goal, and if Cooper defeats first place Abilene High on Saturday, the Bulldogs will be tied for the district lead.

Thursday afternoon, though, the Bulldogs weren't shy about whooping it up in Lee's house. It was the first victory by a Midland High team over the Rebels since Jesse Benavidez took over as Lee coach in 1991, which was alone reason enough to celebrate.

"Every time we play them it's always emotional," said Midland High senior right fielder Lee Martin, a returning letterman from last season who drove in four runs. "We already knew we were contenders but beating them puts us one step further."

The message of the aftermath of Midland High's win was crystal clear: If you still regard the Bulldogs as a fluke, you do so with a serious risk. In reality, what had been happening in recent weeks foreshadowed what went down at Ernie Johnson Thursday.

For three innings, the game was a tense pitchers' duel with a playoff type atmosphere. MHS right-hander Joey Schlaffer and Lee left-hander Nate Brignon each held their foes scoreless until the top of the fourth. On the second pitch of that inning, Midland High's Laynce Nix, a left-handed hitter, took Brignon's offering out of the park to right field for the game's first run, sending the Bulldogs on their way.

"I give a lot of thanks to Steve Feris hitting behind me because I see a lot of good pitches," said Nix, who along with Feris and Ross Nobles is one of three left-handed hitters in the first three spots in Midland High's lineup. "We've seen so many lefties this year that it really doesn't matter who they throw at us."

Feris then continued the surge by singling off Brignon, which accelerated Lee's downfall. Feris scored on Martin's sacrifice fly and after a pair of singles and a fielder's choice loaded the bases with two outs, Nobles singled to right to give Midland High a 4-0 lead, chasing Brignon and setting the tone for the remainder of the game.

"It's been the same thing every game," said Benavidez of his team's propensity for giving up the big inning. "I just left him (Brignon) in there too long. He kept the ball up and that's been a problem for our pitchers."

After Midland High added another run to go up 5-0 at the end of the fourth, it was all that Schlaffer needed. He found him-

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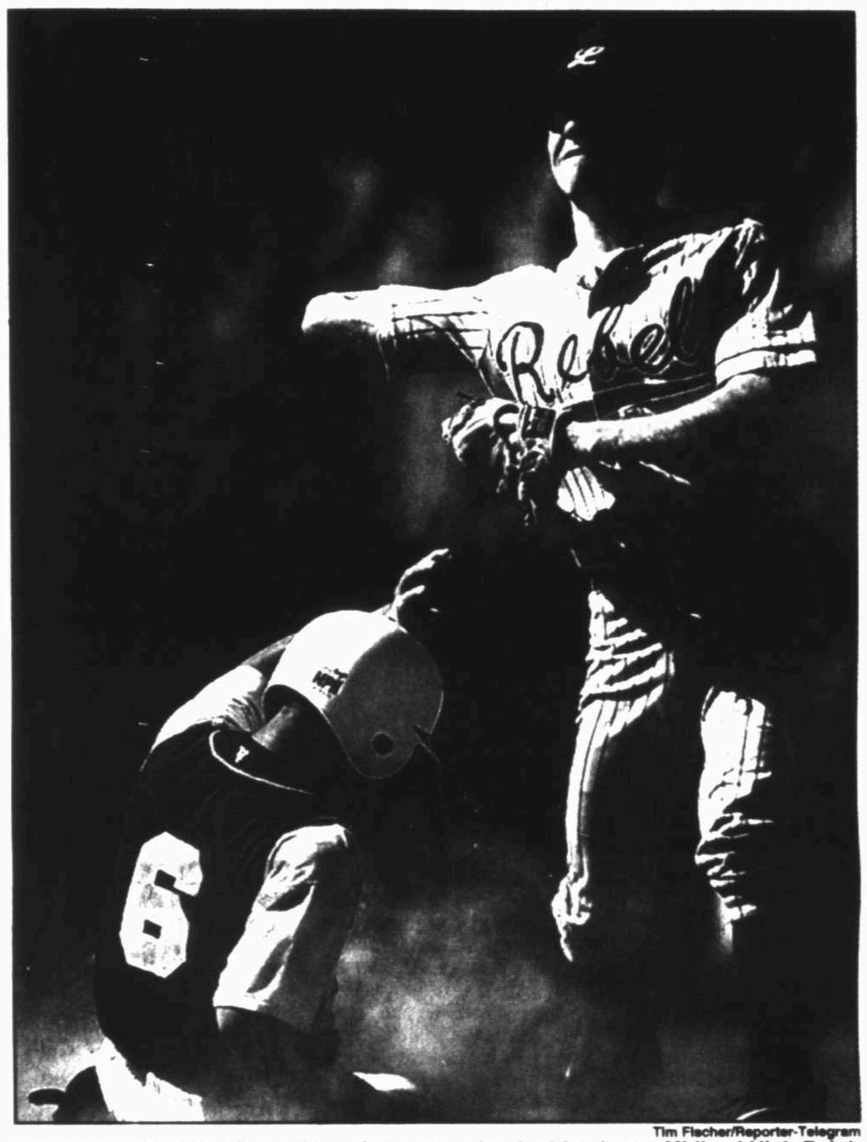

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Lee second baseman Ryan Klatt tries to turn the double play as Midland High Ralph Romero (6) tires to break it up. Klatt completed the double play, but the Bulldogs still ended up winning easily, 9-2, Thursday at Lee's Ernie Johnson Field.

Diablos beat Angels for 3rd straight time

By Oscar LeRoy
Sports Writer

The Midland Angels are having a hellish time trying to beat El Paso Diablos in their current homestand.

Whether it's not getting a key hit at the right time, leaving men on base, or having key errors, little things are costing the Angels. What it all leads to is a 3-0 series lead by the Diablos after Thursday night's 7-4 win over Midland at Christensen Stadium.

The Diablos (6-2) did most of their damage early against Angel starting right-hander Rob Bonanno as they scored five of their runs, two of them unearned, in the first two innings. That proved to be enough as El Paso added one more in the third

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DeLeon's double brings 9th-inning win for MHS

By Terry Williamson
Sports Editor

Midland High's meager one-year softball playoff drought is over thanks to a key two-out run scoring double in the bottom of the ninth inning by junior RayLynn DeLeon at MUGS Field Thursday afternoon.

DeLeon's shot to left center scored Alicia Kirk all the way from first base to give the Lady Bulldogs a stirring 6-5 win over Abilene Cooper.

Midland High's RayLynn DeLeon lays down a sacrifice bunt in the third inning. Later, in the ninth inning, she delivered a game-winning double in a 6-5 victory over Abilene Cooper.
Curt Wilcott/Reporter-Telegram

Cooper's Lady Cougars, who have won only one district game, looked to have MHS on the ropes, scoring a run in the top of the ninth when Dena Foster doubled home Lauren Wallace for a 5-4 lead, but MHS rallied for two runs in the bottom of the frame when a sacrifice fly by Kristi Heard to plate Francesca Salcido from third and tied the game again. Kirk then singled and DeLeon wore the hero's jersey with a huge blast to the fence for the game winner off of Cooper pitcher Andi Ledbetter.

"I think she (Ledbetter) was trying to go outside on me, but she might

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OSCAR LEROY

Zoeller still doesn't know why what he said is wrong

As The Masters got underway yesterday, many of us were reminded of how Tiger Woods, the young golf phenom, walked away with the green jacket. But, also, many of us were reminded of the comments made by fellow golfer Fuzzy Zoeller after the tournament.

LeRoy

His remarks, although not really racist, were stereotypical and offensive in nature. To put it bluntly, it was ignorance that drove Mr. Zoeller to make those remarks. Ignorance is a symptom that causes racism in this country and those who believe people in this country are educated enough not to make such remarks in public — Wake Up!

This year Zoeller has tried to avoid questions by reporters about his distasteful remarks after last year's Masters. But in a recent interview with Fox Sports, Zoeller went so far as to blame the media for taking what he said and blowing it out of proportion.

Sure; blame the media. Mr. Zoeller, it was you who opened your mouth and displayed your ignorance in front of television cameras and sports writers' pens. It was you, Mr. Zoeller, who tried to be a comedian, but instead, got it thrown back into your face. It's real easy for Mr. Zoeller to blame somebody else for being an idiot.

I don't mean to be as harsh but this is a man who simply doesn't get it. In that same interview with Fox Sports, Mr. Zoeller said, "I didn't know that when I opened my mouth I was going to hurt people."

I'm sure Mr. Zoeller didn't mean to cause such an uproar but he did. And it's like he still doesn't realize what he said was harmful. He did apologize to Woods after he made those remarks, but what lessons did he take from the experience?

Maybe Mr. Zoeller is stuck back in time when he used to be out with his buddies in those plaid pants, in country clubs, and talked about, "how 'those' people act" or "what 'those' people eat." They don't mean to be racist but their actions speak loud and clear of ignorance.

I don't hate Mr. Zoeller. I hate of what he represents, and that is the ignorance which makes things in this country look rather ugly to the outside world. It's just like I love Tiger Woods for what he represents. Here is a black man succeeding in white, male dominated sport. A sport, despite many barriers breaking down over the past years, there are still times when an exclusive "country club" attitude still exists.

But let me make one thing clear. Ignorance and racism is not limited to just Mr. Zoeller and the sport of golf. For example, New York Mets baseball player Butch Huskey recently heard some racial remarks in the stands during a game in Chicago. Huskey, who is black, shrugged it off by saying, "Things like that will happen."

Things like that shouldn't happen. Since the Civil Rights movement in the 1960s, it appears that this country hasn't learned its lessons. Most of us shrug off racist remarks like it's no big deal. Ignorance is a big deal and it exists everywhere. I've even heard it here in the Permian Basin from a football game to a baseball game to a track meet. Although I hope it is not racist in intention, I'm sure it comes from ignorance.

For someone like myself of minority persuasion, it's hard to escape since we've heard it all before and I'm sure we'll hear it many more times in the future. What we can do is try to educate people and educate ourselves. Mr. Zoeller, and many others like him, need to be educated.

No matter what, Zoeller can't escape what he said. No matter if the media is around or not.

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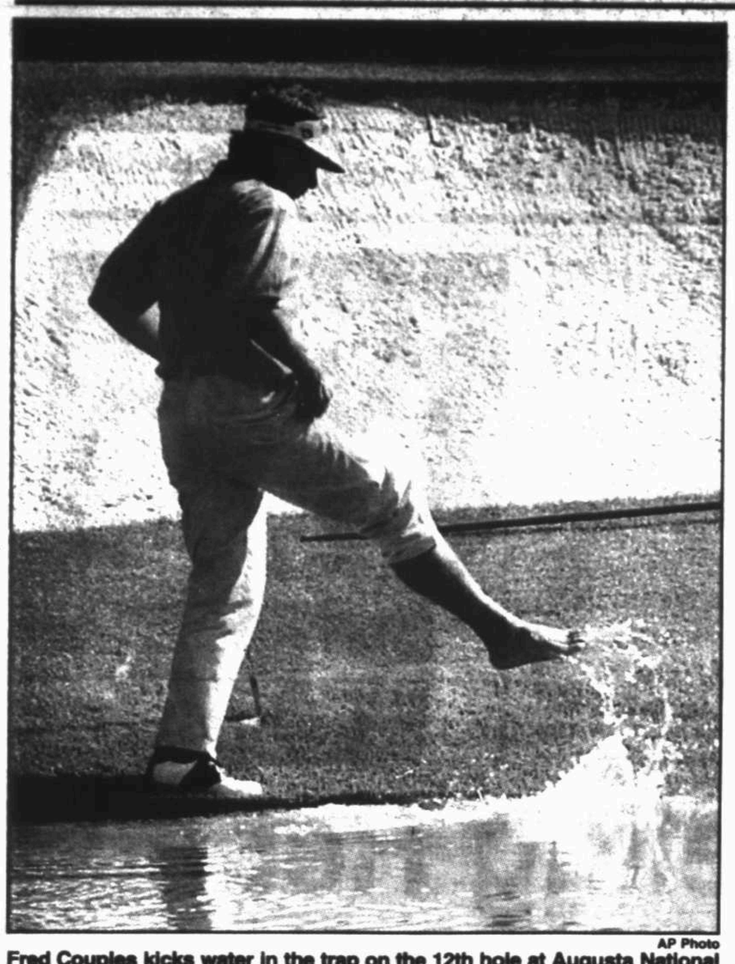
■ **Couples leads Masters/2C**



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Fred Couples kicks water in the trap on the 12th hole at Augusta National Golf Club after hitting out of the edge of the water during Thursday's first round of the Masters. Couples leads the tournament at 3-under par.

Wind gives Augusta's difficulty back

By Ron Sirak
AP Golf Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — Tiger Woods proved in last year's Masters he could overwhelm Augusta National. Now it's clear he can also outsmart it.

When Woods walked away from here with a green jacket on his back and a record 18-under par on his scorecard, the cry went up to "Tiger-ize" Augusta.

Make it longer. Grow rough. Move the bunkers back.

But all it took to reveal the devilishly deceiving design of the grand old course planned by Bobby Jones 65 years ago was an unnerving wind and some wicked greens.

Augusta National rose up in Thursday's first round and Woods responded by proving he can play championship caliber golf even when things are not going his way, as they did last year in his record-breaking performance.

"Last year was last year," Woods said after a scrambling 1-under-par 71 put him two strokes behind leader Fred Couples, another former Masters winner, with 10 players still on the course when play was suspended by darkness.

"We had perfect conditions last year," Woods said. "These aren't perfect conditions, and it's supposed to be like this again tomorrow."

With gusts that topped 30 mph, bent flagsticks and whipped sand from the bunkers in a blinding swirl, the best players in the world were forced to use everything in their bags, from spin shots to knockdowns to bump-and-runs.

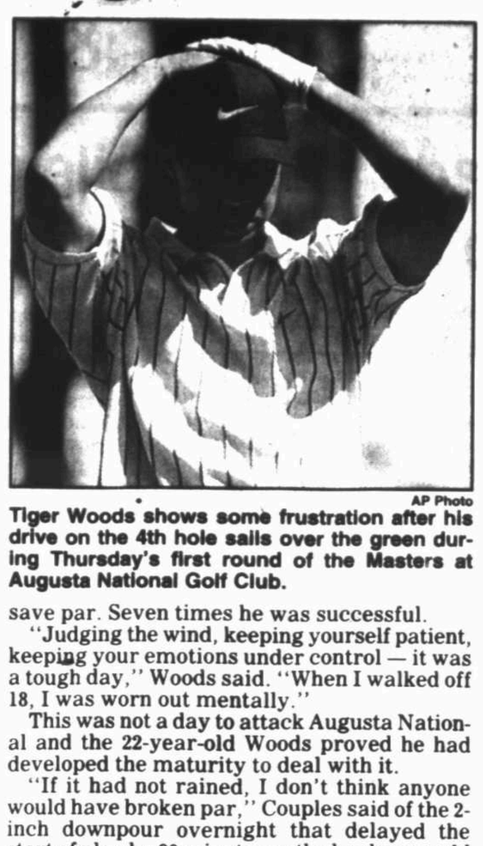
"What you had to do was invent shots all day long," said Jack Nicklaus, who was playing in his 40th Masters, has a record six green jackets and shot a 73.

Fifty-six of the 88 players had finished before Couples was finally able to post a score below 70, rolling in a 6-foot par saver on No. 18 for a 69, a lead that held up.

"On No. 10, I looked at the leaves and the wind blew them in every single direction — 360 degrees," Woods said. "You just had to hang in there and be patient and just accept pars. It was not a day when guys were going to go low."

Woods, trying to become only the third man to win consecutive Masters, played the par-5 holes 13-under par last year and dominated them again in the first round, making two-putt birdies on Nos. 2, 8 and 13.

But as much as he overpowered the course last year, this time Woods hung in there with one gutsy par save after another. He hit every fairway but his iron game was off. Ten times he missed the green and had to scramble to save par. Seven times he was successful.



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Tiger Woods shows some frustration after his drive on the 4th hole sails over the green during Thursday's first round of the Masters at Augusta National Golf Club.

"Judging the wind, keeping yourself patient, keeping your emotions under control — it was a tough day," Woods said. "When I walked off 18, I was worn out mentally."

This was not a day to attack Augusta National and the 22-year-old Woods proved he had developed the maturity to deal with it.

"If it had not rained, I don't think anyone would have broken par," Couples said of the 2-inch downpour overnight that delayed the start of play by 90 minutes so the bunkers could be drained and greens dried.

Paul Stankowski, 1994 Masters champion Jose Maria Olazabal and Scott Hoch got to 2-under-par 70.

Colin Montgomerie, Paul Azinger, Phil Blackmar, Fuzzy Zoeller and Woods were the only others to break par, getting in with 71s.

With officials using a rare threesome pairing for the second round after completion of the delayed first round, it was all but certain that Woods and Zoeller — who crossed paths after last year's Masters when Zoeller made racial jokes about Woods — would be paired Friday.

Perhaps the biggest surprise of the day was Zoeller, who has not won on the PGA Tour since 1986. He birdied the par-5 8th hole to get to 2-under par then made nine consecutive pars before making a bogey on the last hole to finish with a 71.

"It was fun to play the old course today," Zoeller said. "She had her teeth out."

Zoeller, who may end up being remembered more for his jokes about Woods than for winning the Masters in 1979, was carried along by waves of cheering crowds everywhere — including a long standing ovation on the 15th green.

Disasters were all over the scoreboard. Ben Crenshaw shot an 83. Tom Watson had a 78 and John Daly was at 77. Greg Norman, Jim Furyk, Billy Mayfair and Lee Janzen were at 76. Costantino Rocca, who made a 10 on the 15th hole, shot an 81.

PGA Championship winner Davis Love III was at 74 along with British Open winner Justin Leonard.

U.S. Open champion Ernie Els, Nick Faldo and David Duval were still on the course when play was suspended.

Among the surprises was 66-year-old Gay Brewer, who became the oldest person in the 62 Masters to shoot par or better with a 72.

Matt Kuchar, the 19-year-old U.S. Amateur champion, was paired with Woods and responded magnificently with a 72 despite hitting into the water on Nos. 15 and 16.

"The roles are reversed now," Woods said. "I'm calling him kid."

The wind gusted so hard it even affected putting.

"It was blowing as hard today as possibly any wind I've played in," Blackmar said. "Thank goodness the course is surrounded by trees. If we had been on an exposed course, the wind would have blown the ball off the greens."

Azinger made a birdie on the second hole, then ran off 16 consecutive pars as the only player to make it through 18 holes without a bogey.

Couples, who won here in 1992, made birdies on the first three holes, made bogeys on the extremely difficult par-3 holes at Nos. 4 and 6, then closed the front nine with two birdies on the final three holes.

He made another bogey on No. 12, playing his second shot from the edge of the water with a submerged bare right foot. He chipped to 6 feet but missed the putt.

"There's a long way to go," Zoeller said when asked how it would feel to get a second green jacket. "The tournament doesn't start until Sunday, you know."

Last year the tournament was over by Sunday. Woods was so overwhelming he was ahead by nine strokes starting the final round and won by 12.

This year, it seems, nature may prevent that. It also seems Woods has the patience to handle it.

Par 3's on Augusta's front side rank among toughest in all of golf

By John Diamond
Associated Press Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — The two par 3s on Augusta National's front side rarely make a TV appearance and they live in the shadows of their much more famous cousins, the 12th and 16th holes on the back nine.

But tournament records, and Thursday's Masters action, show these high, dry front-side holes are the most difficult par 3s on the course, and among the most difficult in golf.

Two-time Masters champion Tom Watson considers the four-hole stretch beginning with the par-4 3rd hole and including the par-3 4th and 6th holes the key to winning at Augusta.

"That's the unsung turn," Watson said. "Those are difficult holes."

With swirling winds that topped 30 mph, just hanging on through this early stretch was a struggle, even for the best players.

First-round leader Fred Couples started out with three consecutive birdies, then bogeyed Nos. 4 and 6, three-putting both from 30 and 40 feet, respectively. He later bogeyed No. 12 before finishing with a round of 3-under 69. Jeff Maggert also strung together three opening birdies, only to slip with bogeys on Nos. 4 and 6. He later double-bogeyed the dangerous 12th and ended the day even par.

Defending champion Tiger Woods had one of the day's best rounds, a 71, but bogeyed Nos. 4 and 12.

The 4th, "Flowering Crab," is the first par 3 at Augusta, a 205-yarder from an elevated tee to a shallow but steeply sloped green. A yawning bunker in front guards the right half of the green — the bunker that grabbed Greg Norman's tee shot during his disastrous final round in the 1996 Masters. Another trap protects the left side.

The hole has been aced only once in Masters competition, by Jeff Sluman in 1992. Last year, it rated the toughest hole on the course, playing to a stroke average of 3.348. It was also the only hole at Augusta National on the PGA Tour's list of the 50 most difficult tournament holes last year, ranking 33rd. Over the history of the Masters, it ranks second in difficulty to Augusta's long par-4 10th.

"There's a very shallow landing area, and you have a lot of carry," Watson said. "Judging the wind on No. 4 is one of the most difficult judgments on the golf course."

Things were little easier for those who hit the green. Ex-Masters champ Larry Mize's approach putt looked good going up the hill but kept curling away from the hole until he had a 20-footer left for par, which he made. Michael Bradley barely tapped his approach putt from above the hole and watched it trickle 20 feet. He missed coming back for a bogey.

The 6th hole, "Juniper," was the third-toughest hole on the golf course last year, playing to a 3.265 average. It has been aced three times, most recently in 1972.

One of the great features of Augusta is that no two par-3s play in the same direction, so players must deal with tee shots involving four different wind conditions. The 6th was playing with the wind Thursday.

Golfers stand atop a particularly elevated tee that commands a spectacular flower-filled view down a hill to a steeply sloping green guarded by one bunker. Augusta's par-3 16th is visible in the background. So steep is the slope down from the tee that spectators are allowed to sit in that area and tee shots sail over their heads.

It was here in the opening round of the 1991 Masters that Jose Maria Olazabel, in the first round, watched two chip shots roll back to his feet. Olazabel finished second by a stroke to Ian Woosnam.

"Dr. Alister Mackenzie wanted to stress steep slopes and fast greens," Watson said. At No. 6, "he succeeded dramatically." The green slopes up eight feet from front to back. A putt across the green from the left "has more ups and downs than a bungee jumper, if you don't hit it with enough pace to crest the hill."

Woods, Zoeller could be paired today

By Paul Newberry
AP Sports Writer

AUGUSTA, Ga. — How's this for a marquee group in the Masters: Fuzzy, Tiger and anyone else.

Though 10 players were still on the course when darkness suspended play in the opening round Thursday, it appeared that Fuzzy Zoeller and Tiger Woods would wind up playing together in the second round.

Both shot 1-under 71s to open the tournament, leaving them in a five-way tie for fifth — three shots behind leader Fred Couples — among the 78 players who finished.

The first round will have to be completed Friday morning, so Augusta National officials decided to use threesomes in the second round to speed play.

Woods and Zoeller will wind up in the same group unless David Duval birdies at least one of his three remaining first-round holes and Shigeki Maruyama comes up with birdie or better on two of his last three.

Woods and Zoeller were inexorably linked a year ago at Augusta, where Zoeller made racially charged comments as Woods was closing in on a record-breaking victory.

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Zoeller apologized, and Woods insisted that it's a closed matter.

"It's just another pairing," he said, when asked about the possibility of playing with Zoeller.

Before the tournament, Woods dismissed John Daly's suggestion about playing a practice round with Zoeller, saying it sounded more like "a public relations move than getting ready for a major."

Zoeller, one of the earliest finishers Thursday, brushed by the media after his round, refusing to comment.

SUPER SENIOR: Move over, kids. At age 66, Gay Brewer showed he still has game.

Brewer, the 1967 Masters champion, turned more than a few heads Thursday morning when he finished birdie-birdie-par for an even-par 72, which made him the clubhouse leader for about 30 minutes.

It was the lowest score in the Masters by anyone over 65, topping the 74 that Sam Snead shot in 1978 when he was 66. Brewer also became the oldest player to shoot par or better in the Masters.

"I know this course well enough," said Brewer, playing in his 36th Masters. "I've always been known as a good wind player."

Brewer has shot a better score only once since 1983, which also happens to be the last time he made the cut.

And in the toughest first round at Augusta since 1982, Brewer managed to do better than Ernie Els, Justin Leonard and Davis Love III.

"It was a lot better than my 69," Fred Couples said. "That should be the story of the day."

CRENSHAW'S WOES: Three years ago, Ben Crenshaw was the Masters champion. On Thursday, he was a beaten man.

Crenshaw, suffering from a bad cold and a worse game, shot an 11-over-par 83. Only two golfers did worse, and one of those was 75-year-old Doug Ford.

"I need an ambulance," Crenshaw said. "It was a terrible day. I had no confidence from the start. I was totally inept."

At least Crenshaw got his 80 out of the way right from the start. In two tournaments this year, he shot a 69 in the first round, then followed with rounds in the 80s to miss the cut.

He had yet to make the cut in five tournaments this year.

DIVOTS: Arnold Palmer is participating in his 44th straight Masters, tying Sam Snead's record for consecutive appearances. Palmer began his streak in 1955, his first year as a professional. ... Fred Couples, leading with a 69 after the aborted first round, has never missed a Masters cut, the only former winner to make that claim. He has completed the tournament 13 times. ... Ignacio Garrido of Spain is the son of Antonio Garrido, who missed the cut in the 1978 Masters. That makes them the eighth father-son combination in the Masters. Garrido tied the tournament record with an 11 on the par-5 15th and finished with an 85. Jumbo Ozaki had an 11 at No. 15 in the second round in 1987, while Crenshaw had an 11 in the final round last year. ... Ford extended his record by making his 46th appearance. He had an 86. ... Scott McCarron had an eagle on No. 15, giving him three eagles in nine rounds at Augusta. ... Paul Azinger (71) broke par in the first round for the sixth straight time. ... Stewart Cink, who failed to make birdie in his Masters debut last year when he missed the cut, finally got his first on the ninth hole. He followed that with an eagle four holes later.

Clinton headlines discussion on race in sports

By Michelle Mittelstadt
AP Sports Writer

WASHINGTON — Seeking to bring his discussion of race relations to as wide an audience as possible, President Clinton heads to Houston next week for a nationally televised town hall meeting on the topic of race and sports.

By discussing race relations through the prism of sports, said Judith Winston, the executive director of the presidential initiative on race: "We think we have a unique opportunity to engage the broadest possible audience in this important conversation."

The 90-minute town hall meeting Tuesday night, televised on ESPN, will feature a panel discussion and a Wortham Center audience that can ask questions of both the president and the 10 panelists. Among the invited panelists are Minnesota Vikings coach Dennis Green, three-time Olympic gold medalist Jackie Joyner-Kersee, Georgetown coach John Thompson, 49ers president Carmen Policy, San Diego Padres owner John Moores and NFL Hall of Famer Jim Brown.

The 24-hour cable sports channel's audience includes many white men — a group that the president's initiative on race particularly wants to reach, White House aides said.

Using sports as the hook allows the presidential initiative to reach "an audience that might not necessarily feel that this is an issue that has any relevance to them," Winston said Thursday. "We think this will be a good starting point ... to bring them into this larger conversation on race."

Houston, which boasts a multi-ethnic population, was selected because "we believe it represents what much of America will look like in the 21st century in terms of its diversity," Winston said.

While in Houston, the president will make his first visit to the Johnson Space Center and also plan a sit-down with local Hispanic leaders who are angered by the administration's snub of a Hispanic candidate for the federal bench.

The Houston trip will mark Clinton's second town hall meeting on race. The first one, held last winter in Ohio, drew lukewarm reviews and critics complained that the exchanges between the president and panelists were stilted.

White House and ESPN officials have high hopes for the Houston session, which will discuss the impact of race in sports from the playground to the pro level.

"In many cases, sports has been at the forefront of breaking down racial stereotypes," Winston said. "We also know that in some instances it has perpetuated them."

Said ESPN senior producer Norby Williamson, who is producing Tuesday's broadcast: "In our world of sports news, there have been things that have ... unfortunately kept the topic of race and sports on the front burner."

Tenth-seeded Raymond ousts Seles in 3rd round

Associated Press

AMELIA ISLAND, Fla — Lisa Raymond posted her biggest victory of the year, defeating third-seeded Monica Seles, 7-6 (10-8), 6-4 Thursday in the third round of the Bausch & Lomb Championships.

The 10th-seeded Raymond was urged on by a cheering crowd as she battled back from an 0-5 deficit in the first set, saving set point several times before finally forcing the tiebreaker.

Raymond, ranked 19th in the world, and Seles, who is ranked No. 7, battled evenly in the tiebreaker until Raymond sent a blistering backhand past Seles to capture the set.

Raymond, who won NCAA championships in 1992 and 1993 for nearby University of Florida, was easily the fans' favorite.

"The crowd really helped, they were awesome, especially when I was down 5-0 in the first set," she said. "I knew Monica would have her supporters, but I kept hearing 'Go Gators' and that pumped me."

Seles was the first player among the top eight seeds to lose. Three of the top seeds won two matches Thursday, playing twice to make up matches postponed by rain on Wednesday.

■ Tennis Roundup

Damm ousted in Hong Kong

HONG KONG — Martin Damm was ousted from the Salem Open, losing 6-4, 6-4 to Oscar Burrieza, a Spaniard ranked 144th in the world.

Burrieza, a fourth-year player, scored the biggest victory of his career in eliminating the sixth seed from the Czech Republic and advancing to the quarterfinals.

Damm is the latest seed to fall. Preceding him were two Americans, No. 1 seed Michael Chang and No. 5 seed Vincent Spadea; No. 2 seed Tommy Haas of Germany; and No. 4 seed Brett Steven of New Zealand.

Germany's Christian Vinck, who beat Chang, lost 6-1, 6-2 to Zimbabwe's Byron Black.

Mantilla edges Gaudenzi

OEIRAS, Portugal — Thunderstorms interrupted second-round matches several times on the fourth day of the $625,000 Estoril Open and top-seed Spaniard Felix Mantilla struggled to advance to the quarterfinal.

First United Methodist Church
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Service of Confirmation • 7:30 p.m. - Sanctuary
Easter Sunday, April 12
Celebration of Resurrection
8:30 contemporary service - Glass Chapel
8:30 traditional service - Sanctuary
10:35 traditional service - Sanctuary
10:45 contemporary service - Community of Joy, Cole Theatre, 2000 W. Wadley
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SPORTS SCOREBOARD

NHL

NHL Standings
All Times CDT
EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
xyz-New Jersey	46	22	9	101	210	152
x-Philadelphia	40	26	11	91	228	181
Washington	36	29	12	84	206	192
N.Y. Islanders	28	39	10	66	201	215
N.Y. Rangers	23	37	18	64	188	220
Florida	24	41	12	60	188	236
Tampa Bay	17	51	9	43	145	250

Northeast Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Pittsburgh	37	24	17	91	211	181
x-Boston	36	28	13	85	206	181
Montreal	36	30	11	83	224	194
Buffalo	34	27	15	83	195	171
Ottawa	31	32	14	76	181	189
Carolina	33	36	8	74	192	201

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Central Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Dallas	45	21	11	101	225	158
x-Detroit	43	20	15	101	240	185
x-St. Louis	42	27	8	92	233	186
Phoenix	31	34	12	74	209	215
Chicago	30	36	12	72	187	190
Toronto	27	42	9	63	181	229

Pacific Division

	W	L	T	Pts	GF	GA
x-Colorado	37	25	16	90	218	195
x-Los Angeles	35	30	11	81	213	205
San Jose	32	37	8	72	196	205
Edmonton	31	37	10	72	197	214
Calgary	25	38	14	64	203	234
Vancouver	25	40	13	63	220	264
Anaheim	25	40	12	62	191	243

x-clinched playoff berth
y-clinched division title
z-clinched conference title

Thursday's Games
Late Games Not Included
Boston 4, N.Y. Islanders 1
Carolina 5, Toronto 2
Ottawa 4, Pittsburgh 1
Florida 3, Philadelphia 2
Detroit 5, Phoenix 1
St. Louis 3, Chicago 2
Vancouver at Calgary (n)
Anaheim at San Jose (n)
Edmonton at Los Angeles (n)

Friday's Game
Montreal at Buffalo, 6:30 p.m.

Saturday's Games
Florida at Pittsburgh, noon.
Washington at Philadelphia, noon.
Dallas at Tampa Bay, noon.
N.Y. Rangers at Detroit, noon.
Phoenix at St. Louis, noon.
Colorado at Los Angeles, 5 p.m.
New Jersey at Boston, 6 p.m.
Buffalo at Ottawa, 6:30 p.m.
N.Y. Islanders at Montreal, 6:30 p.m.
Carolina at Toronto, 6:30 p.m.
Edmonton at Calgary, 9:30 p.m.
Vancouver at San Jose, 9:30 p.m.

Blues 3, Blackhawks 2

Chicago	0	1	1	— 2
St. Louis	1	2	0	— 3

First Period—1, St. Louis, McAlpine 3 (Turgeon, Hull), 13:57.
Second Period—2, St. Louis, Conroy 12 (Demitra, McAlpine), 5:52. 3, Chicago, Daze 31 (Laflamme, Kilger), 6:49. 4, St. Louis, Eastwood 6 (Demitra), 17:28.
Third Period—5, Chicago, Suter 14 (Leroux, Daze), :57.
Shots on goal—Chicago 11-10-8—29. St. Louis 13-6-13—32. Power-play Opportunities—Chicago 0 of 3; St. Louis 0 of 2. Goalies—Chicago, Hackett 21-23-11 (32 shots-29 saves). St. Louis, McLennan 15-6-2 (29-27). A—20,295 (19,260).

Panthers 3, Flyers 2

Philadelphia	1	1	0	— 2
Florida	2	1	0	— 3

First Period—1, Florida, Mellanby 14 (Lindsay, Murphy), 5:06. 2, Philadelphia, Sillinger 21 (LeClair, McGillis), 12:25. 3, Florida, Whitney 30 (Kozlov, Carkner), 13:14.
Second Period—4, Philadelphia, Brind'Amour 33 (Podein, Druce), 12:22. 5, Florida, Lindsay 12 (Mellanby, Muller), 17:03.
Third Period—None.
Shots on goal—Philadelphia 7-11-7—25. Florida 15-7-5—27. Power-play Opportunities—Philadelphia 0 of 3; Florida 0 of 6. Goalies—Philadelphia, Hextall 21-15-7 (27 shots-24 saves). Florida, McLean 14-20-4 (25-23). A—14,703 (14,703).

Hurricanes 5, Maple Leafs 2

Toronto	0	0	2	— 2
Carolina	0	3	2	— 5

First Period—None.
Second Period—1, Carolina, Sheppard 18 (Gelinas, Pratt), 7:56. 2, Carolina, Roberts 18 (Kapanen), 9:00. 3, Carolina, Ranheim 5, 17:16.
Third Period—4, Toronto, Bohonos 5 (Sundin), 3:38. 5, Carolina, Roberts 19 (Kapanen, Burt), 4:07. 6, Toronto, McCauley 6 (Smith, Warriner), 11:26. 7, Carolina, Roberts 20 (Pratt, Kron), 19:33.
Shots on goal—Toronto 7-9-16—32. Carolina 5-11-5—21. Power-play Opportunities—Toronto 0 of 6; Carolina 0 of 4. Goalies—Toronto, Healy 3-10-2 (21 shots-16 saves). Carolina, Kidd 21-20-2 (32-30). A—8,368 (15,902).

Senators 4, Penguins 1

Pittsburgh	0	1	0	— 1
Ottawa	2	0	2	— 4

First Period—1, Ottawa, Gardiner 7 (Arvedson, Redden), 21:2. Ottawa, Kravchuk 8 (Alfredsson), 5:51.
Second Period—3, Pittsburgh, Francis 24 (Morozov, Barnes), 18:12.
Third Period—4, Ottawa, York 3, 7:32. 5, Ottawa, Arvedson 9 (Van Allen, Redden), 18:54 (en).
Shots on goal—Pittsburgh 5-12-9—26. Ottawa 13-14-5—32. Power-play Opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 8; Ottawa 0 of 5. Goalies—Pittsburgh, Wregget 2-6-2 (31 shots-28 saves). Ottawa, Rhodes 17-19-6 (26-25). A—17,895 (18,500).

Red Wings 5, Coyotes 1

Phoenix	1	0	0	— 1
Detroit	1	2	2	— 5

First Period—1, Phoenix, Corkum 12, 9:22 (sh). 2, Detroit, Maltby 14 (Yzerman), 16:09 (sh).
Second Period—3, Detroit, Brown 16 (Holmstrom, Dandenault), 3:03. 4, Detroit, Brown 17, 12:51 (pp).
Third Period—5, Detroit, Yzerman 24 (Lapointe, Holmstrom), 10:52. 6, Detroit, Mironov 8 (Eriksson, Fedorov), 19:14 (pp).
Shots on goal—Phoenix 6-9-5—20. Detroit 14-14-10—38. Power-play Opportunities—Phoenix 0 of 1; Detroit 2 of 6. Goalies—Phoenix, Khabibulin 27-28-10 (38 shots-33 saves). Detroit, Osgood 32-18-11 (20-19). A—19,983.

Bruins 4, Islanders 1

N.Y. Islanders	1	0	0	— 1
Boston	1	2	1	— 4

First Period—1, New York, Nemchinov 10 (Sacco, Chorske), 1:44. 2, Boston, Samsonov 19 (Khristich, Allison), 6:34 (pp).
Second Period—3, Boston, Carter 14 (Bourque, Van Impe), 5:06 (pp). 4, Boston, Samsonov 20 (Allison, Kristich), 12:53.
Third Period—5, Boston, Samsonov 21 (Bourque), 13:30.
Shots on goal—New York 9-10-9—28. Boston 6-14-11—31. Power-play Opportunities—New York 0 of 3; Boston 2 of 5. Goalies—New York, Flaherty 3-4-2 (31 shots-27 saves). Boston, Dafoe 28-23-9 (28-27). A—14,843 (17,565).

Canucks 6, Flames 3

Vancouver	0	3	3	— 6
Calgary	0	1	2	— 3

First Period—None.
Second Period—1, Vancouver, Messier 22 (Bure), 3:48. 2, Vancouver, McCabe 4 (Mogilny), 10:24 (sh). 3, Calgary, Wiemer 12 (Iginla, Cassels), 13:02. 4, Vancouver, Brashear 9 (Noonan), 18:07.
Third Period—5, Vancouver, May 13 (McCabe, P.Bure), 7:29 (pp). 6, Calgary, Fleury 27 (Domenichelli, Hulse), 8:47. 7, Calgary, McInnis 16 (Dowd), 9:59. 8, Vancouver, Mogilny 18, 14:49 (sh). 9, Vancouver, P.Bure 49 (Ohlund), 15:03 (sh).
Shots on goal—Vancouver 8-8-9—25. Calgary 12-10-16—38. Power-play Opportunities—Vancouver 1 of 4; Calgary 0 of 5. Goalies—Vancouver, Irbe 14-10-5 (38 shots-35 saves). Calgary, Roloson 10-13-7 (25-19). A—16,313 (18,742).

PBA-BPAA Open

MILFORD, Conn. (AP) — Standings Thursday after the final round of match play results in the BPAA U.S. Open at Milford Lanes.

Men

1, Walter Ray Williams Jr., Stockton, Calif., 18-6, 13579. 2, Ryan Shafer, Elmira, N.Y., 13-11, 13489. 3, Tim Criss, Bel Air, Md., 15-8-1, 13247. 4, Jeff Lizzi, Sandusky, Ohio, 14-10, 13189.

Major League Baseball

AL Boxes

RANGERS 11, WHITE SOX 0

TEXAS	ab	r	hbi	CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi	
TGdwin cf	3	1	0	0	Drham 2b	4	0	0	0
McLmr 2b	4	2	1	2	Cmaron cf	2	1	0	0
Greer lf	4	1	1	0	JAbbott lf	1	0	0	0
JuGnlz rf	1	4	0	1	2	FThms dh	3	0	0	0
Simms rf	1	0	0	0	Belle lf	2	0	0	0
WClark 1b	4	2	2	0	Frazier cf	1	0	0	0
IRdrgz c	5	1	3	0	Vntura 3b	3	0	0	0
Stevens dh	3	1	1	3	Snopek 3b	0	0	0	0
RKelly dh	2	0	0	0	MOrdz rf	3	0	2	0
Elster ss	3	1	0	0	Norton 1b	3	0	0	0
Cedeno ss	1	0	1	1	Kreuter c	3	0	1	0
Alicea 3b	4	2	1	0	Caruso ss	2	0	0	0
Totals	**38**	**11**	**11**	**8**	**Totals**	**27**	**0**	**3**	**0**

Texas	050	023	001	—11
Chicago	000	000	000	— 0

E—Ventura (3), Caruso (2). DP—Texas 3, Chicago 1. LOB—Texas 7, Chicago 4. 2B—JuGonzalez (4), IRodriguez (4), Alicea (1). HR—Stevens (2). SB—TGoodwin (6), McLemore (4).

Texas	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Sele W,2-0	9	3	0	0	4	5
Chicago						
Baldwin L,1-1	5	5	7	5	6	3
TCastillo	1	3	3	2	0	0
Rizzo	2	0	0	0	1	0
Fordham	1	3	1	1	0	0

Balk-Baldwin. T—2:28. A—10,654.

TWINS 13, BLUE JAYS 2

TORONTO	ab	r	hbi	MINNESOTA	ab	r	hbi	
Stewart lf	4	0	2	0	Nixon cf	5	2	2	1
TFrndz 2b	3	0	1	0	Ochoa rf	1	0	0	0
Crespo 2b	1	0	0	0	Lawton lf	4	2	1	3
SGreen rf	4	1	1	1	Molitor dh	5	1	2	0
Cnseco dh	4	0	0	0	Ortiz 1b	3	3	2	2
Stanley 1b	2	1	0	0	Coomr 3b	4	1	1	1
Samuel 1b	1	0	0	0	Merced rf	4	1	3	5
JoCruz cf	4	0	1	0	Hcking lf	1	1	0	0
Fltcher c	3	0	1	1	Stnbch c	4	1	1	1
Dlsndro c	1	0	0	0	JvVntin c	1	0	0	0
Grbeck 3b	3	0	1	0	TWlker 2b	2	1	1	0
AGnzlz ss	2	0	0	0	Gates 2b	0	0	0	0
					Meares ss	3	0	0	0
Totals	**32**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**Totals**	**37**	**13**	**13**	**13**

Toronto	000	101	000 — 2
Minnesota	034	000	60x —13

E—Stanley (1), AGonzalez (2). DP—Tor 1, Minn 1. LOB—Tor 5, Minn 9. 2B—TFernandez (1), Fletcher (1), Ortiz (3), Steinbach (1). HR—SGreen (4), Lawton (1), Merced (1). CS—TWalker (1). S—AGonzalez.

