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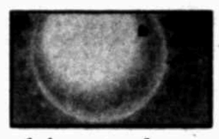


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Mexicans on death row ask for new trials

By Hope Yen
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The Bush administration is asking Texas and other states to conduct new hearings for 51 Mexicans on death row who say they were denied legal help from their consulates in violation of international law.

The International Court of Justice in The Hague last year ruled that the convictions violated the 1963 Vienna Convention by not providing the Mexicans with consular access. In 1969, the Senate ratified the treaty, which requires such access for Americans detained abroad and foreigners arrested in the United States.

The Supreme Court filing is an attempt by the administration to quell international criticism and comes a month before justices were to hear arguments in the case of Texas death row inmate Jose Medellin, who is challenging his conviction and sentence as a due process violation.

'Mexico is pleased with President Bush's action. It no doubt will have an important impact for Mexicans in the United States.'

Arturo Dager, spokesman for Foreign Ministry in Mexico City

Medellin is backed in his appeal by dozens of countries, legal groups and human rights organizations, as well as former American diplomats and the European Union.

"Mexico is pleased with President Bush's action," said Arturo Dager, a spokesman for the Foreign Ministry in Mexico City. "It no doubt will have an important impact for Mexicans in the United States."

Donald F. Donovan, an attorney representing Medellin, said: "We welcome the president's commitment to ensure that Texas will provide Mr. Medellin the review and reconsideration of his conviction and sentence to which the International Court of Justice ruled that he and 50 other Mexican nationals are entitled."

The filing by Acting Solicitor General Paul Clement argues that it is President Bush's decision, not the court's, to determine whether the United States should comply with international law. Nevertheless, the administration has chosen to do so in this case, states the Feb. 28 filing, which was circulated Monday by the court.

"Compliance serves to protect the interest of United States citizens abroad, promotes the effective conduct of foreign relations and underscores the United States' commitment in the international community in the rule of law," Clement wrote.

The filing states that Medellin and other Mexican nationals can now seek a fresh review in state court, which will then reconsider their claims in a way that "the president has determined is an appropriate means to fulfill this nation's treaty obligations."

Texas attorneys had argued it was too late for Medellin to bring the challenge, because he failed at his trial to file objections that the Mexican government was not told of his arrest.

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Taxing Our guilty pleasures



Alec Richards/Reporter-Telegram

SWEET TOOTH TAX Tony stands beside a display of his pastries at Tony's Bakery. The Texas Legislature is looking for ways to finance education, one of which is to tax snacks like chips, bakery items, cokes, candy and roasted nuts.

Lawmakers to debate snack, cigarette taxes

■ Cakes, candy, doughnuts and sodas are among snacks that could be taxed.

By Sarah Kleiner
Staff Writer

Loyal customers have memorized the menu at Tony's Bakery on Big Spring Street after 12 years of consistent prices for homemade cookies and cakes, owners Tony and Dolores Aguilar said Tuesday.

But after the Texas Legislature votes on a massive school finance reform bill, the Aguilars might have to charge more for their pastries and tarts.

To fulfill their promises of lowering property taxes, state lawmakers have generated several proposals to raise funds for public education, including taxing snacks and increasing taxes on cigarettes. Reforming the school finance system — which relies heavily on property taxes— is a top priority in the current legislative session after courts declared the system unconstitutional last year.

Lawmakers say they have the health of Texans in mind as they consider taxing snack foods and boosting the taxes on cigarettes, but business owners question whether their customers will be willing to shoulder more of the burden.

"For a small business, we're competing with the big companies," said Tony Aguilar. "It's very hard for us to raise the prices."

Late Monday night, a House committee voted to add a measure to House Bill 3, one of two education finance reform bills, that would tax bakery items, candy, chips, soft drinks and roasted nuts at 3 percent of the sales price if purchased anywhere but restaurants.

The tax will be considered discretionary, said Rep. Charlie Howard, R-Sugar Land, because consumers will choose to buy snack foods — which aren't necessary for health or diets — and thus choose to pay the tax.

"The state of Texas is now considered the

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Video lottery terminals remain on table in Texas Legislature

By Sarah Kleiner
Staff Writer

Though the Texas Legislature's two extensive education finance reform bills do not include legalization of video lottery terminals, a few bills have been filed that would allow gambling terminals in some outlets around the state.

The bills, which would require at least part of the revenue raised from lottery terminals to go toward education, have yet to be debated by committees. Two have been filed in the House, and one has been filed in the Senate.

Two of the bills would authorize officials of horse and greyhound racing parks to introduce video terminals on their grounds.

Martha Claussen, director of publicity at Sam Houston Race Park near Houston, said many Texans travel to Louisiana, New Mexico and Oklahoma to gamble.

"It's very difficult for us to see all the money that leaves the state of Texas," Claussen said.

The economy will be boosted if video lottery terminals are allowed in Texas, Claussen said, because racetracks will hire more employees. Also, more money will fund the purses, or the amount of money paid for each race, which will attract better quality horses to Texas.

Some studies have found 80 percent of people gambling in Louisiana casinos are from Texas, Claussen said.

There are four horse racing venues and three grey-

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'Friends of the Dog Park' raise more than $3,000 in fund-raiser

By Stephanie A. Miller
Staff Writer

Nearly one month since it kicked off, the latest dog park fund-raiser has brought in more than $3,000 to help build the project.

The Friends of the Dog Park flyer campaign is an insert Midlanders can find with their utility bills for donations to help build the city's first dog park.

The campaign began in mid-February and already has received about $3,700 in donations. The amount has boosted dog park fund-raising, which was an estimated $1,063 in January.

"This is a great start," said Jack Swallow, president and chief executive officer of the Permian Basin Area Foundation, which is managing the project's donations.

Swallow said as early as August, donations have been pouring in to support the dog park, which will cost between $60,000 to $70,000 to build, city officials said.

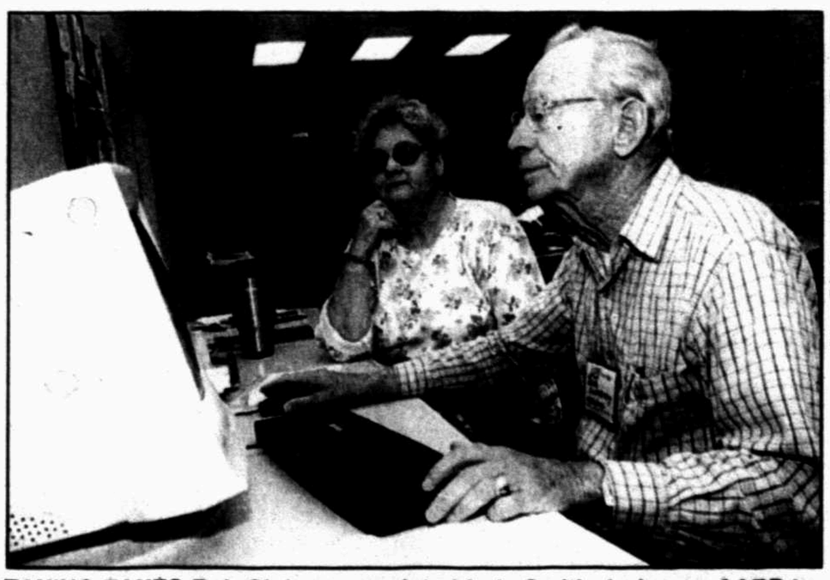
"There's still much more to raise, and we're very hopeful that people will respond to it," Swallow said.

Midland Animal Services Director Coy Willis said he is glad people are using the mailing option to make their contributions.

"It looks like we're moving, and it's very satisfying to see that we're moving," Willis said.

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HELPING OTHERS WITH TAXES



Alec Richards/Reporter-Telegram

TAXING TAXES Bob Clohessy assists Linda Smith during an AARP tax aid program class at the Midland Senior Center Tuesday afternoon.

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PEOPLE IN THE NEWS

from wire reports

NEW YORK — **Petra Nemcova** talks about her harrowing experience and the death of her boyfriend, Simon Atlee, in the pounding waters of the Asian tsunami, in an interview to air on ABC.

"There are lots of things which I would love to tell him, but in some way, I also feel that I lost the person closest to me," the 25-year-old supermodel tells Diane Sawyer on "Primetime Live," airing Wednesday (10 p.m. EST). "And I got a second chance to live. So in a way I feel that I live for both of us ... and I will do my best."

Nemcova and Atlee, a 33-year-old British fashion photographer, were vacationing at the resort of Phuket in Thailand when the waves swept through their beach hut on Dec. 26. Nemcova was pulled away from Atlee and eventually clung to a palm tree for nearly eight hours before being rescued.

Nemcova, recovering in her native Czech Republic, says her pelvis was breaking "many times, I was just screaming at the top of my lungs."

At one point, she believed she was going to drown. "You just start (to) swallow the black water. ... It was quite peaceful in that moment, because I thought it's, you know, 'that's it. All right.'"

While clinging to the palm tree, Nemcova said, "the hardest thing is just, you know, not knowing if Simon's still somewhere. And needs help."

Officials in Thailand said Tuesday that Atlee's body had been found and identified on March 3.

Dr. Elton Strauss, chief of orthopedic trauma and adult reconstruction at Mt. Sinai Hospital in New York, said Nemcova fractured every bone in her pelvis and is "truly a miracle person. I don't know how she survived."

Nemcova says going back to modeling isn't in her thoughts: "In the moment, I live day by day."

The official death toll from the tsunami ranges from 173,324 to 182,340. The number of missing ranges from 107,853 to 129,897 — with most presumed dead.