Toronto	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Guzman L,0-2	6	1-3	9	10	9	6
Escobar	1	2-3	4	3	3	1
Minnesota						
Radke W,1-1	7	6	2	2	1	4
Trombley	2	1	0	0	0	4

T—2:54. A—9,075.

ORIOLES 2, ROYALS 1

BALTIMORE	ab	r	hbi	KANSAS CITY	ab	r	hbi	
ByAdsn cf	3	0	0	0	Damon cf	2	0	0	0
RAlmr 2b	3	1	1	0	Offrmn 2b	4	1	2	0
Baines dh	3	0	1	0	JKing 1b	4	0	2	0
EDavis dh	1	0	1	0	Palmer 3b	4	0	0	0
RPlmr 1b	4	0	0	0	Pndlton dh	3	0	0	0
Carter rf	4	0	2	1	EnYng rf	3	0	1	0
Hmnds rf	0	0	0	0	Sutton ph	1	0	0	0
CRpken 3b	2	1	1	1	Mack lf	2	0	0	0
Surhoff lf	4	0	1	0	HMrns ph	1	0	1	0
Hoiles c	2	0	0	0	Hansen pr	0	0	0	0
Wbster c	1	0	0	0	MiSwy c	4	0	0	0
Bordick ss	3	0	0	0	FMrtnz ss	2	0	0	0
					Halter ss	1	0	1	0
Totals	**30**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**Totals**	**31**	**1**	**9**	**0**

Baltimore	000	000	110 — 2
Kansas City	000	100	000 — 1

E—RPalmeiro (2), Carter (2). DP—Baltimore 5. LOB—Baltimore 7, Kansas City 7. 2B—Carter (2). HR—CRipken (2). SB—Damon (4). CS—EDavis (2), Surhoff (1), Damon (2), EnYoung (1). S—Bordick, Damon.

Baltimore	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Key W,1-0	7	6	1	1	2	2
Charlton	2-3	2	0	0	0	0
Mills	1-3	0	0	0	0	1
ABenitez S,2	1	1	0	0	0	2
Kansas City						
Rapp	7	3	1	1	4	3
Rosado L,0-1	2-3	2	1	1	0	0
Service	1	1-3	2	0	0	0

HBP—by Service (CRipken), by Key (Damon). T—2:48. A—13,790.

NL Boxes

PADRES 6, REDS 2

CINCINNATI	ab	r	hbi	SAN DIEGO	ab	r	hbi	
Wtkins rf	3	0	1	0	QVeras 2b	3	1	1	1
Nnnally rf	1	1	0	0	Gvnoia 2b	0	0	0	0
DYng lf	4	0	1	0	SFinley cf	3	0	0	0
Larkin ss	1	1	0	0	Gwynn rf	3	0	1	1
EduPrz 1b	3	0	0	0	Cmininti 3b	4	1	2	3
Kroon p	0	0	0	0	Sheets 3b	0	0	0	0
RSndrs cf	4	0	1	0	Joyner 1b	4	0	3	0
BBoone 2b	4	1	1	0	JvVntin c	1	0	0	0
ABoone 3b	2	0	0	0	Miceli p	0	0	0	0
WGrne 3b	2	1	1	0	Wngert p	0	0	0	0
Frdyce c	2	0	1	0	Hthcck p	0	0	0	0
LHrns lf	2	0	1	1	GMyrs c	4	1	1	0
Tomko p	1	0	0	0	Gomez ss	2	1	0	0
RJrdan p	0	0	0	0	Cnfrcco 3b	1	0	0	0
Tbnsee c	2	0	1	1	Lngstn p	2	0	0	0
					Bhrngr p	0	0	0	0
					MaSwy lf	1	1	0	1
Totals	**31**	**2**	**8**	**2**	**Totals**	**31**	**6**	**9**	**6**

Cincinnati	000	000	002 — 2
San Diego	000	000	60x — 6

E—Larkin (1), GVaughn (1). DP—Cincy 2, SD 4. LOB—Cincy 8, SD 6. 2B—DYoung (3), WGreene (3), Gwynn (1), Joyner (2). HR—Caminiti (3). S—Tomko, Gomez. SF—Gwynn.

Cincinnati	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Tomko L,1-1	6	7	4	4	1	1
RJordan	1	2	2	2	1	0
Kroon	1	0	0	0	0	0
San Diego						
Langston	6	1-3	3	0	0	3
Bhrngr W,1-0	2-3	0	0	0	0	1
Miceli	1	1	0	0	2	0
Wengert	1-3	3	2	2	0	0
Hitchcock	2-3	1	0	0	0	0

HBP—by Tomko (MaSweeney). T—2:46. A—24,482.

CUBS 8, METS 7

NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi	CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi	
Alfonzo 3b	4	0	2	1	BBrwn cf	5	2	2	1
Becker rf	4	0	0	0	Mrndni 2b	5	1	3	2
Rojas p	0	0	0	0	Sosa rf	5	1	2	2
Gilkey lf	3	1	0	0	MaGce 1b	4	0	3	1
MFrco 1b	4	2	2	0	HRdrgz lf	2	1	1	1
Baerga 2b	3	1	0	1	Beck p	0	0	0	0
McRae cf	4	1	1	1	Blauser ss	4	0	1	0
Tatum c	3	0	1	1	Orie 3b	4	1	1	1
ACstillo c	1	1	0	0	Huston c	4	0	0	0
Huskey ph	1	0	0	1	Servais c	0	0	0	0
ROrdz ss	4	1	1	1	Trchsel p	2	2	1	0
RReed p	1	0	0	0	Pscotta p	1	0	0	0
Bhanon p	1	0	1	0	BPtrsn p	0	0	0	0
LLopez ph	1	0	1	0	TAdms p	0	0	0	0
Hudek p	0	0	0	0	Mieske lf	0	0	0	0
Olerud 1b	1	0	1	0					
Totals	**35**	**7**	**10**	**6**	**Totals**	**36**	**8**	**14**	**8**

New York	000	013	012 — 7
Chicago	040	301	00x — 8

E—HRodriguez (1). DP—NY 1. LOB—New York 10, Chicago 11. 2B—McRae (3), Tatum (1), Sosa (2). 3B—Morandini (1). HR—HRodriguez (3). SB—McRae (3). CS—MaGrace (1). S—Gilkey. SF—Alfonzo, Baerga.

New York	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
RReed L,0-1	3	2-3	10	7	7	1
Bohanon	1	1-3	1	0	0	1
Hudek	2	1	1	1	3	1
Rojas	1	2	0	0	1	0
Chicago						
Trachsel W,2-0	5	2-3	6	4	3	3
Pisciotta	1	2-3	1	1	1	2
BPatterson	0	1	0	0	0	0
TAdams	2	3	0	0	0	0
Beck S,5	1	2	2	2	1	0

BPatterson pitched to 1 batter in the 8th. HBP—by Bohanon (Blauser). PB—Servais. T—3:11. A—17,313.

BRAVES 4, PIRATES 3

ATLANTA	ab	r	hbi	PITTSBURGH	ab	r	hbi	
AJones cf	4	0	2	0	Wmack 2b	5	1	3	1
Tucker rf	2	1	0	0	Kendall c	4	0	1	1
DBtsta lf	1	0	0	0	AMrtin lf	4	0	0	0
ChJnes 3b	4	0	0	0	KYng 1b	5	0	1	1
Glrrga 1b	2	1	1	1	Alnswrt cf	4	0	2	0
Klesko lf	3	2	2	3	Chrstns p	0	0	0	0
GerWm rf	0	0	0	0	Collier ss	0	0	0	0
JLopez c	4	0	1	0	JGillen rf	4	0	0	0
Grffnno 2b	3	0	0	0	Strange 3b	3	0	1	0
Blliard ss	2	0	0	0	Plcvich ss	4	1	0	0
Weiss ss	1	0	0	0	MWkns p	0	0	0	0
Mlwod p	3	0	0	0	Lieber p	2	0	1	0
Lgtnbr p	0	0	0	0	Ward cf	0	1	0	0
Pride ph	1	0	0	0					
Whlers p	0	0	0	0					
Totals	**30**	**4**	**6**	**4**	**Totals**	**35**	**3**	**9**	**3**

Atlanta	110	200	000 — 4
Pittsburgh	000	000	300 — 3

E—Millwood (1). DP—Atla 1, Pitt 1. LOB—Atlanta 5, Pitt 10. 2B—AJones (1), JLopez (1), Womack (2). HR—Klesko 2 (2). SB—AJones (1). CS—Graffanino (2). S—Kendall.

Atlanta	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Millwood W,1-0	6	1-3	7	3	3	2
Ligtenberg	1	2-3	1	0	0	1
Wohlers S,2	1	1	1	0	0	1
Pittsburgh						
Lieber L,0-1	7	5	4	4	4	8
Chnstiansen	1	1	0	0	1	0
MWilkins	1	0	0	0	1	2

WP-Christiansen. T-2:31. A-9,560.

EXPOS 6, BREWERS 5

MONTREAL	ab	r	hbi	MILWAUKEE	ab	r	hbi	
Grdzln ss	4	0	1	1	Vina 2b	3	1	1	0
Mrdcai ss	0	0	0	0	Cirillo 3b	4	1	1	0
Sntnglo 2b	5	0	1	1	JsVntin ss	3	1	0	0
VGrero rf	5	2	2	0	Burnitz rf	4	1	2	3
Fllmer 1b	3	2	2	1	Grssom cf	4	0	1	1
RWhite cf	4	0	4	1	Hmelin 1b	4	0	0	0
Vidro 3b	3	0	2	2	Nwfield lf	2	0	0	0
McGire lf	3	0	0	0	DrJksn lf	1	0	0	0
DeHart p	0	0	0	0	Mtheny c	4	1	1	1
Lvngst ph	1	0	0	0	Wodard p	1	0	0	0
Telford p	0	0	0	0	Hughes ph	1	0	0	0
Urbina p	0	0	0	0	Mrcdes p	0	0	0	0
Widger c	4	1	1	0	Wckmn p	0	0	0	0
Vzquez p	1	0	0	0	Levis ph	1	0	0	0
Stovall lf	2	1	1	0					
Totals	**35**	**6**	**14**	**6**	**Totals**	**32**	**5**	**6**	**5**

Montreal	100	011	021 — 6
Milwaukee	003	011	000 — 5

E-Vidro (1). DP-Mont 2, Milw 1. LOB-Montl 6, Milw 6. 2B-VGuerrero (1), RWhite 2 (3). HR-Burnitz (5), Matheny (1). SB-Vidro (1). CS-Fullmer (1). S-Grudzielanek, Vazquez. SF-Vidro.

Montreal	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Vazquez	5	1-3	6	5	5	4
DeHart	1	2-3	0	0	0	1
Telford W,1-0	1		0	0	0	0
Urbina S,1	1		0	0	0	1
Milwaukee						
Woodard	4		5	1	1	0
Mercedes	3	1-3	5	4	4	1
Wickman L,0-2	1	2-3	4	1	1	0

HBP—by Vazquez (Mercedes). T—2:51. A—6,537.

CARDINALS 7, ROCKIES 5

ST. LOUIS	ab	r	hbi	COLORADO	ab	r	hbi	
Clayton ss	4	0	0	0	Lnsing 2b	5	1	4	0
DHwrd 2b	5	0	1	0	Burks cf	5	0	0	0
McGwr 1b	4	1	1	0	LWlker rf	4	1	1	1
RLnkfd cf	4	1	2	1	Bchette lf	4	2	3	2
BJrdan rf	3	1	0	0	Castilla 3b	4	0	2	1
Mabry lf	4	1	1	1	Clbrnn 1b	3	0	2	1
Gaetti 3b	3	2	1	1	Helton 1b	0	0	0	0
Lmpkin c	3	1	2	4	NPerez ss	4	0	0	0
Mrcker p	2	0	1	0	Dipoto p	0	0	0	0
Gant ph	1	0	0	0	Mnwrn c	2	0	0	0
Busby p	0	0	0	0	JReed c	2	0	0	0
McGee ph	1	0	0	0	MTpsn p	2	1	1	0
Bttnfld p	0	0	0	0	McElry p	0	0	0	0
Brntley p	0	0	0	0	CGdwn ph	1	0	0	0
					Lskanic p	0	0	0	0
					Bates ss	0	0	0	0
Totals	**34**	**7**	**9**	**7**	**Totals**	**36**	**5**	**13**	**5**

St. Louis	000	500	020 — 7
Colorado	013	010	000 — 5

E-LWalker (1). DP—St.L 2, Col. 1. LOB—St.L 5, Col. 7. 2B—McGwire (3), RLankford (4), Gaetti (2), LWalker (6), Bichette (6), Castilla (1). 3B—Colbrunn (1). HR—Lampkin (2). SB—Bichette (1). CS—RLankford (1), Colbrunn (1).

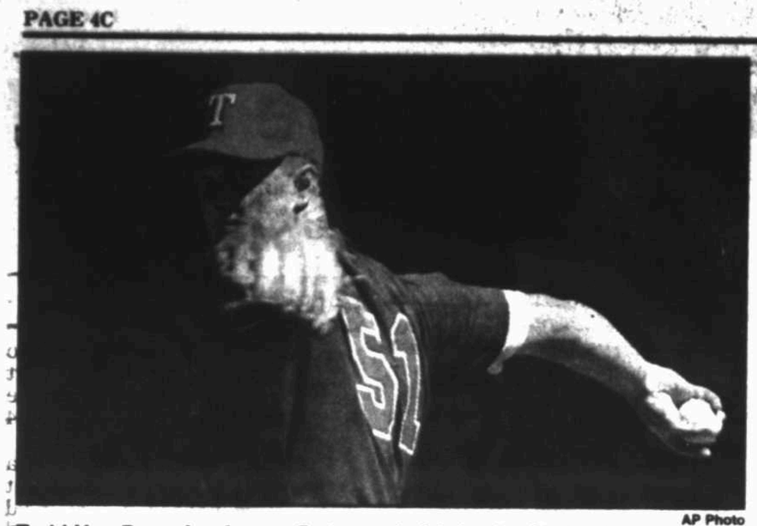
St. Louis	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Mercker	5	10	5	5	1	0
Busby W,1-0	2	1	0	0	0	0
Bottenfield	1	1	0	0	1	2
Brantley S,1	1	1	0	0	1	0
Colorado						
MThompson	5	5	5	5	3	4
McElroy	2	1	0	0	1	1
Leskanic L,0-1	1	3	2	2	0	1
Dipoto	1	0	0	0	0	1

HBP—by MThompson (BJordan). WP—Mercker, MThompson, Leskanic. T—2:51. A—46,579.

Wednesday's Late Boxes

ASTROS 6, GIANTS 3

HOUSTON	ab	r	hbi	SAN FRAN	ab	r	hbi	
Biggio 2b	5	1	3	0	DHmtn cf	4	1	1	0
DeBell rf	5	2	3	3	Mueller 3b	4	0	1	0
Bgwell 1b	4	1	2	0	Bonds lf	4	1	2	1
Berry 3b	4	1	1	3	Kent 2b	5	0	0	0
Alou lf	4	0	0	0	Snow 1b	3	0	0	0
Hidalgo cf	3	0	1	0	Hayes ph	1	0	0	0
Gtrrez ss	4	0	2	0	Javier rf	3	0	2	2
Asmus c	2	1	0	0	BJhnsn c	4	0	2	0
Lima p	3	0	0	0	Aurilia ss	4	1	1	0
TMiller p	0	0	0	0	Rueter p	2	0	1	0
Scanlan p	0	0	0	0	SReed p	0	0	0	0
Howell ph	0	0	0	0	Benard ph	1	0	0	0
Esebio ph	1	0	0	0	Ortiz p	0	0	0	0
DHenry p	0	0	0	0	Poole p	0	0	0	0
BWgnr p	0



AP Photo

Todd Van Poppel, a former first-round pick by the Okalands Athletics, is the latest reclamation project for the Texas Rangers and general manager Doug Melvin. Van Poppel hopes to return to the Major Leagues by starting over in the Rangers' minor-league system.

Rangers' general manager Melvin makes Van Poppel one of his many projects

By Evan Grant
The Dallas Morning News

PORT CHARLOTTE, Fla. — Dumped by four teams in 18 months, Todd Van Poppel discussed rebuilding his career with Rangers general manager Doug Melvin over lunch last June.

By the end of lunch, Van Poppel bought into the Rangers' long-term plan to return the righthander to the major leagues. He signed a minor league contract, agreed not to try to rush back, went so far as to go to Class A to start rebuilding his career.

"He said he had experience at it," said Van Poppel, who will start this season at Class AAA Oklahoma. "That was their message. They had a definite plan. They had done it before."

Indeed they have.

In an era when baseball teams bid wildly on unproven foreign talent and ante up multi-million dollar deals for high school players, the Rangers - Melvin, in particular - look to an unconventional method to supplement player development. Call it salvage hunting.

"With so much time and money spent on scouting, the so-called 'diamond in the rough' is hard to find in the draft these days. That's what makes this the most challenging - and fun - aspect of the job. It's like finding a Rusty Greer," Melvin said of the outfielder who was a 10th-round draft choice.

Over and over, Melvin has given talented but struggling players the opportunity to rebuild their careers in his organization. Over and over, the players have taken advantage. Mickey Tettleton. Mark McLemore. Jamie Moyer. Lee Stevens.

All had been released at least once before contacting Melvin. All went back to the minors, willing to rebuild their careers. All resurfaced as productive major leaguers, for the long term.

Van Poppel fits Melvin's profile for potential buried treasure. The profile: The player must be young enough to still have a substantial major league career. He must have tools. And he must be willing to return to the minor leagues to rebuild his game and confidence.

Van Poppel is 26 and a former first-round pick, meaning his abilities were once judged profound. And he was willing to take a serious step back to revive his career.

"If he'd wanted to go to Triple A and get back real quick, we wouldn't have had any interest in him," Melvin said. "But he said he was interested in our plan. He never had a chance to develop before, and we wanted to give him that chance."

Melvin and Rangers manager Johnny Oates have faith in the plan. They've seen it work.

In 1988, Melvin, then in charged of Baltimore's minor league system, picked up Tettleton, who was released by Oakland during the final week of spring training. A month later, he was back in the majors for good. He averaged 25 homers per year for the next six seasons.

The same thing happened with McLemore, who was released by Houston - the third team to let him go - in July 1991. Melvin snapped him up, asked him to go to the minors to work with Class AAA manager Greg Biagini on driving the ball more than trying to slap at it. He spent the last two months of the season in the minors, won a job in spring training in 1992 and has been in the majors ever since. His average since returning is .271, 47 points higher than before he agreed to go to the minors.

"There are reasons you are not in the big leagues," McLemore said. "You have to accept that and be ready to work on those things. The place to do that is the minors."

Melvin's most recent success story is Lee Stevens. At the end of spring training in 1996, the Rangers found themselves in need of a left-handed hitter at Class AAA Oklahoma City. During a conversation with Stevens' agent on an unrelated matter, the agent asked if Melvin had any minor league needs.

"Yeah," said Melvin. "A left-handed power hitter."

"I've got one," the agent said. "Lee Stevens."

Stevens was definitely available. He had been released four times in the United States, including a release by Cincinnati just days earlier, and once in Japan. But Melvin remembered him. One of his 14 major league home runs had come at Camden Yards in Baltimore, with Melvin in attendance. It landed on Eutaw Street behind the right-field stands.

He also fit the profile for a reclamation project. He was 28 and a former first-round pick. He was willing to go to the minors. The Rangers signed him quickly.

"They definitely took a chance on me," said Stevens, who hit .300 with 21 homers last year, the first major league season in which he had at least 400 at-bats. "When they signed me, I don't think they thought I could help them, but they were patient with me. The only thing you know in this game is that you never know. I think that's kind of why they brought Van Poppel back."

Even though they weren't intended that way, Van Poppel hopes those words are prophetic.

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Rangers shell Sox; Sele gets shutout

Associated Press

CHICAGO — Aaron Sele pitched a three-hitter for his first career shutout, leading the Texas Rangers over the Chicago White Sox 11-0 Thursday.

Lee Stevens hit a two-run homer and drove in three runs, and Juan Gonzalez added a two-run double to back Sele, making his 110th career start. Sele, who beat Chicago 20-4 on April 2 in his Texas debut, struck out five and walked four.

Mark McLemore hit a two-run single during a five-run second inning, and two more runs scored on shortstop Mike Caruso's error. Texas also scored a run in the sixth on a throwing error by third baseman Robin Ventura.

James Baldwin (1-1) gave up seven runs — five earned — five hits and six walks in five innings.

The start of the game was delayed 2 hours, 11 minutes by rain. The Chicago Cubs, playing about eight miles north of Comiskey Park, were in the fourth inning by the time the White Sox game began.

AL Roundup

Texas took a 5-0 lead in the second on Stevens RBI grounder, McLemore's single and Caruso's drop of Rusty Greer's fly ball — the outfielder's second error in six games.

Stevens homered in the second, and the White Sox made it 10-0 in the sixth on Ventura's error and the double by Gonzalez.

Notes: Gonzalez has at least one RBI in all of Texas' seven games. ... Sele's previous low-hit game was a seven-hitter, accomplished three times, most recently last July 3 against Chicago. ... White Sox manager Jerry Manuel, a bench coach for Florida last year, and Texas pitcher Rick Helling, who pitched for the Marlins, were presented with their World Series rings. Florida assistant general manager Frank Wren was in Chicago to do the honors. ... Attendance was 10,654, and the White Sox said anyone with a ticket stub could use it for a free ticket for another game this season.

Orioles 2, Royals 1

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Joe Carter drove home the go-ahead run in the eighth inning and Baltimore tied a club record with five double plays in winning their seventh straight.

Carter's two-out single scored Roberto Alomar to lead the Orioles, who have not lost since opening day and are 7-1 for the fourth time in franchise history.

The Royals loaded the bases against reliever Norm Charlton with none out in the eighth, but left fielder B.J. Surhoff caught Jeff King's line drive and made a strong throw to the plate to get Shane Halter.

Jimmy Key (1-0) allowed one run and six hits in seven innings. Armando Benitez pitched the ninth for his second save.

Jose Rosado (0-1) took the loss.

Twins 13, Blue Jays 2

MINNEAPOLIS — Orlando Merced hit a three-run homer off his former team and tied a career-high with five RBIs.

Merced, who played with Toronto last season, hit his first homer with the Twins in the second inning to make it 3-0. He added added RBI singles in the third and seventh to help Brad Radke win his first game of the season.

A 20-game winner in 1997, Radke (1-1) gave up two runs and six hits in seven innings, rebounding from his rocky 1998 debut in last Friday's 9-5 loss to Kansas City.

Matt Lawton also hit a three-run homer for the Twins, who matched their home run total from the first seven games.

Shawn Green homered in his fourth straight game for Toronto.

Juan Guzman (0-2) struggled again for Toronto, allowing 10 runs and nine hits with six walks in 6 1-3 innings. The right-hander, hampered by injuries the last three seasons, also walked six in six innings in his first outing.

Game rained out in Detroit

DETROIT — Thursday's game between the Tampa Bay Devil Rays and Detroit Tigers was rained out. It was rescheduled for Aug. 29 as part of a twi-night doubleheader that will start at 4:05 p.m. EDT.

Bergman takes place among Astros' Killer B's

Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO — Sean Bergman pitched six strong innings and Derek Bell doubled and homered to lead the Houston Astros over the San Francisco Giants 3-1 Thursday night, their fourth victory in five games.

Bergman (1-1) allowed one run and eight hits in six innings, getting his first win as a starter since last June 26 at Los Angeles. He spent most of last season in the bullpen.

C.J. Nitkowski followed and finished with three perfect innings for his first career save.

Mark Gardner (1-1) gave up three runs and six hits in six innings.

Houston took a 2-0 lead in the first. Craig Biggio led off with a walk and Bell followed with his third homer, giving him 15 RBIs, one short of the major league lead. He is 8-for-16 against Gardner in his career.

San Francisco pulled within a run in the fourth when J.T. Snow singled, took second on Brent Mayne's infield hit and came around on a single by Rey Sanchez.

Moises Alou's single and Ricky Gutierrez's double gave Houston its final run in the sixth.

Braves 4, Pirates 3

PITTSBURGH — Ryan Klesko homered in his first two at-bats and drove in three runs as Atlanta opened a four-run lead, then held off Pittsburgh's late rally to beat the Pirates.

NL Roundup

Klesko hit a solo shot to right off Jon Lieber (0-1) leading off the second, then added a two-run, opposite-field drive to left following Andres Galarraga's leadoff walk to make it 4-0 in the fourth, helping send Pittsburgh to its fifth loss in seven games.

Kevin Millwood (1-0) had a five-hit shutout going until tiring in a three-run seventh. Mark Wohlers got his second save by stranding the potential go-ahead run at second.

Cubs 8, Mets 7

CHICAGO — Steve Trachsel (2-0) pitched 5 2-3 innings and again helped himself at the plate as Chicago won after taking a 7-0 lead on a cold and windy afternoon.

Chicago, winless in its first 14 games last year, improved to 7-2, pounding Rick Reed (0-1) for seven runs and 10 hits in 3 2-3 innings.

Trachsel allowed four runs — three earned — and six hits. He also singled during a four-run second and walked during a three-run fourth.

Rod Beck pitched the ninth for his fifth save in five chances. After allowing two runs, Beck got Rey Ordonez on a game-ending groundout.

Padres 6, Reds 2

SAN DIEGO — Ken Caminiti hit a 457-foot, three-run homer into the second deck to cap a six-run rally in the seventh, and San Diego completed a three-game sweep.

At 7-2, the Padres are off to the second-best start in franchise history. The best was 10-2 in 1984, the year they went to the World Series.

Mark Langston and four relievers combined on an eight-hitter, with the win going to Brian Boehringer (1-0).

Brett Tomko (1-1) allowed four runs and seven hits in six innings.

Cardinals 7, Rockies 5

DENVER — Mark McGwire completed a homerless series at Coors Field, but Tom Lampkin carried St. Louis to a three-game sweep with a home run and four RBIs.

Lampkin, duplicating his one-homer, four-RBI performance in Tuesday's series opener, keyed a five-run fourth inning with a three-run homer. Colorado, which wasted a 4-0 lead, lost its fifth straight following a 4-1 start.

Mike Busby (1-0) pitched two innings, and Jeff Brantley got three outs for his first save.

ANGELS: Diablos limit Midland to 7 hits

(From 1C)

on a home run by Kevin Barker, and another in the sixth on an RBI double by Alex Andreopoulos.

After having a tough series against the Missions in San Antonio, the Diablos are on a roll.

"We came out of spring training well prepared and we worked hard on the little things," said Diablos manager Ed Romero. "We've been running the bases well, we've been aggressive and we've been swinging the bats good. The defense has also been good and the pitching has been excellent."

It's those little things that have equaled wins for El Paso in the five-game series with the Angels.

"We obviously haven't done some things right to help us get the win, but at the same time they've been doing a lot things right," said Angel third baseman Troy Glaus. "Tomorrow's another day, and that's why we love the game.

"It's still early. We play 142 games and there's a lot of time to turn things around, and we will. We do things right and get a key hit here and there, and it's a different story."

The early line, however, is that El Paso has jumped out to a two-game lead in the Texas League West. The Angels dropped to an even 4-4 on the year and in sole possession of second place.

After falling behind 2-0 in the top of the first inning, the Angels responded with two runs of their own. Norm Hutchins, who reached on a single, was brought home on a single up the middle from Chris Norton. Chuck Abbott, who also reached on a single, later came home on a wild pitch thrown by Diablo Valerio De Los Santos.

After that first inning in which he allowed three hits, De Los Santos allowed just two hits in the next three innings. In fact, El Paso pitchers combined to stifle Angel batters as the middle of the Midland lineup of Glaus, Danny Buxbaum and Norton went 3-for-11 on the day. Glaus added his Texas League-leading eighth home run of the year with a solo shot past right field. He has hit homers in six of his last seven games.

"Our pitchers have a good idea on how to pitch against their top hitters," Romero said. "They make good pitches when they have to. The guys have put in the time and hard work, and it's paying off."

Bonanno (1-1) had a solid outing of his own, outside of the first two innings, as he ended up going eight innings allowed seven runs on 11 hits, struck out two, and walked none.

ANGEL NOTES: For the fourth game of the five game series with the Diablos, the Angels send right-hander Ramon Ortiz (0-0, 5.87 ERA) to the mound against Diablo left hander Mike Pasqualicchio (1-0, 6.00)... With his home run, Glaus is the only Angel to hit safely in all eight games of the young season... Norton extended his hitting streak to five games by going 2-for-3 on the day... Part of the Angels' current woes come from leaving too many men on base. After the nine they left on base Thursday, the Angels have now left a total of 27 men on base in the current series...

El Paso Diablos 7, Midland Angels 4

El Paso	ab	r	h	bi	Midland	ab	r	h	bi
Iapoce cf	5	1	4	1	Hutchins cf	5	1	1	0
Perez ss	5	1	2	1	Abbott ss	4	1	1	0
Correa rf	5	0	0	0	Glaus 3b	5	1	1	1
Barker 1b	4	1	1	2	Norton dh	3	1	2	1
Rennhack dh	5	0	0	0	Buxbaum 1b	3	0	0	0
Gropusso 3b	4	1	2	0	Luuloa 2b	4	0	1	0
Kominek lf	4	2	2	0	Dalton lf	3	0	1	1
Andrepoulus c4	1	1	2		Herrick rf	4	0	0	0
Faurot 2b	3	0	0	0	Thurston c	3	0	0	0
					Christian ph	1	0	0	0
Totals	39	7	12	6	Totals	35	4	7	3

El Paso	231	001	000 — 7
Midland	200	100	100 — 4

E - Buxbaum 2, Thurston 1, Iapoce 2, Faurot 2, Luuloa 2. LOB - El Paso 7, Midland 8. 2b- Iapoce 4, Gropusso 6, Kominek 3, Andreapoulos 1. 3b - Perez 1. HR - Barker 3, Glaus 8. SB - Barker. SAC - Barker.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
El Paso						
De Los Santos, W 1-1	5 0	5	3	3	1	6
Huntsman	2 0	2	1	1	1	0
Hommel	1 0	0	0	0	1	2
Sadler, S 1	1 0	0	0	0	1	1
Midland						
Bonanno, L 1-1	8 0	11	7	5	0	2
Brosnan	1 0	1	0	0	0	1

HBP — Faurot by Bonanno. WP — De Los Santos
T — 2:39. A — 2,185.

BASEBALL: MHS rips Lee

(From 1C)

self in trouble in the fourth after Ryan Klatt singled, Matt Whitaker drew a walk and Adrian Pena was hit by a pitch to load the bases with one out. But Schlaffer then struck out Stacy Jones and got Brett Powell to fly out to left to end the inning.

Schlaffer wasn't as overpowering with his split-fingered fastball as he had been, striking out only four while giving up six hits in throwing his third complete game in district, but he was certainly effective enough.

"As soon as we put some runs up we knew the game was ours," said Schlaffer, who improved to 3-0 in district. "Today I just didn't have my best stuff so I had to battle through. My defense did a great job behind me."

The win was complete for the Bulldogs, who racked up 14 hits. After Brignon's exit, Midland High got to Lee reliever Josh Ramos in the fifth. Martin's two-run double, followed by a double by Aaron Pullin made the score 8-0, putting the Rebels in a hole which was far too deep.

"We've got a good defensive team and a good pitching staff, but we can hit the ball well," Russell said. "That sometimes gets overlooked."

Lee's only offensive glory came on a pair of runs in the sixth. Pinch hitter Eric Clodfelter singled home Pena, then on what would have been the final out of the inning, MHS shortstop Ralph Romero made a bad throw in the dirt on Matt Watson's grounder, bringing home an unearned run.

While Midland High's turnaround may not be surprising anymore, Lee's freefall from the No. 4 team in the state to holding a 2-5 record at the bottom (at least until Saturday) of the district is puzzling. The margin for error the remainder of the way for the Rebels (15-7 overall) is, if not zero, close to it.

"We still have a slim chance," said the usually optimistic Benavidez, although he was conceding how difficult it would be for his team to make the playoffs. "We've got to win out. This (the Midland High) game was a playoff game.

"We've got an outside chance. We can't hang our heads."

But there's no doubt that the Bulldogs can hold their's up high.

Midland High 9, Midland Lee 2

Midland	ab	r	h	bi	Lee	ab	r	h	bi
R. Nobles cf	3	0	1	2	Brignon p	2	0	0	0
T. Nobles dh	4	0	0	0	Ramos p	2	0	1	0
Schlaffer p	0	0	0	0	Hand cr	0	0	0	0
Nix lf	4	1	2	1	Klatt 2b	4	0	2	0
Feris 1b	4	2	3	0	Whitaker ss	3	0	0	0
Smith cr	0	1	0	0	Crawford 1b	3	0	0	0
Romero ss	3	1	3	0	Sanchez cr	0	0	0	0
Martin rf	3	1	2	4	Pena lf	2	1	1	0
Pullin 3b	3	1	2	1	Jones rf	3	1	0	0
Leak c	2	0	0	0	Powell c	3	0	0	0
King cr	0	1	0	0	Bagwell cf	1	0	0	0
Winters ph	1	0	0	0	Clodfeltr ph	1	0	1	1
Johnston 2b	3	1	1	0	Watson 3b	3	0	1	0
Totals	30	9	14	8	Totals	27	2	6	1

Midland	000	530	1 — 9
Lee	000	002	0 — 2

E — Romero. DP — Midland 1, Lee 1. LOB — Midland 4, Lee 8. 2B — Martin, Pullin. HR — Nix. SB — R. Nobles, Johnston, Klatt, Whitaker. S — Romero. SF — Martin.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Midland						
Schlaffer, W 5-2	7	6	2	1	2	4
Lee						
Brignon, L 0-1	3.2	8	5	5	1	2
Ramos	3.1	6	4	4	0	3

WP — Brignon. HBP — Crawford, Pena (by Schlaffer). PB — Powell. T — 1:47.

GEOFACTS

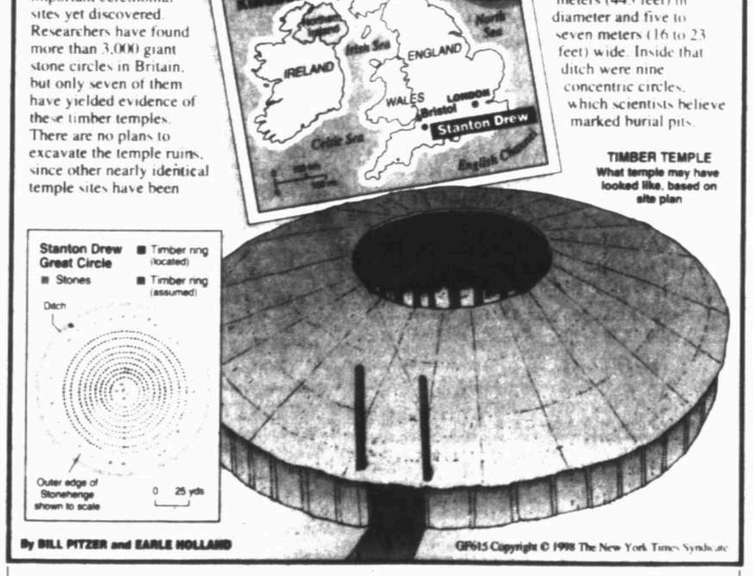
What was discovered at Stanton Drew?

Scientists have found the remains of an ancient timber temple buried beneath a huge stone circle at Stanton Drew, near the southwestern English port of Bristol. Experts believe the temple dates back 5,000 years and is at least as significant as Stonehenge, the famous British Neolithic monument.

The English Heritage Commission announced the discovery late last year, calling it one of the largest and most important ceremonial sites yet discovered. Researchers have found more than 3,000 giant stone circles in Britain, but only seven of them have yielded evidence of these timber temples. There are no plans to excavate the temple ruins, since other nearly identical temple sites have been unearthed.

Researchers discovered the temple remains by using ground-scanning equipment that can detect minor variations in the magnetic field caused by buried objects. Huge wooden posts may have stood 30 feet high supporting the temple roof. The survey of the area showed the remains of a massive circular ditch 135 meters (443 feet) in diameter and five to seven meters (16 to 23 feet) wide. Inside that ditch were nine concentric circles, which scientists believe marked burial pits.

TIMBER TEMPLE
What temple may have looked like, based on site plan



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LOCAL SPORTS

Beal lands polo honors

Lauren Beal, a senior at Colorado State University in Fort Collins, Colo., was recently selected by the United States Polo Association for the All-West Intercollegiate Women's team and the All-Star Intercollegiate Women's team.

Only four women in the United States are selected for the All-Star squad.

Beal is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carty Beal of Midland.

Greenwood romps to win

Greenwood remained undefeated in the District 4-3A softball race Thursday with a 13-0 win over Colorado City.

Greenwood is 13-11 for the year and a perfect 2-0 in district play. Kristen Equiniones (9-4, 1-0) picked up the win for the Rangerettes.

Misty Biggs hit a two-run homer while Morgan Stroud drove in three runs. Kim Mauldin drove in two runs and Shiloh O'Donnell had two hits.

Greenwood will host Kermit at 5 p.m. Tuesday in the next 4-3A contest.

MC baseball loses to Jal

JAL, N.M. — The Midland Christian baseball team lost to Jal, N.M. 9-7 Thursday, stranding 15 runners on base to fall to .500 on the season.

Trent Lee, Joey Johnson and Ryan Hellums each had three hits for the Mustangs, who had 14 hits for the game. Josh Miller, who was the losing pitcher, had two hits including a home run. Lee, John McKinney and Dustin Thane each doubled for Midland Christian, which plays at Marfa Tuesday.

Lady Mustangs rip Kermit

Midland Christian romped to a 13-2 softball win over Kermit Thursday as Sarah Lemons tossed a two-hitter with six strikeouts.

MC, 6-9 on the year, got four RBIs from Paula Brininstool while Bethany Spradlin went 3-for-3, including a triple. Mindi Sheppard, who also got a save, had two hits along with Holly Lemons.

The Lady Mustangs will play the Odessa Permian varsity at UTPB today at 4:30 p.m. in Odessa.

Andrews routs Fort Stockton

ANDREWS — The Andrews softball team took sole possession of second place in District 4-4A by defeating Fort Stockton 10-0 Thursday. Leesa Lopez was the winning pitcher for Andrews (20-6 overall and 6-2 in district) in the five-inning run rule game, striking out eight and giving up only two hits.

Nicole Brown and Yuka Kosuda each had two hits for Andrews while Holly Fields and Lopez hit back-to-back homers. Fields' was her 15th of the season.

The win broke a tie with Fort Stockton for second place in 4-4A for the Lady Mustangs.

Martinez qualifies for 6-2A

ALPINE — Stanton Buffalo Maurice Martinez qualified for the Region I-2A tennis tournament when he finished second in boys singles competition in the District 6-2A meet.

Martinez will compete at the regional to be held April 29-30 at Abilene Christian University.

Other finishers for Stanton included Ashley Ryne, who finished third in girls singles competition. The boys doubles team of Bobby Haislite and Cory Flanagan also finished third. Ryne and the boys doubles team are alternates for regionals.

Overall, Stanton as a team finished third behind Van Horn and Tornillo.

MHS sophs beat Lee

Jayson Nix doubled and later scored on a wild pitch with two outs in the bottom of the seventh to give the Midland High sophomores a 9-8 win over the Midland Lee sophomores in baseball Thursday at Zachery Field.

Lee had tied the game in the top of the inning with two runs. Nix pitched five innings, but Stewart Leak came on in relief to get the win. Lee's J.T. Oglesby took the loss.

Jason South hit a triple to drive in two runs to put MHS up 8-6 in the bottom of the sixth.

For MHS, Scott Winters had a double with two RBIs while Colter Lange also doubled. For Lee, Jason Opperman had three hits and an RBI, Jordan Cooper two hits and two RBIs, Jeffery Coleman a double and RBI. Lee outhit the Bulldogs by a 12-7 margin.

Aftershock wins tournament

Midland Aftershock, an under-13 girls soccer team won the Odessa Blowout Competition this past weekend. They scored 19 goals and only allowed one.

In the qualifying rounds, Aftershock defeated Odessa Blue Thunder 4-0, San Angelo Team USA 6-1, and Odessa Jesters 5-0. In the semifinal round, Aftershock defeated San Angelo Team USA 5-0.

On the other side of the bracket, Midland Storm qualified for the final rounds with wins over Odessa Stingray 1-0, Odessa Jesters 6-0, and San Angelo Team USA 6-0. They also defeated Odessa Blue Thunder 5-0 in the semifinal round.

In the finals, Aftershock upset Midland's first place team, Storm, with a 2-0 victory.

Aftershock Team Members: Cari Bell, Whitney Blonkvist, Amy Brammer, Meagan Brandenburg, Faye Butkus, Erin Chancellor, Crystal Cooper, Kristin Cowan, Tiffani Durham, Landry Holifield, Lauren Lucas, Amanda Martin, Stormy Mullins, Haneefa Rakeeb, Shanna Rea, Valarie Villanueva, Katie Ward.

Lee JV wins softball game

ABILENE — The Midland Lee junior varsity got only two hits here Thursday but defeated the Abilene Cooper JV by a 4-2 margin.

Brandie Row, a freshman, got the win with 11 strikeouts.

Leticia Salcido and Regan Viney got the Lee hits. Viney and Jodi Sosa each had an RBI in the game. The Lee JV is now 8-2 in district play.

Results from MISD meet

Olie Fitts of Goddard headlined several multiple events winners at the MISD City Qualifying track meet by winning four events in the seventh grade boys division. Fitts won on the 100 meters (12.38 seconds), 200 (26.00), high jump (5 feet) and the shot put with a throw of 40 feet, 3 inches.