On the Net:
http://abcnews.go.com/Primetime/

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HAMBURG, Pa. — **Dee Snider** will go just about anywhere to defend the right to rock.

Snider, frontman for Twisted Sister, whose 1984 hit "We're Not Gonna Take It" salutes teen rebellion, says he'll attend Hamburg Area High School's annual talent show next month when students plug in their amplifiers and let loose.

School administrators had threatened to bar rock bands from the show because of potential injuries caused by moshing, a form of dancing in which participants slam into each other.

Snider, now a disc jockey at Philadelphia rock station WMMR-FM, heard about the controversy and ranted on air about it. School officials eventually backed down, and Snider helped arrange for a security company to work the show.

"For me, it was like freakin' 'Footloose.' We're banning dancing?" Snider told The Associated Press Monday.

He plans to be in the audience when one of the student bands plays "We're Not Gonna Take It" — and says he might even join them onstage — if asked.

"I've never gone any place where there are musical instruments present where I've not been pressured to sing, much to my chagrin," Snider joked.

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

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INDIANAPOLIS — **Elton John** has postponed a concert scheduled Saturday at Conseco Fieldhouse.

The concert will be held Nov. 19, said promoter Sunshine Concerts. Tickets bought for Saturday's show will be honored in November. They can also be returned for a refund.

John canceled appearances in Bossier City, La., and New Orleans last week, blaming an illness. His Web site said performances this week in Richmond, Va., and Winston-Salem, N.C., have also been canceled.

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

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MANHASSET, N.Y. — **Bob Costas** will receive the Dick Schaap Award for Excellence in Sports Journalism at a dinner on April 11. The award is presented annually by the Nassau County Sports Commission.

Costas, a 16-time Emmy winner and veteran of NBC, has hosted six Olympics, the World Series, NBA finals and the Super Bowl. The award was established in 2002 in memory of Schaap, a journalist and broadcaster.

Costas is the host of HBO's "On the Record With Bob Costas" and co-host of "Inside the NFL."

On the Net:
http://www.hbo.com/ontherecord/
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LONDON — **John Travolta** provided his own definition of cool after he flew across the Atlantic in his private jet to attend the London premiere of his new movie, "Be Cool."

"Yesterday we left the house, kissed the kids goodbye, then we went into the back yard, got in a jet and flew to London. That was pretty cool," Travolta said Monday. He was accompanied by his wife, Kelly Preston.

Travolta plays mobster-turned-movie producer Chili Palmer in "Be Cool," the sequel to 1995's "Get Shorty."

The film reunites him with Uma Thurman, with whom he shared a famous dance scene in "Pulp Fiction."

"He's the best dance partner. The nicest thing about being in the film was being together again. We're old friends, and we had a great time together," said Thurman, who wore a Louis Vuitton backless top and tiered skirt to the premiere in London's Leicester Square.

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LAS VEGAS — Wynn Las Vegas has completed its lineup of chefs to run the new hotel-casino's fine-dining restaurants.

Richard Chen, who helped run Shanghai Terrace at The Peninsula Chicago hotel, was signed to oversee the property's upscale Asian restaurant. It will be called Wing Lei, which means Wynn in Chinese.

"This is it. The last piece in the puzzle," said Elizabeth Blau, Wynn's executive vice president of restaurant marketing and development at the $2.7 billion resort.

Blau said Chen's food will be a fusion of several different types of Chinese cuisine.

Ten of the 19 restaurants and bars at Wynn Las Vegas will be chef-driven concepts, Blau said recently, including the hotel-casino's casual Asian spot, Red 8, that chef Hisham Johari will operate.

All of the chefs, except Daniel Boulud of New York City will live in Las Vegas.

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

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LAS VEGAS — A weekend poker tournament stretched into early Monday before poker champion Phil Hellmuth defeated rival Chris Ferguson to win the inaugural National Heads-Up Poker Championship, tournament officials said.

It was 3:23 a.m. when Hellmuth won the $500,000 first prize in the $1.5 million event at the Golden Nugget hotel-casino in downtown Las Vegas.

The made-for-TV tournament was taped for telecast by NBC in May.

Hellmuth, from San Francisco, has been one of the most recognizable faces in poker since becoming the youngest winner of the World Series of Poker in 1989, at age 24.

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DETROIT LAKES, Minn. — **Toby Keith, Alan Jackson** and **Tim McGraw** are the big stars at this year's WE Fest country music festival near Detroit Lakes in northwest Minnesota.

Keith will headline the first day of concerts on Aug. 4. Others on the first day's bill include Big & Rich, The Charlie Daniels Band and SHeDAISY.

Jackson performs Aug. 5. Other performers that day include Sara Evans, Sawyer Brown, Joe Nichols, Emerson Drive and The Wrights.

McGraw closes the festival on Aug. 6. He'll be joined by "Redneck Woman" singer Gretchen Wilson, Dierks Bentley, Trick Pony and Shelly Fairchild.

Ticket prices range from $100 to $500.

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



Lawmaker asks Show Me State to pay more for showing so much

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP) — In the eyes of one Missouri legislator, the show-me state needs to tone down its image — as far as the adult entertainment industry is concerned.

"Travelers in our state are being sent a signal that Missouri is a porn-friendly state," said State Sen. Matt Bartle,a Republican. To combat that, Bartle has sponsored a measure for a sin tax.

The proposal cleared the state Senate with little debate on Monday. The legislation needs another vote to move to the House.

Under the bill, tipping strippers would be illegal, as would any physical contact between exotic dancers and their customers. Total nudity would be banned, and no one under 21 could work in such businesses.

The legislation also would impose a $5 per customer charge for sexually oriented businesses, from strip clubs to adult bookstores, and a 20 percent tax on revenues. The provisions are similar to what casinos in the state already must pay.

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Teresa Wright, co-star with Gary Cooper and Marlon Brando, dies at 86

By Bob Thomas
Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Teresa Wright, the willowy actress who starred opposite Gary Cooper and Marlon Brando and won a supporting Academy Award in 1942 for "Mrs. Miniver," has died. She was 86.

Wright died Sunday of a heart attack at Yale-New Haven Hospital in Connecticut, her daughter, Mary-Kelly Busch, told The Associated Press on Tuesday.

Wright's career skyrocketed after her first film, "The Little Foxes," which brought her an Oscar nomination as best supporting actress of 1941. The following year she was honored with two nominations: lead actress as the wife of Lou Gehrig in "The Pride of the Yankees" and supporting actress as Greer Garson's daughter-in-law in the wartime saga "Mrs. Miniver."

She also starred in three other classics: Alfred Hitchcock's "Shadow of a Doubt" in 1943; Brando's first film, "The Men," in 1950; and the multiple Oscar winner "The Best Years of Our Lives" in 1946.

Later generations saw her in an occasional character role, including the eccentric, warmhearted Miss Birdie in the 1997 film version of John Grisham's "The Rainmaker," starring Matt Damon, and in 1988's "The Good Mother," with Diane Keaton and Liam Neeson.



WRIGHT DIES In this handout photo from 1942, Teresa Wright, left, and Greer Garson are shown in character in a scene from the movie, "Mrs. Miniver." Wright, who won a supporting Academy Award in 1942 has died. She was 86.

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Wright's lovely face, quiet manner and dramatic skill made her a popular leading actress in the 1940s and early '50s. She appeared opposite Cooper in "The Pride of the Yankees" and "Casanova Brown," Robert Mitchum in "Pursued," David Niven in "Enchantment," Lew Ayres in "The Capture" and Cornel Wilde in "California Conquest."

From the beginning of her Hollywood career, Wright displayed an independence that rankled her boss, the imperious Hollywood producer, Sam Goldwyn. Goldwyn fired her in 1948, claiming she was "uncooperative" for refusing to go to New York to publicize one of her films.

The actress expressed no regret about losing her $5,000-a-week contract. She claimed illness and added: "The type of contract between players and producers is, I feel, antiquated in form and abstract in concept. ... We have no privacies which producers cannot invade, they trade us like cattle, boss us like children."

Wright stood out as an anomaly in a Hollywood era when glamour was demanded of actresses. She appeared on-screen as the dutiful daughter and supportive wife, never the seductress.

"I'm just not the glamour type," she admitted in a 1950 interview. "Glamour girls are born, not made. And the real ones can be glamorous even if they don't wear magnificent clothes. I'll bet Lana Turner would look glamorous in anything."

When a studio asked her to pose for "cheesecake" — the term for photos in bathing suits or other scanty attire — she declined.

"I argued that I didn't have any of the attributes to pose for cheesecake," she said. "I said I would have to make good on my acting ability, which was the only attribute I could offer."

Wright was born in New York City on Oct. 27, 1918, and grew up in Maplewood, N.J., where she showed promise in theatricals at Columbia High School. Her instructor persuaded Teresa's father to allow her to study for the summer at the famed Wharf theater in Provincetown, Mass.

Wright began her career in summer theater, then got a job as understudy to Dorothy McGuire, who had taken over the lead role in the hit play "Our Town." After touring in "Our Town," Wright won a role in another stage hit, "Life with Father." Goldwyn saw the play and brought her to Hollywood to play the role of Alexandra Giddens in "The Little Foxes."

While under contract to Goldwyn, she met the producer's story editor Niven Busch, who wrote "Duel in the Sun" and other novels. They were married in 1942 and had two children, Niven Terence and Mary Kelly. Two of Busch's sons by a previous marriage lived with them on a 300-acre ranch in Hollister.

In 1952, she ended her marriage to Busch, accusing him of making her feel useless "by refusing to allow me the right to have anything to say in the care and raising of my children and the running of our house."

In 1959, Wright married Robert Anderson, author of "Tea and Sympathy" and other plays. She stopped acting for several years, but returned to the New York theater for "Mary, Mary" in 1962.

She drew glowing reviews in the Broadway revival of "Death of a Salesman" in 1975, and was warmly received in occasional screen appearances later in life. Besides "The Good Mother" and "The Rainmaker," Wright had character roles in "Hail Hero!" "The Happy Ending," "Roseland" and "Somewhere in Time."

She and Anderson divorced, but remained friends, her daughter said.

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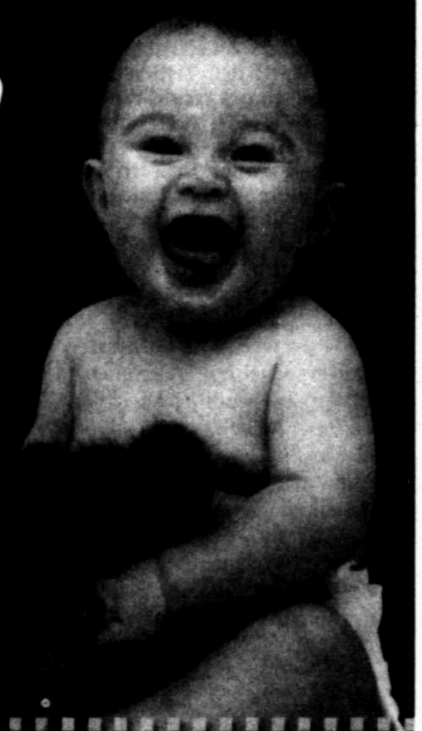
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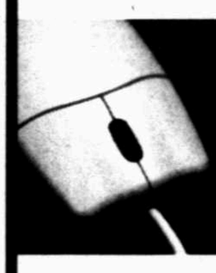
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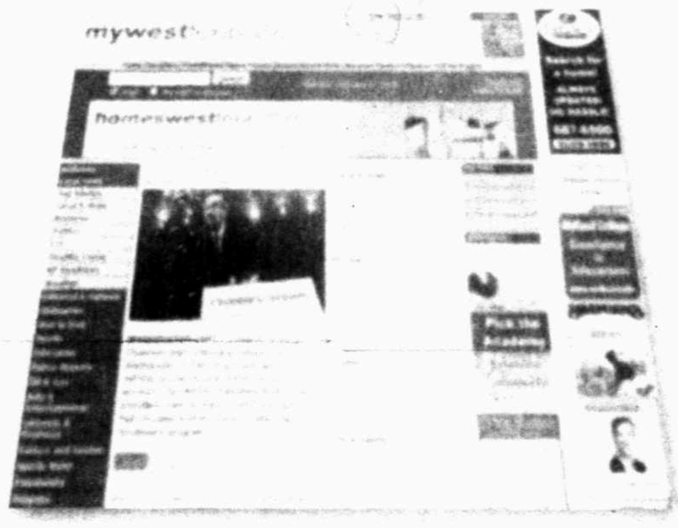
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PLAYING CARDS From left to right, Joann Stella, Jen Green, Gene Houk and Obra Buttry play a game of Bridge at Midland Senior Center.

TAX

(From 1A)

fattest state in the union," said Howard, who proposed the bill that would tax snacks. "What causes obesity? Partially, it's our eating habits."

The bill also would increase taxes on cigarettes from 41 cents to $1.41 per pack, which would boost the tax on one carton of cigarettes by $10.

Monty Caperton, who owns Smoker's Discount on Big Spring Street, said some of his customers claim they'll have to quit smoking because they can't afford the $14.20 cigarette tax they'll have to pay for a carton.

About 10 to 15 percent of smokers will probably quit their habit, Caperton estimated, which will hurt his business and other tobacco shops in the state.

"I just can't for the life of me figure why they want to target one or two groups of people," Caperton said.

Critics of the tax claim smokers likely will buy cigarettes online to avoid taxes or travel to neighboring states with lower rates.

Lawmakers say they have the health of Texans in mind as they consider taxing snack foods and boosting the taxes on cigarettes.

Texas' cigarette tax rate is lower than all but one neighboring state, but it will be the highest of all bordering states if the tax is implemented, legislative aides have said.

During legislative hearings, some experts testified smokers will cost the state more money for health care as they age than nonsmokers.

"There was significant testimony that the social cost of smoking is pretty significant," said Paul Powell, chief of staff for Rep. Ken Paxton, a Republican from McKinney on the House ways and means committee.

Other revenue-raising measures include expanding the sales tax to include billboard advertising, bottled water and automobile repairs; increasing the state sales tax from 6.25 percent to 7.25 percent; and implementing a 1.15 percent tax on wages to be paid by Texas businesses.

House Bill 3 was voted out of committee late Monday night and is expected to be taken up on the House floor later this week or early next week. Lawmakers began debating House Bill 2, the education reform bill, Tuesday on the House floor.

If the tax on snacks is approved as a measure in House Bill 3, the comptroller's office will be charged with defining exactly which retailers and food items are taxed.

The Aguilars, who make most of their money selling cakes made from scratch, said increasing taxes have put pressure on local businesses.

"For a small business like us, if they raise the taxes, not many are going to survive," Dolores Aguilar said. "I pray that we can survive."

PARK

(From 1A)

The voucher contains standard donor information for the tax-deductible contributions.

On one side, the flyer has a sketch of the leash-free dog park located near the Sibley Learning Center at Hogan Park.

Dogs weighing 30 pounds or larger can roam in the 4.2 acre park designated for large dogs. Animals weighing less than 30 pounds can enjoy the small dog park, which spans across 3.1 acres. The dog park is a joint project of the city's animal services advisory commission and the city's parks and recreation commission.

Friends of the Dog Park came up with the idea for the flyer fund-raiser, which officials are hoping will raise between $70,000 to $80,000 to build fences for both the small and large dog parks.

How to donate

Dog park donations can be mailed to the Permian Basin Area Foundation, 550 W. Texas Ave., Suite 1260, Midland, 79701. To receive a flyer for donations, contact Animal Services at 685-7424.

Midland has a 32,000 customer base that receives utility bills, so the city felt it would be a good avenue to reach as many people as possible for this effort, said Midland's Customer Service Manager Tony Goyang, whose department distributes the bills.

The city's dog park will be a good attraction that will better serve the community in many ways, said Kim Turner, chairwoman of the animal services advisory commission.

"In Midland, you can only walk your dog at certain parks, on certain days, at certain times, and they have to be on a leash. So if you want to go out there and run, play Frisbee or ball with your dog, there is no place in Midland you can do that," she said. "The dog park will give us a place that we can do that. It affords people an opportunity to learn more about their dog, teach their dog discipline and give their dog a chance to socialize as well as themselves."

Dog parks are becoming more common in cities such as Houston, Dallas, College Station, Austin, Fort Worth, San Antonio and El Paso.

The animal services advisory commission is contemplating several ideas to raise money, but nothing has been finalized, Willis said. The flyer fund-raiser will be an ongoing project as the city will utilize all opportunities to raise money for the dog park, he added.

DEATH

(From 1A)

Sandra Babcock, an attorney representing Mexico in the case, called the administration's move "an important, extraordinary statement" and "recognition by President Bush that compliance with the Vienna Convention has important repercussions for Americans who find themselves in trouble abroad."

William F. Schulz, executive director of Amnesty International USA, criticized Bush's action as doing "the right thing for the wrong reasons."

"For the president to suggest that he has the unilateral authority to pick and choose when the United States is going to uphold those commitments demonstrates a flagrant disregard for every individual's right to full judicial review," he said.

Medellin was one of five gang members sentenced to death for raping and murdering Jennifer Ertman, 14, and Elizabeth Pena, 16, in Houston in 1993.

There are 118 foreigners from 32 countries on death rows in America.

The case is Medellin v. Dretke, 04-5928.

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World marks International Women's Day; leaders say there's no going back

By Edith M. Lederer
Associated Press

UNITED NATIONS — Leaders of the fight for women's equality say there is no going back on the revolution that began 30 years ago, though the challenges ahead are immense.

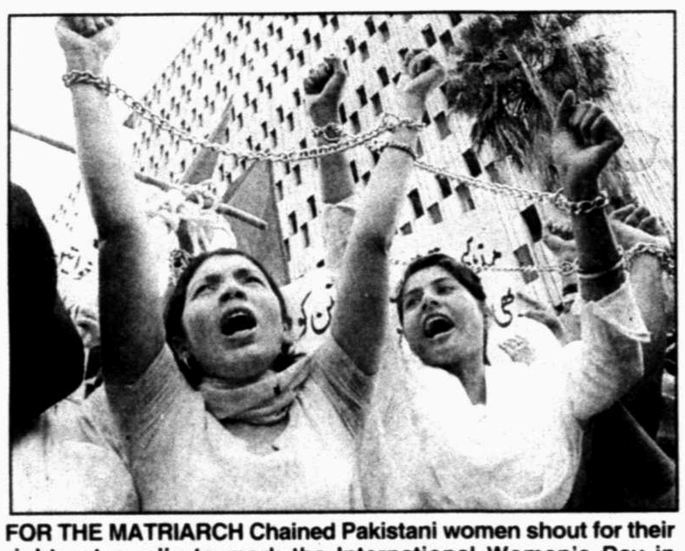
The comments came at a U.N. meeting to evaluate the world's progress toward gender equality. Now in its second and final week, the gathering has drawn delegates from 130 countries and 6,000 representatives from women's and human rights organizations.

Commemorating Tuesday's International Women's Day, Rachel Mayanja, the secretary-general's top adviser on women, warned that "the task ahead is not going to be any less difficult than it has been during the past decades."