In the eighth grade boys competition, Roget King of San Jacinto won three events, the long jump, triple jump and 300. Anrae Taylor of Midland Freshman was a three-time winner for the ninth grade boys, taking the 110 high hurdles, 300 intermediate hurdles and triple jump.

Winning twice for the boys was Ryan Snell (110 and 235 hurdles) and Michael Groves (600 and 1,200) of Abell in seventh grade, Emery Young (600 and 1,200) and Jason Dzubinski (110 hurdles and high jump) of Alamo in eighth grade and Jesse Porras of Lee Freshman (800 and 1,600) in ninth grade.

In the girls ninth grade, Shamera Bryson of Lee Freshman won in the 200 (27.96), long jump (15-2) and triple jump (31-3 1/4). Jordan Tenison (400 and 300 hurdles) and Misty Chapman (800 and 1,600) of Lee Freshman won twice apiece.

Here are results of the top three finishers in each event at the MISD City Qualifier:

Boys

Seventh Grade: 100: 1, Olie Fitts, Goddard, 12.38; 2, Troy Barber, Goddard, 12.65; 3, Shannon Sims, Alamo, 12.75. 200: 1, Fitts, Goddard, 26.00; 2, Reed Sykes, San Jacinto, 26.10; 3, Jesse Munguia, Abell, 26.25. 300: 1, Alex Atayde, Alamo, 42.71; 2, Kevin Hodge, Alamo, 42.80; 3, Mike Lee, Abell, 42.91. 600: 1, Michael Groves, Abell, 1:40.63; 2, Brandon Fuller, Abell, 1:45.16; 3, Marcos Valdez, Goddard, 1:46.85. 1,200: 1, Groves, Abell, 4:01.81; 2, Scott Napier, Abell, 4:05.48; 3, Valdez, Goddard, 4:09.11. 110 Hurdles: 1, Ryan Snell, Abell, 18.01; 2, Ezekiel Rubio, Alamo, 18.15; 3, Andrew Weaver, Abell, 19.13. 235 Hurdles: 1, Snell, Abell, 35.21; 2, Weaver, Abell, 37.56; 3, Richard Madrid, Goddard, 37.84. 400 Relay: 1, Alamo 50.60; 2, Abell 50.99; 3, San Jacinto 53.25. 1,200 Relay: 1, Abell 2:52.83; 2, Alamo 2:57.66; 3, San Jacinto 2:58.26. High Jump: 1, Fitts, Goddard, 5-0; 2, Eric Guiterrez, Abell, 4-10; 3, Nick Rivera, San Jacinto, 4-6. Pole Vault: 1, Thomas Atnipp, Goddard, 8-6; 2, Zack Sledge, San Jacinto, 8-0; 3, Keith Vest, Abell, 7-6. Long Jump: 1, Gutierrez, Abell, 16-11; 2, Troy Barber, Goddard, 15-11 1/4; 3, Terrence Evans, Alamo, 15-7 1/4. Triple Jump: 1, Sykes, SJ, 35-1 1/2; 2, Michael Bird, Alamo, 32-0; 3, Thomas Arellano, Goddard, 31-11. Shot Put: 1, Fitts, Goddard, 40-3 3/4; 2, Joel Olguin, San Jacinto, 37-2 1/2; 3, David Whiddon, Alamo, 34-8.

Eighth Grade: 100: 1, Juwayne Harris, San Jacinto, 12.05; 2, Lucquente White, Abell, 12.26; 3, Nick Stone, San Jacinto, 12.34. 200: 1, James Gripp, San Jacinto, 23.86; 2, Stone, SJ, 24.38; 3, White, Abell, 24.53. 300: 1, Roget King, SJ, 36.79; 2, Tanner Todd, San Jacinto, 39.19; 3, Nathan Lackey, Goddard, 39.31. 600: 1, Emery Young, Alamo, 1:36.10; 2, Todd, SJ, 1:39.00; 3, Kenny Boyd, San Jacinto, 1:39.82. 1,200: 1, Young, Alamo, 3:53.52; 2, David Dutchover, Alamo, 3:54.26; 3, Cain Marquez, Abell, 4:02.18. 110 Hurdles: 1, Jason Dzubinski, Alamo, 17.59; 2, Pete Bryant, Alamo, 17.69; 3, James Smith, San Jacinto, 17.74. 235 Hurdles: 1, Bryant, Alamo, 33.59; 2, Andre Strambler, San Jacinto, 34.22; 3, Jorge Salgado, Alamo, 35.02. 400 Relay: 1, San Jacinto 46.39; 2, Abell 47.97; 3, Alamo 48.35. 1,200 Relay: 1, San Jacinto 2:35.34; 2, Alamo 2:46.88; 3, Abell, 2:48.73. High Jump: 1, Dzubinski, Alamo, 5-6; 2, Derek Daugherty, San Jacinto, 5-4; 3, Jake Kelly, Abell, 5-2. Pole Vault: 1 (tie), Nick Hand, Abell and David Wainwright, Alamo, 8-9. Long Jump: 1, King, SJ, 20-3; 2, Glen Ward, Alamo, 19-6 1/2; 3, Taurien Holden, Alamo, 17-9 1/2. Triple Jump: 1, King, SJ, 39-0 1/2; 2, Marshall Coleman, Alamo, 36-7; 3, Cody Grasmick, Abell, 36-0. Shot Put: 1, Matt Pillado, Alamo, 52-6 3/4; 2, Jermaine Harmon, Alamo, 40-7 3/4; 3, Brandon Bredimus, Goddard, 40-1 3/4.

Ninth Grade: 100: 1, Courtland Cook, MFHS, 11.84; 2, Michael Lenz, MFHS, 11.91; 3, Josh Johnson, Lee, 11.92. 200: 1, Johnson, Lee, 22.88; 2, Lenz, MFHS, 23.59; 3, Allen Griffith, Lee, 24.11. 400: 1, Griffith, Lee, 54.21; 2, Matt Ratliff, Lee, 54.43; 3, Dustin Pitts, Lee, 54.81. 800: 1, Jesse Porras, Lee, 2:15.39; 2, J.R. Brown, Lee, 2:16.69; 3, Rudy Garza, Lee, 2:17.15. 1,600: 1, Porras, Lee, 5:01.20; 2, Ruben Belloc, Lee, 5:03.63; 3, Michael Cervantes, MFHS, 5:11.17. 110 Hurdles: 1, Anrae Taylor, MFHS, 15.66; 2, Kolby Ivanhoe, Lee, 16.41; 3, Cody Brem, Lee, 17.30. 300 Hurdles: 1, Taylor, MFHS, 41.84; 2, Cedric Benson, Lee, 42.91; 3, Ivanhoe, Lee, 43.83. 400 Relay: 1, MFHS 44.84; 2, Lee 44.97. 1,600 Relay: 1, Lee 3:42.38; 2, MFHS 3:52.37. High Jump: 1, Ivanhoe, Lee, 6-0; 2, Johnson, Lee, 5-6; 3, Taylor, MFHS, 5-6. Pole Vault: 1, Steve Evans, Lee, 8-0. Long Jump: 1, Johnson, Lee, 20-4; 2, Griffith, Lee, 19-5; 3, Benson, Lee, 18-7. Triple Jump: 1, Taylor, MFHS, 41-4 1/2; 2, Chris Knabe, Lee, 39-1; 3, J.R. Brown, Lee, 38-3 1/2. Shot Put: 1, Roan Moreno, Lee, 42-10 3/4; 2, Griffith, Lee, 42-8 1/4; 3, Jacob Gosh, Lee, 39-3 1/4. Discus: 1, Michael Wynn, Lee, 123-3; 2, Robert Rogers, Lee, 112-0; 3, Cody Wilbanks, MFHS, 108-1 1/2.

Girls

Ninth Grade: 100: 1, Sarah Tinslar, MFHS, 13.66; 2, Christy Burnett, Lee, 13.78; 3, Erin Drummond, MFHS, 14.37. 200: 1, Shamera Bryson, Lee, 27.96; 2, Page Price, MFHS, 28.50; 3, Leann Webb, Lee, 29.67. 400: 1, Jordan Tenison, Lee, 1:18.88. 800: 1, Misty Chapman, Lee, 2:52.10; 2, Sarah Thomas, MFHS, 3:34.53. 1,600: 1, Chapman, Lee, 6:23.68; 2, Amy Hudson, Lee, 6:26.31; 3, Alisha Allen, Lee, 6:54.15. 100 Hurdles: 1, Hudson, Lee, 19.60; 2, Allen, Lee, 20.25. 300 Hurdles: 1, Tenison, Lee, 1:01.76. 400 Relay: 1, Lee 53.56; 2, MFHS, 56.81. 800 Relay: 1, Lee 1:53.29; 2, MFHS 2:03.09. Long Jump: 1, Bryson, Lee, 15-2; 2, Burnett, Lee, 14-7; 3, Kim Strambler, Lee, 14-6 1/2. Triple Jump: 1, Bryson, Lee, 31-3 1/4; 2, Strambler, Lee, 31-2 3/4; 3, Burnett, Lee, 30-10 1/2. Shot Put: 1, Sheena Brown, MFHS, 26-9; 2, Rachel Patton, Lee, 25-4 3/4; 3, Ashlee Finke, MFSH, 21-0. Discus: 1, Finke, MFHS, 76-5; 2, Brown, MFHS, 66-5.

Sonics solve Mavs, give Karl 500th win

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■ NBA Roundup

DALLAS — Seattle coach George Karl was in a mood to celebrate his 500th career victory. There wasn't time, though.

Gary Payton scored seven of his 28 points during a key fourth-quarter run as the SuperSonics edged Dallas 103-101 Thursday night to give Karl his landmark victory.

"It's an interesting milestone," said Karl, clutching the game ball. "I'm far ahead of where I thought I'd ever be. I wish I had an opportunity to celebrate, but we've got to go to San Antonio."

Karl and the Sonics had to catch a flight to San Antonio, where they will play the Spurs on Friday night.

Detlef Schrempf scored five of his 22 points during a 15-6 fourth-quarter spurt that helped the Sonics move within a half-game of the Utah Jazz for the best record in the Western Conference.

Karl said team goals are more important than individual accomplishments, but he still enjoyed the moment.

"I've been blessed with a great team in Seattle," said Karl, whose overall record is 500-324, including 381-148 in six seasons with the Sonics. "The organization has done a good job of getting the people we wanted to get. We've got some big games coming up, a lot of drama and tragedy."

Seattle was clinging to an 83-81 lead when Payton made a layup for an 85-81 advantage. Payton's 3-pointer later extended the Sonics' lead to 90-83 and Seattle went on to increase the margin to 100-87.

But Dallas stormed back with an 11-0 run, capped by Erick Strickland's short jumper with 1:21 left, to trim Seattle's advantage to 100-98.

Dale Ellis hit a 3-pointer to extend Seattle's lead to 103-98, but Shawn Bradley made a follow shot and A.C. Green hit one of two free throws with 42 seconds left to cut Seattle's lead to 103-101.

Seattle had a chance to put the game away but the Sonics turned the ball over on a shot clock violation with 18.6 seconds left.

The Mavericks worked for a final shot but Michael Finley's 3-pointer from the left corner rimmed out at the buzzer.

"I was positive it wasn't going in," said Seattle forward Vin Baker. "Good things happen to good teams."

Of his coach's milestone, Baker said: "George is a great coach. He's accomplished a lot in this league. This is an opportunity he deserved."

Finley's 27 points paced the Mavericks, who had beaten the Sonics in the teams' first two meetings this season. Hubert Davis added 16 points, while Bradley and Strickland had 14 each for Dallas.

Strickland was looking for a shot on the final possession, but was stopped in the lane and passed into the corner to Finley, who had a wide-open look at the basket.

"We had the shot, that's all we could ask," Strickland said. "We could have won it. It was a good opportunity."

Baker and Ellis each scored 16 points for Seattle, which won the last two games with Dallas to even the four-game season series.

Dallas led by 13 points in the second quarter before Seattle rallied to take a 52-50 halftime lead.

Cavaliers 91, Bulls 85

CLEVELAND — Brevin Knight had a career-high 22 points, five steals and four assists as the Cleveland Cavaliers ended Chicago's 13-game winning streak.

Michael Jordan, whose buzzer-beating shots knocked Cleveland out of the playoffs in 1989 and 1993, scored 29 points but only 11 came after the first quarter. Jordan didn't make a field goal in the fourth period as the Bulls missed a chance to clinch the best record in the Eastern Conference.

Pistons 102, Wizards 83

WASHINGTON — Amid boos and catcalls at the MCI Center, the beleaguered Washington Wizards were routed by a Detroit Pistons team that had lost its previous seven games and been eliminated from the playoff race.

The distraction caused by a sexual assault complaint filed this week against Washington stars Chris Webber and Juwan Howard, combined with the loss of NBA assists leader Rod Strickland, left the Wizards with little fight for a game they needed to win to maintain realistic hope for a playoff berth.

Pacers 105, Hawks 102, OT

ATLANTA — Reggie Miller hit an off-balance 3-pointer with 1.3 seconds left to force overtime and the Indiana Pacers never trailed in the extra period.

Miller, who finished with 19 points, opened the overtime with another 3-pointer, giving the Pacers a lead they held until Dikembe Mutombo hit a short hook to tie it at 100 with 2:25 to play.

Jalen Rose then made a wide open 3-pointer from the right corner to put Indiana ahead to stay as the Pacers handed the Hawks only their second setback in seven overtime games this year.

TRACK: MHS boys finish in third place

(From 1C)

"We set new school records and new meet records. That time (in the 800 relay) is No. 3 in the region and that time in the sprint relay is No. 1. We made a good showing for the hometown folks, I admit."

The Midland High boys put on a nice show, especially in the sprints, en route to a third-place finish behind Odessa Permian and Amarillo High. Weldon Cooks won the 100, 200 and was a member of the sprint relay. Raji Hickey, who owns the fastest 4-5A time in the 200, won the 400, and the MHS sprint relay (Cooks, Hickey, A.J. Durham, and Shemond Davis) broke the 42-second barrier for the first time this season to capture the win.

"Our fastest time was 42 (seconds) and we broke it," said Cooks, who ranks as the No. 1 100-meter runner in 4-5A. "I was concentrating on the 100, not the 200. That is Raji's race.

"We are out to make a statement."

Midland High coach Wes Cope was happy for the wins and what he saw from all his Bulldogs.

"They all competed and now is the time to compete and run faster. They did," Cope said. "I watched a heck of a track meet. That is all you want to do."

The relays were just part of it for the Lady Rebels. Clater set a 4-5A best in the 200 (25.73) and just missed a meet record in winning the long jump with a leap of 18-feet, one-half inch.

"Anytime I hit 18, I am happy," Clater said. "We made up for it (missing the long jump record) 100 percent. We felt the 47 (seconds in sprint relay). We busted it (the record) by a lot."

Douglas and Glover also ran on the 1600-meter relay along with Sharee Whitehead and Traci Broach.

"This is the last time we will run in the home stadium," Glover said, "and we showed the home fans what we can do and how much we appreciate their support."

"It is uplifting to know how good we can do," Douglass said.

Also, Lee's Broach ran a school record (2 minutes, 21.70) and broke her own 1998 4-5A best time in the 800 meters.

"It's awesome," Broach said. "I wasn't expecting a 2:21 but expecting a 2:24 or something. Hopefully, the conditions will be great next week, and I can run better."

Next week is the district meet, and at the Tall City Relays, there were a few Midlanders who made a statement with resounding wins. One of the louder statements might have come from Midland High's Shai Simpson.

The MHS junior and Permian's Kelly Wilson came into Memorial Stadium as the two fastest 400 runners in the district. Simpson left no doubt who the one to watch at district is. Simpson ran a personal-best 57.8 in the preliminaries and followed with a 58.18 in the finals to beat Wilson by more than one second. Both of Simpson's times were better than her 59.80, which led the district before Thursday.

"That is huge. I still can't believe it," said Simpson of breaking her personal best by more than two seconds. "There was a lot of pressure on me this week, and I didn't want to let anyone down."

About having others focus on her next week, Simpson was pretty low-key.

"I'm trying to get my time down and not think about other people," Simpson said.

Another athlete who broke into this year's track scene, T.J. Glover, came away with a big win in the boys triple jump. Glover, a Lee sophomore, ranks second in the district and jumped 44-9 1/4 to get ready for district.

"Going into district, it brings my confidence up," said Glover, who got his second varsity win of the year. "This year has been a great learning experience. The Lord has given me strength to do a lot of things, and it gives me confidence knowing he is on my side."

The Rebels also got a win in a familiar race — the 1600 relay. Lee's Autry Pryor, Ken Myer, Clint McNutt and Gerardo Diaz posted a time of 3:25.01 to get a win in that event. By their own admission, it wasn't a great time, but a performance which has them optimistic for next week.

"They gave me a big lead and I brought it home," said Diaz, the team's anchor. "We did need this for the practice going into district."

"I think they run 3:20," Midland Lee coach Kelvin Ratliff said. "I believe in the next week, we will run with the big boys.

"They competed well across the board. We got a bunch of blue collar guys working hard to get better."

There were other winners from the Tall City, which collected 15 individual or relay titles Thursday.

Lee's Katie Simpson showed she will be a district contender in the 1600 and 3200. The freshman, who ranks third in 4-5A in the 1600 and 3200, again claimed a distance double.

"I feel I will do good (in district)," said Simpson, who posted times of 5:40.21 (in the 1600) and 12:14.93 (in the 3200). "I really feel good (about my running). If I was running with the freshman team, I wouldn't be as strong as I am."

Lee's Christina Brown, a regional qualifier in 1997, won the shot put with a mark of 36-6 1/2.

Finals results from the Tall City Relays held Thursday at Midland Memorial Stadium:

Boys

Teams Standings: 1. Odessa Permian 116, 2. Amarillo High 94, 3. Midland High 91, 4. Midland Lee 84, 5. San Angelo Central 71, 6. El Paso Andress 67, 7. El Paso Coronado 35.

High Jump: 1. Jeromy Whitaker, Permian, 6-feet, 6 inches; 2. Wes Allen, Amarillo, 6-4; 3. Matt Halbert, Permian, 6-2; 4. Terrence Samuels, El Paso Andress, 6-2; 5. Randy Gardner, Midland High, 6-2; 6. Jason Wilson, El Paso Coronado, 5-10.

Triple Jump: 1. TJ Glover, Lee, 44-9 1/4; 2. Sam Shearod, Lee, 43-1; 3. Brent Ringo, Amarillo High, 42-1; 4. Cody Carper, Central, 41-0 1/2; 5. Terrence Samuels, Andress, 40-8 3/4; 6. Dantae Jackson, MHS, 40-2 1/2.

Long Jump: 1. Stephen Villagomez, Amarillo High, 21-6; 2. Johnny Johnson, Amarillo High, 20-6 1/2; 3. Jason Lawless, Coronado, 19-10 1/2; 4. Gerardo Diaz, Lee, 19-4 1/2; 5. Michael Caracciolo, 19-1; 6. Josh Allen, EP Andress, 19-0.

Discus: 1. Rich Coffey, Central, 168-10; 2. Luke Conder, MHS, 160-5; 3. Brady Barrick, Amarillo High, 155-6; 4. Chuy Alvarado, EP Coronado, 148-9; 5. Curtis Castle, EP Coronado, 142-5; 6. Jon Salcido, EP Coronado, 140-1.

Shot Put: 1. Brady Barrick, Amarillo High, 51-4 3/4; 2. Daniel Kerr, Permian, 51-1 1/4; 3. Brian Boyd, Lee, 50-6 1/2; 4. Curtis Castle, EP Coronado, 49-4; 5. Rex Richard, Lee, 46-11 3/4; 6. Michael McGruder, Amarillo High, 46-9 1/4.

Pole Vault: 1. Jason Manning, Amarillo High, 13-6; 2. Bobby Stark, Permian, 13-0; 2. Wes Solansky, MHS, 13-0; 4. Micah Conder, Amarillo, 13-0; 5. Anthony Weeks, EP Coronado, 12-6; 6. Daniel Aranda, Permian, 12-0.

3200: 1. Thomas Rocha, Permian, 10 minutes, 24.26 seconds; 2. Scott Eslick, Amarillo High; 3. Stephen Greathouse, Permian, 10:38.68; 4. Chris Vera, EP Coronado, 10:39.14; 5. Jessie Kelly, EP Andress, 10:52.16; 6. Ruben Saenz, EP Coronado, 10:53.33.

400 Relay: 1. Midland High (Raji Hickey, AJ Durham, Weldon Cooks, Shemond Davis) 41.54; 2. Permian 42.69; 3. Lee 43.19; 4. EP Andress 43.43; 5. Amarillo High 43.52; 6. EP Coronado 46.21; 7. Central DQ.

800: 1. Mike Talamantes, EP Andress, 1:59.26; 2. Jason Fields, EP Andress, 2:02.88; 3. Adrian Kelly, Central, 2:03.53; 4. Steven Garcia, Central, 2:04.61; 5. Scottie Stroman, EP Andress, 2:08.76; 6. Jeff Smott, Amarillo High, 2:10.57.

110 Hurdles: 1. Ryan Leutz, Central, 14.90; 2. Bronzay Rivera, Permian, 15.42; 3. Brent Ringo, Amarillo High, 15.51; 4. AJ Durham, MHS, 15.53; 5. Jeff Waugh, Permian, 15.60; 6. Tyler Shumskie, MHS, 15.65.

100: 1. Weldon Cooks, MHS, 10.63; 2. Chris Rodgers, 11.02; 3. Johnny Johnson, Amarillo High, 11.13; 4. Josh Allen, EP Andress, 11.27; 5. Jed Franklin, Central, 11.25; 6. Chad Bell, Permian, 11.39.

400: 1. Raji Hickey, Midland High, 49.95; 2. Gerardo Diaz, Lee, 50.00; 3. Ken Myer, Lee, 51.27; 4. Scottie Stroman, EP Andress, 51.35; Jorone Lightfoot, MHS, 51.38; 6. Autry Pryor, Lee, 52.15.

300 Hurdles: 1. Bronzay Rivera, Permian, 40.84; 2. Jeff Waugh, Permian, 41.50; 3. Anrae Taylor, MHS, 41.90; 4. Jason Lawless, EP Coronado, 42.04; 5. Ryan Leutz, Central, 42.42; 6. TJ Glover, Lee, 44.63.

200: 1. Weldon Cooks, MHS, 21.85; 2. Ricky Villenueva, MHS, 22.47; 3. Clint McNutt, Lee, 22.77; 4. Chris Rodgers, Central, 22.78; 5. Jorone Lightfoot, MHS, 23.37; 6. Robert DeLaGarza, Permian, 23.58.

1600: 1. Thomas Rocha, Permian 4.44.35; 2. Jason Fields, EP Andress, 4.44.46; 3. Mike Talamantes, EP Andress, 4.46.62; 4. Scott Eslick, Amarillo High, 4.53.72; 5. Daniel Rodriquez, Central, 4.55.81; 6. Gabe McNatt, Central, 4.55.91.

1600 Relay: 1. Midland Lee (Autry Pryor, Ken Myer, Clint McNutt, Gerardo Diaz) 3.25.01; 2. San Angelo Central 3.27.62; 3. Odessa Permian 3.32.64; 4. El Paso Andress 3.34.69; 5. El Paso Coronado 3.36.40; 6. Amarillo High 3.37.27.

Girls

Team Standings: 1. Midland Lee 233, 2. Odessa Permian 162, 3. El Paso Austin 90, 4. Midland High 80, 5. El Paso Bowie 6.

High Jump: 1. Katrina Jordan, Permian, 5 feet, 6 inches; 2. Tiffany Fowler, Permian, 5-2; 3. Amber Dozier, Midland High, 4-10; 4. Sharee Whitehead, Lee, 4-10; 5. Courtney Creswell, Lee, 4-10; 6. Lacey Eberle, Midland High, 4-8.

Shot Put: 1. Christina Brown, Lee, 36-6 1/2; 2. Denise Perez, El Paso Austin, 36-4 3/4; 3. Dominica Glover, Lee, 35-6 3/4; 4. Katrina Mosee, Permian, 33-9 3/4; 5. Melissa Alvarado, Permian, 33-4 1/2; 6. Tiffany Ordonez, Lee, 33-2 1/2.

Long Jump: 1. Toya Clater, Lee, 18-0 1/2; 2. Maunon Strambler, Lee, 17-5; 3. Tiffany Fowler, Permian, 17-1; 4. Amber Dozier, MHS, 16-4 1/2; 5. Laderika Cooper, MHS, 16-3 1/2; 6. Markeisha Taylor, MHS, 15-11 3/4.

Triple Jump: 1. Tiffany Fowler, Permian, 35-10 3/4; 2. Toya Clater, Lee, 34-11 3/4; 3. Maunon Strambler, Lee, 34-8; 4. Tierra Barber, MHS, 33-9 1/2; 5. Kelly Wilson, Permian, 32-10 1/2; 6. Amber Dozier, MHS, 32-9 1/2.

Discus: 1. Priscilla Pineda, Permian, 104-4 1/2; 2. Kaci Nix, Lee, 101-10; 3. Sarah Parchman, Lee, 100-3 1/2; 4. Denise Perez, EP Austin, 97-4 1/2; 5. Sonia Castillo, MHS, 96-6 1/2; 6. Lindsey Leaverton, MHS, 89-11.

3200: 1. Katie Simpson, Lee, 12 minutes, 14.93 seconds; 2. Marisa Beck, Lee, 12.25.84; 3. Sara Fernandez, EP Austin, 12.28.07; 4. Mytra Cortez, Permian, 13.09.41; 5. Patricia Diaz, EP Austin, 13.23.33; 6. Liliana Cordero, EP Bowie, 13.33.55.

400 Meter Relay: 1. Lee (Toya Clater, Amanda Douglas, Chavaye Glover, Toya Clater) 47.34 (new meet record, old record 48.11, OHS, 1985); 2. Permian 50.13; 3. Midland High 50.25; 4. El Paso Austin 50.69.

800: 1. Traci Broach, Lee, 2.21.70; 2. Jennifer Knorr Permian 2.27.93; 3. Sara Fernandez, EP Austin, 2.28.43; 4. Stephanie Ornealas, Lee, 2.33.89; 5. Danielle Doty, Permian, 2.35.23; 6. Sharla Whitten, Permian, 2.38.66.

110 Hurdles: 1. Kari Putnam, Permian, 15.96; 2. Mohogany Jones, MHS, 16.51; 3. Julie Jay, Lee, 17.02; 4. Amy Dawson, MHS, 17.32; 5. Deseree McCurley, Lee, 18.20; 6. Stephanie Slaughter, Lee, 18.35.

100: 1. Alisha Leverett, EP Austin, 12.36; 2. David Danielle, Permian, 12.92; 3. Sharee Whitehead, Lee, 13.11; 4. Shamiqua Polk, Lee, 13.17; 5. Jolie Justis, Permian, 13.24; 6. Wainann Leverett, Permian, 13.32.

800 Relay: 1. Lee (Toya Clater, Amanda Douglas, Chavaye Glover, Maunon Strambler) 1.41.48 (New meet record, old record 1.42.66, OHS, 1985); 2. Permian 1.52.59; 3. Midland High 1.53.29; 4. El Paso Austin 1.55.29.

400: 1. Shai Simpson, MHS, 58.18; 2. Kelly Wilson, Permian, 59.87; 3. Stephanie Slaughter, Lee, 61.96; 4. Stephanie Ornealas, Lee, 65.91; 5. Mayra Varela, Lee, 66.45; 6. Seelene Gutierrez, EP Austin, 68.17.

300 Hurdles: 1. Kari Putnam, Permian, 48.69; 2. Reginia, EP Austin, 49.03; 3. Julie Jay, Lee, 49.23; 4. Elizabeth Cabado, EP Austin, 53.60; 5. Deseree McCurley, Lee, 53.91; 6. Lyndsay Lambillotte, Lee, 55.13.

200: 1. Alisha Leverette, EP Austin, 25.28; 2. Toya Clater, 25.73; 3. Shamiqua Polk, Lee, 27.40; 4. Angie Hatfield, MHS, 28.33; 5. Wainann Leverette, Permian, 29.16; 6. Sherika Attipoe, EP Austin, 30.41.

1600: 1. Katie Simpson, Lee, 5.40.21; 2. Marissa Beck, Lee, 5.45.83; 3. Sharla Whitten, Permian, 5.50.72; 4. Evelia Cordero, EP Bowie, 6.08.34; 5. Patricia Diaz, EP Austin, 6.08.90; 6. Liliana Cordero, EP Bowie, 6.09.63.

1600 Relay: 1. Lee (Traci Broach, Amanda Douglas, Chavaye Glover, Sharee Whitehead) 4.03.31; 2. Permian 4.12.52; 3. El Paso Austin 4.20.77; 4. Midland High 4.31.25.

Arizona's Bibby going pro

TUCSON, Ariz. (AP) — All-America sophomore guard Mike Bibby moved toward millionaire status Thursday, announcing he's leaving the University of Arizona to make himself available for the NBA draft.

"It's just been a dream of mine since I was a little boy, and now that that chance is here, I don't want to let it pass me up," Bibby said at a campus news conference.

Some NBA officials believe the 19-year-old Bibby will be the first point guard taken in the draft, and have few doubts he has the skills and talent to be a success in the league.

"Mike is very ready to play in the NBA," said Wildcats coach Lute Olson, who was told by Bibby of his decision to turn pro last weekend.

Bibby, the son of former NBA guard Henry Bibby, becomes the second Arizona player in the 1990s to leave early for the NBA. Center Brian Williams declared himself eligible for the draft in 1991 after his junior year.

MIDLAND YMCA / MRT

1998 CORPORATE CUP CHALLENGE

APRIL 30 - MAY 3

IS YOUR COMPANY UP TO THE CHALLENGE?

The Midland YMCA/MRT will have the 7th Annual Corporate Cup Challenge April 30 - May 3. There are three different divisions to compete in. The cost is only $100.00, and the registration deadline is April 17, 1998. For more information please call Terry Rudd at 682-2551.

Event	Date	Time	Location
• Golf Tournament	4-21 -98	12:00	Hogan Park
• Bowling Tournament	4-27-98	7:00	Cactus Lanes
Racquetball Tournament	TBA	TBA	Central YMCA
• Volleyball	4-30-98	5:00	Central YMCA
Bench Press	4-30-98	7:00	Central YMCA
• 3 on 3 Basketball	5-1-98	5:30	Central YMCA
5K Run	5- 1 -98	7:00	Greentree CC
Cycling Time Trial	5-2-98	8:00 a.m.	Lamesa Hwy
Swim Events:	5-2-98	1:00	C.O.M.
Men 200m			
Women 100M			
Innertube Relay			
• Horseshoes	5-2-98	5:00	Hogan Park
• Softball Throw	5-2-98	6:00	Hogan Park
• 1-Mile Time Predict	5-3-98	1:30	Memorial Stadium
Track Events:	5-3-98	2:00	Memorial Stadium
Mens 4 x 100 Relay			
Womens 4 x 100 Relay			
100x200 x400 x 800 Relay			
Tug of War	5-3-98	3:00	Memorial Stadium

The Recreation Division will only compete in the events with an • in front of them.

WEST TEXAS SPORTS

Booster Clubs...

The Midland Lee Baseball Booster Club will meet each Thursday during the baseball season at 7:30 p.m. in the Lee High School Library....

The Midland High Baseball Booxter Club will meet at 7 p.m. April 16 in Conference Room A at Midland High.

The **Midland Lee Softball Booster Club** will meet on the first Thursday of every month. Meetings will be held at 7 p.m. in the Lee High School cafeteria...

Banquet

The **Midland High Girls and Boys Basketball Banquet** will be April 29 at Midland Center at 7 p.m. Guest speaker will be Nolan Richardson, head basketball coach at the University of Arkansas. Fans can meet the players at 6:30 p.m. This is a chance to meet the 1998 state champion boys basketball team. Tickets are $8 and are available through the two teams' booster clubs, Stadium Sports Center, Manning's Garden Center and Bill Williams Tire Center.

Golf...

The **Spikes and Spurs Celebrity Classic Golf Tournament** is scheduled for May 17-18 at Green Tree Country Club. The tourney is hosted by E.J. Holub, former Texas Tech All-American and Kansas City Chief, and the West Texas Expo Center Board. The tournament benefits the fundraising for the Expo Center and the Midland Cerebral Palsy Center. The tournament is a 4-person scramble, starting at 9 a.m. with three players grouped with a celebrity. Yale Lary, Bum Phillips, Jan Stenerud, Tommy Nobis, Pierce Holt, Tommy Brookshire, Dan Hampton, Ralph Neely, Pat Summerall, Denis Gentry and Bud McFadin are some of the 35 celebrities who plan to attend. Entry fee is $200 per player, which includes celebrity reception, breakfast and lunch. Entry deadline is May 10. For more information call the West Texas Expo Center at 620-WEST or Nancy Swallow at the Chamber of Commerce, 683-3381...

Texas Tech head football coach Spike Dykes will host a two-man scramble **Spike's Open Golf Tournament** on June 27 at the Meadowbrook Golf Complex in Lubbock with shotgun starts at 7:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Entry fee is $50 per person and includes cart, lunch, two Tech football game tickets and various prizes. Proceeds go to the Texas Tech general scholarship fund. Entries are being accepted at the Meadowbrook Golf Shop, 1-806-765-6679...

The Andrews Country Club will hold a **3-man scramble/lowball** event April 25-26. Cost is $55 per man with cart extra. Shotgun starts at 8:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. Call Alan Pursley's Golf Shot at 1-915-524-1462 for information...

The **West Texas Longhorn** golf tournament is May 26 at noon at the Club at Mission Dorado in Odessa. This is a chance to meet and play with new Longhorn football coach Mac Brown. The tournament also expects the new Longhorn basketball coach to be present if in place and other members of the UT athletic staff. For information call Dr. Frank Kasman at 520-0220...

The **Martin County Country Club** in Stanton will host the following golf tournaments. May 16-17, 3-person scramble; June 6, parent-child scramble; June 27-28, 2-person scramble; July 25-26, 2-person scramble; Aug. 22-23, 4-person scramble; Sept. 19-20, 4-person scramble; and Oct. 17-18, couples scramble. Call 1-915-756-2556 or 756-2314 for information...

Hogan Park **Ladies Golf Clinics** are April 14-16 from 6-8 p.m. Clinics will be $60 per person and are for anyone interested in learning about golf. For information call Hogan Park at 685-7360...

Green Tree Country Club will host the **Rally for a Cure** golf tournament on April 29 with registration at 8 a.m. and shotgun start at 9 a.m. Entry fee is $50 per person and includes cart and lunch. April 24 is entry deadline. Proceeds benefit Susan B. Komen Cancer Foundation and the Allison Cancer Center. Format is ABCD players per team with computerized pairings. Call for information at 689-4907 or 694-2215...

The **Camp Fire Boys and Girls 10th Annual Golf Tournament** will be held May 11 at The Club at Mission Dorado. The event will be a 4-person scramble, including men and women, and will begin at 1 p.m. The annual event will be limited to the first 36 teams (144 A,B,C,D players). The entry fee is $100 a person or $400 a team. In addition, the professionals at the club will hold an instructional golf clinic from 10:30 a.m. to noon. Call Debbie Rodriquiz for more information....

The Midland Chicano Golf Association is holding a benefit golf tournament for the Midland Magic 14-under girls soccer team April 26 at Hogan Park Golf Course. Teams will be limited to the first 60 who sign up. Registration will run from 9-11 a.m. with the first tee time at 11:30 a.m. For more information, call Al Enriquez at 684-8481, Jesse Moreno at 699-6316 or Adam Martinez at 682-4549...

The Midland West Rotary Club will host its 10th annual College Scholarship golf tournament May 1 at Hogan Park. The four-person scramble has an 8:30 a.m. shotgun start. Entry fee is $50. For more information call Raymond Nicholos at 682-0958 or Dan Garlington at 697-8036...

Swimming...

Pre-competitive swimming is being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. The program will teach elementary age swimmers techniques of competitive swimming while improving their strokes. It is open to swimmers who can swim at least 25 yards of freestyle and backstroke. The cost is $35 per month on a year-round basis. For more information, call 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is holding **water aerobics classes** Monday through Saturday at Mabee Aquatic Center. Classes are at 6:15 a.m., 7:15 a.m., 9:00 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. There will also be a pre-school excercise class offered in conjunction with the 9 a.m. water aerobics class. All classes are open to the public and swimming skills are not necessary. Deep and shallow water classes are offered. For information, call Julie Harvey at 684-7755...

COM Aquatics is offering beginning diving lessons throughout the school year in its indoor heated Olympic Diving Pool. Participants need to be able to swim in deep water. The COM diving progran also offers competitive team practice and competitions for most ability levels all year long. Please contact coach Maxwell for more information at 684-7755...

The Alamo YMCA Aquatics Program is offering swimming lessons for all ages. Children are placed in classes according to age and ability. The Skip class, for children three months to three years is a parent participation class while the Pers classes are for children 3-5 and Progressive classes are for children 6 and up. Lessons are also offered for adults. Safety is taught in conjunction with the classes. Group and private lessons are available. For more information, call 694-2528...

The **Alamo YMCA** is offering water aerobics. Swimming ability is not necessary to participate. For more information, call 694-2528...

COM Aquatics - Learn to Swim year round lessons for both children (3 years of age or older) and adults wishing to learn to swim or improve technique. Private or group lessons (limit four students per instructor) are available. Children are grouped by age and ability. A session normally consists of eight 30-minute lessons. Please call 684-7755 for more details...

Basketball...

The **Midland Lee Youth Center** is holding midnight basketball for boys and girls in grades 4-12 this summer June 23-August 1, Monday-Friday from 6-11 p.m. The entry fee for the program, sponsored by the City of Midland, is $100 for college age players forming their own teams, free for everybody else. For more information, call Barbara Phillip at 689-1175...

Mid America Youth Basketball is conducting 22 tournaments this spring and summer with over 500 teams participating. There will be boys and girls divisions for grades 5-12. Registration deadline is April 30. For more information, call (316) 284-0354...

The **Nothin' But Net Shootout** is May 8-10 in Big Lake. Girls Divisions include 6th, 7th and 8th grade teams with entry fee of $100 per team (10-player limit per team). Entry deadline is May 3. Call Mark Noland at 1-915-884-2551 or Michael Fisher at 915-884-2023 or 1-915-884-2113...

Softball...

MUGS is looking for fast-pitch umpires for league play, which begins in April. Anyone wishing to umpire should contact Mack Gipson at 520-5961 or come to a meeting in the umpire bulding inside the Bill Williams Complex at Hogan Park each Wednesday at 7 p.m...

The **Quick Silver Softball Tournament** is April 17-19 at the Statnton softball park. The men's tournament is double elimintation with 3-homer limit. Entry fee is $110 with an April 16 deadline. Call 1-915-756-3823 or 756-3031 for information...

The **Odessa Renegade Tournament** is April 17 at the UTPB Complex in Odessa. The tournament is an ASA Men's Class E and Women's Class C event. Entry fee is $100 with an April 15 deadline. Call 366-3545 or 367-2824 for more information...

The "Magic" Memorial Weekend Softball Tournament will be held on May 22-24 at Hidalgo and Washington Park. The entry fee is $125, which is due by May 21. Awards will be given out. For more information, please call Max Reyes at 699-2413, Joe Diaz at 520-9516 or Bryan Reynolds at 570-9848....

The **Midnight Madness Tournament** is scheduled beginning midnight April 10 at the Berl Huffman Complex in Lubbock. Divisions are in men's E, D, B-C and Co-recreational. The entry fee is $120 with a deadline of noon Thursday, April 9. For information, call Bobby Drum at (806) 792-7111, Jerry Brown at (806) 775-2672 or Mike Allen at (806) 797-0073...

Latino Lighting Softball Tournament is April 24-26. For more information call 697-8167...

Tennis...

Midland Tennis Club's 1998 Tournament Schedule is as follows: May 2-3, Men's Singles; May 16-17; Women's Doubles; May 23-24, Mixed Doubles; June 6-7, Men's Singles; June 13-14, Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles (Adult with Junior); June 27-28, Mixed Doubles (Adult with Junior); July 18-19, Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles (34-under/35-over); July 25-26: Mixed Doubles; Aug. 1-2: Men's Singles; Aug. 8-9, Men's Doubles and Women's Doubles; Aug. 15-16, Men's Singles and Women's Singles; Aug. 29-30, Mixed Doubles; Sept 19-20: Men's Singles and Women's Singles (Championship); Sept. 26-27, Men's Doubles and Women's Singles (Championship); Oct. 3-4, Mixed Doubles (Championship).

Junior Tennis Clinics for beginners, K-2, 3-6 and 7-9, run April 13 to May 22 for $4 per day. Entry deadline is April 12. Advanced groups also start April 13. For information call 689-2237 or 683-5360...

Rodeo...

The 11th annual **Midland Ranch Rodeo and Western Heritage Days** is scheduled June 7, 12, 13 and 14. An open youth playday will be hosted by the Tall City Youth Horse Club on June 7. The Midland Ranch Rodeo World's Best Chuckwagon Cook-off, Bit and Spur Exhibit Show and Ranch Rodeo dance, featuring members of the original Bob Wills' Texas Playboys, takes place on June 13. An open team roping will be following an old-fashioned cowboy church service. All events will be at the Midland County Exhibit Building and Arena on East Highway 80. For more information call 687-1351 or 620-WEST...

Miscellaneous...

The **Toughman Contest** is coming to Odessa May 1-2. Competitors — men or women — for this single-elimination boxing contest must be 18-35 years old. No professional boxers are allowed, and competitors must not have more that five amateur boxing victories in the past five years. Kicking and biting are not allowed. For more information, call Doris Brundage at 368-5885 or Jim Morris at (512) 215-8091.

The **Flatlanders Ski Club** is planning a trip to New Zealand, July 24-Aug. 1. The club also offers family oriented rafting, skiing, boating and golfing outings. Call Donna Raburn at 550-5665 for more information

The **Midland Wrestling Club** offers adult, high school, olympic and freestyle wrestling. Call 685-0531 for information...

Gymnastics classes are being offered at the Mabee Aquatic Center. Parent-tot, grade school and tumbling classes are available. There will also be an advanced team class by tryout only. The staff is certified by USA Gymnastics. For more information, call Megan Rodriguez at 684-7755...

The **Alamo YMCA Gymnastics Program** is offering classes for all age groups from toddlers to age 17. Parent-tot, beginners, advanced beginners, pre-teams and competitive teams are all offered. For more information, contact Stephanie Barr at 694-2528...

The Midland Women's Bowling Association will hold its annual spring meeting on April 25 at 3 p.m. at AMF Midland Park Lanes. The election of officers and directors will be held and awards from the Women's City Tournament will be presented...

An **alumni football game** is being planned for former Midland and Odessa high school players. It will be a full contact game with NCAA rules and equipment will be provided for each player. The Midland team is in need of players as well as coaches. For more information, call Brian Northcott at (972) 446-3273...

The **Ector County Independent School District** has two coaching openings. One is for the head boys soccer coach at Odessa Permian and the other is for a junior high tennis coach. If interested, contack Don Ford at 334-7172...

Running...

The **Master the Mountain Fun Run/Fun Walk** will be held Saturday, April 18 at Big Spring State Park. It is being organized by the Scenic Mountain Medical Center. The fee of $10 includes entry to the park. For more information, call Lauri Phillips at (915) 263-1211.

The **1998 West Texas Christian Track Meet** is May 9 at Odessa's Ratliff Stadium. All proceeds benefit St. John's Episcopal School. Entry fee is $5 and entry deadline is April 17. Events are long jump, softball throw, dashes 50 through 800 and 400, 1500 and 1600 relays. Spectator admission is free. Call 362-5168 or 332-2290 for information...

The **Westwood Medical Center Run for the Arts 5K** is May 16 at Centennial Plaza. Entry fee is $12 before May 11. There will also be a children's mile fun run. For information call Mike Leech at 682-0406 or Robin Dobler at 689-2241...

Allen weeps, moves on to TV career

More Sports/2D

By Doug Tucker
AP Sports Writer

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — A weeping Marcus Allen knew it was time to retire when he realized he could no longer make great plays — and was in danger of becoming crippled if he tried.

Stopping several times to wipe away tears, one of the most honored running backs in NFL history announced Thursday he was ending his 16-year career and joining CBS as a football analyst.

"I played with love and courage and tenacity. That's all I wanted to do," said the 38-year-old Allen, a former league and Super Bowl MVP who appeared in more games (222), rushed for more touchdowns (123) and caught more passes (587) than any other running back in NFL annals. His total of 12,243 rushing yards is No. 6 all-time.

"I don't mind crying because I feel I'm happy," he said after somebody passed him a handkerchief.

Allen, the first running back in NFL history to rush for more than 10,000 yards and catch passes for more than 5,000, told Kansas City Chiefs coach Marty Schottenheimer just last week that he would play another season.

"I did tell Marty I was returning," Allen said. "But the one constant I've had since I came into this league was I could visualize and see plays unfolding, and be a part of that. And frankly, as hard as I tried to create that, the vision wasn't as strong as it needed to be."

Blessed with great cutting ability and uncanny peripheral vision, Allen had a unique wide-screen view of the field as every play unfolded.

He rarely took a direct hit, allowing him to survive for 16 years at a position where few men last longer than eight. But the fear of serious injury was one more reason to quit.

"I clearly thought about that," he said. "One thing I always envisioned was to walk away. It evokes images of Dick Butkus and Joe Namath, who can barely walk. Yes, they're great players. But can they really enjoy their lives like they'd like to? That's something I thought about."

Only a tiny circle of elite individuals in any sport or era did as many things as well for as long as Marcus Allen.

After winning the Heisman Trophy at Southern California in 1981, he joined the Los Angeles Raiders as a first-round draft choice and quickly established himself as a superlative runner, blocker and receiver as well as a powerful locker room presence with uncommon leadership skills.

Abilene High downs Lee softball team

Staff Report

ABILENE — Midland Lee's quest to defend its District 4-5A softball title may have come to an end here Thursday, losing to Abilene High, 5-2.

Trailing 1-0 heading into the bottom of the fifth inning, Abilene High erupted for five runs with the key hit a two-run double by Randi Williams. Caroline Norton and Traci Smith both had key hits in the AHS fifth.

The loss leaves Lee with a 7-3 record while AHS is tied with Midland High at 9-2. Abilene High has only Odessa Permian left to play while MHS has Odessa High.

In fact, Lee still must win a game in order to gain the state playoffs for the fourth consecutive year. Lee still has Odessa Permian and San Angelo left to play.

"Basically, we fell from a tie for first place into third place," said Lee coach Perry Young. "It looks like we have to beat San Angelo now to get into the playoffs."

Lee took a 1-0 lead in the top of the fifth when Nicole Pullen doubled and scored on a hit by Maressa Underwood. Lee came back with one run in the sixth inning when Jennifer Bryant knocked in a run with a ground ball.

Senior Jennifer Aman had two hits, one a double in the game. Pullen's double was the only other extra base hit for the Lady Rebels. AHS' Traci Smith went the distance to record the win for the Lady Eagles. Andrea Rodriguez took the loss and was relieved by freshman Mandy Hocker in the fifth, making her varsity debut.

Abilene High is the only team to defeat Lee twice this season. Midland High defeated Abilene High twice and split with Lee. Like MHS, AHS missed the playoffs last year, so at least two new league teams are playoff bound. The Lady Eagles captured a playoff berth with the win over Lee.

Lee will host Odessa Permian Tuesday at 4:30 p.m. and will end regular season play against San Angelo next Saturday in San Angelo at 2 p.m.

SOFTBALL: Lady Bulldogs clinch berth

(From 1C)

have held the ball a little too long because I got a pitch right down the middle," DeLeon said. "It felt really solid when I hit it, then I was just hoping Alicia could get her feet going on first base."

No problem, says Kirk, "When I saw the ball leave the bat, I knew I was going to score. She (DeLeon) really hit the ball well."

MHS, now 9-2 in District 4-5A play, salted away a playoff berth. Now they only have to beat Odessa High on Tuesday in Odessa to earn at least a share of the 4-5A championship and a possible first round bye in the playoffs.

"We're in the playoffs," said MHS coach Rich Wieligman. "We missed out on the playoffs last year and that was ha. l on them. But our seniors came back with a purpose.

"I don't want to take anything away from Cooper, because they played a great game, but we got satisfied with a 4-2 lead and just died out. We had to beat them in eight innings in Abilene. Our girls just won't quit on you. Now that we are in the playoffs, we can't continue to let the other team stay in the game when we have a chance to put it away."

The Lady Bulldogs cracked out 12 hits, but left 11 runners stranded on base. They left the bases loaded in the first inning after scoring two runs. That was a huge chance to break on top in a big way.

Francesca Salcido and Kristi Heard drove in runs in the first. Salcido brought home another run in the second with a single and a grounder by Beckie Hartman plated MHS' fourth run in the third.

However, MHS led only 4-2 at that point. Cooper climbed to 4-3 in the sixth when Toni Choate scored on an MHS error and the Lady Coogs tied it at 4-4 in the top of the seventh when Lauren Wallace scored on a squeeze bunt by Stacy McNeil in the seventh. That's where it stood until both teams posted the dramatic ninth.

"You have to go out and win the game. No one is going to give it to us," DeLeon said. "We had more trouble with Cooper than we did with Abilene High."

Kirk also got the mound win, replacing a struggling Megan Clingman in the ninth inning. Clingman kept the Lady Bulldogs in the game, but did give up nine hits, hit three batters and made three wild pitches. It was not Clingman's best outing by far, but she kept battling and never let Cooper get away. She got out of a bases loaded jam in the first and ended up stranding 12 Cooper runners.

Kirk, center fielder Krystal Shelton and Rene Gonzalez are the only MHS team members who were part of the MHS playoff run in 1996. For Kirk, at least, Thursday's playoff clinching victory was special.

"Last year everyone expected us to make the playoffs and we didn't. That really hurt," Kirk said. "We came back this year bound and determined to get back into the playoffs."

It took a season of dramatic come-from-behind victories to do it, but it was accomplished Thursday.

JV Action: The MHS junior varsity beat Cooper 10-1 as Colling Lange faced just 25 batters, giving up five hits and striking out six. Lange was also 4-for-4 with a homer ant two RBIs and Belinda Rey was 3-for-4 with two RBIs. MHS is now 20-4 for the year and 8-3 in district.

Midland High 6, Abilene Cooper 5 (9 innings)

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Andi Ledbetter and Kristy Scarborough; Megan Clingman, Alicia Kirk (9) and Francesca Salcido. W-Kirk. L-Ledbetter. E-Lauren Wallace, Dena Foster 3, Stacy McNeil (AC), Salcido, Kristi Heard, Beckie Hartman, Amberleigh Berry (MHS). LOB-AC 12, MHS 11. 2B-Scarborough, Foster (AC), Salcido, Berry, RayLynn DeLeon (MHS). 3B-Foster (AC). Sac.-McNeil (AC), Berry, DeLeon (MHS). SF-Heard (MHS). WP-Clingman 3. RBIs-Ledbetter, McNeil, Foster (AC), Salcido 2, Heard 2, Hartman, DeLeon (MHS). Multiple Hits-Scarborough 2, Foster 2, Stephanie Banks 2, Toni Choate 2 (AC), Salcido 2, Heard 2, Kirk 3, DeLeon 2. Records: Midland High 18-8, 9-2; Cooper 14-12, 1-9.

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NATURAL GAS PRICES
Thursday $2.657

Prices steady

NEW YORK — Crude oil was steady as traders assessed Venezuela's announcement that it can't meet all its oil sale commitments because of production cuts pledged last month.

Petroleos de Venezuela SA, Venezuela's state oil company, said late Wednesday it invoked the "force majeure" clause in some supply contracts because it reduced daily output by 200,000 barrels as part of an international agreement.

Last week, PDVSA President Luis Giusti said some of the excess oil would be put in storage, which led to concern the country wasn't committed to the accord.

May crude oil was little changed at 15.56 cents a barrel, up 1 cent, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Petroleum products also were steady. May heating oil rose 0.13 cent to 43.33 cents a gallon on the Nymex, and May gasoline fell 0.16 cent to 50.28 cents a gallon.

Dollar drops

WASHINGTON — With the Clinton administration's strong endorsement, Japan intervened in U.S. foreign exchange markets Thursday to prevent the faltering yen from further destabilizing Asia and adding to an already growing American trade deficit.

Taking currency traders by surprise on a morning of light, pre-holiday trading, the Bank of Japan purchased yen by selling between $1 billion and $2 billion in what Japanese Finance Minister Hikaru Matsunaga characterized as "a decisive action."

The reaction was immediate and sharp. The dollar's value — which had hit a 6 1/2-year high of 135.2 yen on April 3 — plunged from 133.6 yen to 129.5 yen. The intervention ultimately kept the dollar at Wednesday's level.

In late New York trading, the dollar was quoted at 131.19 yen, up from 131.18 yen late Wednesday. The U.S. currency also was changing hands at 1.8224 marks, up from 1.8123.

Other late dollar rates in New York, compared with late Wednesday: 1.5155 Swiss francs, up from 1.5068; 6.1075 French francs, up from 6.0790; 1,801 Italian lire, up from 1,792; and 1.4230 Canadian dollars, up from 1.4235.

The British pound was quoted at $1.6700, up from $1.6762.

Union Pacific

DALLAS — Union Pacific Railroad will introduce a permitting system to control traffic into Mexico through its Laredo gateway to prevent any surge of business that could block the crossing.

The nation's biggest railroad said Thursday that customers will obtain permit numbers through the company's service center for traffic that is embargoed.

On March 24, Union Pacific Railroad, a unit of Dallas-based Union Pacific Corp., embargoed all new shipments traveling southward through Laredo, except automobiles and auto parts.

The permitting system will allow Union Pacific to meter southbound traffic, the company said.

"If we think we can handle 500 cars that day, we'll allocate 500 permits," said John Bromley, a spokesman for Union Pacific. "It's just like a sign in a restaurant that says wait to be seated."

The railroad, which dominates rail lines into Mexico, says there are currently about 3,000 cars waiting to go south of the border, down from more than 5,500 cars.

Union Pacific crosses on the Texas border at Laredo, Brownsville, Eagle Pass and El Paso. About 50 percent of all Union Pacific's traffic to and from Mexico moves through Laredo.

Dow up 103 points as stocks rebound

■ Stocks regain footing; Dow makes two trips above 9,000 before gaining 103 points as long holiday weekend begins.

Associated Press

NEW YORK — Stocks regained their footing Thursday, with the Dow Jones industrial average rising just shy of 9,000 amid reassuring signs on U.S. business conditions and efforts to revive the Asian economy.

The Dow made two forays above 9,000 before finishing 103.38 higher at 8,994.86, up 11.45 for the holiday-shortened week. Broader-stock indicators also posted sizable gains in advance of Good Friday.

After closing above 9,000 for the first time on Monday, the Dow slid 141.75 points on Tuesday and Wednesday as investors grew leery of next week's company reports on first-quarter profits.

"The market had its grand correction. We were actually down for a couple of days," quipped Charles White, portfolio manager at Avatar Associates. Unless the economic backdrop turns bleak, he said, the underlying demand for stocks should continue to prevent any prolonged downturn in the market.

The outlook remained encouraging Thursday as the government reported that wholesale prices fell for the sixth straight month in March and leading retailers — including Dow components Wal-Mart Stores and Sears Roebuck — reported solid gains in March sales.

Taken together, the data bolstered arguments that U.S. business activity remains brisk, but not so much that the Federal Reserve will need to boost interest rates to slow the economy and ease inflationary pressures.

"It seems as though the pieces are still in place for a continuation of the market's advance," said White. "The economic releases are fairly friendly with continued favorable news on the inflation front."

The overseas backdrop also improved Thursday as Japanese authorities intervened in the foreign exchange market to help prop up the yen before it derails the fragile recovery of Asia's financial markets.

The intervention, endorsed by U.S. officials, came as Japanese Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto announced that a proposed $120 billion economic stimulus package would include tax cuts. Although the cuts amount to just $30 billion, the move marked a major departure from the government's stubborn emphasis on deficit reduction.

The Dow's big gainers were J.P. Morgan, up 3 3/16 to 140 9/16; American Express, up 3 1/4 to 107 1/16; DuPont, up 2 13/16 to 73 7/8; and Disney, up 2 1/16 to 109 1/16. Wal-Mart rose 13/16 to 50 13/16, and Sears rose 7/16 to 55 15/16.

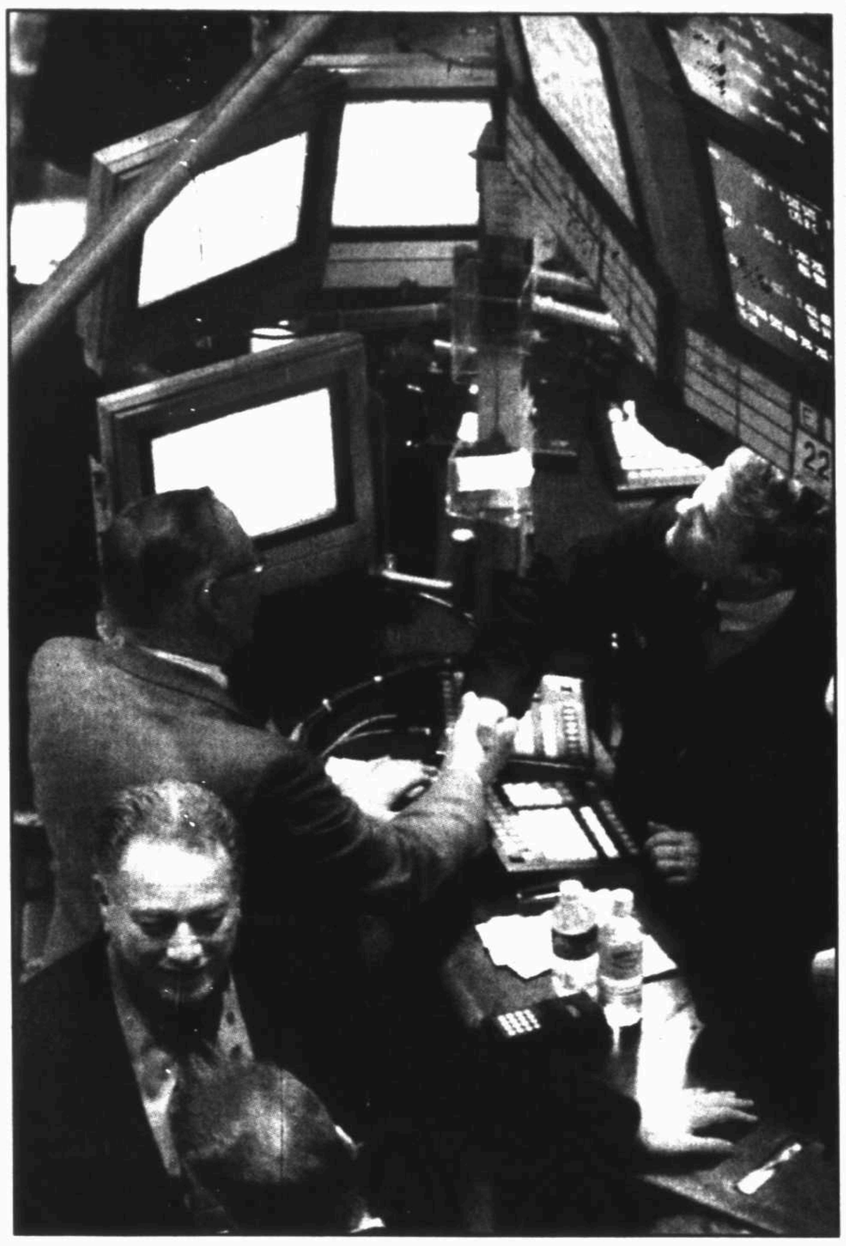
Advancing issues outnumbered decliners by more than a 5-to-3 margin on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume totaled a modest 548.94 million shares, down from 616.33 million on Wednesday.

The Standard & Poor's 500-stock list rose 9.02 to 1,110.67, the NYSE composite index rose 4.67 to 578.35, and the Nasdaq composite index rose 13.23 to 1,820.24.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies rose 4.71 to 480.04, and the American Stock Exchange composite index rose 3.11 to 740.61.

On overseas markets, Tokyo's Nikkei stock average rose 1.0 percent, Frankfurt's DAX index rose 0.9 percent and London's FT-SE 100 rose 0.8 percent.

Stocks regained their footing Thursday amid reassurances on U.S. business conditions and efforts to revive the Asian economy.



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Traders work the floor of the New York Stock Exchange. The markets regained their footing Thursday, with the Dow Jones industrial average gaining 103.38 points to close at 8,994.86.

Furr's to close Plaza location

Staff Reports

Furr's Supermarkets Inc. Thursday announced that it will close its store in the Plaza Oaks Shopping Center, Garfield and Wadley, effective Saturday, April 11.

The New Mexico-based supermarket chain said it will transfer as many employees of the Plaza Oaks store to the other two Midland Furr's stores, at 4340 W. Illinois and at 2208 Big Spring, as possible. Eligible employees who may be displaced by the closing will receive severance benefits packages.

"As part of our ongoing program to improve our store facilities, we have decided to discontinue the operation of this store," said W.R. "Buz" Doyle, president and chief operating officer of Furr's Supermarkets. "This is a step we take with deep regreat, but the Plaza store does not fit into our future corporate plans."

He said the Plaza location was a smaller store that was somewhat outdated and closing it would allow the company to focus on the other two stores, helping them provide better service and merchandise at lower costs.

"We'll be trying to employ as many of the Plaza employees at the other two stores as we can," he said, adding that it was too early to tell how many Plaza employees might be displaced by the store closing.

Furr's Supermarkets has 68 stores in New Mexico and West Texas, employing over 5,400 people.

Retailers post strong first quarter

N.Y. Times News Service

Spring fever and feelings of prosperity combined to drive shoppers into malls in search of garden hoses and T-shirts in March, giving many American retailers a strong sales increase for the first fiscal quarter that ends this month.

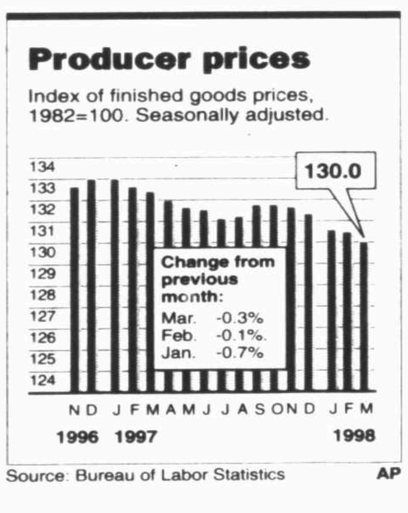
The Goldman, Sachs same-store index, which measures major retailers' sales in stores open at least one year, rose 3.4 percent last month, lower than a 4 percent climb in March 1997 but ahead of the 2.9 percent increase in April 1997.

Underscoring the American consumer's insistence on value, retailers offering goods for less continued their strong performance.

Wal-Mart Stores Inc., for instance, said sales from stores open at least a year rose 6.2 percent from a year earlier. At Target, a division of the Dayton Hudson Corp., sales rose 3.2 percent. Kohls said sales rose 12.5 percent last month.

Department stores, struggling to compete with the less expensive stores offering many comparable goods, had a weaker month than specialty apparel stores. Federated Department Stores Inc. said sales rose nine-tenths of a percent; Saks Holdings Inc. said sales jumped 1.4 percent; Sears, Roebuck & Co. reported a sales increase of 4.7 percent, and J.C. Penney Co. said sales jumped 1.7 percent.

Lower energy prices fuel decline in producer prices



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Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Prices charged by factories and other producers fell 0.3 percent in March, reassuring Wall Street that the Federal Reserve won't need to combat inflationary pressures by slowing the economy with higher interest rates.

It was the sixth consecutive month without an increase in the Labor Department's index of prices paid by wholesalers for finished goods. As was the case with previous declines, the biggest restraint came from energy costs, down 1.9 percent, and computers, also down 1.9 percent.

Unseasonable warmth associated with the El Nino current in the Pacific Ocean helped pull down energy costs by reducing demand for heating oil. Fallout from Asia's financial turmoil also reduced world demand for energy. Plus it reduced the price of computer components and other manufactured goods and commodities imported into the United States from Asia.

The inflation data cheered stock traders, who pushed the Dow Jones Industrial Average up 103 points to close at 8,995 on Thursday.

Wall Street also was encouraged by solid gains in March sales at Wal-Mart Stores and Sears Roebuck, reported Thursday. Overall, the nation's biggest retailers reported a modest increase in March sales from a year earlier, bolstered by purchases of warm-weather clothes and home-oriented merchandise.

Japan's intervention in the foreign exchange market to prop up the sagging value of the yen added to the day's positive tone. The weak yen threatens Asia's recovery from last fall's currency crises.

Meanwhile, in a separate report, the Labor Department said the number of Americans filing first-time claims for unemployment benefits inched down to 308,000 last week, from 310,000 the week before. Both numbers depict a thriving job market with most employers eager to maintain full staffs.

Some economists are worried that the economy's domestic vigor eventually will feed faster price increases, despite the restraining influence of Asia, and force the Fed to nudge rates higher.

Federal Reserve Board member Laurence H. Meyer, in a speech Thursday night, said "a slowdown in growth, preferably in the near term," is required to sustain the economy without accelerating inflation.

"Asia may accomplish this, in which case it would substitute for monetary tightening that in my judgment would otherwise be required," he told a meeting at the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Focusing on one family of funds may mean less return

By Eric Tyson

Q: What is your opinion as to how many mutual funds and mutual fund companies I should do my investing through?

Tyson

A: Given the sheer number and quality of funds that the larger and better fund companies such as Vanguard, T. Rowe Price and Fidelity offer, you could do all your investing through one family of funds.

Centralizing your investments in one family saves on administrative hassles by reducing the number of applications you need to complete, statements to file, tax statements to deal with, etc.

There's a good argument against doing that, though: No mutual fund company is best with every type of fund.

By not spreading out your funds over different fund families to take advantage of their particular strengths, you might sacrifice a little bit of return.

Discount brokerage firms such as Jack White and Charles Schwab offer some of the best of both approaches. You get one-stop shopping and one statement for all your holdings, and you also have access to funds from many families. The larger fund companies' discount brokerage divisions also now offer funds from other fund families.

On the downside, you pay small transaction fees to purchase many of the better funds through discounters.

As for the number of individual funds to hold in your portfolio, the typical mutual fund is diversified to begin with, so you needn't invest in too many. In fact, because some funds invest across different types of investments (hybrid funds) or even across other funds (funds of funds), it's possible to achieve your desired asset allocation by investing in just one fund.

At a minimum, own shares in enough funds that you're able to diversify not only among the general types of investments such as stocks and bonds but also across different types of securities within those larger categories — such as bonds of various maturity lengths and stocks of companies with various sizes.

As your savings allow, I generally recommend that you invest at least several thousand dollars per fund. If you're investing outside a retirement account, most of the better mutual funds require an initial investment of that magnitude anyway.

Although individual retirement accounts typically have lower minimum initial investment requirements, the fund companies often zap you with an annual account maintenance fee if your balance is below a certain threshold, usually set at a few thousand dollars. You should aim to invest higher amounts so that you don't have your small investment devoured by high relative fees. A $10 annual account fee reduces a $1,000 investment by 1 percent per year.

As you have larger sums to invest, add more funds to your portfolio. For example, if you have $150,000 and want to put a third each into bonds, U.S. stocks and international stocks, it would make sense to use at least two funds for each investment type. That way, if, say, one international stock fund you've chosen does poorly, all your money earmarked for overseas investing would not be in that fund's hands.

There's no reason why you can't use three different funds within each category. The more money you have, the more sense that makes.

Be careful, though, not to invest in more funds than you've got time to track. If you can't find the time to read your funds' semiannual and annual reports, that's a sign that you've got too many.

Extra diversification does not necessarily make up for a lack of monitoring.

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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

MARKET SUMMARY

NYSE

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
PhilMor	151654	40 7/16	+5/16
Cendant	144003	37	–2 1/16
Compaq s	81192	24 9/16	+1/4
Lucent s	70926	70	+2
Ford s	70809	46 7/8	+2 3/8

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
UtdCosF	24 3/4	+4 1/4	+20.7
TriPolyta	2 1/2	+5/16	+14.3
CoramH	2 9/16	+5/16	+13.9
Starter	4 1/4	+1/2	+13.3
IntlCer	7 3/16	+3/4	+11.7

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
HillsStrs	4 3/16	–5/16	–6.9
Groupe	5 15/16	–7/16	–6.9
Datapt	2 3/4	–3/16	–6.4
FishrSci s	15 15/16	–1 1/16	–6.3
KPN	50	–2 15/16	–5.5

DIARY

Advanced	1,860
Declined	1,091
Unchanged	548
Total issues	3,499
New Highs	160
New Lows	20
Volume	660,224,280

AMEX

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
SPDR	448121113	3/16	+7/8
ElPasoE	12625	9 7/16	+3/8
TWA	12129	10 1/16	–3/16
ViacB	9083	55 9/16	...
EchoBay	8920	2 11/16	–3/16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
CPS Sys n	5 5/8	+1 1/8	+25.0
SBM Ind	4	+3/4	+23.1
Gencor s	33 1/16	+5 5/16	+19.1
MidlRs	3 3/16	+1/2	+18.6
Sulcus	2 1/2	+5/16	+14.3

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Neophrm	3 7/16	–5/16	–8.3
DenAmer	2 1/4	–3/16	–7.7
Jetronic	2 1/2	–3/16	–7.0
EchoBay	2 11/16	–3/16	–6.5
CrowlMil	6 1/4	–3/8	–5.7

DIARY

Advanced	326
Declined	273
Unchanged	175
Total issues	774
New Highs	24
New Lows	12
Volume	34,079,520

NASDAQ

MOST ACTIVE ($1 OR MORE)

Name	Vol (00)	Last	Chg
AnntyLfe n	182232	22 3/4	...
Intel s	146439	73 3/4	+1 3/16
DellCptr s	127249	67 11/16	+1 15/16
Cisco s	110727	67	–1 5/16
Yahoo s	110492	113 1/4	+16

GAINERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
IlliniSup	2 1/4	+29/32	+67.4
Datakey	4 3/16	+1 7/16	+52.3
Escalon	2 1/8	+11/16	+47.8
LeapGrp	4 1/4	+1 3/8	+47.8
No9Vis n	3 11/16	+1 1/8	+43.9

LOSERS ($2 OR MORE)

Name	Last	Chg	%Chg
Cedarl	2 1/2	–4 1/8	–62.3
Optimag	2 7/16	–15/16	–27.8
TalxCp	3 7/8	–1 1/8	–22.5
PwrhseT	10 15/16	–2 9/16	–19.0
QlixGrp	2 31/32	–5/8	–17.4

DIARY

Advanced	2,510
Declined	1,701
Unchanged	1,414
Total issues	5,625
New Highs	192
New Lows	57
Volume	755,835,900

HOW TO READ THE MARKET IN REVIEW

Here are the 1,675 most active stocks on the New York Stock Exchange, 925 most active on the Nasdaq National Market and 405 most active on the American Stock Exchange. Stocks in bold are worth at least $5 and changed 5 percent or more in price. Underlining for 50 most active on NYSE and Nasdaq and 25 most active on Amex. Tables show name, price and net change, and one to two additional fields rotated through the week, as follows:

Name: Stocks appear alphabetically by the company's full name (not its abbreviation). Names consisting of initials appear at the beginning of each letter's list.
Last: Price stock was trading at when exchange closed for the day.
Chg: Loss or gain for the day. No change indicated by ...
YTD: Percent change in price since December 31.
How to use: The year-to-date percent change compares the most recent price with the company's price as of Dec. 31. The number is a good way to compare and track the performance of different companies in the same industry or the same town.

Benchmarks are important in investing and the year-to-date percent change can be a useful field of information when used as a benchmark. If you were considering investing in the automotive industry, for example, you could watch to see which auto stock was enjoying the best performance so far this year by looking at this field.

These numbers can be helpful in following stocks but as with all financial data are only one of many factors to use in determining how to invest. Consult your financial advisor before making any investment decision.

Tuesday

Div	Name	Last	Chg
.44	ACE Ltd	34 7/8	–1/8
1.10	ACMIn	9 3/4	+1/8
.80	ACM Op	7 1/4	–1/8
1.10	ACM Sc	10	–1/8
¼	ACMSp	7 3/4	...

Wednesday

PE	PPE	Name	Last	Chg
8	9	ACE Ltd	34 7/8	–1/8
17	19	ACMIn	9 3/4	+1/8
5	5	ACM Op	7 1/4	–1/8
12	10	ACM Sc	10	–1/8
4	6	ACMSp	7 3/4	...

Thursday

Thr	Name	Last	Chg
Alr	ACE Ltd	34 7/8	–1/8
ACL	ACMin	9 3/4	+1/8
ACG	ACM Op	7 1/4	–1/8
ADF	ACM Sc	10	–1/8
****	ACMSp	7 3/4	...

Friday

YTD	Name	Last	Chg
+2.3	ACE Ltd	34 7/8	–1/8
+0.2	ACMin	9 3/4	+1/8
–3.0	ACM Op	7 1/4	–1/8
+0.2	ACM Sc	10	–1/8
+	ACMSp	7 3/4	...

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A - 21	H - 42	O - 63	W - 91
B - 22	I - 43	P - 71	X - 92
C - 23	J - 51	R - 72	Y - 93
D - 31	K - 52	S - 73	Q - 11
E - 32	L - 53	T - 81	Z - 12
F - 33	M - 61	U - 82	
G - 41	N - 62	V - 83	

INDEXES

52-Week High	52-Week Low	Name	Last	Net Chg	% Chg	YTD % Chg	52-wk % Chg
9,094.76	6,356.78	Dow Jones Industrials	8,994.86	+103.38	+1.16	+13.74	+37.54
3,655.96	2,336.12	Dow Jones Transportation	3,537.19	+30.62	+.87	+8.62	+45.63
291.90	208.98	Dow Jones Utilities	287.37	+1.75	+.61	+5.24	+33.15
587.91	387.12	NYSE Composite	578.35	+4.67	+.81	+13.14	+44.82
750.22	541.02	Amex Index	740.61	+3.11	+.42	+8.18	+31.50
1,865.80	1,194.16	Nasdaq Composite	1,820.24	+13.23	+.73	+15.91	+47.30
1,131.99	733.54	S&P 500	1,110.67	+9.02	+.82	+14.45	+46.46
487.36	248.65	Russell 2000	480.04	+4.71	+.99	+9.84	+39.08
10,671.59	7,059.97	Wilshire 5000	10,571.24	+84.52	+.81	+13.69	+46.05

NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE

YTD	Name	Last	Chg
	A-B-C		
+36.6	ABN Am n	u26 7/16	+1/16
+16.7	ACE Ltd s	37 1/2	–1/4
+1.9	ACM Sc	10 1/16	–1/16
–1.9	ACMSp	6 1/2	+1/16
+4.9	ACNielsn	25 9/16	–1/2
+2.3	ACX Tech	25	+1/4
+14.7	AES Cp s	53 1/2	–3/8
+24.3	AFLAC	63 9/16	–1/16
–5.6	AGCO	27 5/16	+1/16
+3.7	AGL Res	21 3/16	+1/16
–5.7	AJL	10 7/16	+1/16
+20.5	AK Steel s	21 5/16	–7/16
–8.5	AMB Pr n	23 1/2	+1/16
+11.8	AMF n	27 5/16	+9/16
+7.3	AMR	137 5/16	–7/8
+4.0	ARCOCh	u48 9/16	+11/16
+17.9	ASA Ltd	24 1/4	–1/16
+7.6	AT&T	66	+1/16
+7.5	AVX Cp	19 15/16	–3/16
+18.4	Aames	15 1/16	–1/16
+16.6	AbtLab	78 3/16	+7/16
+45.4	AberFtch	45 7/16	+4
+57.1	AccuStff	u38 1/4	+7/16
+14.7	AdeEx	27 3/16	+3/16
+53.1	Administf	39 9/16	–1/16
+50.0	AMD	26 9/16	–1/16
+28.8	Advest	u31 1/4	+2 9/16
+41.7	Advocnc	27 1/16	+1/16
+19.0	AeroVox	58 3/16	+1/16
+23.3	Aetna inc	87	+1/8
+39.7	AffCmpSv	36 3/4	–1/8
+19.2	Affiliatgrs n	34 7/16	–1/16
+27.1	Agnico g	6 1/4	–1/16
+2.8	Agnbrd n	38 3/4	+1/16
+24.8	Agnium g	u15 3/16	–1/16
+18.7	Ahmans	78 1/4	–1/16
+24.2	Anold s	32 7/16	–1/16
+.8	AirProd	82 7/8	+7/16
+32.5	AirbFrt s	41 1/4	+1/16
+28.6	Airgas	18	+1/8
+20.3	AirTouch	50	+1/8
+18.2	AirTch pfB	42 1/8	–1/4
+2.5	AlaP pfB	25 1/4	...
+.5	AlaP pfC	25 5/16	...
–.3	AlaP adj pf	24 7/16	...
–.7	AlaPC pfQ	25	–1/16
+46.0	AlaxAr	58 9/16	+1/16
+14.1	Albnyin	26 1/4	+1/8
+3.9	Albemar	24 15/16	–1/16
+7.8	Albertsn	50 5/16	–7/16
+13.1	Alcan	31 1/4	+1/16
+51.4	Alcatel	38 5/16	+2 7/16
–.6	AlegEngy	32 5/16	–5/16
–.5	AlegTeledy	25 3/4	–5/16
+7.2	Allegiance	38	+5/16
–16.6	AllenTel	15 3/4	+1/16
+14.7	Allergn	38 1/2	+5/16
+36.5	AlloCap s	27 1/8	+3/16
–.5	AllWrld2	13 3/16	+1/16
+11.8	AllTch	62 1/2	+1/16
+16.7	AlldSgnl s	45 5/16	–1/16
+3.6	Allstate	93 3/4	+1/16
+6.1	Alter	43 7/16	+1/16
–.6	Alpharma	21 1/4	+1/16
+35.4	Alumax	48 1/8	+1/8
–.4	Alcoa	70 1/16	+7/16
+41.3	Alza	44 15/16	–5/16
+56.8	AmaxG	3 3/4	+1/16
+29.8	AmbacF s	59 11/16	+1/16
+1.1	Amrnes	55 1/2	+1/4
–2.2	Ameran n	47 7/8	...
–82.4	AmOnline s	73 1/2	+1 1/16
+49.0	AmWest	27 3/4	+1/4
+41.4	AmBankrs s	64 5/16	–1/16
–4.7	AEP	49 1/16	+3/16
+20.0	AmExp	u107 7/16	+3/16
+11.0	AFnclGp	44 3/4	+1/2
+23.0	AGenCp	86 1/2	+1 13/16
–2.1	AGnHosp	26 3/16	+1/16
+23.2	AGreet	48 3/16	+1/16
+33.3	Ahertage s	24	–1/16
+23.1	AHome	94 3/16	–1/16
+17.2	AmIntlG s	127 1/2	+2 9/16
+39.8	AIPC n	34 15/16	–5/16
–23.4	APadP	7 1/16	...
+24.4	AmRadio	66 5/16	+5/16
–36.0	AResidSvc	10	–1/16
+20.4	AmStd	46 1/4	+9/16
+18.5	AmStor s	24 1/16	+1/16
	AmStrP2	11 1/16	...
+150.0	AWste	u41	+5/16
+15.8	Amercrd	32 1/16	+3/16
+4.6	AmerSrc	60 5/16	–1/16
+18.3	Ameritch s	46 7/16	+1/4
–16.6	AmerUrs	30 3/4	+1/16
+10.2	Ametek n	29 1/4	+3/16
+.1	Amoco	85 3/16	+9/16
–3.6	AMP	40 1/2	–1/16
+12.7	AmSouth s	61 3/16	+1/4
–15.7	AmwyAs	16 7/16	...
–12.2	AmwayJ	81	+1/16
+20.2	Anadrk	72 15/16	+7/8
+22.8	Analog	34	+1/4
+9.4	Anheus	48 1/4	+9/16
+15.2	Anixter	19	+9/16
+19.2	AnnTaylr	15 5/16	–1/16
	AnthCap n	15	...
+14.0	Aon Cp s	66 7/16	+3/16
+5.9	Apache	37 1/8	+3/16
+5.1	Apginv	38 5/16	–1/16
+1.1	AppMag	11 1/16	...
+10.5	ApidPw s	38 1/16	+7/16
–40.5	Aplnia	8	...
+45.6	AquilaG	u16 1/4	+3/16
–1.7	ArcadiaFn	7 1/16	–1/16
–.6	ArchDan	21 7/16	+1/16
–8.3	ArdenRlt	28 15/16	+3/16
+34.2	Armco	u6 5/8	+1/16
+13.6	ArmWl	84 15/16	+9/16
–18.9	ArrowEl s	26 5/16	–1/16
+20.8	Arvin	40 1/4	+9/16
+17.5	Asarco	26 1/8	–1/16
+27.3	Ashanti	10 3/16	–1/16
–1.2	Ashland	53 1/16	+1/4
+30.0	AsiaPR	2 1/16	+3/16
+53.8	AsiaPtp	15 3/16	+1/16
+8.7	AsiaTgt	8	–1/16
–11.1	AsdEstat	21 1/4	+1/16
+15.6	AspCpAp	82 1/16	–1 7/16
+21.1	AstraA s	20 15/16	–1/16
–5.7	AtlRich s	75 7/16	+1/16
+45.8	AtlasAir	35	+1 7/8
–2.9	ATMOS	29 1/16	+3/16
–2.3	AutnFit	18 1/16	...
–1.1	Autoliv n	32 3/16	+2
+18.5	ACES Tr n	27 3/16	+3/16
+7.3	AutoDt	65 7/16	+1 1/16
+9.5	AutoZone	31 1/4	–3/16
+20.0	Avatex	2 1/16	–1/16
+20.5	AveryO	53 15/16	+5/16
+1.2	Avys n	32 1/16	+1/16
–12.1	Avnet	58	+1/4
+32.7	Avron	81 7/16	+7/16
+26.5	Aztar	81/16	+3/16
+2.1	BA Mrch	18 1/16	+1/16
+3.8	BB&T Cp	66 1/2	+15/16
+19.3	BCE g s	39 3/16	+1/16
–5.8	BEA Inco	8 1/16	+1/16
–5.6	BJS s	34	–1 1/16
+24.7	BJs Wh n	39 1/16	+1/8
+23.0	BMC	20 1/16	+1 1/16
+20.4	Cantex s	37 15/16	+1/16
–.5	CenSoWst	26 15/16	+3/16
+6.6	**CenLAEl**	**u34 1/2**	**+1/2**
+13.9	CeMPw	17 1/8	–3/16
+4.1	CentPkg s	47 3/16	+1 1/16
+27.6	CntyTel s	42 7/16	+9/16
+17.7	Cerdian	53 15/16	+2 1/16
+40.4	ChmpE	28 7/8	+3/16
+11.6	Chmpin	50 9/16	–1/16
–8.0	ChAutoR n	18 1/4	+1/16
+39.5	Chart s	u31 15/16	+3/16
+30.1	ChaseM	141 1/8	+1 1/8
+15.0	Checkpnt	20 1/16	+7/16
–25.6	ChesEng	5 1/16	–1/16
+4.3	**Chevron**	**80 1/16**	**+1 1/16**
–10.5	ChiisTel	26 1/4	+9/16
+23.8	ChinaTr n	41 15/16	+1 1/16
–16.5	Chiquta	13 5/16	+1/16
+18.4	Chocpt n	55 15/16	+1 1/16
+18.7	ChrisCr	59 1/16	+3/16
+23.8	Chrysir	43 1/2	+7/16
+6.4	Chubb	80 1/2	...
+25.4	CIBER s	38 1/16	+2 1/16
+11.3	CinnBell s	34 1/2	+3/16
+40.0	CineOd	1 1/16	+1/16
–5.9	CINergy	36 1/16	+3/16
+23.0	CircCtyCC	43 1/4	+1/16
+40.3	CirOfCar	12 1/16	+1/16
–3.0	Circus	19 7/16	+3/16
+31.0	Cisco rp	165 1/16	+3/16
+7.2	CitzUtil	10 1/16	–1/16
+4.9	CityNC	38 1/4	+1/2
+14.8	ClairesStr	22 5/16	+3/16
+17.4	Clayton	21 1/16	+9/16
+20.2	ClearC	9 5/16	–1/16
–16.9	CliffsDr s	41 7/16	+3/16
+10.3	Clorox s	87 7/16	+3/16
+32.1	CoachUS	44 1/4	+1/4
+22.3	Coachmen	26 1/16	+7/16
+10.3	Coastal	u68 5/16	+1 3/16
+17.8	**CocaCl**	**78 1/16**	**+1/2**
+8.9	CocaCE s	u38	–1/16
+2.6	CCFemsa s	19 7/16	...
+42.0	Coeur	12 1/16	–1/16
+26.1	Cogniznt	58 1/4	...
+42.8	Colemn	22 5/16	–1 3/16
+16.7	**ColgPal s**	**85 1/4**	**+1 1/16**
+5.4	ColBgp	36 5/16	+9/16
–.7	ColHsn	8 9/16	+1/16
–1.7	ColMu	7 7/16	...
+3.9	ColonPT	31 5/16	–5/16
+5.7	Coltec	24 1/2	+5/16
+1.0	ColumEgy	79 3/16	–3/16
+10.3	ComCA	32 1/16	...
+24.1	Comdisc s	41 1/2	–1/4
+15.6	Comeric s	69 1/2	+1
+5.3	CmcFdl s	37 7/16	–7/16
+5.0	ComScop n	14 5/16	+1/16
–38.7	CmpuSA	19	–1/16
–13.1	Compaq s	24 7/16	+1/16
–39.3	CmpMan	8 1/2	+1/8
+8.4	CompAs s	58 5/8	+1/16
+26.3	CompSci s	52 5/8	–1 1/16
–.9	CmpTsk s	35 5/16	+1/4
+4.2	Compx n	24 15/16	+3/16
+42.3	Comsat	34 1/2	+3/16
–6.8	ComstkRs	11 1/16	+1/16
–7.4	ConAgra s	30 1/16	+3/16
+19.4	ConaMl	9 1/4	+1/2
–8.7	Conactiv	21 1/16	–1/16
–1.5	ConactivA n	33 1/16	+1/16
+7.1	**ConnEn**	**u32 1/4**	**+9/16**
+10.2	Conpoco	50 1/16	+3/16
+9.9	Consc pfE	17 1/16	–1/16
–43.3	CnCigar	15 5/16	+1/2
+10.4	ConEd	45 1/4	–1/16
+33.2	ConsGpn	u62 1/16	+1/16
–3.7	ConsNG	58 1/4	+3/16
–1.8	ConStor	43 1/16	+1/16
–14.0	CGDina	4 1/16	+1/16
+37.0	Contifincl	34 1/2	+1/16
+24.8	CtlAir B	60 1/16	+3/16
–3.3	CoopCa s	59	–1/16
+34.1	Cooper	86 1/16	–1/16
–1.3	CooprTr	24 1/16	+1/16
+9	Copen n	13 7/16	–1/16
–24.1	Coramin	2 7/16	+1/16
+13.0	CoreStF	90 9/16	+4 2/16
+22.0	CornPdt n	38 5/8	+1/16
–.8	CornPrin	22 1/16	...
–3.1	CornRit n	11 1/16	+1/16
+8.9	Corningin	39 1/16	–1/16
–3.4	CorpHY	14 3/8	+1/16
–10.5	CorrectCp	33 3/16	–1/16
+36.9	Cotellignt	26 1/16	–3/16
+21.9	CntrwCrd	52 1/16	+1/8
+4.4	Covance	20 3/16	–1/16
+5.6	CoxCm	42 7/16	+1/16
+18.9	Crane Co	51 9/16	+1/16
–7.0	CresRE	38 5/16	–3/16
+7.0	Crestar	81	+1 1/16
+3.8	CrimMa	15 5/16	+3/16
+9.9	CrmpKni	29 1/4	+1/16
+20.3	**CrosTbr s**	**20**	**+9/16**
+2.3	**CrosTim**	**16 5/16**	**–1/16**
+5.0	CsnCorx	52 5/16	+1 3/16
+31.8	CsnCr	20 9/16	–1/16
+18.5	CullgnWtr	59 5/16	–13/16
–13.9	CumEng	50 7/16	–2 5/16
–11.9	CypSem	9 3/16	–1/16
+9.8	Cyprus	18 7/16	+1/16
+16.6	Cytec	54 1/4	+1 1/4
	D-E-F		
–33.0	DECS Tr n	d17 1/4	–1/2
–1.0	DPL s	18 5/16	–1/16
+4.4	DQE	36 1/16	+3/16
+25.2	DR Horton	21 1/4	+1/16
+40.8	DSP Com	16 7/8	+1 1/16
+27.4	DST Sys	54 3/8	–1 1/16
+15.3	DTE	40	+1/16
–45.3	DBenz	u105	+3 1/4
–17.8	DainRaus	56 1/16	+1/4
–14.7	DalSem	34 1/4	+7/8
+25.4	DanaCo	59 9/16	+1 1/16
+34.0	Darden	u18 3/4	+1 1/16
–1.8	DataGn	17 1/4	+1/16
–20.0	Datapt	2 1/4	–1/16
+26.6	DayHud	85 7/16	+9/16
+7.5	DeVry	34 1/4	+1 1/16
–21.1	DeanFd	47 1/4	+1/16
+1.2	DebtStr2 n	10 1/4	+1/16
–4.1	DebtStrt n	10 1/4	...
+2.8	Deere	59 3/4	+1/4
+80.4	DeltaGn s	70 5/16	+1 3/16
+56.1	DeltPne s	47 3/4	+1/16
–3.0	DeltaAir	115 7/16	+1 9/16
–8.7	Deluxe	31 1/2	+1/4
+25.2	Dept56	36	–1/16
–1.0	DetE26	25	...
+31.5	Diageo n	49 5/16	–3/16
+16.5	Dial	24 1/4	+7/8
–8.1	DiaOffs s	44 1/4	–1
–20.4	Diebold	40 5/16	–1/4
+39.7	Digital	51 7/8	+1/4
+4.1	Dillards	36 11/16	+5/16
+4.1	DimeBcp	31 1/2	+1/16
–40.7	Dimon	15 5/16	+3/16
+10.2	**Disney**	**109 1/16**	**+2 1/16**
+5.5	Dole	48 5/16	+1 1/16
+31.3	DollarG s	38 1/16	–7/16
+6.1	DollarTh n	21 3/4	–1/4
–17.5	Domain n	13	–1/2
+27.9	Dominick	46 11/16	+3/16
–5.1	DomRes	40 3/8	–7/16
+8.9	Donldson s	24 1/2	–3/16
+18.1	DonLuf	u93 7/8	+3 7/8
+8.3	DKaran	13 5/16	+7/16
+16.9	Donley	43 9/16	+1/16
–.3	Dover s	36	–1/16
–4.8	**DowCh**	**98 5/16**	**+1 1/16**
–1.3	DowJns	53	–1/16
+13.7	Dresr	47 11/16	–1 1/16
–8.0	DryStr	10	–1/16
–10.0	DrySM	9 15/16	+1/16
+23.0	DuPont s	u73 7/8	+2 3/16
+14.2	DuquaneR n	24 5/16	+3/16
+3.7	DuffPUtil	10 1/2	+1/16
+7.9	DukeEngy	59 7/16	+1
+1.3	DukeRlt s	24 7/16	–3/16
+11.9	DunBrd	34 1/16	+1/16
+3.3	Dynatech	48 7/16	+1/16
–9.4	DynexCs	12	+1/16
–31.8	EAInds	4 1/16	–1/16
+6.2	EEX Cp	9 1/16	+1/16
+39.9	EGG	29 1/16	+1 5/16
+2.2	EK Chor	27 1/16	+1/16
+33.5	EMC s	36 3/16	–1/16
+21.1	ENI	69 1/16	–7/16
–7.1	EV Inc s	42 7/16	–1/16
–4.8	Earthgr s	44 3/4	+1/16
+17.8	EastChm	u70 1/16	+1 1/16
+5.8	EKodak	64 1/16	+1/16
+4.1	Eaton	92 7/16	+7/8
+22.5	EatnVan s	48 3/4	+1/16
+39.3	Echlin	50 1/16	...
+8.5	Ecolab s	29 1/2	+1/8
+8.9	Edisonint	29 1/16	+1/16
+19.5	Edwards s	47 1/2	+1/16
+8.1	ElPasE pf	53 1/16	+1
+13.9	ElPasNG s	37 5/16	+1/16
+22.8	Elan	62 7/16	–3/16
+15.8	**Elcor s**	**u27 3/4**	**+3/16**
–4.4	ElderTr n	17 3/4	...
+9.5	EDS	44 5/16	+3/16
+7.9	ElfAqut	83 1/4	+1 7/16
–5	**ElfOv pfB**	**25 3/4**	**–1/16**
+21.1	EmgGer	13 5/16	+1/16
+17.4	EmrsnEl	86 1/4	+1/4
+8.0	**EmpDist**	**21 3/16**	**+1/2**
+9.2	EECIChile	19 5/16	+1/16
–24.0	Empica	12 1/2	+1/2
+44.0	Endessa s	26 3/16	–1/16
+9.4	Energen s	21 3/4	+1/16
+12.9	EngiCp	19 3/4	...
+1.6	Enova	27 3/16	–1/16
+14.1	**Enron**	**47 7/16**	**+1 1/2**
–.2	**EnrLLC pf**	**25 1/16**	**...**
+12.4	**EnrnOG**	**23 7/16**	**+3/16**
–22.9	ENSCO s	25 7/16	–7/16
–3.3	Entergy	28 5/16	+3/16
+1.3	EnterPT n	19 5/16	–1/16
+2.2	**EottEng**	**17 1/2**	**...**
+10.2	Equifax	u39 1/16	+1 5/16
+39.6	EqtCos	u69 7/16	+4 3/16
–6.7	EqtResc	33	+1/16
+6.8	Eqtylnn	15 3/4	–1/16
–4.2	EqOffPT n	30 1/16	–1/16
+1.4	EqtyRsd	51 1/16	+3/16
+37.8	Esteelldr	70 7/8	+5/16
+80.9	EthanAl s	62 1/16	+5/16
+54.2	EurWtFd s	21 7/8	+1/4
+1.1	EveranC	u48	+1/16
+8.3	EverestRe	44 11/16	+1/16
+49.1	ExcelCm	21 5/8	–3/16
+1.8	ExcelRl	27 1/4	–1/16
+26.7	Exel	80 5/16	–1/2
–28.0	ExideCp	18 5/16	+1/16
+18.1	ExtStayA	14 1/16	+3/16
+9.1	**Exxon**	**66 1/4**	**+5/8**
+19.0	FDX Corp	72 11/16	+1 5/16
+17.8	FMC	79 5/16	+3/16
+6.0	FPL Gp	62 3/4	+3/16
–10.2	FairCmt s	19 3/4	–1/16
+28.4	FamDlr s	37 5/16	+1 5/16
+11.8	**FannieMae**	**63 15/16**	**+1/2**
+38.3	FedMog	56	+7/8
–3.6	FedRlty	24 7/16	–3/16
+7.5	FedSignl	23 1/4	–3/16
+18.1	FedrDS	50 7/8	+9/16
+.7	FelCor	35 3/4	–1/2
+18.2	Ferro s	28 1/4	–3/16
+18.7	FideliFin	36 15/16	–1/16
+10.0	FilaHold	22 1/16	+1/16
+21.6	Fingerht	26	–1/16
–5.6	FstBrnd	25 7/16	–1/2
+12.6	FChnNBD	94	+1 9/16
+10.5	FstData	32 5/16	–3/16
–4.8	FstInRT	34 1/16	–3/16
+11.1	**FstUC s**	**56 15/16**	**+1 1/16**
–29.6	FUnRl	11 7/16	–3/16
+9.6	FtVaBk s	56	+15/16
–1.9	FrstAmer	39 5/16	+3/16
+8.9	FrstEngy	31	+7/16
+25.1	Firstplus	48	+1 13/16
+87.8	FishrSci s	15 15/16	–1 1/16
+13.1	FleetFnc	84 15/16	+1 1/16
+2.5	FleetEn	43 1/2	+3/16
+41.4	Flemng	19	+3/16
–14.9	FletFD	7 1/16	–5/16
+21.0	FLPantn	20 7/8	+1 1/16
+3.5	FlaProg	40 5/16	–1/16
+18.2	Flowers s	24 5/16	+7/16
+8.3	Flowserv	30 1/4	–9/16
+25.8	Fluor	47	–1/16
+35.7	Foodmk	u20 7/16	...
+43.3	Footstar	u38 1/2	+1

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YTD Name	Last	Chg
+25.1 Apo Ap	147¾	+6⅛
+82.1 ACT Net	13¾s	-⅜
-36.9 ADC Tel	25½	+¼
+17.8 ADFlex	19	+1⅛
+28.0 AFG Ctl s	39½	+2⅛
+31.2 AGM Ltl s	98⅝	+9⅛
+143.9 ATC Com	3¼	-⅛
-83.3 ATEC G	6¾s	+⅛s
+17.5 ATMI Inc	28½	-⅛
+50.0 AaschaT	6	+⅛
-10.0 Abacan	1 15/16s	...
-2.4 Abaxis	2⅜s	+⅛
+8.6 AbleTel	7¾s	- ⅛s
-39.0 Abrasse	9	+⅛
-35.2 Accelr	17½	+1⅜
+7.1 AccessG	9¾s	-⅛s
+82.8 Acclaim	6⅝	-⅛s
-2.4 Acculead n	1⅜s	...
-12.2 AcctPerf	33¼	+⅛s
-47.1 Acsystec	13⅝	+⅛s
-16.1 AdaptT n	8⅝s	-⅛s
+9.8 AdobeSy	45¼s	+⅝s
-14.3 AdrianR	⅜	+ ⅛s
+51.0 AdvCoS n	u14¼s	+⅝s
+29.2 AdvFCm	37⅝	...
+93.8 AdvRadio	15½	+⅝s
-34.3 AdvTiss	8¼	+¼s
+7.0 AeraliC	7⅝	+¼
-2 Attymat	31½s	-⅞s
+21.7 Agcom s	35¾	+⅞
-11.4 AgriBio	15¼	-⅜s
+120.3 AirTran	u8⅝s	-½s
Ajay	½s	...
+87.9 Akorn	6⅝s	+½s
+15.4 Akzo	100⅛	-⅛s
+20.1 Akzerm	23⅞	-1
+5.1 AlaGasn	5¼	+⅛s
+93.2 AlnSem	8⅝s	+⅛s
+5.6 AdWste	24⅝	+⅜s
+14.9 Alpara	38½s	+⅞s
+58.1 Amazon n	95⅜	+6⅝s
+31.0 ACasVoy	u23⅜s	+⅜s
+36.8 ACornS	17⅜	+⅛s
+120.4 AEagleO s	u51¼s	+11½s
-21.4 AmerEco	8½	-⅛s
+12.0 AmFrght	11½s	+⅛s
+2.8 AmrstPt	3½s	-⅛s
+42.3 AmS	27⅜	+⅛s
+24.5 AmOilDv	15⅞	+¼s
-7.0 AOncol	14⅞	+¼s
+24.9 APwrCnv	29⅝	-⅛s
-9.4 AmSelRz	18⅛	+⅛s
+38.9 AmVarst	1⅝s	+½s
+29.9 AmesDS	21½s	+1½s
+6.4 Amgen	57 ⅝s	-⅛s
+11.2 Amresco	33⅝s	+1⅜s
-3.9 AmtchCp	36½s	-½s
-39.7 Amylin	3½s	+⅛s
-58.3 Anadigc	12⅝s	+1½s
-19.0 Andrew	19⅞	+¼
+5.7 Angeion	28½s	-⅜s
AnntyLte n	22⅜	...
+.8 Antec	15⅜	+1⅝s
+25.4 ApexPC	27⅜	+1¼
+15.8 ApogeeE	13⅜	+⅜s
+7.0 ApolloG	50⅝s	...
+95.2 AppleC	25⅝	+⅜s
+10.5 AppISou	14½	+⅜s
+31.5 Appnesse	23⅜	+⅞s
-8.3 ApiCell n	4¼s	+⅛s
+15.4 ApldMat s	34⅜	-½
+75.8 AMCC n	21¾s	...
+73.9 Aradigm	14⅜	-⅛s
-4.5 Arakis	13½s	-½s
+86.7 ArdentSft	u14⅝s	+⅞s
+16.7 ArkBest	11⅜	+¼
+10.4 ArtVasn s	35⅝	+⅛s
-61.2 Asanté	39½	+1⅜s
+67.9 AshtnT	2⅞s	+⅛s
+20.4 AspstDev	82⅝	+1¼s
+32.9 AspectTel	27¾	+⅛
+19.7 AspenTc	41	+1½s
+3.1 AstenlF	57½	+⅛
+49.1 AstroPwr	18⅛	+⅜
+26.4 Atrhome n	31⅜	+⅛
-2.7 Atmel	18¼s	+⅛
-6.7 AuraSy	3 ⅝s	+ ⅛s
-6.8 AuroraBio n	12	...
+13.9 Autodesk	42⅛	+⅞
+101.9 AutProc	13½	+⅞s
+18.8 Avanti	19⅝s	+¼
+37.8 Avaare	14⅛	...
+62.3 AvantT	28 -1⅝s	
-4.5 AvyGPrtn	8	-⅛
+25.7 BE Aero	33⅜	+⅛
+25.6 BMC Soft	82⅝s	+1⅝s
+41.9 Baan s	46⅝s	+⅞s
+1.1 BndGalac	22⅛	+⅞s
+26.7 BankPlus	u15⅞	-⅛
-9.5 BkCmCA s	20⅛	+⅛
-1.8 BnkUtd	15⅛	+⅛
+112.8 BanyanSy	8¼	+¾s
-20.9 BarrngTch	11⅛	-⅛
+34.4 BedBath	51⅜	...
+13.7 BellSpt	9⅝s	+1⅛s
+116.9 BestSft n	20½s	+⅞s
+14.3 BillConc s	27⅞s	+1⅞s
+15.0 BioPhar s	24	+⅛
-50.0 Biocrin	⅜s	-⅛s
+22.0 Biogen	44⅜	-1⅛
+14.6 Bioject	1⅝s	+⅛
+17.1 Biomet	30	+1
-12.7 Biosph	4⅛s	+⅛s
-22.7 BioToG	8⅝s	+⅛s
-6.4 BlackBx	33⅛	+⅛s
-2.5 BobEvn	21⅝s	+⅜
+23.1 Borind	9	...
-38.9 BostChk	4¼s	-⅜s
+29.3 BrassEgl n	16	+1
-41.2 BrasseG	⅝s	...
+24.3 Brightpt s	17¼	...
+196.2 BroadVis	19¼	+⅝s
+87.0 BrdbdTc	8¼	+⅜
-27.9 BrodSft	18⅝s	-⅜s
+5.3 BrklineB n	17⅞s	+⅛s
+16.9 BrownTom	22½	+⅝
-48.9 BrushCrk	½s	-⅛s
+17.5 BurrBrn s	25⅛s	+1⅞s
+32.5 BuschObj	13⅜	+⅜
+20.3 C-CUBE	19⅝	+1¼
-49.5 C-Phone	3½s	-⅝s
+28.0 CBT Grp s	52⅝	+1½s
+63.5 CDRadio	26	-⅛
+4.6 CDW Cpt	54½s	+2⅝s
+61.4 CDnow n	u35½s	+4⅞s
+14.2 CHS El s	19⅝s	...
+152.1 CMG Inf	u76¼	+8⅜
+4.7 CNET	30⅞	+⅝s
-16.8 CNS	5 ⅝s	...
+40.1 Cadic	12	...
+12.9 CalMic	21⅞s	+1⅜s
+21.3 CambTch	50½	+⅜
+5.9 CandgBrA	58⅝s	+1⅜s
+40.2 Caseys s	u17⅞	+⅜
-99.1 Casmyn n	⅛s	-1⅛s
-34.4 CatalSem	d2½	-⅛s
+33.9 Catalyt	u15⅝s	+1⅜s
+39.4 CayenneSf	2⅞	...
+66.9 CellNet	12⅝s	...
+87.6 CellPro	3⅞	+⅛s
-88.1 CellexB	⅝s	+ ⅛s
+85.7 Cellstar s	32⅝s	+⅜
-43.1 CellTch	1⅜s	-⅞s
+22.8 Centocor	40⅜	-⅜s
+48.1 CenGardn	38⅞	+⅛s
+87.9 DAK Indsr	u16½	+2
-29.4 Dt Grp s	19⅛	+1⅛s
-84.7 DBC	18½s	+⅝s
+1.6 DBET Cp n	20⅝	-½s
+21.7 DUBA	14	-⅜s
+11.4 Danka	17⅜	-½s
-30.4 DasouSys	21⅛	+⅝s
+13.3 DbtBost	6⅜	+⅜s
-33.0 DtaDimn	11⅜	...
+11.7 Datakey	4⅜s	+1⅛s
+16.0 Datatec	5⅛	-⅛s
-17.2 Davox s	27	...
-8.9 Dawson	18¼	+ ⅜s
-28.1 DawsnP	12½	+⅜
+7.3 DBeer	21½s	-⅜s
DrbmBn n	16⅝s	...
+23.6 DeltaTech	14 ⅜s	+⅛
+81.2 DelticCtr s	67½s	+1⅝s
+3.7 Dentsply s	31⅛	-⅜s
-1.1 DiagHtt	11⅛s	+⅛
+66.2 Diametrc	8½s	+⅛
+40.8 DiamM	12½	-2⅛
+5.8 DigeneGp	9⅛	+⅛
+84.0 DigiIntl	27⅞	...
-12.9 DigMic s	12⅜	-½
-7.7 Discreet	20⅛	-⅜s
+559.1 Divrsnt g	4⅞s	+⅛s
-4.3 DrSolom	30⅝	+4⅜s
+25.7 DltrTrae s	52	-⅜
-13.0 DomBridge	1⅛	...
+53.3 DblaClck n	u41	+5⅛
-6.2 DreyerG s	22⅝	+1
-48.2 DuraPh	23⅜	+⅛
+77.1 DurbanRo	2⅝s	-⅛s
-83.3 Dynagn s	⅞s	-⅛s
+1.9 ETrade	23⅞s	-⅛
+137.0 e-Net	12	+⅛
+21.6 ECI Tel	31	+⅛
-13.5 ESCMed	33½	+2⅞
+6.9 ESG Re n	24⅞	+⅛
-12.8 EBSTech n	6⅝	...
+3.1 EgilFd	4⅛	...
-4.2 EgilHrd	18⅝s	+⅞
+.9 EgleUSA	28⅛s	+2⅞s
+15.0 EarthSc	1⅞s	-⅛s
+170.4 Ethlnk n	89⅝s	+3
-39.8 EthnShl n	14⅜s	+⅛s
+14.2 EstnEn	25⅛	-⅜s
+38.8 EchoStar	23¾	+¼
+135.6 EcoSol	12	-⅜
+8.5 Egghead	9	+⅜
+1.2 800 Trav n	u8¾s	+2½s
+/ 0.0 800 Trv wt	u1⅛s	+⅜
+.1.7 EbtMid n	u6⅝s	+⅞s
+1.8.8 ElectGas	2⅜s	+⅛
+.2.1 EloArt	42⅜s	-⅛
+.5.2 ElClear	1⅜s	...
+44.0 EFII	23⅝s	+⅜s
-72.4 Elctarc	⅜s	...
+14.1 ElronEl	18¼	+ ⅜s
+13.0 EmplySi	4⅞	+⅛
+50.6 Envoy	43⅞	+2⅞
-1.4 EqCompr	2 ⅞s	...
+41.5 EricTel	52½s	+1⅛
+17.5 EtecSys	54⅜	-1
-8.1 EuroSrv	7⅛	...
+14.5 EvgrnRs	17⅜	+⅜
+110.4 Excite n	u83⅛	+9⅝
+71.1 ExecTl	41⅝	+⅛
+30.8 ExdsCm n	u36⅛s	+3⅞s
-15.4 FPA Md	15⅜	+⅛
+128.6 FamBarg	2½	-⅜s
+42.6 FamGolf	44⅜	-⅛
+.6 Farouqia n	10⅞s	+⅜s
-25.0 FastCm	1⅝s	-⅛
+8.5 Fastenl	40⅜	+⅛
+5.4 FfthThrd s	86⅛	+⅜
+82.2 FileNet	48⅞s	+1⅝s
+36.2 FlBank	6⅝s	+⅞s
-56.6 Finishmst	4¾s	+⅜s
+84.8 FinLine	34⅛	+⅜s
-8.6 FrstAlrs s	16⅞s	-⅛s
+10.5 Fstfdn	56½	+⅝
-24.6 FSvBkNJ s	10⅞s	-⅛s
-15.2 FSecCp s	23⅝	...
-.7 FstTenn s	33⅛	+⅛s
+26.7 Fiserv	62¼	+⅛
-21.3 Fonar	d2¾s	-⅛s
+52.0 FonarCp	4⅜	-⅛
+26.9 FdLocA	10⅝	-⅛
+20.1 ForeSys	18⅛s	+½s
+34.0 Franchtr n	24⅝s	-1⅛s
+13.6 FGoldmn s	33⅝s	...
+60.5 Friedmn	20½	-1⅛s
+8.0 Fritz	15⅛s	+⅝s
+4.8 FrozenPd	9 ⅞s	+⅛s
+55.9 FusezT	13⅜	+1⅛s
+17.6 GT Interac	7½	+⅞s
+9.5 Gadzooks	23	-½
+33.3 GaryFd	1	...
-8.2 GalileoT n	26½	-⅜s
-8.7 Gartner	34	+2
+40.2 GateField	17½	+½s
+259.1 GMagic	4⅝s	+⅝s
+8.1 GenNutr	38⅛	-⅜s
+13.7 GeneTie n	36⅛	+⅛s
-10.8 Genesis	5⅜s	-⅜s
+14.6 Genzym	31⅝s	+⅛s
+87.2 GeoTelCm	29⅛	+1
-40.8 GeoTk	3½s	-⅛s
+33.3 GeronCp	11	-⅜s
+.9.2 Gilead	41¾	-⅛
+121.3 GlmrCio	u16⅝s	+1⅝s
+20.3 Glenayre	11⅞	-⅛s
+35.4 Glatech	u13⅞	-⅛s
+.6.9 Globlind s	18	-½
+3.1 Globlnt	2⅛s	-⅛s
+46.9 GlblTle n	40⅛	-⅛
+29.0 Globalstr s	83⅜	-⅛
-57.1 GolfTSty	⅜s	- ⅛s
+53.3 GoodGy	11⅞	+⅞
+71.5 GdyFam	48⅝s	-2⅝s
+.3 GulfInfo n	20⅜s	+⅛s
-21.0 Gymbree	d21⅝	-2⅛
+27.1 HBO s	61	+1⅛
+.5 HMTTch	13⅛s	+1⅛s
-8.4 HNC Sft	39⅜s	+⅛s
-19.9 Hadco	36⅛	-⅛s
+95.2 HainFood	17⅝s	-⅛s
+31.6 Harbngr	37 +2 7/32	
+9.1 HarbrFL s	12	+⅛s
+21.7 HavenB s	27⅜	+⅞s
+49.3 HlthCFP	u53	+2⅛s
HlthOrl	7⅜	+⅛s
+20.8 HrstAsT n	35⅝s	+⅝s
-36.2 Heartprt	13	+⅜s
+17.8 HelenTr s	19	+1⅛s
+20.0 HiSchain	42	-1⅛s
+26.3 HeskaCp n	u15⅝	+⅜s
+35.9 HiwvdE	14⅞s	+⅜s
+21.2 HmFdlN s	31½	-⅛s
-90.2 HmecmC n	1⅞s	-⅛s
-7.9 HrznOff n	13⅝s	+⅛s
-2.8 HunGlen	38⅝	-⅞s
+49.3 HuntJB	28	+⅛s
+9 HuntBnk	38⅝s	+⅞s
-33.0 HvideM	17⅛	+⅛s
+25.2 HyprSl	44⅜	-⅛s
+32.7 i2 Tech	70+1⅝s	
+32.8 ICG Com	36⅛	-⅜s
+22.0 IDEC	41⅝s	+⅝s
-50.0 IDM Env	3½	-½
+77.5 IDTCorp	35⅝s	+⅞
+217.0 IGEN	42	-½
+31.6 IMC Mt	15⅝	+1⅛s
+122.9 IMP	1½s	+⅛s
+11.9 IOS Grp n	45⅝s	+1⅝s
+60.6 IXC Com	50⅝	- ⅞s
+66.7 Ign CMT n	16 ⅞s	+1⅝s
+84.1 IllinSup	2¾	+⅜s
+33.8 Imatrn	3½s	-⅜s
-7.9 ImunRsp	10⅝	-⅛s
+24.4 Imunex	67⅜s	-⅛s
+8.5 ImpCldt n	16⅞	+⅜
+23.2 ImpCrd	25⅛	+⅜s
-48.8 InFocu s	7⅝s	-⅛s
+1.8 IndpCm n	17⅝s	-⅛s
IndgoAm n	13	...
-8.4 IndusMate	27⅝	-2⅛s
+32.3 Infinium	21½	+1
+60.8 InfMgeR s	37⅞s	-½
+77.6 Informix	8⅞s	-⅛s
+104.7 Infoseek	22	+1⅝s
-8.6 InhalTh	23½	-2
-2.3 Inkine n	17½s	+⅛s
+20.9 Innerdyn	3¼	-⅛s
-17.3 InnoVtve n	16⅜	+⅜s
+11.2 Innovex	25½	+⅝s
-28.6 Innovo	⅝s	...
+33.3 Inotec	u1⅛	+⅛s
+7.7 InSiteVis	3½	-⅛s
-34.2 IntegCirc	18⅜	-⅜s
+60.3 IntgDv	14⅜s	-⅜s
+133.3 IntgMed	4⅜	+1½s
+28.2 ItgPrc	20⅜s	+1⅜s
+37.7 ISSi	10½	+⅜s
+5.0 Intel s	73¾s	+1⅜s
+18.3 IntelAst	6⅛s	-⅛s
+32.8 IntelEl	7⅜	-½s
+13.5 IntrTel s	22	-⅜s
+53.0 Intrfcin	u44⅜s	+1⅝s
-79.9 Intrfrn	1⅛	+⅜s
+22.2 IntrCm	74⅛	+1⅞
+17.9 IntrFibrn	6⅜s	+⅜s
+28.6 IntrMut	u12⅝s	+⅜s
+12.8 Interneur	13⅜s	+⅜s
-17.6 Intersiv	18½s	-⅛s
+28.7 IntnetSol	7	+⅛
+17.4 Intuit	48⅞s	+1⅝s
+21.6 InvMsion	9⅞	-⅛s
+78.5 Invrne	17⅜	-⅛s
+25.4 Isis	15⅞s	+⅛s
+31.4 JD Edwr n	38⅛s	+1⅛s
+27.3 JB Oxfrd	7⅜	+⅛s
-22.5 Jabil s	30⅝s	+⅜s
+7.5 JacorCm	57⅛	...
+26.5 JetSmrt	17⅞	...
-11.8 JonesM	33⅜s	+⅛s
+50.0 JuniprGrp	3½	+⅛s
+800.0 K2Dsgn wt	⅞s	+⅜s
-3.9 KLATenc	37⅛s	+1⅛s
+219.5 KeyWrks s	u51⅛	-5⅞
-20.0 KnickLL	4½	+½
-5.0 Komag	14⅛s	+¼
+42.0 KookR	3½s	+½s
+7.4 Kulcke	20	+¼
+97.2 LCA Vis	2⅞s	-¼
+23.3 LCC Intl	17⅞	...
+8.3 LaTeko	9⅞	-1⅛s
+48.1 LabrRdy s	28½	-1⅜s
+88.8 LadyLuck	11⅛s	+⅜s
-.6 LamRsch	29½s	+⅝s
+25.5 Landrys	30⅛s	+⅛s
+21.4 Landstr	32½s	-2½s
+80.4 Lason	37⅛s	+1⅛s
+1.6 Lattice	48⅛s	-⅝s
+195.7 LeapGrp	4¼s	+1⅛s
+42.3 Legato	62⅝s	+⅜s
+116.7 LrnHaus n	100⅛s	+1⅛s
-14.5 LeveliGn	63½	-1
-31.8 LevelOne s	24⅞	-⅞s
-26.3 Lidak	1¼	...
-3.8 NatlSun	25	-⅜s
+19.9 Nautica	27½	+⅝s
+43.1 NeoMgic	18⅛	+⅜s
+38.5 Neoware	3¼s	-⅛s
+28.9 NetSpk n	32⅝	+1⅛s
-29.7 Netscpe	17⅛	+⅜s
+66.3 NetVant	u10½	+2½s
+21.7 NetwkAsc	64⅛	-⅛s
+227.6 NetwkSol n	u43	+3⅜s
+66.6 Newsedge	u15⅛	+1⅝s
+25.2 NextelCm	32⅝s	-1½s
+1.3 NiagCp n	10	+⅛
-3.6 Nimbus	10⅜	-⅛s
-7.6 Nissan	7⅝	+⅛s
-22.2 NoiseCT	⅞	...
+2.0 Nordst	61⅝s	+1⅛s
+26.0 NAmTch	½s	-½s
+1.7 NrthFce	22⅛	-⅛s
+14.9 NorstAri	55	+¼s
+31.3 NwNG	27½	+⅛s
+31.7 Novell	9⅝	+¼
+31.3 Novius s	42⅛	-½s
-10.5 NuKote	½s	+⅛s
+103.4 NoWrs n	31⅛s	+1¼s
NymoxPr n	6⅛s	+⅛s
-8.7 OOS Netw	5⅞s	-⅛s
-15.2 Oshap	8⅝	+⅛
-5.8 OakTech	6⅛	+⅛s
+680.0 ObjctShre	u47⅛s	+1½s
-21.2 OcwenA n	18½s	-½s
+6.2 OffsLog	23⅛	+1⅛s
+2.9 OmgaWr n	u8⅜	+¼s
+17.2 Omnipoint	27¼	-1⅛s
+136.5 OneWve	37⅜	+¼
+81.3 Onsale n	32⅝	+3⅛s
+111.0 OpenMkt	20⅜s	+½s
-29.1 Optimag	d2	-⅛s
+36.4 OptnCr	3¾	-⅛s
+20.7 Oracle s	29⅛s	-⅛s
+58.8 OrbSci	47⅛	+1⅛s
+7.4 OrckitCom	20	+1⅛s
-4.4 OryxTc	1⅛s	-⅛s
+78.3 Oscom	30½	-½s
-15.1 Osteotch	23⅛	-1⅛s
+37.8 OutbkSte	39⅝	+⅜s
+9.2 OxfordHlt	17	+⅞s
+77.8 Oxia	⅜	+⅛s
+190.2 OzEmail	u22⅛	+1½s
+9.4 P-Com s	18⅞	+⅜
-21.8 PC Conn n	d16⅝s	-1⅛s
+46.3 PLD Tele	8⅛s	+⅛s
+35.9 PMC Srra	u42⅛s	-2⅜s
+48.2 PMT Svc	u20⅞s	+⅝s
-12.1 PRI Auto s	25⅜	+⅛s
-10.0 PSC	11⅞	+⅛s
+148.8 PSINet	u12⅛	+⅜s
+3 PSS Wrld	21⅜s	+⅛s
+38.5 PacA&E	6⅜	+⅛s
+44.2 PacSun s	42⅜s	+1⅛s
+28.6 PageMkt n	10⅛	+1
+39.5 PagngN	15	-⅞s
+19.3 PaegTch	23⅝s	+1⅜s
+9.5 PalEx	13	+¼s
+47.2 PanAmSat	63½	-⅛s
+11.0 PandaPrj	5⅛s	+⅛s
+15.4 PapJohn	u40⅛	+1½s
+65.6 ParaMed	47½s	-⅛s
-18.2 Pardgm	⅜s	-⅛s
-19.4 ParPet	5⅞s	...
+29.5 ParmTcs	30⅜	-1⅛s
-15.9 Parexel	31⅛s	+2½s
-52.0 PartyCity s	32⅞s	+1⅝s
-34.2 PattEng s	12⅝s	+⅛s
+29.8 NtCptr s	22⅞	+1
NatlRV	32⅞	+⅝
+20.0 NatlVsn	7⅛	+⅛s
-38.6 NatlMcr	29½s	-1⅛s
-6.2 PenzOil	5⅝s	+½s
+22.2 Penwalt	39½	+1⅛s
-12.1 PoloRcp s	10 ⅞s	-⅞s
+35.6 Peoplsft s	68⅝s	+1⅝s
+71.0 Peregrne	u22⅝	+⅜
-69.9 PerfMatS	6⅛	-⅛
-5.6 Perrigo	12⅝	+⅛s
-19.6 PetcoAn	19⅛	+1⅛s
+8.3 PetDv	5⅛s	+⅛s
+60.8 PetsMart	10⅝s	+⅝s
+42.2 Pharmi	14⅜	-⅜s
+54.7 Pharmos	3½s	+½s
-29.9 PhaseCp	6¾	+⅛s
-20.1 PhyCor	21⅝s	-⅛s
-35.7 PhyMatrix	d10⅛	-⅛s
+29.3 PhysRsrl	13½	+⅝s
+11.4 PhysioCon	17⅝s	+⅜s
-2.9 PicTel	6⅝s	-⅛s
+43.6 PinnSyst	35	+⅛s
-18.9 PionStd	12⅜	+⅛s
+80.7 Pixar	34⅜	-⅛s
+87.2 PlatSoft	22	+⅛s
-12.8 PlatTc	24½	-⅜s
+132.2 Polycom	u12⅝	+1⅜s
+94.4 PowerCrv	u4⅜	+⅛s
GiHoA	14.86	+.11 +80 9
Growth	26.97	-.07 +168.9
MnrvA	8.26	+.34 6
MnMuA	10.63	+.38
PacA	18.47	+.22 +35.3
S&P50C	14.40	+.11 +92.5
SpVA	22.16	+.25 +156.8
BdDbE p	9.96	NS
BdDbE p	9.98	+.01 NS
BdDbC p	9.98	+.01 NS
Bond	10.01	NS
Equity	16.75	+.12 NS
IntlEqty	12.51	+.14 NS
IntlOpp	11.53	+.10 NS
SmallCo	16.22	+.14 NS
Balncd n	16.95	+.08 +110.2
Enterpr n	33.79	+.17 +120.1
Fidlnc n	10.08	-.59 8
Fund n	28.98	+.13 +133.5
Grinc n	26.90	+.08 +172.2
HiYld n	11.75	+.01 NS
Mercury n	19.80	+.05 NS
Olympus n	20.79	+.14 NS
Ovrseas n	20.49	+.18 NS
SpStru n	16.40	+.10 NS
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Larry Hagman: Thriving and surviving three years after liver transplant

By Douglas J. Rowe
Associated Press Writer

NEW YORK — Larry Hagman walks into Universal Pictures offices in midtown Manhattan talking about a front-page story on liver transplant policy.

"I'm always interested in what they're doing," says the 66-year-old actor, whose interest in the topic in that morning's paper is understandable. Come August, he'll have had his new liver three years.

He can tick off the statistics: 7,000 people waiting while there are barely 4,000 donors at any given time. And he can recall his own wait: 36 days.

"I was very lucky," he says.

He was very ill, too. Doctors had given him less than two months to live, and once surgeons opened him up they figured it was closer to two weeks.

Now the man who lived through the most-watched shooting in TV history is not only surviving in real life, he's thriving.

Amid the mixed reviews of "Primary Colors," Hagman has grabbed glowing notices for his small role as a challenger to the Clintonesque character played by John Travolta.

Admittedly feeling transformed because of his second chance at life, Hagman is so happy-go-lucky these days that he even laughs off the backhanded way many of those plaudits were delivered. The words "surprise" and "surprisingly" often were used in describing his performance.

For anyone who wants to connect the dots between his Gov. Fred Picker and a real-life inspiration (Ross Perot and former Florida Gov. Lawton Chiles have been the guesses), Hagman says: forget it. "I just read the gist of the guy and just formed my own character," he says.

Hagman has had various brushes with the presidency over the years — Oliver Stone's "Nixon," the forgettable 1978 made-for-TV movie "The President's Mistress," and the 1964 thriller "Fail Safe," in which he plays a translator for the president's tense hotline discussions with Moscow.

And he's been in uniform a lot, even in real life. He went to military school for four years and served in the Air Force another four (while stationed in England he met his wife, Maj, and married her in 1954). Then, of course, he played Maj. Nelson on the NBC sitcom "I Dream of Jeannie" for five years (1965-70), as well as an officer in films like

Larry Hagman

"The Eagle Has Landed."

So he hasn't had to go too deep into the wardrobe department for many of his roles. Even for his most famous one — J.R. in "Dallas," which ran on CBS from 1978 to '91 — he just had to grab some Texas-flavored businessman's garb, a Stetson and cowboy boots.

His success on television — along with short memories — may help explain why reviewers were "surprised" by Hagman's latest outing.

Does anyone remember the interesting, vulnerable son of Art Carney in "Harry and Tonto" in 1974? Or a performance in "The Group" that was overwhelmingly praised by critics in 1966?

Because of his health problems, the 6-foot-1-inch Hagman — who looks strapping and strong now — can sound like Mr. Perspective: "I got a look over the edge, you know, I was right there."

And he can sound truly unfazed by any lack of appreciation of his acting range: "I don't care. It doesn't matter to me."

The son of the late Broadway and film musical-comedy legend Mary Martin, Hagman looks back fondly on his "Dallas" years. He still hands out counterfeit $10,000 bills with his autograph and a picture of J.R. in place of a dead president as a gag, and says he never got tired of the role. Another "Dallas" reunion special is set to air April 24.

"I had a good time doing it and made a ... lot of money so that I can pick and choose what I want to do now. I don't have to work. I can do it for fun. That's a true luxury," says Hagman, whose salary in 1980-81, when the show hit No. 1 in the Nielsens, was $75,000 per episode.