She stressed that world leaders cannot view poverty, armed conflict and violence in isolation.

"The eradication of poverty and disease is as important as dealing with the criminal networks that traffic in women and children," she said.

Nafis Sadik, a special adviser on AIDS to Secretary-General Kofi Annan and former head of the U.N. Population Fund, said governments spend more than $900 billion on the military while the world's richest countries spend less than $70 billion on development assistance — and only about $3 billion of that amount goes to gender equality programs.



Shakil Adil/AP

FOR THE MATRIARCH Chained Pakistani women shout for their rights at a rally to mark the International Women's Day in Karachi, Pakistan Tuesday.



Murad Sezer/AP



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WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD Turkish Kurdish women, above left, holding red roses, chant slogans during a World Women's Day demonstration in downtown Istanbul, Turkey, Tuesday. ABOVE CENTER: A Haitian woman chants during a demonstration by supporters of Jean-Bertrand Aristide through the slum of Bel Air to mark International Women's Day and call for the ousted leader's return in Port-au-Prince, Haiti, Tuesday. ABOVE RIGHT: Alleged Filipino comfort women shout slogans during their picket in front of the Japanese embassy in suburban Manila to mark the celebration of International Women's Day Tuesday.

"What contributes more to security, $3 billion invested in women or the $900 billion squandered on weapons?" Sadik said to loud applause. "It is time for political leaders to stop talking about peace and really start investing in it."

At a commemoration held Friday before most of the ministers and VIPs left, two Nobel Peace Prize winners and the heads of the four U.N. conferences on women since 1975 spoke of progress and challenges ahead. The four conferences built the global women's movement.

Kenyan environmentalist Wangari Maathai, last year's Nobel laureate, said women must celebrate their achievements, including her prize, but must fight poverty by championing debt relief and open markets, and tackle climate change and deforestation.

"It is us who will eventually have to convince our governments that women need to be given equal space, to be given an opportunity to exploit their potential, and that it is not a gift for women to participate in decision-making — it is a right," Maathai said.

Rigoberta Menchu, the Indian rights activist from Guatemala who won the peace prize in 1992, said women should be "a beacon of hope" to change systems promoting racism, discrimination, exclusion and the lack of economic opportunity.

"We women have to give the example of being inclusive, of fighting exclusion, of fighting racism," she said. "That is why I'm here."

Helvi Sipila, secretary-general of the first U.N. women's conference in Mexico City in 1975, said in a video message from her home in Finland that women have made "considerable strides toward gender equality" but not enough has been done to advance peace.

"Today ... we must ask ourselves more seriously and with greater determination than ever what we can do in order to end violence, to enhance national and international understanding, and to secure world peace," said Sipila, 89.

Gertrude Mongella, secretary-general of the 1995 Beijing conference and now president of the Pan-African Parliament, recalled that in her final speech in Beijing she said: "A revolution has begun and there's no going back."

Ten years later, she said, women are more visible, gender equality "has become a working concept worldwide," and "women and men are now mobilized to see women's issues as societal issues, whether they like it or not."

"We are here to set a new speed," Mongella said. "We are here to remove the remaining obstacles. ... We are on the right track of our revolution. There is no going back."

Clinton returning to hospital to remove scar tissue from heart surgery; says 'I feel fine'

By Karen Matthews
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Six months after undergoing heart bypass surgery, former President Clinton will return to the hospital this week to have a rare buildup of fluid and scar tissue removed from his chest.

"I feel fine," Clinton said Tuesday in Washington, adding that he plans to play golf in Florida a day before the operation.

Doctors at New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University Medical Center, where Clinton is scheduled to have the procedure on Thursday, said the surgery is low-risk.

During the procedure, known as a decortication, doctors will remove scar tissue that is pressing down on his left lung. The surgery will be done either through a small incision or with a video-assisted thoracope inserted between his ribs.

The former president said doctors discovered the condition during a recent X-ray, and he called the surgery a "routine sort of deal."

In an interview with Associated Press Television News, Clinton said he knew before he went with former President George H.W. Bush to tour tsunami-devastated areas last month that he would be having the surgery. Doctors told him he would not be able to fly after the surgery, so he scheduled it after he returned.

Clinton said he will play in a charity golf tournament for tsunami relief Wednesday with the elder Bush.

"I feel fine. I just had a little fluid buildup after my surgery," Clinton told APTN. "It's no big deal."

Clinton's problem is a rare complication of his surgery, where inflammation of the lining of the heart develops and fluid builds around it or in the lungs, said Dr. Craig Smith, who performed the bypass surgery on Clinton in September. He said it occurs in "a fraction of 1 percent" of cases.

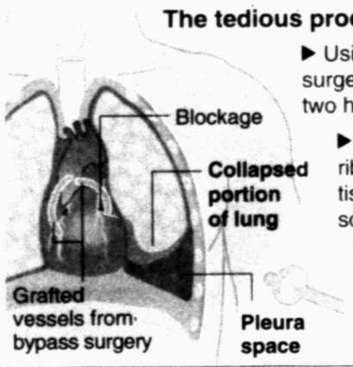
Dr. Allan Schwartz, chief of the cardiology at New York-Presbyterian, said Clinton passed a full physical before going to Asia and scored in the 95th percentile for his age in a stress test.

Clinton, 58, had been quite active since his Sept. 6 heart surgery at Columbia-Presbyterian, presiding over the opening of his presidential library in Little Rock, Ark., and, more recently, joining the first President Bush for a public relations campaign to help raise private funds for the victims of the Asian tsunami.

Rare complications from heart surgery

A recent X-ray revealed that former President Bill Clinton has fluid and scar tissue pressing on his left lung, resulting from his September bypass surgery. On Thursday, doctors will perform a procedure to remedy the problem.

The tedious procedure of decortication



- Using general anesthesia the surgery should take about one or two hours.
- From an incision between the ribs, fluid will be drained and scar tissue on the left lung will be scraped and peeled.
- A chest tube will be left in for several days to drain any further fluid.

SOURCE: New York-Presbyterian Hospital/Columbia University AP



Clinton

Former President Bush said he had trouble keeping up with Clinton in Asia.

"You should have seen him going, town to town, country to country, Energizer Bunny here. He killed me," Bush said.

Clinton underwent quadruple coronary artery bypass surgery after suffering chest pains and shortness of breath.

In bypass surgery, doctors remove one or more blood vessels from elsewhere in the body and attach them to arteries serving the heart, detouring blood around blockages. The vessel typically comes from elsewhere in the chest, although doctors sometimes take one from an arm, a leg or the stomach.

Clinton previously blamed his blockage in part on genetics — there is a history of heart disease in his mother's family — but also said he "may have done some damage in those years when I was too careless about what I ate."

Clinton said he would return to work as soon as possible following the surgery.

"I'm going to slow down for the next couple of weeks," he said. "But I'm in good shape."

GAMBLE

(From 1A)

hound race parks around Texas.

Some groups oppose gambling in Texas, especially if the revenue generated from the practice is used to fund education.

"What you have here is a predatory effort by business people who would like to make a great deal of money themselves and use the interest of the state in paying for education," said Weston Ware, legislative director of Texans Against Gambling.

Ware said gambling will bring bankruptcy, addiction, corruption and crime to Texas.

Judge finds mentally ill mother not responsible for baby's death

By Carolyn Thompson
Associated Press

BUFFALO, N.Y. — A mother who repeatedly swung her 7-month-old daughter headfirst into a sidewalk was found not responsible for the baby's death because she is mentally ill.

Kirsten Vanderlinde, 36, will likely spend years in a psychiatric institution, her attorney said Tuesday after the judge issued the verdict following a weeklong trial for second-degree murder.

The judge committed the woman to a mental health institution and ordered further psychiatric evaluation.

The infant, Melissa Vanderlinde, suffered severe head trauma in May 2004 when her mother held her by an ankle and drove her into the concrete.

Erie County Judge Shirley Troutman, who heard the case without a jury, cited records documenting the woman's psychiatric hospitalizations in the years before the attack, as well as her behavior in the days that followed.

While in jail, Vanderlinde tried eating a mattress and drank from a toilet and asked to make a phone call to check on the child, the judge noted.

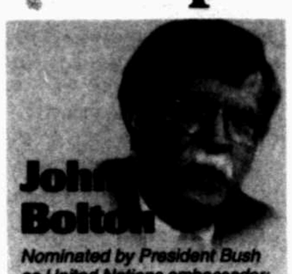
Defense attorney John Nuchereno said Vanderlinde stopped taking her anti-psychotic medication shortly before killing her daughter.

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TEXAS LOTTERY

Bush pick for U.N. ambassador not known for diplomatic language



Nominated by President Bush as United Nations ambassador:

Early years

Born Nov. 20, 1948, in Baltimore

Education Bachelor's degree, Yale University, 1970; law degree, Yale Law School, 1974

Career

U.S. Agency for International Development General counsel and assistant administrator for program and policy coordination, 1981-1983

Private law practice 1983-1985, 1993-2001

Justice Department Assistant attorney general, 1985-1989

American Enterprise Institute Senior vice president for public policy research, 1997-2001

State Department Assistant secretary for international organization affairs, 1989-1993; undersecretary of state for arms control and international security, since 2001

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By Anne Gearen
Assocaited Press

WASHINGTON — John R. Bolton, President Bush's choice to be U.N. ambassador, once said it wouldn't matter if 10 stories of the world body's headquarters simply vanished. He has also said the United States is the world's only real authority.

He once lambasted the chief U.N. human rights monitor as a rogue bureaucrat whose conduct "is a threat that we ignore at our own risk."