The show rode atop the ratings for three seasons, and the "Who Shot J.R.?" episode remains second only to the last "M-A-S-H" show as all-time most-watched program.

'Teletubbies': Precious, or just toddler twaddle?

By Don Aucoin
N.Y. Times News Service

"Teletubbies" is the ultimate love-it-or-hate-it proposition.

The much-hyped, much-debated British children's program, which debuts this week on Public Broadcasting stations, is believed to be the first show designed for children as young as 1. What that means is that "Teletubbies" is a welcome addition to a menu of children's programs that otherwise excludes the youngest of the young.

Or maybe what it means is that "Teletubbies" is a sinister incursion into what should be an age of TV-free innocence.

I can't make up my mind. My first viewing of "Teletubbies" left me too dizzy to decide.

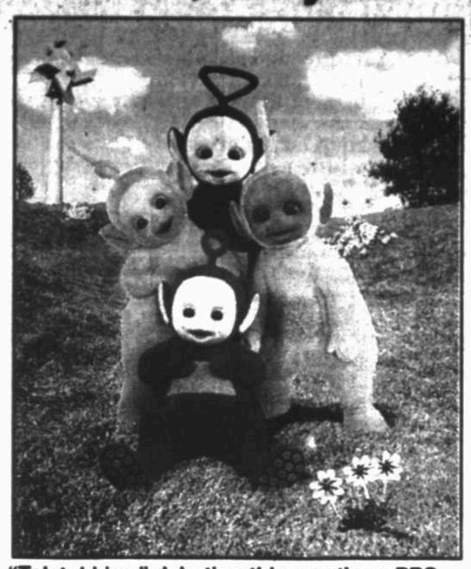
This is one ... unusual show. Parents be warned: Barney the dinosaur sounds like Noel Coward next to the prattling and baby-talking Teletubbies.

But words are not the point of "Teletubbies" (less than one-fifth of each episode consists of dialogue). Images are the point: imaginative, toddler-friendly images that are colorful to the point of psychedelia.

The Teletubbies, four furry little costumed characters who look like extraterrestrials, bear the overly precious monikers of Dipsy, Laa-Laa, Tinky Winky, and Po. They romp; they cavort; they hug one another and fall down a lot.

So much for plot. They are called Teletubbies because they have little TV screens in their stomachs. They also have TV antennas on their heads.

Is this television at its cleverly self-referential best, or television at its cynical, merchandise-driven worst? Again, I can't decide.



"Teletubbies," debuting this month on PBS stations, is meant to appeal to children as young as 1.

Surreal touches abound. There is a gurgling sun-baby who gazes down on the Teletubbies from a startlingly blue sky. A microphone periodically sprouts from the earth and begins reciting nursery rhymes to the Teletubbies, or leading them in exercise by saying "Trot, trot, trot."

About midway through each show, one of the Teletubbies' abdominal screens starts to glow, and video clips start to play. In one episode, we see a girl riding her horse; in another episode, we see a boy riding his tricycle. When the mini-film ends, the Teletubbies cry in unison "Again! Again!" and the film plays over again.

That shows an understanding of toddlers' love for repetition, a phenomenon familiar to anyone who has ever read a story to a 2-year-old.

Fans of "Teletubbies" say that sort of age-appropriate pacing is one of the action show's strengths. There are others, such as the visually arresting parade of computer-generated animals in the opening episode.

"Teletubbies" seems to try to hold up a funhouse mirror to the world of toddlers, mimicking their playtime mannerisms while placing toddler-surrogates into the realm of fantasy. Bizarre as the characters are, many children will likely be transfixed by "Teletubbies" out of a sheer sense of recognition.

But it's also easy to understand why "Teletubbies" is so controversial in Britain.

For one thing, the baby-talk is cloying ("Eh-oh" for "Hello," and so on). There's no attempt to teach language skills, a hallmark of the best children's television.

That points to the problem with "Teletubbies": Its goal seems to lull or stimulate children more than educate them. There is a random quality to the images that at times resembles MTV at its dumbest.

So "Teletubbies" strikes this viewer as a very mixed bag. There seems every likelihood that it will be a hit, though, with merchandising spinoffs galore. As the Teletubbies would doubtless say, "Uh-oh."

'City of Angels' is a Godsend for moviegoers

By Jane Ganahl
N.Y. Times News Service

■ Review

LOS ANGELES — Halfway through "City of Angels," starring Nicolas Cage and Meg Ryan, in which Cage plays an angel, I had to zip out to the snack bar to find some napkins to dab my eyes, which didn't stop welling.

"Get hold of yourself!" I lectured my inner child. "This is NOT such a sad movie!"

But there is something profoundly moving about it — the way Cage's face registers his empathy for humans who are suffering, his heartbreaking love for Ryan.

Perhaps, I conclude, I am reacting so powerfully because the film deals with the passage from life to death, and I lost both my mother and sister to cancer in the last two years. I assume no one else viewing the film could feel quite as moved; to me this movie has a transcendent quality.

After the film, the 20 or so entertainment journalists on my bus, who spend their lives going from movie junket to movie junket, are uncharacteristically silent.

"What did you think?" whispers one critic from Chicago. I tell him my reaction and he seems to breathe easier. "I thought I was the only one!" he says. "I thought it was good entertainment, but it touched me pretty deeply."

He seems surprised that something out of Hollywood could have this kind of unabashedly spiritual content. But, I point out to him, baby boomers like us are getting older, losing our parents — and each other — so films and books that deal with dying might be the wave of the future. After all, we're all seeking to make sense of it all.

Up in my hotel room, I pore over the production notes. It turns out this is the last film co-produced by Charles Roven and his wife Dawn Steel, who died in December before its completion. I burst into tears.

I show up at the Nikko Hotel for my one-on-one interview with Andre Braugher, so wonderful in television's "Homicide" and now hitting the big screen playing Cage's angel sidekick. I have to wait for 15 minutes at a table with another journalist, this one from Toronto.

He tells me his evening was ruined because he melted down after seeing the film — and remembered holding his mother's hand three years ago while she died. "At the same time, it was so beautiful!" he exclaims. I told him of my own recent losses.

Later, during the group interviews, producer Roven arrives to field questions with director Brad Silberling. I am surprised that Roven is up to the task, having lost his wife just three months ago.

The questions that are first posed are standard: How did they acquire the rights to Wim Wenders' "Wings of Desire," on which "City of Angels" is based; how did they get the red-hot Cage?

Then I blurt out to Roven: "Are you aware how profoundly the film is bound to touch some people, especially those who have lost someone?"

Unexpectedly, his eyes well with tears. "Just hearing you ask this question tells me I have succeeded in what I wanted to do," he stammers.

As they get up to leave, another journalist shoves his hand in Roven's. "Thank you for making this film," I hear him whisper, and Roven smiles brokenly.

Dennis Franz, who plays a fallen angel, lightens the mood considerably when discussing a scene that required him to swim in the nude.

"It's about time, don't you think?" he chuckles. "When I was filming 'NYPD Blue' with David Caruso, he was ALWAYS getting naked. People would drive by us on location and holler, 'Hey, Sipowicz, when are we gonna see your ass?'"

He also says that working on the film "had an unusual quality about it. I dunno how to describe it — maybe that we just all got along really well. But it was really, really wonderful."

WYNETTE: Her 'Stand By Your Man' a country anthem

(From 1D)

naturedly kissed a flock of male fans who couldn't get enough of her. The moment was real and heartfelt, not show-bizzy.

The song "Stand By Your Man" was sung by every bar singer in the land — and was featured in the film "Five Easy Pieces," bringing her to a whole new generation, though it also angered a few women who took it way too seriously as a non-feminist song. One was Hillary Rodham Clinton, who once said, "I'm not sitting here like some little woman standing by my man like Tammy Wynette." (Wynette lashed back by saying that such a remark "offended every true country music fan and every person who has made it on their own with no one to take them to a White House.")

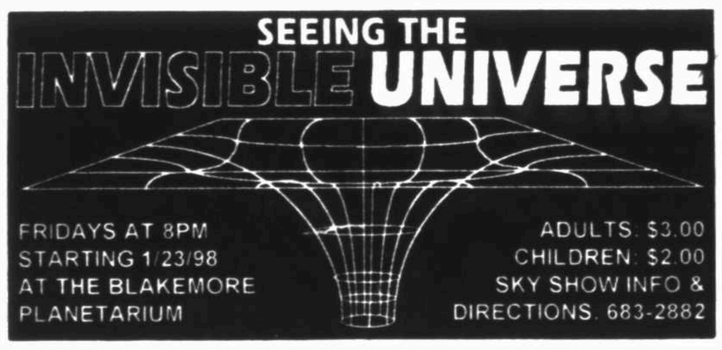
While the song indelibly marked her career, it wasn't the only classic that this formidable woman sang. Another was "D-I-V-O-R-C-E," with Wynette spelling out the word in aching, honky-tonk fashion, leaning on every letter and letting you know she had lived the emotions of the lyrics.

Wynette came from humble roots — from a cotton farm in Itawanba, Miss. — and even though, she grew to become a Las Vegas-level star (selling more than 30 million records), she had a bedrock country voice and sensibility which made her an icon to the everyday country fan, to whom she always related.

"I feel I'm a very average woman," Wynette told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch last year. "I know I no longer have an average job. Still, I can relate to any woman because I've worked in a shoe factory, been a barmaid, a waitress, worked in a garment factory, and picked cotton. And I think I've done a little bit of everything on the farm."

Wynette was also one of country music's greatest duet singers. Her classic duets with onetime husband George Jones ("Golden Ring" and "We're Going to Hold On," an anthem of survival) were also fan favorites. And she did an album of duets in 1994, "Without Walls," with pop artists such as Sting, Elton John, and James Taylor, who said it's "always been a lifelong dream to share a stage with Tammy Wynette."

In recent years, Wynette became mildly embittered — for good reason — at the way many country radio stations eschewed "veteran" artists in favor of videogenic up-and-comers. "It bothers me today because I don't think age has anything to do with talent," said Wynette. And in her case, it was true.



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SPACE: Importance of family film's main message

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whiny cyberbrat with too much black eyeliner, mooning over the hunkiness of Major West (Matt LeBlanc) and complaining to her handheld electronic journal about parents who'd take her away from all she knows.

For her, "all the stakes are raised and all the problems are exaggerated," director Stephen Hopkins says. "It's not, 'Are you being invited to the prom?' It's more like, 'I'm being chased by giant alien space creatures through a spaceship.'"

Daughter Judy (Heather Graham) has become a work-obsessed, no-nonsense scientist like her father ("We're trying to save the planet here — there's no time for fun," she says.) A female version of Star Trek's Scotty, she really wants to be left to her machines and not have to cope with anyone human. This is a far cry from the bubbly blonde (Marta Kristen) who "heroically postponed all hopes for a career in the musical comedy field" to join her family in space in 1965.

But the most striking dysfunction emanates from John Robinson (William Hurt) and his computer-whiz son, Will (Jack Johnson), who makes Billy Mumy's TV Will seem as innocent as Little Ricky on "I love Lucy."

Theirs is a classic dance of late-20th-century father-son angst. Dr. Robinson is the workaholic absentee father with the ultimate excuse: He's saving the world, after all, so it's OK, he reasons, to miss Will's science fair and just make an "apology video" later on. Will worships his father but only wants some quality time. When he gets it, he's not even paid attention to. "You never LISTEN to me," he yells at his father, echoing a generation or two of sons.

And just as Robinson struggles not to be like his legendary, killed-in-action adventurer father, so Will Robinson grapples to be different from his own dad. Of course, it doesn't work; it never does. Fortunately for the audience, Maureen is around to impart this explicitly: "Funny creatures, men — they try so hard not to be their fathers, then end up making the same mistakes."

Hurt, modern entertainment's most accomplished self-doubter, is perfect for this sort of angst-ridden ambiguity. Sort of an absentee husband as well, he often yields to Maureen's far superior inner strength; he knows not to mess with her when she's mad. "What do you think I'm doing here — throwing a Tupperware party?" she barks at him.

Despite such heavy-handedness, "Lost in Space" raises, as science fiction should, some fascinating and relevant issues. Think you've got problems during the family vacation? Try spending the next 10 years in a summer cottage-size spacecraft with the clan. Don't understand dad's late hours at the office? In a 10-year-old's eyes, every father is off saying the world from 9 to 5. John Robinson just does it supported by millions of dollars in special effects.

Not to mention the fact that the very idea of a nuclear family — mom, dad, three kids — that remains together through thick and thin is sort of an anomaly in 1998.

Of course, the Robinsons have little choice but to stick together. Doing battle with giant spiders is generally more pressing than therapy and feel-good family talk.

"The issues real families face are pretty dark. They generally have to do with loss, aberrant behavior, often with death. So if you elevate that to science fiction terms, you have to deal with real peril," says Goldsman, 35, who grew up watching "Lost in Space" reruns in the early 1970s.

"It's not a new theme: It's 'Swiss Family Robinson,'" he says. "I don't think they're named Robinson by accident."

This is no longer television, though. No one wants to see a Ward Cleaver dad like Guy Williams' TV John Robinson — confident and strong, authoritarian and unhaunted — running things perfectly. Today we gravitate toward, even crave human angst, and the action matters little without the motivation behind it.

"Lost in Space" the movie shows us that in spades. At times clumsy, at times overwrought, it can, at its lower moments, drift into being the deep-space "Field of Dreams."

But its theme redeems it in the end. Where "Star Trek" has shown us a family coming together from friendship, "Lost in Space" starts with the premise of family and moves from there. And like any family drama, from "Life With Father" to "Ordinary People" to "Party of Five," it is about themes that never grow old: blood bonds, generational atonement and, most importantly, having the strength of character to make the right choices at the right moments — even when you're not sure the right moment is at hand.

For in the end, even an eternal Thanksgiving dinner in space with the people who annoy you the most is a far better prospect than death in the jaws of hungry alien spiders.

That's the ultimate message of "Lost in Space." And, for that matter, a pretty good idea of what it means to be a family.

Oscars move to Sunday, begin earlier in '99

N.Y. Times News Service

The broadcast of the Academy Awards, always the most watched entertainment show on television, will move to Sunday night next year and will begin a half-hour earlier, at 8:30 p.m. Eastern standard time.

ABC announced the change as part of its new long-term agreement with the Motion Picture Academy of Arts and Sciences, which will keep the program on ABC through 2008. ABC had previously owned the rights through 2000.

No terms were announced, but the program, which was seen this year by a record 87 million Americans, is second only to the Super Bowl as an annual event, and ABC president Robert Iger, who negotiated the deal said, "We paid a very handsome price."

He said the increase in the fee was significant but that it was "well worth it to lock up one of television's crown jewel events."

The bidding was extremely competitive, he said, though he would not disclose which other networks were involved. One senior executive said that Turner Broadcasting Co. had made a large bid.

ABC also announced that it would include a new half-hour "Arrivals" show at 8 p.m. to chronicle the scene outside the arena as stars arrive. "There's always been a lot of interest in that part of the event," Iger said. "And until now we've left that to others to cover."

As for Barbara Walters, who has been the host of a celebrity interview show before the Oscar telecast, she will move her hour-long special to 7 that Sunday night, Iger said.

"Moving to Sunday has a lot of advantages," he said, noting that there were more viewers available Sunday night than Monday night, when the show has traditionally been broadcast.

Iger also said that ABC would like to help create an "Academy Awards weekend," along the lines of Super Bowl weekend.

ENOUGH ALREADY?

Is the public getting fed up with the coverage of the allegations of sexual misconduct against President Clinton?

In public opinion polls, people have suggested they wished the saturation coverage would cease, but news ratings for all the coverage have been strong for the most part.

But last week, the week of the biggest news in the case in some time, the dismissal of the Paula Jones lawsuit against the President, the ratings for evening newscasts declined sharply.

CBS alone showed a slight increase, going to a 7.7 rating from a 7.6. (Each rating point represents 980,000 homes.) But both NBC and ABC were down sharply. ABC fell to a 7.3 rating from a 7.6, and NBC fell to a 7.7 from an 8.2 the week before.

"This certainly helps the argument that viewers just aren't that interested in this story," one network news executive said.

CHILDREN APPROVE

Nickelodeon's 11th annual "Kids Choice Awards" Saturday night tied with pro wrestling as the most-watched show on cable last week, drawing 7.6 million viewers and a 3.4 national Nielsen rating, its highest ever. (Each rating point represents 980,000 homes.)

It had a 9.1 rating among children aged 6 to 11, and a 5.4, more than twice its previous high, among teen-agers.

The show features celebrities from music, movies, television and sports giving and getting awards voted on by Nickelodeon's viewers. In a sign of the new times, 5 million votes were cast this year, 4.2 million of them via the Internet.

COUPLE: Movie shamefully devoid of any real jokes

(From 1D)

so clunky and devoid of real jokes that the actors are reduced to desperate mugging and shouting to try to pump some energy into their bickering dialogue. Whole swatches of conversation are little more than mildly barbed remarks delivered with a stagy fervor that seems even more inappropriate yelled in the movie's outdoor settings.

You'll heave a sigh of relief when both Felix and Oscar eventually end up safely back in that Florida retirement community. It's the only place they belong.

PRODUCTION NOTES
NEIL SIMON'S
'THE ODD COUPLE II'

"Neil Simon's 'The Odd Couple II'" is rated PG-13 (Parents strongly cautioned). Some of its jokes are mildly off-color.

Directed by Howard Deutch; written by Neil Simon; director of photography, Jamie Anderson; edited by Seth Flaum; music by Alan Silvestri; production designer, Dan Bishop; produced by Simon, Robert W. Cort and David Madden; released by Paramount Pictures. Running time: 90 minutes. This film is rated PG-13.

Cast: Jack Lemmon (Felix Ungar), Walter Matthau (Oscar Madison), Christine Baranski (Thelma) and Jean Smart (Holly).

Hollywood Theaters

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TITANIC PG-13	12:00 4:00 8:30
TITANIC PG-13	2:40 7:15
THE ODD COUPLE 2 PG-13	12:05 2:30 4:55 7:25 9:45
CITY OF ANGELS PG-13	12:20 3:30 7:00 9:35
MY GIANT PG	12:00 2:25 4:45 7:20 9:40
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SPECIES 2 R	12:10 2:35 5:00 7:30 9:55
THE NEWTON BOYS PG-13	12:55 3:55 7:10 9:50

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GREASE PG	(2:20) 4:50 7:20 9:50
U.S. MARSHALS PG-13	(1:15) 4:10 7:00 9:55
WILD THINGS R	(2:45) 5:10 7:35 10:00

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WAG THE DOG R	2:25 4:50 7:20 9:35
THE BORROWERS PG	2:35 4:55 7:25 9:30
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD PG-13	2:35 4:50 7:25 9:35
DARK CITY R	2:25 5:00 7:30 9:40

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MOUSE HUNT PG	2:30 4:45 7:10 9:45
HARD RAIN R	2:45 5:00 7:30 10:00
SPHERE PG-13	2:00 4:35 7:15 9:50

LEMMON: Winner of two Oscars, legendary actor says he'll never quit the business

(From 1D)

on a rawhide bone while the actor spun his story.

He was asked if he had been shy as a young person.

"I think basically I was," he replied. "I was attracted to acting for the simple reason that I was accepted by my peers, the kids at school, when I performed. I said, 'Gee, this is terrific.' It had nothing to do with talent; it had everything to do with being accepted.

"So I kept at it and started doing bits between classes. The kids would start coming over and saying, 'Imitate W.C. Fields for us.' Or Mae West. Do this, do that, tell us a story.

"Every night, instead of studying, I'd make up stories at home. Then I'd tell them to the kids. So I was performing, in a way. Because I was accepted, I said, 'Jeez, I like this.' Later I fell in love with it when I started acting."

Lemmon admitted that he was an academic underachiever: "It had everything to do with not cracking the books. I got by; I made sure of that."

Thanks to his schooling at the prestigious Phillips Academy in Andover, Mass., he was accepted to both Harvard University and Yale University. He decided on Harvard to be close to his family in Boston. Later, he realized he could have taken advantage of the Yale Drama School. Harvard had no such curriculum, but he did appear in plays for the Hasty Pudding and the drama club.

Before his service in the Navy, Lemmon spent two seasons in summer theater. After the war he studied with the great teacher-actress Uta Hagen as well as the coach David Alexander.

"We did scene-study classes with David," Lemmon recalled. "On Wednesday nights we would do the scenes before the class, and the students would critique it.

"Then he would say, 'What about counterpoint, going exactly the opposite? What would happen?' Now the scene wouldn't hold up that way. But it was interesting ... to see the actor trying to play it that way, stretching himself, also using what David called obstacles: thinking of things to get in the way of achieving what the actor does in the scene."

This helps explain the Lemmon style, especially in comedy: It's offbeat, seemingly tentative, often surprising. You're never sure what he's going to do next, hence you need to keep your eyes on him.

In New York, Lemmon began finding jobs in radio and off-Broadway, playing piano in bars during the lean periods. Then came one of the great American acting schools: live television.

During the 1950s, the networks offered numerous dramatic programs that brought experience and recognition to a new generation of actors. Among them: Paul Newman, Grace Kelly, James Dean, Joanne Woodward, Rod Steiger, Cliff Robertson, Lee Remick, Steve McQueen, Eva Marie Saint, Charlton Heston — and Jack Lemmon.

"It was great training, no question," Lemmon agreed.

The actors were able to work with great writers and directors. They needed to learn their roles fast and be prepared for any emergency. No retakes, no second chances. The programs were transmitted instantaneously to millions.

One of Lemmon's first shows was an hour drama for Kraft Television Theater. During a long speech, he drifted to a fireplace. Unbeknownst to him, that part of the set had been hauled upwards, "exposing three guys playing cards."

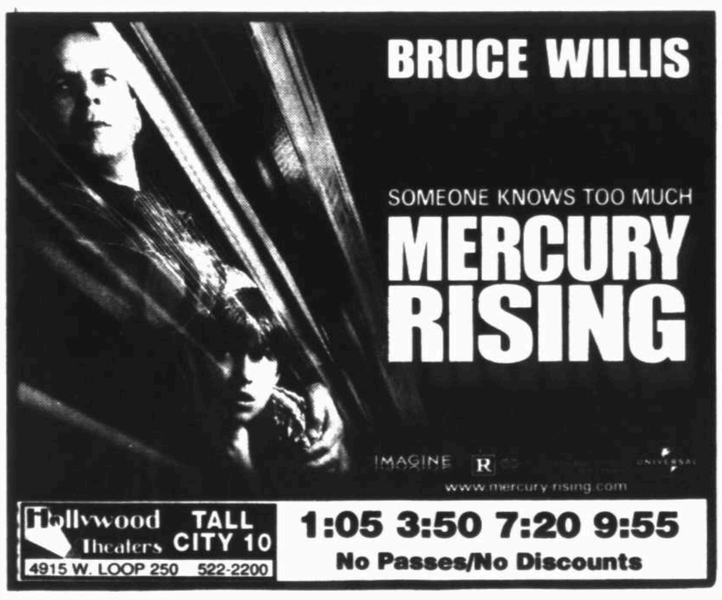
Lemmon leaned against what he thought would be the mantelpiece and went sprawling. He got up, said, "I'm sorry," and continued his speech.

Television helped attract Hollywood interest, and Lemmon signed a contract with Columbia Pictures. He co-starred with Judy Holliday in his first movie, "It Should Happen to You." As Ensign Pulver in his fourth film, "Mister Roberts," he won the 1955 Academy Award for supporting actor, and his career was established.

In 1973, he won the Oscar as best actor for "Save the Tiger," and he has been nominated for "Some Like It Hot," "The Apartment," "Days of Wine and Roses," "The China Syndrome," "Tribute" and "Missing."

Lemmon has been working almost nonstop for two years. He won't be in front of the camera again until the fall when he and Matthau shoot "The Odd Couple III." He also plans to make a TV movie, "Inherit the Wind," the play and later Stanley Kramer film that fictionalized the Scopes trial. George C. Scott, who appeared with Lemmon in the cable-TV production of "12 Angry Men," will co-star.

"I love it," Lemmon said. "I'll never quit."



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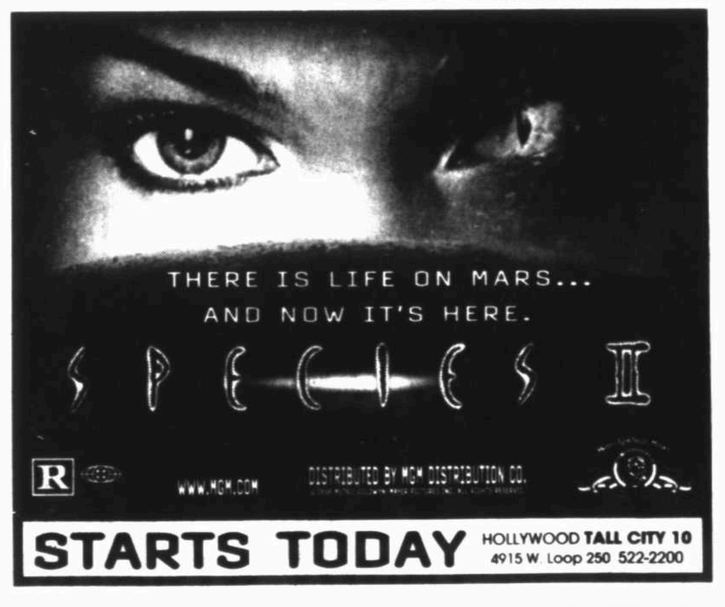

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GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH: Easter Sunday worship schedule: 7:00 a.m. Easter sunrise outdoor worship, 10:30 a.m. Easter Worship celebration with Holy Communion.

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REVIEWS & PREVIEWS

SHORT TAKES

Openers

"Odd Couple 2," "City of Angels" and "My Giant" open today at the Tall City 10.

Box office

Top weekend movies

Weekend of April 3-5, 1998
All dollar figures in millions

Gross to date, weeks in release, number of screens	Weekend gross
1 Lost in Space $20.2, one week, 3,306 screens	$20.2
2 Titanic $530.4, 16 weeks, 3,265 screens	$11.5
3 Mercury Rising $10.1, one week, 2,386 screens	$10.1
4 Grease $20.1, two weeks, 2,064 screens	$5.5
5 Primary Colors $28.9, three weeks, 1,976 screens	$4.7
6 Wild Things $23.6, three weeks, 1,981 screens	$3.6
7 The Man in the Iron Mask $49.0, four weeks, 2,504 screens	$3.5
8 As Good as It Gets $136.4, 15 weeks, 1,556 screens	$3.3
9 Good Will Hunting $126.0, 18 weeks, 1,576 screens	$3.2
10 The Newton Boys $7.6, two weeks, 1,969 screens	$2.3

Top 10 lists

Weekly charts for the nation's most popular videos as they appear in next week's issue of Billboard magazine. Reprinted with permission. All lists c. 1998, Billboard Publications, Inc.:

Video Rentals

1. "In & Out," (Paramount)
2. "The Devil's Advocate," (Warner)
3. "The Full Monty," (Fox)
4. "I Know What You Did Last Summer," (Columbia TriStar)
5. "The Edge," (Fox)
6. "Mimic," (Dimension)
7. "The Peacemaker," (Universal)
8. "The Game," (PolyGram)
9. "Air Force One," (Columbia TriStar)
10. "G.I. Jane," (Hollywood)

Top Singles

1. "All My Life," K-Ci & Jojo (MCA)
2. "Let's Ride," Montell Jordan featuring Master P & Silkk the Shocker (Def Jam)
3. "Too Close," Next (Arista) (Gold)
4. "Frozen," Madonna (Maverick)
5. "Truly Madly Deeply," Savage Garden (Columbia) (Gold)
6. "Romeo and Juliet," Sylk-E. Fyne featuring Chill (RCA)
7. "Nice & Slow," Usher (LaFace) (Platinum)
8. "Sex and Candy," Marcy Playground (Capitol)
9. "Gone Till November," Wyclef Jean (Ruffhouse) (Platinum)
10. "My Heart Will Go On," Celine Dion (Sony)

Top Albums

1. "'Titanic' Soundtrack," (Sony Classical) (Platinum)
2. "Let's Talk About Love," Celine Dion (550 Music) (Platinum)
3. "Savage Garden," Savage Garden (Columbia) (Platinum)
4. "Ray of Light," Madonna (Maverick)
5. "Backstreet Boys," Backstreet Boys (Jive) (Platinum)

Country Singles

1. "Bye Bye," Jo Dee Messina (Curb)
2. "Perfect Love," Trisha Yearwood (MCA)
3. "Then What?" Clay Walker (Giant)
4. "If I Never Stop Lovin' You," David Kersh (Curb)
5. "You're Still the One," Shania Twain (Mercury)
6. "This Kiss," Faith Hill (Warner Bros.)
7. "Two Pina Coladas," Garth Brooks (Capitol)
8. "Dream Walkin'," Toby Keith (Mercury)
9. "Out of My Bones," Randy Travis (DreamWorks)
10. "Nothing But the Taillights," Clint Black (RCA)

Latin Tracks

1. "No Se Olvidar," Alejandro Fernandez (Sony Discos)
2. "Una Fan Enamorada," Servando Y Florentino (WEA Latina)
3. "Asi Fue," Juan Gabriel
4. "Por Que Te Conoci," Los Temerarios (Fonovisa)
5. "Si Tu Supieras," Alejandro Fernandez (Sony Discos)

Reviews and Previews Editor
Jimmy Patterson

Wynette much more than a one-song woman

Country singer was living proof you could age and retain talent

Tammy Wynette

By Steve Morse
N.Y. Times News Service

For Tammy Wynette fans, the thrill came every night. The applause would start building, and keep building, near the climax of "Stand By Your Man," the song she co-wrote and made into one of the great anthems of country music.

Wynette, who died Monday of a blood clot at age 55, performed the song thousands of times everywhere from arenas to state fairs, but each time it felt new, coming from a woman who personified glamour but also had a rugged individualism that influenced many of today's singers from Wynonna to Shania Twain.

■ Appreciation

"If you love him, be proud of him, because after all, he's just a man," she sang on "Stand By Your Man," with an earthy rawness that riveted the crowd. "Give him two arms to cling to, and something warm to come to when nights are lonely. Give him all the love that you can ... Stand by your man."

Wynette performed hundreds of times during her three decades of touring — and she never failed to electrify the crowd with that song. She did it in one of her last appearances at the South Shore Music Circus in Cohasset, Mass. a few years ago, though she was already physically frail and on a path of what would be 20 different surgeries for her stomach and intestinal problems.

But the memory that stands out the most is a 1977 concert at the Mount Washington Valley Country Music Festival in New Hampshire. Her fourth of five marriages had just collapsed, but she still sang the song with the utmost passion. Wearing a stunning, low-cut pink gown (the Shania Twain of her time in the way she sometimes dressed), Wynette waded into the crowd and good-

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Together Again

Latest Matthau-Lemmon flick proves that not all reunions are necessarily a good thing

Jack Lemmon, left, and Walter Matthau have made three movies in the "Grumpy Old Men" series, but now play to the Neil Simon script, "Odd Couple 2: Travelin' Light," a sequel to the 1968 movie that spawned a television series.

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Crummy Old Men: 'Odd Couple II' fails miserably

By Stephen Holden
N.Y. Times News Service

When the old folks playing low-stakes poker at a retirement community in Florida order food, their dietary preferences run toward yummy high-cholesterol fare like corned beef sandwiches and cheesecake. But now, of course, that corned beef is made of tofu and the cheesecake is as low-fat as cheesecake can be.

Neil Simon's screenplay for "The Odd Couple II" is a lot like those health-conscious meals that the movie's poker players joke about mirthlessly. The idea of hiring Jack Lemmon and Walter Matthau fresh from their successes as grumpy old men to reinhabit the roles that established them as inspired comic sparring partners three decades ago sounds promising.

■ Review

But the movie turns out to be a dispiriting, flavorless travesty, the equivalent of moldy tofu mystery meat and rancid skim milk.

"The Odd Couple II" reunites the former roommates — persnickety, obsessive-compulsive Felix (Lemmon) and grouchy cigar-chomping Oscar (Matthau) — for the first time in 17 years. The occasion is the West Coast wedding of Oscar's son and Felix's daughter. Meeting at the airport in Los Angeles, the two old friends rent a car to drive to the ceremony but get lost in the desert, lose their vehicle and their luggage, and find themselves hitchhiking in the middle of nowhere.

Before they reach their destination, the pair are sprayed by a crop duster, arrested and accused of transporting illegal aliens, menaced by the gun-crazed husbands of two swaggering gals they pick up in a redneck bar, and stranded on the highway in an antique car with an ancient driver who has suddenly dropped dead. None of this is funny. The movie reaches its embarrassing nadir in scenes of the old coots flirting with Christine Baranski and Jean Smart, two fine comic actors both woefully miscast as Simon's notion of tough, middle-aged biker chicks.

You would have expected Matthau's and Lemmon's over-70 versions of Felix and Oscar to convey a rich sense of their characters' comic history, but they don't. Simon's screenplay is

Please see COUPLE/11C

For almost half a century, Jack Lemmon has persisted in acting, making filmgoers laugh, cry and contemplate, all because he wanted acceptance from his peers as a youth, and found that acting gave him that acceptance.

45 years a film star, Jack Lemmon looks back on how it all happened

By Bob Thomas
Associated Press Writer

BEVERLY HILLS, Calif. — Jack Lemmon remains little changed by his 73 years He's a bit thick in the middle, but that's to be expected. His face is rosy and little lined, his eyes clear.

And for someone who had no youthful ambition to become an actor, he's enjoyed a fulfilling career.

During his Hollywood years, Lemmon has seemed to be a semi-private man, always congenial and lighthearted, but with a certain reserve that hinted of his Boston birth and Ivy League education. So it was a pleasant surprise to hear him reflect openly on the beginnings of his life as an actor.

The unfolding of his narrative happened on a recent weekend when Lemmon was dutifully performing his chore of calling attention to his new film, "The Odd Couple II: Travelin' Light," which opens today. He rejoins his old sparring mate, Walter Matthau, in a script by Neil Simon, a followup to their 1968 hit.

Lemmon, winner of two Academy Awards, has enjoyed 45 years of uninterrupted stardom in films. He was fresh and glowing as he relaxed for a lengthy interview in a suite at the Four Seasons hotel. Chloe, his lovable black poodle, gnawed

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'Lost' Family Robinson a bellwether of relativity

By Ted Anthony
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Back in black-and-white 1965, June Lockhart made her "Lost in Space" debut as Maureen Robinson with a tableau befitting her era: While her heroic husband was out battling one-eyed aliens, she stood outside her spacecraft, stranded on a strange planet, happily slicing intergalactic bananas.

Cut to Mimi Rogers, Maureen Robinson 1998. Her attitude toward family life is a little more wry: "It's nice having our whole family under one roof," she snaps, "even if we did have to go halfway across the galaxy to manage it."

The first Robinson family chosen to fly off into space in the Velour and Reynolds-Wrap wardrobes of the mid-1960s was selected, according to a voice from Mission Control in the pilot episode, "for its unique balance of scientific achievement, emotional stability and pioneer resourcefulness." That, however, was a different age.

Today's Space Family Robinson, brought to life in the big-screen version of "Lost in Space," is another beast entirely — a clan consumed by insecurity, miscommunication and a decided lack of attention to each other's needs.

The saga that chronicles what it's like to be trapped with your family in a spaceship in — and for — the foreseeable future has changed with the times while taking some pointed potshots at modern-day theories of relativity.

"The TV series was 'Leave It to Beaver' in space. This is 'Roseanne' in space," says Rob Owen, author of "Gen X TV: The Brady Bunch to Melrose Place."

Not to say that screenwriter Akiva Goldsman's approach is subtle. The updated Penny Robinson, for instance, is no willing space traveler. As portrayed by Lacey Chabert, she has turned into a cartoonish,

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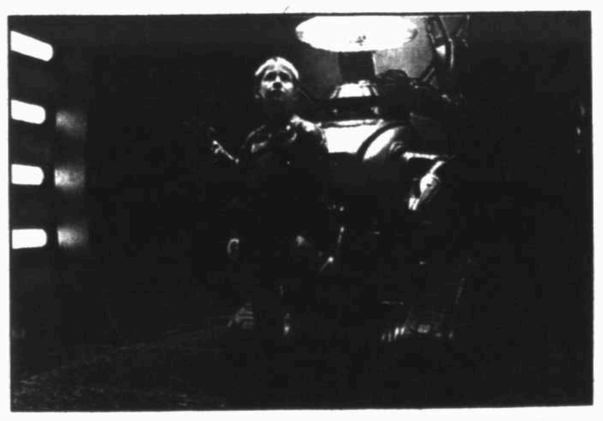

Child actor Jack Johnson stars as Will Robinson in the new movie, "Lost in Space." The movie is an update on the 1960's television series of the same name, and despite its newfangled special effects and technological enhancement, the importance of family sticking together remains the main theme.

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Racing resumes at Lone Star Park

By Denne H. Freeman
AP Sports Writer

GRAND PRAIRIE — Daggett's Crossing made sure I Are Sharp didn't steal the headlines in this year's opening race at Lone Star Park.

Leading most of the way, the Jim Hudson-trained horse with Ron Ardoin in the irons outlasted Mocha Express Thursday night in the $75,000 Premier stakes race, paying $5.60 to win.

I Are Sharp, the startling 49-1 longshot winner last year, finished a game fourth.

"Ardoin did a tremendous job," said Hudson, a former safety for Texas and then the New York Jets in the NFL. "I knew when we had a slow first half of the race that we had it. Ardoin is smart and cagey. He's just an old pro."

Said Ardoin: "I was kind of surprised they let us get away with the pace. I won the first race of the year and the biggest race tonight. It's wonderful to be back."

There wasn't the last-minute rush this time to get Lone Star Park out of the starting gate.

There was no heavy machinery getting in last-second licks to smooth out the track and no confused fans not knowing where to go.

There were new menus in the dining rooms, bettor horses to bet on, an expanded paddock area, and prices lowered from $5 to $3 for a reserved seat.

There were more television sets, mutuel windows, and extra stalls for horses.

There was a beautification project with hundreds of trees planted in the infield, an enlarged grandstand, and more concession areas.

"We were happy with the way things went last year but our goal this year is to make it even better," said vice president and general manager Corey Johnsen. "We're a fan-friendly track and want to do our jobs even better. And we want to keep our horsemen happy, too."

The Premier Stakes was run on a new, softer surface that has owners and trainers raving about its safety. Some trainers complained last year that the track became hard late in the season.

"The track won't be as fast but it will be much better for the horses," said Ron Moore, Lone Star's director of track maintenance, who directed the $175,000 new-dirt operation.

Moore put in a topping of organic stabilizers to cushion the track.

"That's one place where we have a blank check," Johnsen said. "We spend what we have to spend to make the track perfect."

Cool weather greeted the nine-race card Thursday night although a brisk north wind made it difficult for horses heading into the breeze.

There were the usual VIPs in attendance, including Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones, who brought coach Chan Gailey and his coaching staff. Some writers and broadcasters were invited to join them in picking horses in the boxes of Jim Musselman.

Hunch betters who remember Jones firing Jimmy Johnson were loaded up for the eighth race, which featured 10-1 shot "Jerry's Trouble," a 10-1 shot and 8-1 choice "Bye Bye Jimmy."

Many pick Trick on big Derby prep day

By Ed Schuyler Jr.
AP Racing Writer

On the biggest day of the year for Kentucky Derby contenders and pretenders, Favorite Trick will try to win the Arkansas Derby and become the third unbeaten starter at Churchill Downs.

Trainer Neil Howard will try to win two Derby stepping stones Saturday — the Blue Grass at Keeneland with Lil's Lad and the Wood Memorial at Aqueduct with Parade Ground.

Trainer Bob Baffert already has Indian Charlie and Real Quiet, 1-2 in the Santa Anita Derby, set for the May 2 Kentucky Derby. But he could add another starter should Prosperous Bid win the Wood Memorial. Baffert won the 1997 Derby with Silver Charm.

Trainer Shug McGaughey apparently won't have a Kentucky Derby starter even if favored Coronado's Quest wins the Wood Memorial.

"The Derby is out," said McGaughey, who has struggled with the talented but temperamental Coronado's Quest all year. The colt acts up badly when it's time to saddle him.

"It's disappointing, but at the same time I'm relieved," McGaughey said. "With his temperament, it's a relief not to go there."

Even calm colts can lose their cool on Kentucky Derby Day, a day like no other in American racing.

Favorite Trick, the 1997 Horse of the year and unbeaten in nine starts, is the 4-5 favorite to beat seven other 3-year-olds in the Arkansas Derby at Oaklawn Park and join Indian Charlie and Event of the Year, each undefeated in four starts, in the Kentucky Derby.

Two of Favorite Trick's rivals will be Quake (3-1), winner of one of four starts this year and second to Indian Charlie in an allowance race, and Victory Gallop (6-1), winner of Oaklawn's Rebel in his only 1998 start.

It will be only Trick's second start as a 3-year-old and his second for trainer Bill Mott, who replaced Patrick Byrne in January when Byrne accepted a deal to train for Frank Stronach of Canada.

Favorite Trick opened his 3-year-old campaign by winning the seven-furlong Swale at Gulfstream Park. The Arkansas Derby is 1 1-8 miles, but Favorite Trick won twice at 1 1-16-miles last year.

Mott picked the Arkansas Derby because he was worried about possible bad weather for the Wood Memorial in New York and he didn't like the way the Blue Grass was shaping up.

The Blue Grass attracted the top three finishers in the Florida Derby and two others. With Lil's Lad the only real speed in the race, the 1-2 favorite should be hard to overcome.

His two main rivals are Cape Town, who won the Florida Derby when Lil's Lad was disqualified, and Halory Hunter, third in the Florida Derby.

Lil's Lad, first in all four starts this year, appears set for the Kentucky Derby. Parade Ground also could earn a Derby start, and Howard has a possible third Derby horse in Comic Strip, winner of the Louisiana Derby, but out of the money in the Flamingo.

Parade Ground, winner of the Tampa Bay Derby, was the 6-1 third choice in 12-horse field for the Wood Memorial behind Coronado's Quest (2-1) and Prosperous Bid (4-1).

Prosperous Bid will be making his first start for Baffert, who last Sunday got the colt from John Mabee, who also owns Event of the Year.

The colt was being pointed for the Preakness two weeks after the Derby, but Baffert said, "If he wins the race and runs like Indian Charlie did (in winning the Santa Anita Derby), then who knows what could happen?"

Chicago's Sportsman's Park gets CART racing

CICERO, Ill. (AP) — Thoroughbred racing fans used to horses, pari-mutuel windows and stables will have to share Sportsman's Park with auto racing fans who fancy checkered flags, spinouts and the roar of engines.

Officials of Sportsman's Park and Championship Auto Racing Teams announced Thursday the development of a dual-purpose complex for both thoroughbred and auto racing at the 66-year-old track.

There will be a 7-furlong horse racing course and a mile oval for auto racing called the Chicago Motor Speedway. Construction, which will be privately funded, starts in July and should be completed in the fall of 1999.

Sportsman's joins Dover Downs in Delaware as the nations' only tracks to house horse and auto racing in the same facility.

The reconstruction includes new horse stables and staff living quarters. The horse racing track will be resurfaced and have wider turns. The grandstand, which now handles 11,000 spectators, will be expanded for more than 90,000.

The speedway itself will generate about $100 million in revenue, adding about $7 million in tax revenue for the state and local economy annually, according to Ed Duffy, chief operating officer of Sportsman's Park.

Chip Ganassi, owner of the CART team Target-Ganassi, will co-manage the speedway.

He sees Chicago Motor Speedway open to all sanctioning bodies and all types of racing, including NASCAR.

"It's built with that purpose in mind," he said. "Mile tracks are the heart of auto racing in the United States. Talk to the participants, the car owners; this is where they want to be.

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240 Motorcycles

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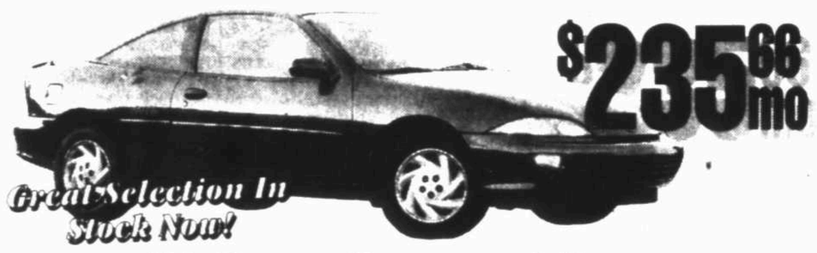

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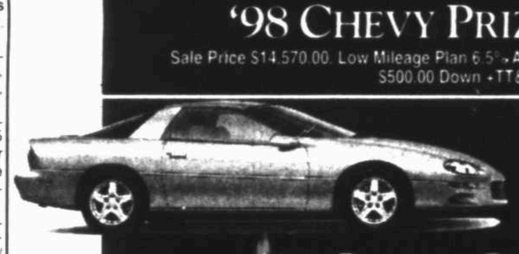

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240 Motorcycles

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260 Boats & Motors

HOUSEBOAT. On lake Amistad at Rough Canyon, 40', twin engines, 6.5KW generator, full bath/ shower, sleeps 6. $22,000. 337-2360, 550-8666.

260 Boats & Motors

1997 DOUBLE Yacht Club Jet Ski Trailer. 2 Winches & Spare Tire. $780. 915-694-9948.

GLASSTRON Carlson CV 23, I/ O. 260 HP, Cobra outdrive, 350 Chevy V8, top, power steering, zip in full enclousure, 2 covers, travel and storage, tandem trailer with spare, surge brakes. Excellent condition. 3402 Crestmont Drive. $8,800. 699-7384.

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260 Boats & Motors

CREST III 1988 29' Pontoon boat. Force 1988 85 hp outboard motor, rear sun deck. Custom towing trailer. $9,750. 683-8350.

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SPRINT 1997 286 Pro Tournament. Excellent condition, must see. $16,500. 685-0979 after 5.

305 Job Services

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310 General Help Wanted

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Saturday Computer Operator

Part time computer operator wanted for PC/ Macintosh functions. PC experience required. Macintosh experience preferred. Previous computer operations experience a plus. Normal shift would be just Saturdays, 8 am- 5 pm, but would prefer individual that could work other hours occasionally (flexible, evening or Sunday) for systems maintenance purposes. Pay is $8/ hour.

Call 682-2119 or fax resume to 682-3041.

Rosa's Cafe TORTILLA FACTORY

*Rosa's Cafes in Midland have immediate openings for **Hourly employees for day and night positions.** Earn up to $6/ hour. Flexible schedules and exceptional benefits. Applicants must be customer oriented.

Apply at 4301 N. Midland Drive
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Pool Company, an industry leader in Oilfield Services, is accepting applications in the Midland Yard for the following positions:

Kill Truck Drivers
Vacuum Truck Drivers
Transport Truck Drivers
Winch Truck Drivers

Applicants must have a minimum of 1- 3 years experience in the respective positions and be DOT Certified with the proper licenses and endorsements.

Pool Company offers an excellent wage and benefit package including medical and dental insurance, paid vacation, retirement, 401K savings plan, safety awards, holiday premium pay and other off time benefits.

Applications can be completed at the following location:

Pool Company Texas Ltd.
3700 E Hwy 158
Midland, Texas 79706

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SONIC DRIVE- IN
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I.H.O.P. in Midland is now hiring servers. 1 year experience prefered. Apply in person Monday- Friday 1- 5 pm, 2507 W. Loop 250, Midland.

*TRUCK DRIVER

Must have current CDL, oil field experience, clean driving record; benefits and uniforms available. Transport, Vacuum Truck, Pump Truck experience is a plus. Hourly pay depends on experience. 40+ hours per week. No guarantee. Apply in person at 6601 FM 715, Midland. Midkiff Transports, Inc. 682-2405.

3 DAY Weekends! 4 Day work week! Lynn Alexander's Autoplex seeks Auto Technicians! Would you enjoy working 4 days, then have 3 days off with full pay and benefits? Our technicians will be enjoying this schedule! Lynn Alexander's Autoplex offers top pay for all skill levels and an outstanding benefit package: *Group Health Insurance, *401K Retirement Plan, *Paid Vacations & Holidays, *Paid Factory Training, *Performance Bonus, *Christmas Bonus. 3 Day weekends! Call John Massey, Lynn Alexander's Autoplex in San Angelo, 944-0611 or 1-800-214-5889. EOE

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310 General Help Wanted

✔ CARPET CLEANING franchise looking for responsible dependable individual to learn carpet cleaning business. Call 699-2404 ask for Scott.

✔ PRESS OPERATOR needed. Experience required on A.B. Dick press. Call 694-1232.

AMERA TRAVEL is expanding again. Need immediately- full service Travel Agent, Outside Sales Persons, Cruise Specialist, Group Specialist and Student Travel Specialist. Send resume in confidence to: P.O. Box 9484, Midland, TX 79708 or 915-685-1288 for Interview.

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La Bodega

Now hiring:

Experienced Assistant Manager

Apply in person
2700 N. Big Spring

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ASSISTANT- Odessa American, a 30,000 circulation daily newspaper in Odessa, Texas, has an opening for an Assistant Press Foreman. Qualified applicants must have experience with a doublewide offset press preferably a Harris 1650. In addition, applicants must possess general maintenance knowledge, quality control and have excellent written and oral communication skills. Good salary with excellent benefits package. Qualified applicants should mail their resumes to: Odessa American, Attn: Bob Braswell, P.O. Box 2952, Odessa, Texas 79760-2952 or Fax to: Odessa Amencan, Attn: Bob Braswell, 915-334-8641.

BE A Model- all ages, no experience necessary. $10/ hour on as needed basis over next 3 months. Send name & phone number to P.O. Box 3851, Midland, TX 79702.

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Midland, TX 79702
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We do not open or screen any mail that has a blind box number on the envelope. The Midland Reporter-Telegram shall not be responsible for any disclosures of information, loss of responses or misdirection of responses.

CAR WASH. Immediate openings full and part time. Apply in person: Classic Car Wash, 2503 W. Illinois.

CARHOPS NEEDED. Days and evenings. Must be friendly and energetic. Also hiring skating Carhops. Apply in person, Sonic Drive In, 4201 Midland Drive.

CARRIER. Seeking individual to deliver the San Angelo Standard Times in Midland. Earn approximately $500 per month. Call 1-800-588-1884, ext. 293.

CASHIERS WANTED. 2- 10 pm & 10- 6 am shifts available. Top pay. Apply in person, E-Z Mart, 2210 N. Big Spring. No phone calls please.

CMC LATHE and Mill Programmer/ Operator needed with experience. Manual experience a plus. We need a person able to take a print and complete the job. Health insurance, vacation pay, paid holidays. Call MIDCO Machine, 563-2010.

COURIER NEEDED- must be over 21, have good driving record, non- smoking environment. Must be able to lift 50- 60 pounds. $6/ Hour. Send resume to: P.O. Box 5204, Midland, TX 79704.

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Leave a Voice Message

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We still have positions open for 14 and up to sell The Midland Reporter- Telegram. With new promotions, and a proven selling system- you can't lose! If you are in theatre, we want to talk to you, if you are a talker and selling would come natural to you, we want you!

Hurry and call today!
567-3431, Leave a Voice Message

310 General Help Wanted

DELIVERY PERSON needed, apply in person. 3303 W. Illinois, space #8.

DRIVERS WANTED: experienced Mixer drivers. CDL, drug & alcohol screen, health card required, Inquire at Troy Vines, Inc., 2817 Rankin Hwy.

ELECTRICIAN & licensed Plumber. Both must have own tools. Also, 2 CDL: Drivers with good driving record. Phone (915)837-1222 Monday through Friday 8 to 5.

FITNESS ASSISTANT needed at YMCA, part time. Apply in person at 800 N. Big Spring.

FULL TIME help wanted. No experience necessary. Apply in person between 9 am- 2 pm at Uncle's Convenience Store- 6601 Hwy 307/ Greenwood and also at 4921 N. Loop 250 E, Midland.

FURNITURE MOVERS with experience. Heavy lifting and Class C drivers license required. Leave name /number (915)553-1464.

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GENERAL- COM Aquatics now taking applications for summer employment. Positions available: Lifeguards, Swim Instructors, Maintenance Workers. Training available. Pick up applications at COM Aquatics, 3003 North "A" Street, Midland, Texas. 684-7755.

GENERAL- Hollywood Theaters now hiring all positions. Apply in person, 4915 W. Loop 250 North, Midland.

GENERAL Never before offered: Nutri/ System Direct™, Home Discount program. No program fee! Call now to order your food or be a Nutri/ System Direct™ Representative. Lose weight, make serious money. Ground floor opportunity. 1-888-588-5247.

GET OUT OF THE HEAT! Summer camp in the Cool mountains of northern New Mexico now hiring staff. Cooks, Wranglers, Maintenance, Riflery, Fly Fishing. Call Scott or Tamara 800-722-2843.

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Young advertising agency looking for experienced graphic artist for immediate position. Design background helpful. Must be proficient with Macintosh Computers, Adobe Photo Shop Quark Freehand and/ or illustrator Must be a team player and willing to work some overtime.

For an appointment call 915-550-7339.

GROCERY. Albertson's, Andrews Hwy location is accepting applications for part time Floral Designer. Apply direct, no phone calls, please. Salary DOE. EEOC employer.

GROUNDS KEEPER needed. Large apartment community. Pool certificate required and some knowledge of sprinkler system. Energetic and enthusiastic. Drug testing and criminal history check required. Call 689-9865 for appointment.

HAIR STATIONS Available. 1 Private, 1 wet, family salon. We have more business than we can handle! Centrally located with lots of parking. Call Kelli- Salon 2000, 9- 5, Tuesday thru Saturday, 694-2517.

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HOT OILER Operator needed with experience and CDL, good driving record, DOT physical card. Good pay, group insurance available. Permian Petroleum Services, 4601 Rankin Hwy., 682-0434.

310 General Help Wanted

HOT SHOT driver needed. Local- 200 mile radius. Must have 2 years experience, CDL license, drug test required. Commission paid. Apply in person, McClatchy Brothers, 3901 W. Industrial, Midland.

HOTEL MAINTENANCE position. Must have experience in all areas of general maintenance. Apply in person, Lexington Hotel and Suites, 1003 S. Midkiff, Midland.

★ RESTAURANT- Murray's Deli now hiring Cooks & Waitstaff. Apply in person, 3211 W. Wadley.

★ TEACHER- Midland Childcare Center now accepting application for teacher. Apply in person, 3701 Andrews Highway.

INVENTORY CONTROL and warehouse person. Must be computer literate and have knowledge of gas compression and processing equipment. Send resume to Box T-05100, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

JUMBURRITO INC. Now hiring all positions. Apply at 908 South Midkiff.

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LANDSCAPE Bed Crew Supervisor. Experienced at shrub trimming and bed turning. Clean driving record, bilingual with English and Spanish a must, have own transportation. 687-2404- leave name and phone number on voicemail.

LUBE CENTER- Technicians needed for full- time positions in busy oil & lube center. Drivers license & good driving record required. Also, hiring Summer help & all car wash positions. Must be 16 with drivers license. Apply in person, Village Car Wash & Express Lube, 604 Andrews Hwy.

MAINTENANCE and Custodial Persons needed. Apply 602 N. Baird, Suite 200, Midland.

METAL STUD Framers and Sheet Rockers- experienced only. Apply in person, Midland International Airport, Henley Interiors.

NAIL TECH station for lease. Great location for building clientele. Comfortable atmosphere. Call 689-3339 or 570-0749.

NURSERY. Alldredge Gardens is seeking an experienced Landscape Foreman. Must have knowledge of sod installation, hydro mulching, tree and shrub installation., must be able to read blue prints. Competitive wages. EOE. 3300 N. Fairgrounds Road. 682-4500.

OTR DRIVERS. Team Drivers for OTR. Must have CDL. Call 682-7811.

❤ PART TIME help needed at Players Paradise. Call 699-1848 or 682-2644.

PUFF'S $12 ZOO has an immediate opening for Assistant Manager. Apply in person at 4310 W. Illinois, Suite 300.

❤ REPRESENTATIVES

Needed- sell Avon part time- full time. Great earnings. Call Verla 520–0119, Independent Rep.

RESTAURANT

* THE BAR *

Now accepting applications for several lunch and full time waitstaff positions. Apply between 8:00 to 10:00 or 2:00 to 4 pm only- Monday through Friday. 606 W. Missouri, 685-1757.

RESTAURANT Great wait staff, great tips, lunches only, apply in person at: Mr. Reuben's Restaurant & Tavern, 3205 W. Cuthbert.

RESTAURANT- Honest, dependable, hard working Waitstaff and Banquet staff wanted full/ part time. Must have experience. Taking applications Tuesday- Saturday 9- 11 am only. No phone calls please. Green Tree Country Club.

WAITSTAFF NEEDED. Apply in person, Cowboys II Cafe, 1000A W. I-20., Midland.

312 Professional Help Wanted

FINANCIAL ANALYST

Immediate opening requiring a BBA in Accounting or Finance and five to seven years experience in the areas of budgeting, general ledger, and analysis in a manufacturing environment. MBA, CPA, or CMA a plus. Excellent PC skills (Excel) and experience within a manufacturing system network. Good communication skills a must. Excellent career opportunity with a wide range of company benefits. Send resume and salary history to:

Goulds Pumps, an ITT Industries Company
P.O. Box 5487
Lubbock, TX 79408

No phone calls, please. EOE.

310 General Help Wanted

RESTAURANT- KD's Bar-B-Que. Cashier, Bartender, Cook, Kitchen, & Floor Help needed. Apply within, 3109 Garden City Highway (I-20 & Garden City Hwy), 683-5013.

RESTAURANT- Michael's Charcoal Grill now accepting applications for part time Counter/ Cashier, 11- 2, Monday thru Saturday. Apply in person, 723 W. Wadley.

RESTAURANT- Now Hiring: Cooks and Dishwashers. Starting pay $6- $8/ hour based on experience. JIBS Restaurant 3316 W. Illinois.

RESTAURANT- The Bar is currently accepting applications for Cooks. Apply in person between 8- 10 am or 2- 4 pm, Monday through Thursday, 606 W. Missouri.

RESTAURANT- Waitresses, Cooks, Maintenance persons needed. Must be positive & upbeat. Call 570-6621 or come by 606 Andrews Hwy to apply.

SADDLERIDGE Lodge Assisted Living needs Cook. MUST know how to cook from scratch & follow special diets. We're looking for a well-groomed, enthusiastic team player who works well with the elderly. This part time position will eventually work into full time. Great benefits, great pay, great place to work! Apply in person, Saddleridge Lodge, 1808 W. Loop 250 North. No phone calls please.

SALES ASSOCIATE Thursday thru Monday evenings only. Must be 21 years. Retired people welcome. Apply Amigo's Convenience Store, 3301 Andrews Hwy.

SERVERS. Ideal for high school or college students or others. Evening & Weekend shifts available. Able to communicate well and get along with the elderly. Stop by 2100 Castleford Road for application.

SERVICE PERSON for lawn service sprinkler repairs. Must have extensive sprinkler experience, above average mechanical ability and good driving record. Will consider part time. 682-4281.

SHEET METAL Duct Installer. Experience tools, references, drug testing required. Wages based on experience. Call (806)637-8024.

SHOGUN & ORIENT Express is hiring experienced cooks and cook trainees for Oriental style cooking. Also, Delivery Drivers with own vehicle and liability insurance. Other positions available also. Apply between 5 & 6 pm. at 4610 N. Garfield. Loop 250.

SONIC DRIVE INN is now hiring all positions day and evening shifts. Also looking for carhops who skate. Apply in person at 2310 N. Big Spring.

TEMPORARY Part Time Cleaning person needed at Carter's Furniture. Apply in person at 501 E Illinois.

TERRACE WEST
Nursing Center

has current opening for a relief Laundry Aide. Two mornings and two evenings will work approximately 30 hour a week. All applicants must apply in person. 2800 N. Midland Drive.

WAITSTAFF wanted, evening shift. Come apply in person at Carrow's Restaurant, 2201 W. Wall.

WANTED off set printer to run A. B. Dick 360 and some bindery work. Call 682-4503. Monday- Friday 9 am - 1 pm or send resume to: P.O. Box 2641, Midland, TX 79702

311 Medical Help Wanted

DENTAL HYGIENIST

Looking for a dedicated person for our periodontal office who likes to teach as well as treat patients. Some administrative responsibilities. Experience considered. Salary open.

SEND RESUME:
Patrick Makins D.D.S
Periodontics
3010 Greenmeadow
San Angelo, TX. 76904
Qualified Applicants will be contacted for interview.

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SEEKING
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UNIT MANAGER

Position at Comanche Trail Nursing Center is available. Strong administration & organizational skills with a minimum of 2 years experience in health care field. Knowledge of Alzheimer's/ Dementia disease necessary. Fax resume to:

(915)263-4067
Attn: Administrator.

LVN NEEDED for every other weekend, 13 hour shift. Send resume to First Care, 2310 W. Ohio, Midland, Texas 79701.

310 General Help Wanted

RESTAURANT- KD's Bar-B-Que. Cashier, Bartender, Cook, Kitchen, & Floor Help needed. Apply within, 3109 Garden City Highway (I-20 & Garden City Hwy), 683-5013.

RESTAURANT- Michael's Charcoal Grill now accepting applications for part time Counter/ Cashier, 11- 2, Monday thru Saturday. Apply in person, 723 W. Wadley.

RESTAURANT- Now Hiring: Cooks and Dishwashers. Starting pay $6- $8/ hour based on experience. JIBS Restaurant 3316 W. Illinois.

RESTAURANT- The Bar is currently accepting applications for Cooks. Apply in person between 8- 10 am or 2- 4 pm, Monday through Thursday, 606 W. Missouri.

RESTAURANT- Waitresses, Cooks, Maintenance persons needed. Must be positive & upbeat. Call 570-6621 or come by 606 Andrews Hwy to apply.

SADDLERIDGE Lodge Assisted Living needs Cook. MUST know how to cook from scratch & follow special diets. We're looking for a well-groomed, enthusiastic team player who works well with the elderly. This part time position will eventually work into full time. Great benefits, great pay, great place to work! Apply in person, Saddleridge Lodge, 1808 W. Loop 250 North. No phone calls please.

SALES ASSOCIATE Thursday thru Monday evenings only. Must be 21 years. Retired people welcome. Apply Amigo's Convenience Store, 3301 Andrews Hwy.

SERVERS. Ideal for high school or college students or others. Evening & Weekend shifts available. Able to communicate well and get along with the elderly. Stop by 2100 Castleford Road for application.

SERVICE PERSON for lawn service sprinkler repairs. Must have extensive sprinkler experience, above average mechanical ability and good driving record. Will consider part time. 682-4281.

SHEET METAL Duct Installer. Experience tools, references, drug testing required. Wages based on experience. Call (806)637-8024.

SHOGUN & ORIENT Express is hiring experienced cooks and cook trainees for Oriental style cooking. Also, Delivery Drivers with own vehicle and liability insurance. Other positions available also. Apply between 5 & 6 pm. at 4610 N. Garfield. Loop 250.

SONIC DRIVE INN is now hiring all positions day and evening shifts. Also looking for carhops who skate. Apply in person at 2310 N. Big Spring.

TEMPORARY Part Time Cleaning person needed at Carter's Furniture. Apply in person at 501 E Illinois.

TERRACE WEST
Nursing Center

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311 Medical Help Wanted

CERTIFIED NURSE AIDES

Terrace West Nursing Center, has current openings for Certified Nurse Aides.
If interested please apply in person at 2800 N. Midland Drive. Midland, TX. 79707

CLERICAL. Needed for Medical Office: Insurance billing clerk. Only experienced in Insurance billing and/or Medical Manager need apply. Send resume to Box P-06084, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

COMPANY Expanding! Top pay. Needed immediately- EMT's, EMT-I's, EMT-P's. Full & Part time positions. Call 570-4892.

EXPERIENCED- Collections Clerk needed in busy orthopedic clinic. Please send resumes to: Southwest Orthopaedic & Spine Center, 4304 Andrews Hwy, 79703.

LVN
Midland Dialysis Center is accepting applications for full time dialysis patient care technician. experience preferred but will train. Good benefits and salary. If interested apply at 731 W Wadley, Building K or contact Barbara Vaughn 687-1201

MEDICAL- Challenging insurance billing position with group medical practice. Previous billing experience required with good computer and people skills. Offering excellent salary and benefit package. Please send resume and cover letter with salary requirements to Box T-05102, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MEDICAL- Mitchell County Hospital District. "80 John Wallace" Medical Unit, Colorado City, Texas is accepting applications for a Correctional LVN. Contact Ms. LeMaster at (915) 728-2162, extension 4265.

MEDICAL. Come work for the fastest growing company in Midland/ Odessa. (2) full time shift salaried positions available for EMT or Paramedic. Must be TDH certified, 21 years or older with good driving record. Also have part time positions available. Call 550-6972 to schedule interview.

MEDICAL. Home Hospice of Midland/ Odessa seeks experienced RN for Midland Field Nurse position. It's not a job- it's a calling! Bring resume to 1802 W. Wall, Midland or call 570-0700 for Hilton or Betty.

OUTSIDE MEDICAL supply sales- Big Spring and surrounding area. Knowledge of DME, home respiratory equipment. Pharmaceutical sales background A+. Rapidly expanding local company. Salary, commission, mileage and benefits. Send resume to: PO BOX 12034, Odessa, TX 79768.

PHARMACY TECH- Fiesta foods is seeking applicants for the position of pharmacy tech. Applicants must be bilingual, type 60 wpm, and previous experience preferred. Apply in person at our 2200 Rankin Highway location.

ROCK HOUSE of Midland, is accepting applications for Direct Care Staff to work with mentally challenged adults, in group home settings. Part time early morning hours, as well as mid- evening, full- time and weekend shifts also available. Must have valid drivers license, high school diploma or GED. PMAB, CNA, First Aid a plus. Apply in person @ 811 E. Texas Avenue. Benefits available to full time staff. Drug free. EOE.

312 Professional Help Wanted

ACCOUNTANT- Opening for Accountant with strong financial background. CPA preferred, oil and gas related. Growing company. Must be willing to relocate to South Texas area. Some travel to offices in Albuquerque, New Mexico will be required. Send complete resume with references to: Pedeco, Inc. HCR 8, Box 480-A, Beeville, Texas 78102.

CHILD CARE Director. Experience with after school care preferred. Salary depending upon experience. Apply in person, 4500 W. Illinois, Suite 112 by May 1st, 1998. EOE.

CONTROLLER/ BOOK KEEPER wanted. 25 employee company in Austin area. Excellent salary and benefits, experience necessary. Moving expenses paid. Send resume to S. Scott, 221 Stearman Dr., Georgetown , TX 78628 or fax 512-869-0098.

ENGINEER- Opening for Petroleum Engineer. Growing company. Must be willing to relocate to South Texas area. Knowledge of horizontal drilling, completion, and production a plus. Field experience a plus. Send complete resume with references to: Pedeco, Inc. HCR 8, Box 480-A, Beeville, Texas 78102.

GRADUATE ENGINEER needed for gas compression and gas processing equipment company. Duties to include: project development and sales. Send resume and salary history to Box T-05101, c/o Midland Reporter- Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

312 Professional Help Wanted

MANAGER for 200 unit property. Excellent salary, bonus and benefits. Strong company, nice people. Send resume in confidence to Box 04041, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

PROGRAM DIRECTOR for Youth Agency. Bachelor's degree in Human Services Field. Bilingual a plus. Experience in fund raising, volunteer coordination, staff supervision. Apply in person before May 1st at: 4500 W. Illinois, #112. EOE.

PROJECT MANAGER for new hospital building addition in Big Spring Texas. Previous Federal Government experience helpful. Fax resume: 972-986-1637.

REAL ESTATE ASSISTANT, Computer experience a must. Prefer Licensed. Please contact Ruth Young, 682-7884.

SALES Position available for individual with knowledge of computer hardware and software. The ideal candidate will also have experience in retail sales. Benefits include paid vacations, paid medical. Call for interview 570-8195.

SHERRY OWEN, State Farm Insurance Agency, has an opportunity for a Customer Service Rep., for an ARTICULATE, INTELLIGENT, FRIENDLY & CARING individual with two years of college. Present your transcript and resume at: 2611B N. Midland Dr., Monday- Friday, 9-5.

WENDY'S NOW accepting resumes for assistant manager trainee. Competitive salary, benefits. Mail resume to Wendy s P.O. Box 9511, Midland TX. 79708.

314 Clerical Help Wanted

CLERICAL OPENINGS, at least 6 months experience. Call OLSTEN today, 689-6607.

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Temp & Permanent Positions
Benefits & Bonuses Available
682–0033 or 570-0197

INSURANCE AGENT needs full- time Secretary/ Receptionist for one person office. Honesty and dependability a must. Entry level salary while in training. 8:30- 5:30, Monday through Friday. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 5074, Midland, TX 79704.

INSURANCE SALES Secretary. Part- time. 24 Hours per week. Insurance expenence and license preferred but not required. Normal office skills including PC, typing, and fax required. Send resume to: Joe Olguin, 3525 Andrews Hwy., Suite 101, Midland, TX 79703.

JOBS AVAILABLE
Select Staff
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Global Personnel Network
Temp & Perm positions. Locally & around the globe! 686–8360.

TEMPORARY OPENING- Office Administrator. Knowledge of Microsoft Office is required. Duties range from accounts payable, printing various reports, processing daily deposits, etc. Must be extremely organized & proficient at multi tasking in a professional environment. Fax resume to (915) 694-3602.

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* Secretarial
* Word Processing
* Oil & Gas
* Never a Fee
TEMPORARY RESOURCES
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V.I.P. EMPLOYMENT SERVICES- Clerical and Industrial jobs available. Never a fee. Benefits. (915) 686–9722.

316 Sales Help Wanted

OUTSIDE SALES rep setting up credit card, check acceptance, ATM machines. Earn $500- $700 per week. No experience necessary. Call 697-3636.

SALES- Excellent Opportunity! Sports minded sales agents. If you are aggressive and not afraid of a little hard work, your average can be $1,000 + per week. Good car, good appearance required. Hurry! Filling positions immediately. Call Quality Exteriors, 1-800-687-5759.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

DOLLARS PAID for Oil and Gas sales tax refund contracts. For information call 1-800-658-1349. www.davlan.net/sts

WANTED: Experienced Backhoe Operator with at least 2 years experience. For more information call Rusty's Oilfield Service Inc. at 915-756-2821.

320 Skilled Trades

STEEL ERECTION FOREMAN

Needed with experience. Must be willing to relocate to Hobbs, NM. Call (505)393-9161- Johnie Ragsdale for more information.

☞ FOREMAN.

Manufacturing company. Advancement opportunity for individual with good organizational skills for shipping and receiving department. Forklift experience a plus. Come by 2501 E. I-20, Midland between 9 and 5 Monday thru Friday.

COMPUTER GRAPHICS Artist wanted for immediate opening position. Please send resume to: P.O. Box 2636, Midland, TX 79702.

RESIDENTIAL CARPENTERS and Carpenter Helpers. Must be experienced. Call 684-3843 for appointment/ interview.

316 Sales Help Wanted

Lacks.

*Major home furnishings retailer looking for:

PROFESSIONAL SALES ASSOCIATE

The chosen applicant should be able :

- To show history of successful sales career
- To be a self- starter
- To provide the highest standard of customer service.
- To work as part of an elite sales team.

Excellent benefits included.
If you think the above description fits you and you want to take advantage of a rare opportunity to join our team, send resume to:

Lack's Stores, Inc.
3111 Cuthbert
Midland, Texas 79701
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Contact Bryan at 567-3431
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Hurry and call today!
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ELECTRICAL CRAFTSMAN

Independent petroleum refinery is seeking an Electrical Craftsman with a minimum of five (5) to eight (8) years relevant work experience in maintenance and construction of electrical systems. Must be knowledgeable in the construction and trouble- shooting of switch gear, motor controls, alarm systems, calibration, and adjustment of switching devices. A current electrical journeyman's license is required.

A forty- hour work week is standard but weekend, holiday, and overtime work are necessary. Must have high school diploma or G. E. D. equivalent and be at least 21 years of age. Must be able to wear respiratory protection equipment (no beards) and be able to work safely in a hazardous environment. Must successfully complete a comprehensive physical examination by a Company Physician, which includes:

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The Company will offer a starting salary of $20.61/ hour to the successful candidate, a comprehensive fringe benefit program for employee and family that includes medical, dental, and life insurance, paid holidays, and vacation, 401 K, fully paid retirement plan with opportunities for growth and career advancement.

Application are available at the New Mexico Department of Labor, 704 W. Main Street, Artesia, NM. Applications must be relieved by 5:00 pm, Friday, April 24, 1998.

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Architectural Cad Operator

Immediate position for Commercial Architectural CAD Operator, 2 to 3 years minimum expenence in AutoCad release 12, 13 & 14 (optional). Competitive salary based on experience. Excellent benefits. Fax resume to: 915-697-9758, attention: Dennis W. Clayton, AIA, VP and Architectural Division Manager or mail to:

Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Inc.
5214 Thomason Dr.
Midland, TX 79703

CONSTRUCTION, metal framers, drywallers, painters, concealed spline, laborers. Full time. Call 559-4879 for application.

ELECTRICIANS and cable technicians wanted. Minimum 3 years electrical. Minimum 3 years data and telecommunications. Fiberoptics experience a plus. Serious inquiries call Hensley's Computer Cabling, 683-7835 or 522-2270.

MOTORCYCLE MECHANIC. Requires individual with strong mechanical background. Experience on personal watercraft a plus. Must demonstrate excellent mechanical skills, desire to work hard and take direction. Will train the right individual. Midland Powersports, call Rodger, 520-2080.

PLUMBER- Need experienced, licensed Commercial Plumber. Experienced air conditioning & heating service technician and sheet metal helper. Apply in person at Permian Air Conditioning at 311 West 42nd Street, Odessa.

SCRAPER OPERATORS with experience needed for construction job in our area. Please contact Personnel Director at D.E. Rice Construction, 806-274-7187 for information.

TRANSMISSION BUILDER & R&R- Immediate openings. Contact Joe or David at J & J Transmission, 520-9442.

WANTED LICENSED plumbers and experienced sheet metal workers. Please call 686-0002.

WANTED: SURVEY INSTRUMENT OPERATOR

for construction layout. Must be experienced, willing to learn and advance. Must be willing to travel- mostly in west Texas. Send resume to: Paul. % Gilbert Texas Construction Corp., P.O. Box 178, Claredon, TX 79226.

336 Adult Care Providers

INHOME CARE your locally owned sitter service. If you need dependable help call 570-4475, ask for Tamara or Jackie. (Low Rates).

LVN desires full time private duty position in home, 26 years experience. Dependable, good communication skills, and excellent references provided. Call Liz at 520-4736.

LOST HOME health aid due to Medicare cuts? Still need help bathing and dressing. Call 699-9324 leave message, reasonable rates, 15 years experience, will be happy to call back!

24 HOUR Care for elderly. $1,000 month - private room, $975 semi- private. 687-2533.

ONE ROOM available, 24 hour care. Please call Gina at 699-3230 or leave message.

HOME STYLE Affordable Resident Home for your loved one. This is a home away from home. Three openings. Call 686-9262.

340 Child Care Needed

CHILD CARE needed in our home for 2 boys, 2 pm- 8 pm Monday- Thursday. For more info call 694-4866.

341 Child Care Providers

INFANTS ONLY. The most important decision you'll ever make for that most important person in your life! Licensed for 11 years. Jan, 697-2499.

HAVE IMMEDIATE opening for 2 or 3 year olds. Excellent references. Hot lunch/ snacks. 684-5934.

SALVATION ARMY Day Care seeking care givers part time. High School diploma or GED required. Apply in person 3500 Park Lane, Midland.

350 Business Opportunities

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Attention Readers

Occasionally ads found in this section come from distant points and the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract/ or giving out your credit card number or bank information.

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MAJOR BRAND service station for sale. Attractive accompanying income also available. Write P.O. Box 13584, Odessa, TX 79768.

FREE MONEY! Insider's guide to government grants. Send $19.95 to Box 50506, Midland, TX 79705.

PET GROOMING Shop for sale. Good location, established clientele. All equipment & stock included. Located at 2509 W. Ohio. $7,500 or best offer. Call Cathy, 686-0945.

LOCAL BUSINESSES for sale. Small and large. Some have low down payments and owner financing. Call for a free confidential interview- Sunbelt Business Brokers, 520-1515.

Get your Real Estate license quickly, short, day, weekend, evening classes. Southwest College 697-7277

WELL ESTABLISHED Automotive repair business for sale in Lubbock. Equipment & inventory. Very profitable. 8 Bay Service Center & Full Automotive Repair. $150,000. Call Gary, (806)792-8995 or (806)789-1843.

IMPROVE YOUR life, start business, repair credit, money for college and more! For self help books or distributorship, 699-2192.

410 Misc. Sales

PORTABLE COLOR TV 19", cable ready, remote control, $75, 697-1558 or 699-1454.

BRAND NEW ACE nding lawn mower with cart, also grass catcher still in box. Moved back to city. Must sell. $1,200 520-4187.

GREEN TREE Memership, $500. Please call 686-0999 for more information.

410 Misc. Sales

BEAUTIFUL mermaid style wedding gown/ veil, sweetheart neckline with drop pearls. Never worn. $400. 689-6939.

LITTLE TIKES Log Cabin Play House. 3 Years old, excellent condition. $125 firm. 689-2676.

WEDDING DRESS, size 8, beaded lace inserts, chapel train and veil, $350. Call 699-8021.

EVAPORATIVE COOLERS, Lawnmowers, Cook Stoves, Heaters, Refrigerators, Washers, Dryers, Dining Furniture/ Other. 570-4851.

VERTICAL Smoker, Oklahoma Joe's brand, offset firebox, triple food racks. $200. Call 697-7168.

DIFFERENTIAL REAR end for 1 ton Toyota, with all 4 wheels. Brand New! Will fit 85 to 98 model! Cost $4,000 asking $3,000 561-8286 or 567-9835.

RCA HOME theater 31 inch, with matching base, excellent condition, $300. 694-4568

NO TIME TO WRITE? Children, Grandchildren, Grandparents, Friends need mail? Call Mawmaw Pat at 570-9768.

BIRDVIEW Satellite receiving system complete, $250. 683-3863.

SLOT MACHINES. 1939- (.25¢) Cherry Mills, $2,500. (10¢) Three Jacks, $1,050. Excellent working order. 520-2734.

WANT TO know information about Midland High/ Lee High Class of '78 Reunion. Call (915)658-7192 or write Roy Parson, 925 E. 42nd Street, San Angelo, TX 76903.

PIÑATAS $15. Barney, Mickey, Sesame Street, Winnie the Pooh Power Rangers. 683-6742.

BEAUTIFUL Dreamer's Candles- 28 Lovely fragrances. Aroma power that lasts 125 to 150 hours. Retail price- $19.95 each. Special price- $15.95 each. Anna Marie Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring.

REMODELING SALE! Nice medium color kitchen cabinets and appliances. Call 682-1900.

GAZEBOS- metal frame, top quality, 6', 8' & 10' square. $300 each or 9 for $2,000. Sylvia 694-1664.

GIRLS BIKE $20. Call 697-8376. Anytime!

★ BIBLE TALK: "If I Should be Lost, Will I be Alone?" Part 5. 520-0381. Free recorded message.

BABY BEDDING ensemble with diaper stacker. Primary colors. Call 682-9380.

ABOVE GROUND pools! Complete set up- built on site- no preparation needed- starting at $59 a month. 563-3108.

CHEVROLET 1971 4'X8' pick-up bed and back window. $100 686-0050.

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ACCU-SCOPE Microscope, binocular compound. 4x 10x 43x 100x oil immersion. Used twice by medical student. $500. 689-8404.

410 Misc. Sales

SANYO STEREO with cabinet $150, Steelcase desk $150, sewing cabinet $75, cellular phone $50. 697-8090.

COMPUTER REPAIRS & Upgrades. Warranty or Non-Warranty. Computer City at Midland Park Mall or call 520-4455.

RESTHAVEN, Garden of Hope, 2 spaces, $1,025 each, negotiable. Call for more information, 699-7543.

HERBALIFE & Natural efx Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERB!

TRUCKLOAD LIQUIDATORS open Friday and Saturday 10 am- 6pm, Sundays 9 am- 3 pm. (Closed Easter Sunday). Famous brand overstocks at low prices! 2105 W. Florida in Midland.

413 Jewelry & Furs

ESTATE- TIFFANY mounted 1.25 caret oval cut diamond, color I, clarity SI, appraised at $9,900. Sacrifice for $4,950. 686-0547.

415 Misc. Wanted

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687-5039.

Fountain Pens
I buy old & new **quality** ink fountain pens (any condition). Parker, Sheaffer, Waterman, Eversharp, etc. Call Ed Weyman 685-3456

420 Good Things To Eat

20 FLAVORS of coffees and teas, Torani syrups, iced Cappuccino, Cocoa and more. Sugar free syrups, cocoa and candies also. Anna Marie Gifts, 1705 N. Big Spring.

430 Household Goods

COOKWARE- Dinner party type! 100 % waterless! Surgical stainless steel! 7- ply, 17 pieces! Retails $1,497, now $395! $75 bonus! 800-434-4628.

432 Household Furniture

BROYHILL: large pecan Hutch- $900; Dining table with 4 chairs- $550. Both excellent condition. 697-6645, 689-0371.

BLACK LACQUER queen size waterbed for sale $50 or more for insight call 520-8109.

5 PIECE White Country Dinette, $300. Brother word processor, $150. Both like new. Call 570-6211.

QUEEN SIZE waterbed with bookcase headboard. $100. 684-8250 after 5 pm.

NEW OAK finish drop leaf desk and tapestry covered bench, paid $300, sacrifice $150. 694-5102.

LARGE Sectional sofa with recliner and full size sleeper. Asking $350. 689-6939.

432 Household Furniture

DINETTE SET and miscellaneous household furniture for sale. Call for more information, 699-1061.

FULL SIZE sofa bed, shades of blue and tan, good condition! $300, 694-2206 after 5.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards- Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699–1224.

PRICE REDUCED!! Large Drexel entertainment center $650. Quality 8 light chandelier $100. Both very nice! 699-0157.

FOR SALE King size Shaker style water bed. Complete $150 or best offer. 570-6275.

CHILDREN'S BEDROOM set, includes bunk beds and dresser, $300. 570-7300 after 4.

435 Household Appliances

MUST SELL this week! '96 display model hot tubs/ spas. Two only- delivery and financing available. 563-3108.

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699–1224.

★ FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. 567-5221.

WINDOW air conditioner/ heating unit. 12,000 BTU. Like new used in home garage. 3 years warranty remains, $495. 694-8301

CHEST FREEZER- 21. cu. ft., less thant 1 year old, $300. Call 520-5378 or 550-6961.

24 inch Hot Point gas double oven $175. 36 inch beige gas cook top $75. Kenmore refrigerator, works, $200. 687-8498 694-4340 after 5.

KENMORE DISHWASHER, like new, black front, excellent condition, $100. Call 520-0446 after 5 pm.

440 Firewood

DICK'S FIREWOOD. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453–2151, Fax 1-(915)-453-4322

450 Sporting Goods

FOX STROLLER Beautiful fur coat. Seldom worn, appraised at $2,700, taking offers or will trade for guns. 366-9938.

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BELGIUM BROWNING superposed 12 gage skeet, with hard case. Excellent Beretta single barrel trap gun. 685-1948.

MANCO Go- Kart- 2 seat/ 5.5 HP Tecumseh engine. Excellent condition. $875. 694-3941.

BROWNING BAR 338 magnum with Simmon 44 mag scope. $650. Excelent condition. Call evenings. 520-4055.

450 Sporting Goods

REMINGTON 700 Police Sniper Rifle. 308 Caliber with Swarovski Scope $1,100. L.A.R. Grizzly 45 Winchester Mag Mark I pistol with hard chrome finish, 6 clips & 357 Magnum conversion kit $1,200. H & K-91 & 93 30 & 40 round clips $40 each. Two Bren Ten Marksman special 45 caliber pistols (consecutive serial numbers) $4,000 for the pair. Two Talon Paintball Guns with masks, CO2, paint balls $200. 520-2734.