Democrats are gathering an arsenal of such material, and predict a contentious confirmation debate in the Senate. If confirmed, Bolton would enter the belly of the beast he has criticized as outsized and ineffectual.

"There is no such thing as the United Nations," he said in a 1994 speech. "There is an international community that occasionally can be led by the only real power left in the world, and that is the United States."

Bolton's nomination is somewhat out of step with Bush's second-term emphasis on partnership and cooperation with European allies and with a recent detente in the administration's squabbles with the U.N. bureaucracy. He would succeed John Danforth, a former senator and an ordained minister.

Currently the State Department's arms control chief, Bolton is a hardliner in discussions about nuclear ambitions in Iran and North Korea. He was similarly hawkish about Iraq's nuclear, biological and chemical capabilities before the 2003 U.S.-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein, and he is an enthusiastic proponent of a North American defensive missile shield.

Bolton keeps a model of a hand grenade in his State Department office, befitting his reputation for lobbing verbal bombshells.

"Admittedly, not all American governmental institutions are democratic," Bolton wrote in a 1999 opinion piece in the journal Legal Times. "But even if key government bodies are far removed from popular accountability and unelected bureaucrats have been delegated vast power, they nonetheless are part of a coherent constitutional structure. By contrast, we find no coherence in the United Nations, just a mass of institutions that has grown over the years like a coral reef. "

Bolton's critics in the Senate have a lot to work with. A Yale-trained lawyer, he is known as brilliant, prolific, obstinate and mouthy. He served in the previous Bush administration, made the rounds of op-ed pages and conferences as a conservative think tank scholar during the Clinton administration and helped out on the Bush-Cheney legal team during the Florida recount in 2000.

Two years ago, Bolton denounced North Korean leader Kim Jong Il as a "tyrannical dictator" at a time when the official State Department line was much more accommodating.

Furious, a North Korean spokesman said that "such human scum" would be closed out of negotiations over the country's nuclear weapons program.

The North Koreans were already leery of Bolton. In 1999, while out of government, he said the United States should be "indifferent" to normal relations with Pyongyang.

"We should also make clear that diplomatic normalization with the U.S. is only going to come when North Korea becomes a normal country," he said then.

Writing in The Dallas Morning News in 2000, Bolton accused the Clinton administration of "an unambiguous act of appeasement" for agreeing to shield Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi if he handed over two suspects in the Pan Am 103 bombing for trial.

"Mr. Gadhafi likely will never have to answer for his role in the tragedy," Bolton wrote. "We can only hope that public release of the black-and-white evidence of our surrender will slow the administration's rush to normalize diplomatic and commercial relations with his still-criminal regime."

In a 2000 op-ed in an op-ed in the Los Angeles Times, Bolton questioned whether U.N. peacekeeping missions were becoming too plentiful and ambitious. He also said Kofi Annan, then as now the U.N. Secretary-General, was too eager to transform U.N. peacekeepers into warriors.

"This is not simply a budgeteer's bean-counting quarrel over personnel levels, but a fundamental disagreement about the most appropriate and feasible role for the U.N. in international conflicts," Bolton wrote.

"Peacekeeping historically has relied on the consent of and cooperation by parties to a conflict. Where that is absent, not only does peacekeeping fail, but so too will 'peace' itself."

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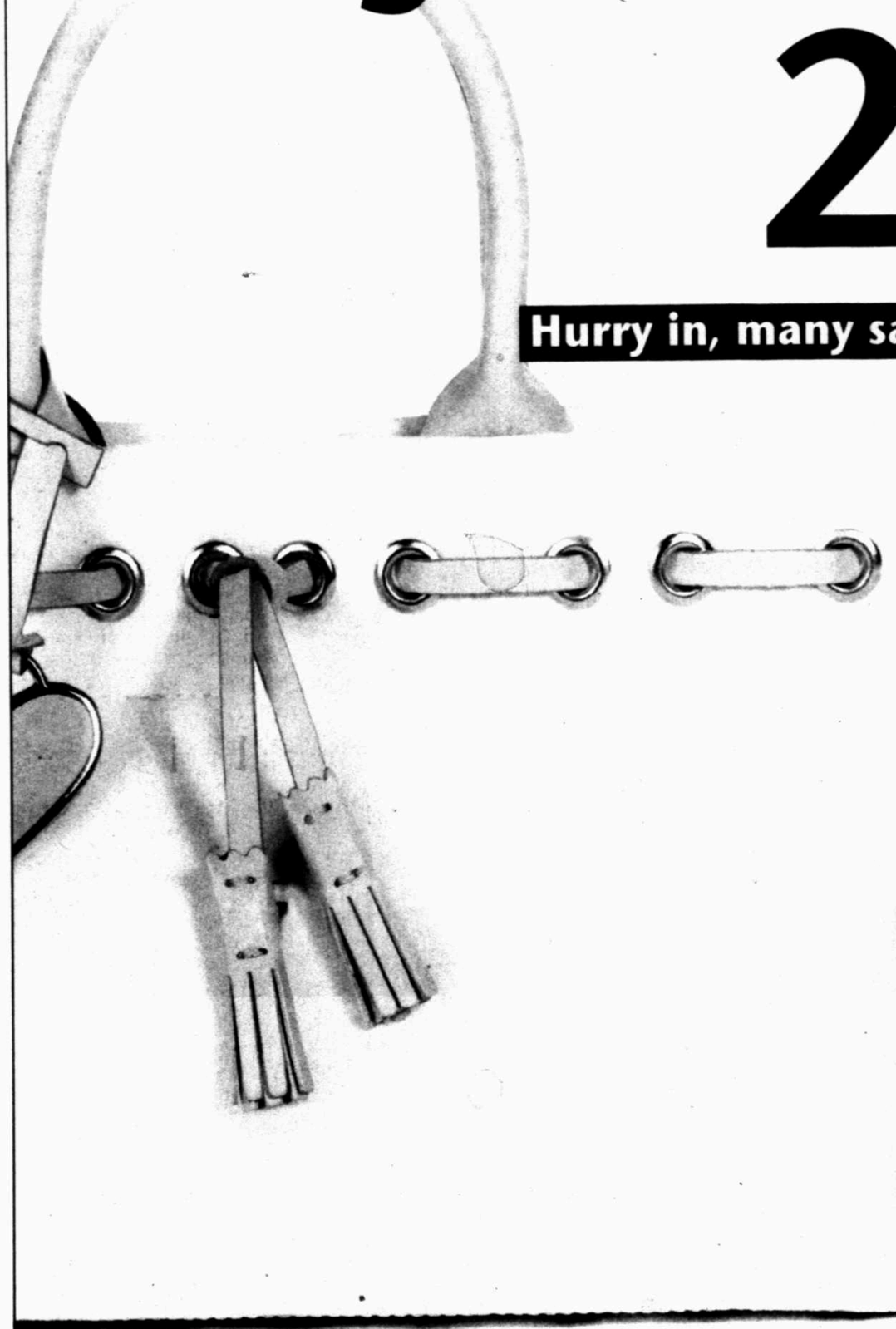
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Bush, allies trying to undercut AARP on Social Security

By Laura Meckler
Associated Press

PORTSMOUTH, N.H. — President Bush and his allies are working hard to nullify the power of the AARP, the mighty lobby for older Americans that is the archenemy to his Social Security plan.

Everywhere he goes, Bush promises the group's members they won't be touched by his plan, while his backers charge that AARP is out of touch and prone to scare tactics.

Polling makes clear that young people like Bush's plan for personal accounts in Social Security while old people don't, so Bush is hoping to shift the debate away from the old and toward the young.

In an airport hangar here, college senior Amy Partin joined the president onstage to serve as a human reminder of the future. Bush hit his central message over and over — people over 55 will not be affected by changes he's proposing. He used the phrase "nothing changes" four times.

"Once the seniors realize nothing changes, the voices you'll hear from are the Amys of America," Bush told 2,000 people assembled recently for one of a string of campaign-style events pitching his Social Security plan.

At the same time, conservatives allied with Bush are trying to undercut the AARP.

"AARP doesn't care about the children or grandchildren of their own membership, and I think that's very shortsighted," Sen. John Sununu, R-N.H., contended Tuesday.

Last week, House Majority Leader Tom DeLay called the group's opposition to personal accounts irresponsible and hypocritical, adding that it sells mutual funds to its own members.

And a group that bills itself as an alternative to the AARP, USA Next, has run Internet ads suggesting AARP is a liberal front for everything from gay marriage to gun control, and the group's leader says a wave of direct mail, TV and radio ads are coming next.

It's risky. Polling shows that the AARP is more respected than any other prominent voice in the Social Security debate, including Bush, Federal Reserve Chairman Alan Greenspan and congressional leaders of both parties.

"You have to be careful who you attack," said Republican strategist Ed Rollins, who recently conducted a bipartisan poll on Social Security. "Going after the AARP is nuts. Don't make them the enemy."

AARP agrees with Bush that Social Security faces long-term financial problems and says it wants to be part of the discussion about how to fix them. Officials note that they helped Bush pass a prescription drug bill for Medicare opposed by many Democrats (a move that cost the group some 60,000 members). Further, AARP chief Bill Novelli recently met with Karl Rove, Bush's top political adviser, and Al Hubbard, his chief economic adviser, to talk about Social Security.

But the AARP deeply opposes the centerpiece of the White House plan: allowing younger workers to divert a portion of their Social Security payroll taxes into personal accounts that could be invested in the stock market in trade for reduced guaranteed benefits.

The group has spent some $10 million in newspaper advertisements advising: "If you have a problem with the sink, you don't tear down the entire house."

Polling finds that overall support for the Bush plan is falling, though younger people are more supportive than older people. With this in mind, the AARP is planning television and radio ads targeted toward young people to run during the next congressional recess in late March.