KUNNAN graphite woods, 1,3, & 5. Regular flex, right hand. Like new, $225. 520-5636.

460 Antiques & Arts

THE CATS MEOW- 4000 sq. ft of fine merchandise- we buy and sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway, Mon. - Sat., 10 - 6. (915) 687–2004.

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465 Collectibles

CURRENT and Retired Ty Beanie Babies, ceramic eggs, collectibles, art glass, organizers, commemorative bottles, gifts, souvenirs and more. Classic Products, 4411 W. Illinois, A-3 near corner of Illinois and Midland Drive. 520-4911. Open Tuesday thru Saturday.

470 Musical Instruments

KIMBALL UPRIGHT piano with storage bench, excellent condition, $950. Call 687-0929.

WURLITZER PIANO in great condition. $600 686-0050.

CASH FOR PIANOS- Verticals and Grands. Call 1-800-201-4551.

475 Crafts & Supplies

FOR SALE- SCRAPS OF Cedar pickets 1x4's 1', 2', & 3'. For craft projects. 697-4712 or 682-5157.

490 Computers/ Access.

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79703

2 PAINTBALL Guns with accessories, microwave stand, patio table with 2 chairs, Super Nintendo with games, women's and children's clothes and lots more. Friday 8:30.- ? 4612 Mercedes.

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79703

703 AUSTIN Thursday- Friday, 8- 6, Baby and childrens clothes, swings, toys, work clothes, and more!!

MULTI FAMILY Garage Sale. Lots of Goodies: clothes, toys, books, exercise equipment... Friday & Saturday 8- 6. 4412 Leddy.

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SATURDAY, 8- 2. 921 N Midland Drive. Corner of Cuthbert & Midland. Ladies clothes- all kinds 2x & 3X, mens shirts 17 1/2, dishes, ice tea maker, lots of miscellaneous!!

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79705

6 FAMILY SALE!! 3210 Stanolind, Friday 8- 2. Sewing machine, baby items, fishing equipment, 1940's Lionel train, Little Tikes toys, dryer, clothing infant- adult, some furniture.

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79705

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79706

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79707

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79707

MOVING SALE! Saturday & Sunday 7 am, 3711 Mark Lane. Major appliances, Futon, microwaves, TV, barbecue pit, and other household items including clothing.

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FUN-LOVING
Single black mom, 30, 5', medium build, black hair, brown eyes, enjoys watching television, reading, writing and spending time with her kids, seeks a single male, 28-41, race unimportant. Ad#.8333

RIGHT TYPE OF WOMAN
Professional single white female, 31, 5'2", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys drama and foreign films, reading and playing with computers, seeks a single white male, 26-40, who likes dogs. Ad#.9127

EASYGOING
Single white female, 33, 5'9", 130lbs., red hair, blue eyes, enjoys dining out, music and more, seeks a loving, caring single white male, 36-43, who loves children. Ad#.7357

LOOKING FOR A COWBOY
Single white mom, 28, 5'6", 125lbs., long brown hair/eyes, likes yard-work, music, volleyball, dancing, seeks dependable, romantic, loving single white male, 29-45, who is interested in a cowgirl. Ad#.7244

CELEBRATE LIFE
Single white female, 54, 5'5", 105lbs., goldish-brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys fishing, gardening, animals and outdoor activities, seeks a kind, sincere single white male, 56-71, for companionship. Ad#.8481

DESIRES OF THE HEART
Spontaneous single white female 57, 5'6", slender build, brown hair, blue eyes, smoker, enjoys country drives, sightseeing, dancing and traveling, seeks a single white male, 50-65, for friendship first. Ad#.8976

INTERESTED?
Outgoing single white mom, 19, 5'10", full-figured, brown hair, hazel eyes, likes good conversation, spending time with her son, seeks single male, over 18, who is 5'10"+ and must like children. Ad#.8652

INNER BEAUTY REQUIRED
Professional single black female, 39, 5'9", medium build, black hair, brown eyes, enjoys the outdoors, watching basketball, travelling, puzzles, reading and going for walks, seeking honest, strong single male, 32-42. Ad#.9903

A TAD BIT SHY
Single white female, 59, 5'7", slender, dark hair, green eyes, animal lover, enjoys dancing, painting, reading, cooking, seeks single white male, 60-66. Ad#.7431

INTRODUCE YOURSELF
Single white female, 18, 5'7", long blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys sports, variety of movies, going to the beach, looking for a financially secure single white male, 18-20. Ad#.9426

NOT IN A RUSH
Happy single Hispanic mother, 38, 5'5", 160lbs., short black hair, brown eyes, loves a good laugh, likes scary and romantic movies, country music and dancing, sports, seeks an upfront single Hispanic male, 30-40, for friendship first, maybe more later. Ad#.7354

ARE YOU GOING MY WAY?
Single white female, 21, 5'6", 145lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys football, movies, walking, hiking, fishing, camping and romantic dinners, seeks a single white male, 21-25, who is compatible Ad#.8063

SHY AT FIRST
Sincere divorced white mom, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, likes football, basketball, rodeos and more, seeks a tall single white male, 35-55, with similar interests. Ad#.8996

NEW EXPERIENCES
Single Hispanic mom, 27, 145lbs., brown hair, enjoys dancing, swimming, traveling and candlelit dinners, seeking a single male, 18-40, for companionship. Ad#.7461

ABC'S OF COMPATIBILITY
Single white female, 43, 5'6", slender, long red hair, blue eyes, enjoys the outdoors, looking for an honest single white male, 41-54, for a serious relationship. Ad#.9795

ENDLESS POSSIBILITIES
Friendly single white female, 45, blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys camping, fishing, dancing, the outdoors and dining out, seeking single white male, 40-65, with similar interests. Ad#.9793

YOUNG LOOKING
Single white female, 42, 5'3", 128lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys working in the yard, drama movies, exercising, swimming and more, seeks a sincere, honest single white male, 25-42. Ad#.7705

UNTIL WE MEET
Single black female, 30, 5'8", black hair, brown eyes, likes music, basketball and dining out, seeking a single black male, 28-37. Ad#.7851

YOUR HEART
Fun-loving single white female, 51, 5'5", 130lbs., brown hair/eyes, attractive, educated, enjoys painting, gardening, reading and more, seeking a flexible single white male, 48-58, N/S. Ad#.8097

SWEET & SENSITIVE
Divorced Hispanic female, 52, 5', brown hair/eyes, outgoing, enjoys her work, movies, good company and more, seeking a sweet, understanding single white Christian male, 50-54, for a great relationship. Ad#.8442

HELLO THERE
Positive, enthusiastic single white female, 35, 5'6", 130lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys teaching, reading, spending time with friends, relaxing at home and more, seeking a single white male, 36-42. Ad#.9286

VALUES
Single white mom, 24, 5'4", full-figured, blonde hair, green eyes, loves her son, cooking, movies, Bible and more, seeking a kind, sensitive, fun-loving single Christian male, 22-38, race unimportant. Ad#.8560

THIS IS IT
Single white mom, 22, 5', 99lbs., blonde hair, brown eyes, enjoys singing, sports, movies, dancing, dinging out and more, seeking an honest single white male, 23-28. Ad#.9115

HAPPY-GO-LUCKY
Divorced white mom, 31, 5'7", medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, fit, fun-loving, enjoys movies, socializing, boating, spending time with friends, swimming, the outdoors and more, seeking a single white male, 28-42. Ad#.9119

MY ONE TRUE LOVE
Honest, sincere, outgoing single black mom, 34, 5'1", 135lbs., black hair, brown eyes, likes reading romantic books and movies, looking for a single black male, 30-40. Ad#.7829

WIN ME OVER
Single white female, 43, 5'5", 160lbs., black hair, brown eyes, enjoys playing volleyball, amusement parkts, spending time with her children and music, seeking single white male, 37-50, for friendship first. Ad#.7040

SEARCHING
Outgoing single white mom, 38, 5', 102lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, employed, enjoys traveling, quiet evenings at home, dancing, long walks, country-western music and family times, in search of sensitive, non-smoker, single white male, 39-45. Ad#.8132

TRY ME
Free-spirited single Hispanic mom, 19, 5'3", full figured, dark hair, brown eyes, enjoys dancing, movies, barbecues, the outdoors, long drives and summer time, looking for single Hispanic male, 21-27, who likes children. Ad#.7469

HEAVENLY
Single white Christian female, 34, 5'3", blonde hair, green eyes, likes music, sports, animals, having fun and much more, seeks an easygoing, fun-loving single white Christian male, 32-38. Ad#.7324

IN GOOD SPIRITS
Honest single black mom, 35, 5'9", 140lbs., brown hair/eyes, employed, enjoys cooking, the outdoors, go-kart racing and more, seeks truthful single male, 35-50. Ad#.8168

FOR COMMITMENT?
Single black female, 21, 5'1", 130lbs., enjoys singing, swimming, taking walks, reading, writing, seeks a honest single black male, 21-25. Ad#.9410

PICTURE PERFECT
Attractive, single white mother, 29, 5'2", blondish-brown hair, greenish-blue eyes, petite, motivated, loves animals, the outdoors, the beach, beauty, and laughter, single white male, 25-44. Ad#.7432

HONEST COMPANION
Single white mom, 48, 5'7", 125lbs., blonde hair, hazel eyes, professional, likes movies, travel, cooking, the lake, family and dancing, seeks an open-minded single white male, 45-65. Ad#.9966

LOOKING FOR MY SOUL MATE
Single white female, 45, 5'5", 280lbs., dark hair, brown eyes, enjoys reading, entertainment and much more, seeks a dedicated, humorous single black male, 40-60, with good morals and values. Ad#.9116

ALL TYPES OF...
Single white female, 22, 5'4", 160lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys hanging out, the shore, swimming, the beach, action movies, seeks a single white male, 20-26. Ad#.8402

WHAT'S YOUR NAME
Single Hispanic mom, 34, full-figured, brown hair/eyes, enjoys the outdoors, children, happiness, sports and life, seeking a compassionate single Hispanic male, 32-41, for a possible relationship. Ad#.8792

MUST BE A GENTLEMAN
Single white female, 24, blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys reading, movies, football, drawing, music, seeks a single white male, non-smoking, 24-40. Ad#.7995

LOADS OF FUN
Lively single white female, 19, 6'2", brown hair, green eyes, likes poetry, music, reading romance stories, karaoke and dancing, seeks a sweet, romantic single white male, 19-22. Ad#.8279

TIRED OF BEING ALONE
Widowed Hispanic mom, 35, 250lbs., brown hair/eyes, homemaker, likes sewing, nice weather, Spanish music and sports, seeks sociable single male, 40-50, for friendship, possible relationship. Ad#.8588

ATTRACTIVE !
Caring, fun loving, professional, slender single white female, 42, long blondish/brown hair, seeks trustworthy, secure and caring single white male 40-53, to enjoy life's hopes and dreams. Ad#.8352

I KNOW YOU'RE OUT THERE
Single white mom, 33, 5'8", 160lbs., blue-eyed blonde, likes swimming, volleyball, dancing, fireside chats, pool, family activities and the park, seeks honest, sincere single Hispanic male, 35-45. Ad#.7677

COUNTRY GIRL AT HEART
Single white mom, 32, 5'2", 115lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, employed, likes fishing, water skiing, the outdoors and (c)ld conversations, seeks family-oriente single white male, 30-42. Ad#.8668

BUBBLY & CHEERFUL
Single Hispanic female, 19, black hair, hazel eyes, enjoys dancing, romantic walks and going out with friends, seeks a fun-loving single male, 19-25, with a sense of direction. Ad#.8572

LIFE, LOVE & LAUGHTER
Single Hispanic mom, 21, 5'1", full-figured, black hair, brown eyes, even-tempered, fun, employed, looking for single male, 18-30, for friendship, possibly more. Ad#.9195

POSITIVE REACTION
Petite single white mother, 29, green eyes, enjoys meeting new people, reading, dancing, going out on the town and spending time with her kids, seeks a laughable, easygoing single white male, 28-40. Ad#.9062

BE KIND TO MY HEART
Moralistic single white female, 45, 5'5", dark hair, brown eyes, into reading, creative writing, upbeat music, basketball and cuddling, looking for a funny single black male, 35-55, who loves to laugh. Ad#.7870

LIFE TO THE FULLEST
Single white female, 48, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys fishing, bowling, Bingo, science fiction movies, sewing and walking along the river, seeking a single white male, 44-58. Ad#.9378

LIVING DAY BY DAY
Single white female, 56, 5'4", blackish-grey hair, hazel eyes, employed, loves romantic novels, sunsets, windmills and meeting new people, looking for a single white male. Ad#.2841

LIVE FOR TODAY
Personable, faithful single white female, 30, 5'1", short blonde hair, greenish-blue eyes, loves the spring time, reading magazines, rodeos, country dancing and cookouts, seeks a single Hispanic male, 30-40. Ad#.8716

MAKE AN INTRODUCTION
Single white female, 44, 5'7", dark brown hair, employed, loves her cat, into the arts, gardening, being outside and going to sporting events, seeks a freindly single white male, 35-49, to share companionship. Ad#.7112

JUST BE YOURSELF
Single black female, 48, 5'1", 165lbs., brown eyes, likes animals, traveling, football, seeks personable single male 45-50 with common interests. Ad#.8053

FOLLOW YOUR HEART
Vivacious, positive single hispanic female, 19, 5'5", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys country music, riding horses, hiking, collecting old comic books, seeks honest single male, 19-40. Ad#.8622

PETITE & PLEASANT
Single Hispanic mother, 20, 4'10", brownish-black hair, brown eyes, enjoys dancing, fishing, going to movies, horseback riding and romantic dinners, seeking a single male, 23-40, who likes children. Ad#.8797

ON A POSITIVE NOTE...
Reserved single white female, 46, 5'7", slender, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys comedies, hiking, biking, skiing, snorkeling and gardening, in search of active single white male, 40-51, who enjoys life. Ad#.9260

QUIET TIMES
Lively single white female, 33, 5'8", blue-eyed blond, enjoys dancing, sports, spending time with her daughters and watching movies, seeking a single Hispanic male, 27-40. Ad#.8006

FUN IN THE SUMMER SUN
Single white female, 18, 5'9", 170lbs., long dark brown hair/eyes, likes many kinds of music, hanging out with friends, shooting pool, seeks single white male, 18-23, blue eyes a plus. Ad#.7536

DISCOVER ME
Single white female, 22, 6', blonde hair, green eyes, sports fan, loves basketball, softball, action movies and country music, seeks a humorous single white male, 20-28. Ad#.9187

SOFT AND SWEET
Attractive, intelligent, spiritual widowed white female, 65, 5'7",120lbs., blonde hair, light-brown hair, enjoys music, fun and quiet times and the outdoors, seeking intelligent single white male, 55-67. Ad#.7418

COULD IT BE FATE?
Sincere single white mom, 23, 5'6", 130lbs., blonde hair, loves the summertime, chocolate, seeks honest, good-looking single white male, 23-36, who loves country music and dancing. Ad#.7743

LET'S DO LUNCH
Employed single white female, 46, 5'6", 120lbs., blonde hair, blue eyes, smoker, likes all sports, drawing, animals, seeks tall, slender, dependable single white male, 45-55, to spend some time with. Ad#.8399

VERY INTERESTING
Single Hispanic female, 55, 5'2", 147lbs., black hair, brown eyes, likes sewing, yard work, baking, taking walks, conversation and movies, seeks a single Hispanic Christian male, 55-60. Ad#.7429

MR. RIGHT?
Shy single Hispanic mom of two, 22, 5'3", long black hair, brown eyes, enjoys music, going to the beach and family outings, would like to share friendship with a dependable, single Hispanic male, 20-32. Ad#.9991

BIG HEART?
Humorous, stable single white female, 34, 6', brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys gardening, camping, the oldies, seeks communicative, honest single white male, 30-40. Ad#.8198

SWEEP ME OFF MY FEET!
Single white female, 19, 5'8", blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys movies, concerts, pool, music, writing, playing guitar, outdoor activities, seeks handsome, responsible single white male, 18-30. Ad#.7557

LET'S TALK IT OVER
Outgoing single white female, 51, 5'4", 145lbs., light brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys dining out, dancing, movies and country music, in search of single white male, 45-65, with similar interests. Ad#.7274

CUDDLE UP TO ME
Full-figured single black mom, 19, 5'7", reddish-brown hair, brown eyes, smoker, enjoys dancing, basketball and music, seeking fun, educated, employed single male, 18-30, who likes kids. Ad#.8603

HEART TO HEART
Single hispanic female, 49, 5'7", medium build, light brown hair, green eyes, likes football, baseball and hockey, country-western music and more, seeks a serious single white male, 45-55, mustache a plus. Ad#.8791

WE CAN WORK IT OUT
Single white female, 19, 125lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes skiing, swimming, music, seeks friendly, family-oriented single white male, 18-29, who is easy to get along with. Ad#.8344

HOW I WISH YOU WERE HERE
Professional single white mom, 40, 5'6", 135lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys fishing, camping, the outdoors, rock climbing and much more, seeks secure, spontaneous single white male, 32-44. Ad#.7069

A TASTE OF NOSTALGIA
Single white female, 45, 5'4", blonde hair, non-smoker, enjoys reading, classical music, travel and dancing, seeks loyal, content single white male, 45-60, without children please, for possible serious relationship. Ad#.7442

GET TO KNOW ME
Single white female, 54, 5'2", full-figured, brownish-blonde hair, blue eyes, enjoys light reading, spring and fall seasons, movies, desires to meet a single white male, 48-65, to share interests and friendship. Ad#.9469

I CAN BE YOUR COWGIRL
Single white female, 18, 5'5", reddish-brown hair, blue eyes, who is four months pregnant, enjoys dancing, singing and having fun, seeks outgoing and friendly single white male, 18-25. Ad#.1654

LET'S GET ACQUAINTED
Divorced white mom, 39, 5'6", medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys dining out, sporting events, country dancing, seeks single white male, 35-48, to share life's adventures with. Ad#.8822

VERY INTERESTING
Witty, funny single white female, 35, 5'6", 128lbs., green-eyed blonde, enjoys animals, the mountains, sports, skating, biking, rollerblading, seeking single white male, 25-45, who has goals for the future. Ad#.7978

THIS ONE RATES
Single white female, 25, 5'7", brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys movies, animals, country-western dancing, the outdoors and more, seeking a single white male, 26-34, who has a great sense of humor. Ad#.7522

NEW BEGINNINGS
Single white female, 51, 5'3", 120lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys nature, shopping, travelling, bowling, reading, dining out, seeking single white male, 49-55, for companionship. Ad#.7227

IS IT YOU?
Single Hispanic female, 19, tall, brown hair/eyes, enjoys biking and walking, dancing, sports and reading, would like to meet a single Hispanic male, 20-24, for friendship first, maybe more. Ad#.8859

GOAL-ORIENTED
Single white female, 18, 5'2", 125lbs., enjoys swimming, volleyball and going for walks, seeking a single white male, 25-28. Ad#.7261

QUALITY TIME
Single Hispanic female, 36, 5'3", brown hair/eyes, enjoys children, movies, would like to meet an sincere, understanding, SM, 35-50, to share interests and friendship. Ad#.7306

GOING BACK TO SCHOOL
Shy single white female, 40, 5'4", brown hair/eyes, enjoys music, travel, seeks single white male, 39-48, for lasting relationship. Ad#.9931

LOOKING FOR MY COWBOY
Professional single white mom, 45, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, enjoys music, travel, seeks single white male, 39-48, for lasting relationship. Ad#.9931

LOOKING FOR MY COWBOY
Professional single white mom, 45, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, enjoys football, rodeos, traveling, skiing, singing, dancing and quality family time, seeks a tall single white male, 35-55. Ad#.9092

WARRANTS CONSIDERATION
Single Hispanic mother of two, 34, social drinker, likes country music, dancing and going to the movies, seeks a faithful, truthful single Hispanic male, 28-36. Ad#.9772

LIKES THE QUIET LIFE
Personable single Hispanic female 38, 5'7", medium weight, brown hair/eyes, loves children, seeks educated, humorous, mannerly single white male, 35-45, non-smoker, non-drinker. Ad#.7966

COMPLETE MY FAMILY
Nurturing, outgoing single white mom, 23, 5'8", 120lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes hunting, fishing, horseback riding, dog races, seeks honest, caring, open single white male, 22-35. Ad#.8992

SEEKS HER COWBOY!
Divorced white female, 45, 5'7", blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys time with her kids, country-western dancing, miniature golf, seeks single white male, 35-52. Ad#.7867

LOOKING AT THE STARS
Attractive single white female, 43, medium build, green-eyed blonde, professional, enjoys travel, sewing and reading, seeks a confident, assured, employed single white male, 30-55, without kids at home. Ad#.9146

CHRISTIAN VALUES
Professional single white female, 46, 5'7", 117lbs., blonde hair, green eyes, enjoys theatre, biking, walking, dining out, dancing and watching movies, seeks educated single white male, 45-54. Ad#.9719

WIN MY TRUST
Single white female, 36, 5'7", full-figured, dark blonde hair, green eyes, a real people person, likes to read, music, do needle work, seeks an honest single white male, 34-43, for a committed relationship. Ad#.8202

COWBOY WANTED
Single white mom, 45, 5'7", enjoys horseback riding, shooting pool and country music, seeking tall single white male, 35-50. Ad#.9379

BREATHTAKING
Single Hispanic mom, 36, brown hair/eyes, enjoys bowling, the park, movies, dancing, times with her kids, seeking nice, easygoing single Hispanic male, 30-40, that loves children. Ad#.8564

KIND-HEARTED
Single white female, 34, 5'6", brown hair, green eyes, full-figured, humorous, enjoys reading, listening to music, roller-skating, quiet times at home and more, seeking a single male, 29-45. Ad#.7359

I LOVE LIFE AND THE LORD
Single white Christian female, 45, 5'7", brown hair/eyes, enjoys camping, hunting and the outdoors, seeks honest and intelligent single white Christian male, 40-50, to be a companion. Ad#.8136

COUNTRY-WESTERN ROMANCE
Single white mom, 26, 6'2", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, rodeos, camping and quality family time, seeks honest and fun-loving single white male, 20-35. Ad#.9207

HONESTY & PATIENCE
Single Hispanic mom, 22, 5'2", 125lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys spending time with her children, dancing and socializing with friends, seeks single Hispanic male, 25-35. Ad#.7332

CANDLELIGHT DINNERS
Single white female, 43, 5'2", light brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys cooking, fishing, crafts, sports, horseback riding, singing, moonlit walks and watching movies, seeks single white male, 40-50. Ad#.9042

OUTSPOKEN TWIN
Single white female, 18, 5'8", green-eyed blonde, non-smoker, employed, hobbies include dancing, dining out, movies, family time, seeks secure, honest single white male, 18-20, with a good personality. Ad#.2424

KEEP ME WARM
Attractive single white female, 38, mild-tempered, enjoys listening to music, motorcycles and hugging, desires a tall single white male, for possible relationship. Ad#.7979

LOOKING FOR MY SOUL MATE
Professional single white female, 47, 5'7", 115lbs., blonde hair, hazel eyes, enjoys going to the movies, dining out, live plays, concerts and the outdoors, seeks single white male, 45-55. Ad#.8750

HOPELESS ROMANTIC
Single white Christian female, 42, 5'2", medium build, reddish-brown hair, brown eyes, enjoys travel, candlelit dinners, cooking, working with children, seeks a warm-hearted single white male, 37-47. Ad#.7919

THE GOOD LIFE
Professional, attractive single white female, 46, 5'2", personable, shower, enjoys traveling, the arts, seeking single white male, 40-55. Ad#.2121

INTERESTED IN YOU
Single white mom, 27, 5'5", slender build, fun-loving, outgoing, student, enjoys the outdoors, spending time with her daughter, summertime, seeking single white male, 33-45, with similar interests. Ad#.1206

TELL ME NO LIES!
Single Hispanic female, 23, 5', 120lbs., shy, friendly, enjoys movies, country music, bowling, dancing, seeks single white male, 21-34, to spend time with. Ad#.5088

EASY TO PLEASE
Single white female, 47, 5'2", 145lbs., a smoker, lives in Midland area, enjoys dancing, music, outdoors, seeks single white male, 45-55, medium build, children welcome, for companionship. Ad#.7850

SHARE YOUR LIVES
Divorced white female, 51, 5'3", brown hair and eyes, enjoys country music, slow dancing, dining out, reading, seeking single or divorced white or hispanic male, 49-55, with similar interests. Ad#.5656

ARE YOU THERE?
Friendly single white female, 27, 5'6", from Blackwell, enjoys dancing, reading, seeking single white male, under 45, for friendship, maybe more. Ad#.2525

TREAT ME RIGHT!
Friendly single white female, 18, 5'4", medium build, blonde hair, blue eyes, non-smoker, non-drinker, enjoys socializing, dancing, horseback riding, movies, seeking handsome employed single white male, 18-23. Ad#.3979

MUTUAL RESPECT
Single white mom, 34, 5'6", medium build, smoker, non-drinker, from Odessa, enjoys reading, fishing, hiking, romantic walks and dinners, seeks caring, genuine, truthful single white male, under 45. Ad#.1813

WILL MAKE YOU LAUGH
Spontaneous single white female, 34, 5'6", brown hair, green eyes, serious, humorous, enjoys reading, dancing, outdoor sports, seeks truthful, kind, warm-hearted single male. Ad#.2362

NO HEAD GAMES
Laid-back single white mom, 41, 5'7", brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys fishing, taking walks, barbecues, quiet times at home, seeking sincere, honest single male. Ad#.8833

NOT A CHEAT
Single white female, 19, 5'10", full-figured, brown hair, hazel eyes, funny, likes taking walks, drives, times together, looking for tall, dependable, fun-loving, communicative single male, to share happiness with. Ad#.4117

Males Seeking Females

COUNTRY BOY
Single white male, 30, 6', 155lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys college football, fishing, his job and more, seeks a single white female, 25-35. Ad#.7710

FAMILY-ORIENTED
Widowed white male, 40, 5'4", black hair, searchihg for a single white female, 30-40, who likes traveling, camping, fishing, dining out, dancing and meeting new people. Ad#.8826

ONE IN A MILLION
Caring Single Hispanic dad 25, 5'7", 150lbs., black hair, brown eyes, enjoys cookouts, dining out, amusement parks, music and more, seeks an honest single Hispanic female, 18-30, to share time with. Ad#.7053

REDEEMING QUALITIES
Divorced black dad, 20, 6'1", 200lbs., black hair, brown eyes, enjoys fitness, basketball, cuddling and spending quality time with someone special, seeks friendship with a single black female, 19-35. Ad#.8891

MANY OPTIONS
Single white dad, 55, 6', 206lbs., brown hair, employed, enjoys flea markets, hunting, fishing, the lake and cook-outs, seeks quality time with a fun-loving, cheerful single white female, 35-49. Ad#.9860

THE TIME IS RIGHT
Single white dad, 21, 6', brown hair/eyes, enjoys hanging out with friends, watching movies, looking for a single white female, 18-25. Ad#.9118

NEEDS A COWGIRL
Single white male, 18, 5'11", 175lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys the rodeo, the summertime, dancing, football and more, is searching for a single white female, 18-21. Ad#.9255

SEE WHAT HAPPENS
Divorced hispanic male, 35, 5'8", 165lbs., black hair, brown eyes, enjoys music, sports, traveling, some reading and more, seeks a single female, 18-40, for friendship first. Ad#.7511

GOOD INNER SOUL
Happily employed divorced white dad, 34, 5'8", 160lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys time with his son, watching television, meeting new people and more, seeks a kind and caring single white female, 24-36. Ad#.8312

MR. RIGHT
Single white male, 26, blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, skiing, spending time with friends and watching movies, seeking a single white female, 22-28, for possible relationship. Ad#.9518

CALL ME
Friendly single white male, 25, 6'1", 210lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys four wheeling, seeking a single white female, 18-45, for possible relationship. Ad#.8462

OUTDOORSY
Single white male, 29, 5'11", 180lbs., green eyes, enjoys movies, the lake, fishing and more, seeks a single white female, 18-33, to spend time together. Ad#.8079

GENTLEMAN
Professional single white male, 27, 5'6", 160lbs., blond hair, brown eyes, enjoys skiing, music, dancing, traveling and romantic evenings, looking for an honest, respectful single white female, 21-30, for a possible relationship. Ad#.7372

SHY AT FIRST
Single Hispanic male, 23, 5'7", 230lbs., black hair, brown eyes, enjoys the beach, meeting new people, puppies and movies, seeking a single Hispanic female, 20-25. Ad#.8680

WILLING TO MEET
Single black male, 34, 6', enjoys the summer, fishing, camping and more, seeking a single black female, for companionship. Ad#.8902

MANY INTERESTS
Single Hispanic male, 20, 5'6", 170lbs., black hair, dark brown eyes, enjoys sports, reading, variety of music, cuddling, lifting weights, seeks a good-hearted, intelligent single female, 18-25, who is a good listener. Ad#.7597

BUILDING A LIFE TOGETHER
Single white male, 21, 6'3", 210lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, has a wide variety of interests, seeks a single white female, 18-24. Ad#.8159

WEST OF THE PECOS
Tall, slim, single white male, 50, rancher, blond, university educated, enjoys dining out, dancing, movies, romantic evenings, seeks slender, beautiful, affectionate, single white female 40-55. Ad#.8001

REAL LOVE
Shy, friendly single white male, 36, 6', 180lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, loves animals, country music, seeks single female, 18-45. Ad#.9975

STEADY GUY
Shy single black male, 34, 5'9", 200lbs., black eyes, enjoys touch football, his job and more, seeks a nice single female, 18-40, to spend time with. Ad#.8258

ABC'S OF COMPATIBILITY
Single white male, 26, 5'6", 140lbs., light brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys romantic evenings, fishing, camping, auto racing and more, seeks an attractive, personable single white female, 18-30. Ad#.8957

A NEW BEGINNING
Single white dad, 42, 5'10", 150lbs., non-smoker, self-employed, enjoys sporting events, skiing, movies, reading and music, seeks a single white female, 34-42. Ad#.9231

STILL SEARCHING
Single Hispanic male, 24, 6', 185lbs., black hair, brown eyes, seeks a personable, fun-loving single female, 18-28, to share his life with. Ad#.7231

JUST BE YOURSELF
Single white male, 18, 5'8", brown hair, green eyes, enjoys drawing, music and movies, the outdoors and more, seeks a single white female, 18-21. Ad#.7126

WHERE ARE YOU!
Single white male, 31, 6', 197lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys dancing, going to the beach, snow skiing and quiet times at home looking for a single white female, 21-31. Ad#.8855

UNTIL WE MEET
Single black male, 29, 5'9", 128lbs., would like to meet a single female, 25-40 who enjoys movies, sports, music, dinning out and living life to the fullest. Ad#.9722

WEEKEND COMPANIONS
Easygoing single black male, 33, brown eyes, enjoys music, cool weather, movies, diningout, singing and more, seeks single female, 33-35. Ad#.8121

APPRECIATES HONESTY
Single Hispanic dad, 36, 5'6", 160lbs., black hair/eyes, enjoys music, reading magazines and traveling, seeks a single Hispanic female, 21-36, who likes children. Ad#.9896

LET'S TALK SOON
Single white male, 40, 6', 175lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys swimming, traveling and good conversation, seeking a single female, 18-50, for friendship. Ad#.9786

NEW IN TOWN
Outgoing single white male, 31, 6'1", 200lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys reading, playing softball, dancing and more, seeks a single white female, 21-31. Ad#.9813

GOOD SENSE OF HUMOR
Single white male, 55, 6'1", 165lbs., brown hair/eyes, a sports fan, looking for a single white female, 50-65. Ad#.8415

HEY, YOU NEVER KNOW!
Single white male, 18, 6', 145lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, enjoys sports, movies, horror novels, playing golf, go-kart riding, dirt bike riding and more, seeks single white female, 18-21. Ad#.7113

CHOICE IS YOURS
Calm single white male, 25, blond hair, blue eyes, loves music, camping, hiking, bike riding and going to the movies, seeks a sincere single female, 18-28. Ad#.8054

JUST A REGULAR GUY!
Divorced Hispanic dad, 45, 6', 257lbs., light brown hair/eyes, enjoys movies, the outdoors and much more, seeks commitment-minded single female, 19-42. Ad#.8877

CLOSE FRIENDS
Single white male, 19, 6'2", brown hair, hazel eyes, fun-loving, likes going out and traveling, woould like to meet a single white female, 18-23. Ad#.7452

SHOE ME THE WAY
Single white dad, 36, 5'10", blond hair, green eyes, likes cooking out, camping and going to the lake, seeking a single white female, 34-42. Ad#.8735

GIVE ME A CALL
Single white male, 32, 6'2", 160lbs., brown hair/eyes, employed, likes movies and outdoor sports, seeking a single Hispanic female, 19-30. Ad#.9570

LET ME ENTERTAIN YOU
Fun-loving single white male, 27, 5'9", 135lbs., blue eyes, seeking a special single black female, 19-40, for a serious long-term relationship. Ad#.9868

ARE YOU OUT THERE
Single Hispanic male, 23, 6'1", 180lbs., brown hair/eyes, enjoys animals, cooking, country music and more, seeking a single white female, 18-25, for possible relationship. Ad#.7010

HERE HE IS...
Single white male, 50, 6', 215lbs., dark brown hair, green eyes, fit, enjoys children, spending time with friends, the outdoors, motorcycles and more, seeking a single white female, 35-48. Ad#.9012

LET'S BUILD A HOME
Single Hispanic male, 26, 5'6", dark hair, self-employed, enjoys fishing, camping, watching sports and having barbeques, interested in meeting a single Hispanic female, 20-30, to share life with. Ad#.9335

HONESTY
Easygoing single white dad, 32, 6', 165lbs., reddish-blond hair, blue eyes, enjoys water sports, family times and more, seeking an honest single female, 18-30, race unimportant. Ad#.9698

A RELATIONSHIP
Proud single white male, 41, 6'1", brown hair, blue eyes, mustache, enjoys drawing, most animals, boating, cookouts and fishing, seeks a sincere, open, communicative single white Christian female, 30-45. Ad#.8015

SOUNDS WONDERFUL
Open-minded, humorous single white male, 43, 6'1", 175lbs., brown hair, blue eyes, enjoys reading, animals and going for walks, seeking single white female, 24-36, for possible relationship. Ad#.9189

PHONE ME NOW
Hispanic single male, 19, 5'3", 147lbs., brown hair/eyes, a sports fan, likes summer outdoor activities, seeking for a single female, 18-25, race unimportant, with a great personality. Ad#.9561

ARE WE COMPATIBLE?
Professional, attractive single white male, 36, 6'4", 200lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes summer outdoor activities, hunting and motorcycling, seeks an easygoing single white female, 36-46. Ad#.8575

HONESTY IS KEY
Single white male, 30, 6'1", 160lbs., light brown hair, blue eyes, a sports fan, likes dancing, walking, horseback riding and reading, seeks a single white female, who likes country line dancing. Ad#.8018

TO THE POINT
Single white male, 58, 6', medium build, brown hair, blue eyes, likes fishing, camping, sports and more, in search of a single white female, 45-58. Ad#.8157

GET TO KNOW ME
Shy single white male, 24, 6'5", 250lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, likes spending time with friends, snowball fights and baseball, searching for a single white female, 18-40. Ad#.8953

LET'S MEET SOON
Romantic divorced black dad, 34, 5'9", 220lbs., enjoys basketball, going to church, walks in the park and family activities, seeking a single Hispanic female, 26-44, children okay, for companionship. Ad#.7109

LET'S GET GOING
Single Hispanic dad, 36, 5'4", black hair, brown eyes, enjoys sports, travel, long walks at the park, fishing, camping, renting movies, seeks nice, truthful, honest single Hispanic female, 25-36, to go out with. Ad#.7572

JUST RIGHT
Good-natured, shy, affectionate, loyal single white male, 36, 6'1", 195lbs., likes baseball, four-wheeling and adventure movies, seeks a single white female, 29-37, to treat like a lady, kids okay. Ad#.9228

PICTURE PERFECT
Single Hispanic male, 29, 5'6", brown hair/eyes, music, the outdoors, family, dancing, movies and designing things, seeking a single Hispanic female, 21-35. Ad#.8131

STAMP OF APPROVAL
Single Hispanic male, 29, 5'11", 185lbs., brown hair/eyes, likes sledding, biking, reading, western movies and dining out, seeks friendship with a single Hispanic female, 18-32, who is a lady. Ad#.8988

STRAIGHT FROM THE HEART
Outgoing single white male, 18, 5'10", medium build, blond hair, blue eyes, romantic and caring, enjoys meeting new people, dancing, the outdoors and enjoying life, seeking a single white female, 18-21. Ad#.8029

END MY SEARCH
Hispanic male, 50, 5'6", social drinker, enjoys reading, traveling, dining out, romantic evenings, seeks single female, 40-50. Ad#.9598

TOTALLY DEVOTED
Hardworking single white dad, 36, 6'1", 200lbs., brown eyes, likes going to the movies, camping, fishing, hiking and being outdoors, seeks single white female, 28-38 to share similar interests. Ad#.8868

TIME TO CALL ME
Single white male, 42, 5'7", 150lbs., brown hair, hazel eyes, beard/mustache, likes movies, cook-outs, picnics, day-trips and woodworking, seeks a single

590 Legal Notices

NOTICE OF AVAILABLE CURRENCY

Pursuant to Article 18.17 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, the individuals listed below have currency being held by the City of Midland.

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Garcia, Ricardo P.	Palmer, Robert
Gavia, Albert C.	Ransom, Tracy L.
Gonzalez, Adolfo	Ramirez, Carmen
Gonzalez, Joe L.	Taylor, Denese
Hickey, Timothy R.	Urias, Mario R.
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If you desire to claim this currency, you must, within 90 days from the date of publication of this notice, contact the City of Midland Police Department. This may be accomplished by calling 915-685-7135 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

You may also send a letter explaining your interest in regaining your currency. Send you letter containing your name, hone number, and address to:

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Attention: Tammy Garcia
601 N. Loraine
Midland, TX 79701

If you do not respond to this notice within 90 days, pursuant to Article 18.17 of the Texas Code of Criminal Procedure, the City of Midland will declare the currency abandoned property and the currency will become the property of the City of Midland.

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LEGAL NOTICE

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IDAN ENTERPRISES, INC., DBA HARRY'S BAR & GRILL, VANDANA SURESH SURTANI, PRES/ SEC IS MAKING APPLICATION TO THE T.A.B.C. FOR A MIXED BEVERAGE PERMIT AND A MIXED BEVERAGE LATE HOURS PERMIT ON THE ADDRESS OF 3100 W. WALL, MIDLAND, MIDLAND, TEXAS.

THE CITY COUNCIL of the City of Midland, Texas, will hold a public hearing at **11:03 A.M., Tuesday, April 28, 1998,** in the Council Chamber, City Hall, 300 N. Loraine, on a request by **Laura Morrow** for a Specific Use Permit for a Private School, on Lots 11 and 12, Block 2, Lily Heights Addition, City and County of Midland, Texas. (Generally located on the southwest corner of the intersection of Austin Street and Bedford Avenue.) The meeting facility is accessible to disabled persons. A wheelchair entry ramp is located at the southeast entrance to City Hall. A parking space designated for use by disabled persons is available near the southeast entrance doors. Any disabled person needing special accommodations or hearing impaired persons wishing to have an interpreter should request services through the Administrative Services Department at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting by contacting David Hunter, Compliance Coordinator for the City of Midland, at (915) 685-7250. If communication via TDD is required, please call 1-800-735-2989.

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Bldg.	Building
Cond.	Condition
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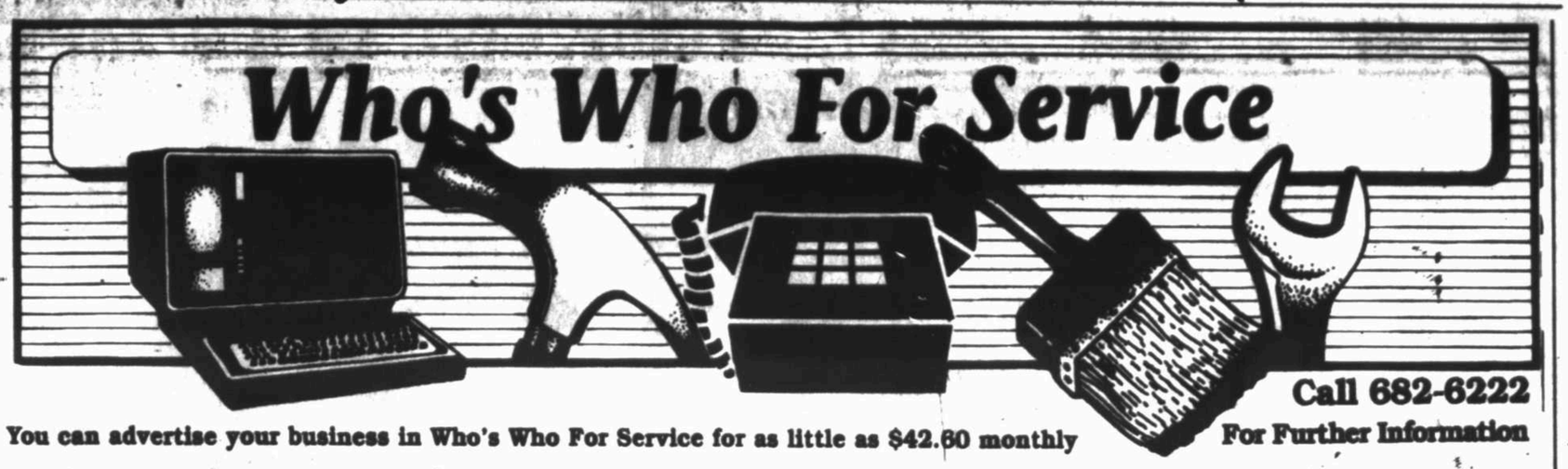

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