"We feel like they have both the largest stake in this debate and the least amount of information about it," said John Rother, AARP's policy director.

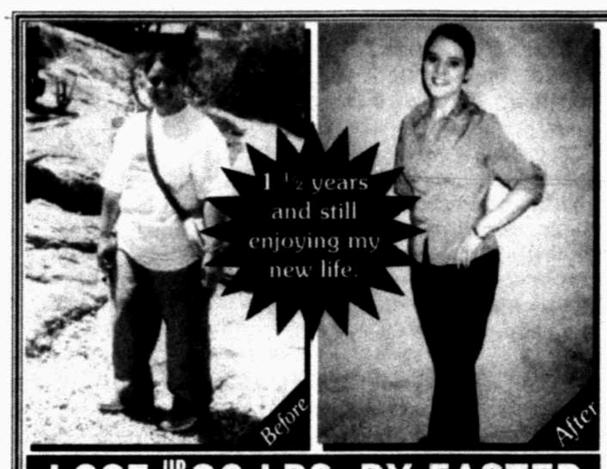
In his speeches, Bush never criticizes the AARP directly, but USA Next does.

That group, which claims a membership of 1.5 million and a budget of $10 million, has run a stream of Internet ads assailing the AARP. Chairman Charlie Jarvis said TV and radio ads will soon run in states identified as pro-free market, with a large direct mail campaign starting in the next couple of weeks.

"They are a Goliath of left liberal lobbying groups," reads a draft letter Jarvis is preparing. "USA Next is admittedly a David against the Goliath but I like the way that story ends."

Rother says he's not worried.

"We've been around a long time and are a pretty well-known organization. I don't think people are going to believe false things," he said.



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Maryland governor still looking for big win

By Gretchen Parker
Associated Press

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — The political intelligence on Republican Gov. Robert Ehrlich reads something like this: A real charmer, still needs a big win.

Ehrlich is trying to change that, moving closer in recent weeks to fulfilling one of his biggest campaign pledges — legalizing slot machines in Maryland. But the measure is still bogged down in the legislature.

And some believe that with few weighty victories in his first two years in office, the governor may be more vulnerable in 2006 than his poll numbers suggest.

With his sense of humor and plainspoken charm, Ehrlich consistently enjoys approval ratings in the low- to mid-50s, which is pretty good in a state where Republicans are outnumbered by Democrats 2-to-1.

At the same time, the Capitol Hill newspaper Roll Call last week rated him one of the country's most vulnerable governors, second only to New York's George Pataki, another Republican in a heavily Democratic states.

"I get the sense that people like him a lot," Roll Call's politics editor, Josh Kurtz, said of Ehrlich. "I'm not so sure people are aware of what's been done."

Ehrlich, 47, has no challengers in his party. The former congressman is viewed as a savior of the state GOP for breaking the Democratic stranglehold in Maryland, where in 2002 he became the first Republican governor in 36 years. He also shattered the state record for campaign fund-raising with $10.4 million.

He beat Robert Kennedy's eldest child, Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, who staged a lackluster campaign. He appealed to many voters by pitting his working-class roots against her well-to-do upbringing.

But his Democratic challengers in 2006 include Baltimore Mayor Martin O'Malley, a rising star in the national Democratic Party. O'Malley, a 42-year-old Irish Catholic father of four, fronts a rock band and can rival Ehrlich's laid-back charm.

Ehrlich has managed to win over Democratic voters with his support for medical marijuana and his backing of limited abortion rights.

"A snarling Republican wouldn't make it here," said Alan Lichtman, an American University professor of U.S. political history who writes a liberal-leaning column for a suburban Washington newspaper. "Marylanders want their Republicans to be smiling."

Ehrlich fits the bill.

He tosses snowballs on the lawn of the governor's mansion with his 5-year-old son. In state tourism commercials, he climbs a stepladder to hang a ceiling fan in the house of one family and caulks a bathtub for another while encouraging them to get out and enjoy Maryland.

He has a self-deprecating sense of humor. After Lt. Gov. Michael Steele traveled to Ghana, Ehrlich joked that Africans began referring to his second-in-command as "King Steele." "Which makes me nervous," Ehrlich told a banquet hall full of officials at a municipal government conference last year. He paused, and delivered a sideways glance at Steele. The room erupted.

"He's a Maryland version of President Bush — a nice, down-home guy that ordinary Janes and Joes can identify with," Lichtman said.

Ehrlich's aides count among his successes a program to make $1 billion in improvements to sewage plants to reduce pollution flowing into the Chesapeake Bay. And he cobbled together fee increases on drivers that will raise $12 billion for road projects over the next five years. He is also likely to campaign on his success in balancing budgets without raising taxes.

Still, "there is nothing really that the average citizen can latch onto and say, 'That's an identifiable, palpable accomplishment that means something,'" said Patrick Gonzales, who runs a nonpartisan, Annapolis-based polling firm.

On slots, he is pushing for more of the machines than the state House has been willing to approve. He also pressed last year for medical malpractice reform, calling the Democratic-controlled General Assembly for an emergency session to find ways to hold down doctors' insurance premiums. But he vetoed the bill that came out of it.

Without a really big win for Ehrlich, "a lot of little ones can be seen as trivial and insignificant and not add up to a lot," Gonzales said.

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Time has come to move past gender debate

Every once in a while we run across a public debate that is so silly and unproductive that we wonder how it ever gets a set of wings in the first place. Such is the case in a current discussion over the intellectual abilities of the sexes.

And this debate actually got started in high places, originating from Harvard University President Lawrence Summers. Summers has suffered severe condemnation, and may have jeopardized his job, for suggesting the under-representation of women in engineering and some scientific fields may be due in part to inherent differences in the intellectual abilities of the sexes.

And since Summers released this firestorm of controversy, it was surprising to see that many scholars who are in the know about the differences between men's and women's brains believe his remarks have merit.

For instance, Richard J. Haier, a professor of psychology in the pediatrics department of the University of California at Los Angeles medical school, says, "Among people who do the research, it's not so controversial. There are lots and lots of studies that show that men's and women's brains are different."

Academia has been bitterly divided in recent years by the nature versus nurture debate, and the Harvard president's comments last month at a National Bureau of Economic Research symposium squarely address aspects of that dispute that are so controversial the opposing sides almost never discuss them.

On one side are those who believe the sexes are equal enough in their intellectual abilities that any biological difference between them is vastly outweighed by social pressures and discrimination that discourage girls and women from pursuing science and engineering.

On the other side are those who believe that biological differences between men and women really can account for at least some of the under-representation of women in engineering and some fields of science.

But we think both sides are truly missing the point here. Is the difference really biological, or are exceptional girls and women intimidated by the cultural system and discouraged from an early age of cultivating their talents? It could be as simple as putting footballs in front of boys and dolls in front of girls. Less exposure means less of a chance to delve into that field.

We simply think it's a waste of time to expend energy on such a mundane topic. We should be spending our time with more fruitful endeavors.

It must be pointed out that in the early 1970s, women received less than 10 percent of all graduate degrees in law, medicine, and veterinary medicine, and they were below 20 percent in pharmacy. Today, women earn about two-thirds of the degrees in veterinary medicine and pharmacy; they are approaching 50 percent in law, and have topped 40 percent in medicine.

If there is a disparity in certain fields such as math, it is clear those margins are closing.

There actually appears to be many more hot-button issues that should command our attention concerning gender and employment such as equality in pay, maternity leave, and flexible time for family commitments. But in terms of education and opportunity, women are getting ever closer to a level playing field.

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Wednesday, March 9, the 68th day of 2005. There are 297 days left in the year.

Today's highlight in history:

On March 9, 1945, during World War II, U.S. B-29 bombers launched incendiary bomb attacks against Japan.

On this date:

In 1796, the future emperor of France, Napoleon Bonaparte, married Josephine de Beauharnais. The couple divorced in 1809.

In 1862, during the Civil War, the ironclads "Monitor" and "Virginia" (formerly "Merrimac") clashed for five hours to a draw at Hampton Roads, Va.

In 1916, Mexican raiders led by Pancho Villa attacked Columbus, N.M., killing more than a dozen people.

In 1954, CBS newsman Edward R. Murrow critically reviewed Wisconsin Sen. Joseph R. McCarthy's anti-Communism campaign on an episode of "See It Now."

In 1975, work began on the Alaskan oil pipeline.

In 1981, Dan Rather made his debut as principal anchorman of "The CBS Evening News."

CAL THOMAS

'Evolving standards' argument goes too far

Now that Justice Anthony Kennedy has ruled that our moral, ethical, even legal framework in the matter of capital punishment for murderers under 18 is to be determined by "evolving standards," let us move on to another application of that flawed philosophy: sex.

In the produce section of the grocery store, the lowly cucumber is about to achieve an elevated position in some Montgomery County, Md., public schools. Montgomery County has long been known as a "bedroom community" in the affluent Washington, D.C., suburbs — an appropriate moniker given what young students are about to be taught.

The school system announced last week that a new sex curriculum will be introduced this spring for three middle schools and three high schools. Students will be taught how to put a condom on a cucumber. They will also be taught that homosexual couples are the newest American "family."

But this isn't just about condoms, cucumbers and a new definition of family. In American schools, as in the rest of the country, one must be attuned to and indulge the desire of every citizen, as well as non-citizens.

That's why there's a "movement" in California to create gender-neutral toilets in public places so that transsexuals and even people with "androgynous identity who do not consider themselves completely male or female," in the words of a New York Times story, might feel comfortable.

But I digress. The Montgomery County schools trying out this program will also teach students to "develop" a sexual identity. According to the official line, gender identity is "a person's internal sense of knowing whether he or she is male or female." Gee, I discovered that as a child in the bathtub without the help of my public school.



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There does not seem to be a groundswell, or even a tremor, from parents to begin such a curriculum. Instead, this appears to be an idea hatched by the dirty minds of people like Russ Henke, the county's health education coordinator.

Henke told The Washington Times, "We have some schools that stepped up to it and some schools that were recruited to do it," adding, "A school may not be real pleased because of the controversy involved, but we need the representation from that area." What "area" would that be? Planned Parenthood? The sex toy industry?

The pilot program initially requires parental permission, but that won't last. Once "legitimacy" is established, pressure will be applied to make anyone who doesn't take the course feel like an outsider. Many will conform in order to avoid being "stigmatized."

Isn't that the same argument used to ban school prayer? Yes, but no one prays to a cucumber — not that there would be anything wrong with that in our tolerate-everything, "evolving standards" culture, which begs the question as to how anything could be a standard if it is evolving?

Back to the cucumbers and the presumption by "sex educators" that virtually all young people want to jump into bed with someone as soon after puberty as possible. The facts do not sustain such a conclusion.

In January, NBC News, in conjunction with People magazine, surveyed 13- to 16-year-olds on their attitudes about intimate physical contact. The survey found 27 percent were sexually active, but that leaves 73 percent who are not.

Why, then, not focus our program on encouraging those who are abstinent to continue on that path, while trying to turn around the 27 percent who are sexually active? Instead, we seem bent on encouraging the behavior we claim not to want.

While the elites argue against abstinence, it works when it's tried. In a March 5 letter to the editor of The Washington Times, Health and Human Services Assistant Secretary Wade F. Horn wrote: "At least 10 published studies — four in scientific peer-reviewed journals — have shown that (abstinence) education helps youth delay the onset of sexual activity."

According to the National Campaign to Prevent Teen Pregnancy, 91 percent of adults and 94 percent of teens believe teens should be given a strong message from society that they should not have sex until they are at least out of high school.



DAVID BROOKS

Wolfowitz should now get some credit

Let us now praise Paul Wolfowitz. Let us now take another look at the man who has pursued — longer and more forcefully than almost anyone else — the supposedly utopian notion that people across the Muslim world might actually hunger for freedom.

Let us look again at the man who has been vilified by Michael Moore and the rest of the infantile left, who has been condescended to by the people who consider themselves foreign policy grownups, and who has become the focus of much anti-Semitism in the world today — the center of a zillion Zionist conspiracy theories.

It is not necessary to absolve Wolfowitz of all sin or to neglect the postwar screw-ups in Iraq. Historians will figure out who was responsible for what, and Wolfowitz will probably come in for his share of the blame. But with political earthquakes now shaking the Arab world, it is time to step back and observe that over the course of his long career Wolfowitz has always been an ardent champion of freedom. And he has usually played a useful supporting role in making sure that pragmatic, democracy-promoting policies were put in place.

If the trends of the last few months continue, Wolfowitz will be the subject of fascinating biographies decades from now, while many of his smuggest critics will be forgotten. Those biographies will mention not only his intellectual commitment but also his personal commitment, his years spent learning the languages of the places that concerned him, and the thousands of hours spent listening deferentially to the local heroes who led the causes he supported.

To praise Wolfowitz is not triumphalism. The difficulties ahead are obvious. It is simple justice. It is a recognition that amid all the legitimate criticism, this guy has been the subject of a vicious piling-on campaign by people who know less than nothing about what is actually going on in the government, while he, in the core belief that has energized his work, may turn out to be right.

I have had only two long conversations with Wolfowitz. The second was the day after the Iraqi vote. I figured that would be an interesting day to get a sense of his mood.

He was not nearly as exuberant as I expected him to be, in part because, like everybody in government, he is busy with the constant flow of decisions. He said he spent 75 percent of his time on the Pentagon's budget and administration.



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He deflected all my Oprahesque attempts to get him to open up and describe what it has felt like to be him for the past few years. Our tissues remained dry. But he was eager to think ahead. "It's fascinating how many echoes this is going to have," he said. "The Iraqi election is an inspiration. It's going to be a real challenge to all absolute rulers."

He went on to suggest that American democracy-promotion could now get back onto its preferred course. Iraq, he said, was the outlier. "Iraq is exceptional because of the use of the U.S. military," he observed.

Normally, the United States plays the supporting role. For example, Americans can usefully raise the profile of dissidents so dictators feel less inclined to kill them. In the Philippines, Wolfowitz was the first U.S. official to meet with Corazon Aquino. The United States can use its access to dictators to pressure and annoy them, and Wolfowitz worked with George Shultz in the testy exchanges with Ronald Reagan, who was less inclined to ease Ferdinand Marcos out the door.

The United States can spark debates, but it cannot conduct them. When he was ambassador to Indonesia, Wolfowitz gave a speech calling for political "openness." He was careful not to use the words "freedom" or "democracy" because, under Suharto, Indonesians might have felt inhibited about talking in such bold terms. But they were comfortable with openness, and it became the subject of magazine cover stories and a great national discussion.

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COHN & CLIFT

Social Security Trust Fund doesn't exist

WASHINGTON — The Social Security Trust Fund does not exist. We have been writing this for 20 years. Here is why.

All Social Security payroll taxes are paid into the Social Security Trust Fund, but that fund is allowed to invest in only one investment: special U.S. Treasury bonds. In other words, as soon as the money is received it is loaned to the federal government and immediately spent, all $1,500,622,000,000 of it. That's right, $1.5 trillion is the amount of money claimed to be in the Social Security Trust Fund.



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This means the sole asset of the Social Security Trust Fund is an IOU from the U.S. Treasury, an amount that represents almost 20 percent of the total national debt. This is fine, but the fund could have obtained an IOU with or without remitting the Social Security taxes to the government. This is important because there is a complete disconnect between Social Security taxes and Social Security payouts to beneficiaries. This is so because the money collected is turned over to the government and spent. It is gone. It is not sitting in a trust fund. It does not exist.

Currently, more money is received than is paid out, but this will change in 2018, less than 13 years from today. Then, according to the Social Security trustees, more money will be paid out than received. That is when the Social Security system will need funds to pay to Social Security beneficiaries, and it will have to call upon the U.S. Treasury for money to do so. Ostensibly, this is money that the government owes to the Social Security Trust Fund, but where will this money come from? Not from Social Security taxes. That money is gone. It will come from new money — money that is simply printed or borrowed by the Treasury. Or if we are in a period of budget surpluses such as occurred during the second Clinton administration, the money will actually come from federal taxes.

This is not complex. The federal government funds Social Security like it funds national defense or any other program. It collects money through income taxes, customs duties, sales taxes (gasoline tax), and other sources, including payroll taxes. It distributes the money as Congress decides. If there is not enough money, it means the government is running a deficit and it must borrow enough to make up the difference. Remember, all the money collected (even the gasoline tax that is supposed to be earmarked for highway construction and maintenance) goes into the same pool. When the government comes up short, it is compelled to borrow, and much of that borrowing is done overseas, primarily from Japan, China, and Europe.

Because there is no money in the Social Security Trust Fund, and because the country is operating with a budget deficit, it is fair to say that if this trend continues the Chinese, Japanese, and Europeans will be paying the Social Security benefits to our retired population starting in 2018.

First test over abortion in new Congress goes to foes

By David Espo
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Abortion rights forces lost their first test of the new Congress on Tuesday, a skirmish over the rights of protesters in bankruptcy court, in a vote that reflected last fall's election results and portended fiercer battles ahead.

"Clearly, with the freshman class that came in this year you gained a number of pro-life votes," said Sen. John Thune of South Dakota, one of seven conservative Republicans who won their seats last fall. "I think the culture of the Senate has changed on that issue to the right."

Douglas Johnson of the National Right to Life Committee placed the shift at three seats.

Democrats and their allies, girding for a possible Supreme Court nomination fight later this year, disagreed only with the estimated size of the shift.

"We're seeing a net gain of two anti-choice votes in the Senate, for a split of 51-49," said Vicki Saporta, president of the National Abortion Federation.

"Both houses have an anti-choice majority. You have an anti-choice White House," she said. "So it's very difficult for us to be able to prevail on issues pertaining to upholding a woman's right to choose."

Lawmakers on both sides of the issue cautioned against reading too much into Tuesday's 53-46 vote on which the Senate said it would not deny protesters the chance to use bankruptcy proceedings to avoid payment of court fines or penalties. Supporters said their proposal applied only to violent protests; opponents said individuals participating in peaceful protests could also be affected.

Democrats had tried to attach the amendment to a major bankruptcy measure.

GOP leaders were able to minimize defections by stressing an overriding goal of clearing bankruptcy legislation that can win swift passage in the House, where abortion opposition is stronger than in the Senate.

At the same time, some Democratic abortion foes supported the proposal, Sen. Harry Reid of Nevada, the party leader, among them. "I want to emphasize that this amendment is not about the right to abortion," he said. "It applies to any extremist who turns to violence to protest lawful activities."

Overall, Sen. Charles Schumer, D-N.Y., the author of the defeated proposal, said the vote showed that the current Congress is "less friendly to pro-choice than last Congress."

He quickly added, though, that the relative closeness of the vote, particularly in comparison with other attempts to change the bankruptcy bill, showed that "on many choice issues we still have a good fighting chance."

The big clash, by general agreement, would be triggered by a vacancy on the Supreme Court, where Chief Justice William Rehnquist, 80, is suffering from thyroid cancer and three other members are over 70. Strongly opposed to abortion, President Bush could have as many as three or four appointments to make before his term expires.

The court has grown more conservative since its landmark 1973 ruling that recognized a right to abortion, although it has upheld the core of the decision in the intervening years.

"That is where the battle of choice is going to be amplified. We're going to have the votes to uphold a filibuster, and we're going to prevail," said Nancy Keenan, head of NARAL-Pro Choice America.

Interim judicial battles are expected. Democrats blocked confirmation of 10 of Bush's court appointments in the last Congress, and the issue of abortion figured in many.

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Hundreds of thousands attend pro-Syrian rally in Beirut

■ Major redeployment of Syrian troops begins.

By Tanalee Smith
Associated Press

BEIRUT, Lebanon — Hundreds of thousands jammed a central Beirut square Tuesday, chanting anti-U.S. slogans and support for Syria in a thundering show of strength by the militant group Hezbollah — a rally that greatly outnumbered recent demonstrations against Syria's presence in Lebanon.

Two huge banners in Riad Solh square read, in English: "Thank you Syria" and "No to foreign interference." That was a reference to U.S. and U.N. pressure on Syria — but not to the Syrian military, which the protesters made clear they were happy to have stay.

"We're here for the independence of Lebanon but not for Syria to leave," said 16-year-old Esraa Awarki, who traveled to Beirut by bus with a number of schoolmates from Sharkiya, in southern Lebanon. "Syria was helping to protect us."

The sprawling crowds sang, waved a sea of red-and-white Lebanese flags and burst into the national anthem, some touting posters with pictures of the Lebanese and Syrian presidents. Throughout the afternoon, loudspeakers blared songs of resistance and officials gave nationalist speeches.

"We are demonstrating here against foreign intervention in our internal affairs, and we're supporting Hezbollah," said Maha Choukair, a 21-year-old Lebanese University student. "Here we are saying thank you to Syria, not asking them to leave."


AP Photo

PROTEST Protestors carrying a crucifix, a portrait of Syrian President Bashar Assad and a Quran wave Lebanese flags in a central Beirut square, Lebanon, Tuesday. Hundreds of thousands of pro-Syrian protesters gathered, answering a nationwide call by the militant Shiite Muslim group Hezbollah to counter weeks of anti-Syrian rallies.

Hezbollah, an anti-Israeli party representing Shiite Muslims, organized the rally as a way of demonstrating that it will remain a powerful force in Lebanon even if Syria leaves. The Lebanese opposition, which opposes Syria's presence, has been trying to persuade Hezbollah to remain neutral in the country's political crisis.

Hezbollah is the best armed and best organized faction in Lebanon and enjoys strong support among Lebanon's Shiite community, which at 1.2 million is a third of the population. Respect for it extends beyond the Shiites because of its years of fighting against Israel.

The United Nations and the United States have called on Syria to withdraw its forces and for Hezbollah to disarm. Syria, whose troops have been in Lebanon for more than a quarter century, says it will transfer its forces closer to the border and discuss with Lebanese officials their eventual withdrawal — but it has not given a date for a full pullback.

President Bush rejects this as a half-step and said Tuesday that "Freedom will prevail in Lebanon" and demanded once again that Syria withdraw troops from its neighbor.

A major pullback of Syrian forces from central Lebanon toward the border began late Tuesday, when scores of trucks carrying soldiers and towing howitzer guns left the Aley region in the hills overlooking Beirut and headed up the mountain road to eastern Lebanon and down to the Bekaa Valley in the east. The convoys included several tanks on flatbed trucks, witnesses reported.

Lebanese officials said the pullback would be completed by March 23. Deputy Prime Minister Issam Fares said he believes the next phase, the full withdrawal from Lebanon, will be "speedy" — but he did not give a date.

Lebanon's state news agency estimated 1.5 million participated in Tuesday's rally, but that seemed high for the nation of 3.7 million. An Associated Press estimate put the crowd's size at 400,000 to 500,000.

A large proportion appeared to have come in from the heavily Shiite regions of the eastern Bekaa Valley and the south. In those areas, loudspeakers urged followers to travel to Beirut for the protest.

Awarki, surrounded by dozens of fellow schoolgirls in gray uniforms and black and gray scarves over their heads, said "at least three-quarters" of her school had come to Beirut "because the sheik-invited us" — referring to Sheik Hassan Nasrallah, the Hezbollah leader.

Nasrallah addressed the crowd from a balcony on a building facing the square.

"I ask our partners in the country or those looking at us from abroad, 'Are all those hundreds of thousands of people puppets?' Is all this crowd agents for the Syrians and intelligence agencies?'" he said.

Nasrallah directly addressed Israel, telling it to let go of "dreams for Lebanon."

"To this enemy we say again: There is no place for you here and there is no life for you among us. Death to Israel!" he said.

"Lebanon is not Ukraine," Nasrallah said, referring to that country's "orange revolution" last year. "If anyone thinks you can bring down a state with a few demonstrations, a few scarves, a few shouts, a few media, he is suspect, he is wrong."

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Nasrallah also warned Washington against any military action to achieve its goals.

"The fleets came in the past and were defeated. They will be defeated again," he said to the cheers of supporters wildly waving Lebanon's cedar-tree flag.

The weeks of anti-Syrian demonstrations in Beirut followed the Feb. 14 assassination of former Prime Minister Rafik Hariri. Many Lebanese accuse Syria and Lebanon's government of responsibility for Hariri's death; both deny any involvement. At one point in Tuesday's rally, the crowd observed a moment of silence for Hariri.

At least one opposition leader said the pro-Syrian government pressured people to turn out and some reports said Syria had bused in people from across the border.

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House to vote on MOTRAN road projects

■ Representatives also will vote on La Entrada's long-sought high priority designation.

By Bob Campbell
Staff Writer

The Midland-Odessa Transportation Alliance's third annual effort to win national high priority trade corridor designation for its La Entrada al Pacifico route is paying off today in Washington.

That and $11 million to fund five favorite MOTRAN road projects are in the six-year Transportation Reauthorization Bill scheduled to be voted on by the U.S. House of Representatives today in Washington.

Only one "big ticket item" is left on the organization's wish list — $42 million toward widening Highway 385 to four lanes over 53 miles from south of Crane to Interstate 10 — that it hopes to have in the annual Transportation Bill to be written this summer.

But the inclusion of La Entrada al Pacifico among the nation's 42 high priority corridors alone had MOTRAN President James Beauchamp and Board Chairman Robin Donnelly of Midland running a few mph over the speed limit Tuesday.

"It's like the MasterCard commercial — it's priceless," Beauchamp said. "It adds an air of legitimacy and recognition to your corridor you don't otherwise have when you start trying to bring in funds on the state and national levels. We'd like to see the whole route from Mexico to Midland-Odessa be a four-lane divided highway.

"This is a piecemeal project. We'll do a little bit here and a little bit there and keep going 'til we get it done."

Beauchamp said the priority designation and projects' funding was sought by Rep. Mike Conaway, R-Midland and bolstered by Texas House Speaker Tom Craddick of Midland.

He said Craddick's former Austin House members, Congressmen John Culberson of Dallas and Kenny Marchant of Carrollton, prevailed on Transportation Committee Chairman Don Young, R-Alaska, to put the requests in his manager's amendment with the $241.8 billion reauthorization bill.

Beauchamp said there is no significant opposition in the House or Senate because the Senate's request to "sweeten" it with more money was acceded to, and President Bush has approved it.

He said the measure's $11 million for the Permian Basin won't complete any projects but will get them started, giving the Texas

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MRT file photo

ON THE ROAD La Entrada al Pacifico has opened and will now offer an easier trade route between Chihuahua, Mexico and West Texas.

LIFE IN THE FAST LANE



Red light runners and speed

In an effort to make Midland's roads safer, the city of Midland through its CRASH Program is offering driving tips. This week's topic revolves around red light runners.

Problem Areas

- There is a correlation between speed and red light violators.
- Those who violate red lights usually also are speeding.

Red Light Tips

- When the light turns green, wait a few seconds before proceeding, allowing time to look for red light violators.
- When turning left or right on green, yield to any vehicle or pedestrian lawfully entering the intersection before you.
- If the signal heads are inoperative, all motorists must stop as if it is a four-way stop intersection.
- Remember: The Fire Department has the ability to preempt traffic signals from their ambulances and fire trucks when responding to an emergency. Be prepared to stop and pull to the side of the road when you hear sirens.
- The city's traffic engineers have timed the traffic signals for normal peak flows of traffic. Be prepared to stop if you are in heavy traffic or are traveling during busy times.

Source: City of Midland and the Midland Police Department.

RNC member says GOP must show governmental expertise

■ Bill Crocker names Pennsylvania senator as his preference for 2008 presidential nominee.

By Bob Campbell
Staff Writer



Crocker

Newly elected Republican National Committeeman Bill Crocker of Austin Tuesday said the GOP must show it can govern effectively and cut spending now that its candidates have gained majorities in Texas and the nation.

"We're going to embarrass ourselves if we can't get spending under control on the state and national levels," Crocker told 30 people at a Midland County Young Republicans luncheon at the Petroleum Club.

"It's up to us to determine how we administer the affairs of government."

Having replaced Tim Lambert of Lubbock Sept. 1 on the 165-member policy-setting RNC in Washington, the Austin attorney said his party also must work hard to stay politically effective because the contest between President Bush and Sen. John Kerry was closer than it might have looked Nov. 2. "That race could have gone the other way so easily," he said.

"The last thing we can do is start coasting because we won the last time. You can only coast when you're going downhill or stopping."

'We're going to embarrass ourselves if we can't get spending under control on the state and national levels.'

Bill Crocker, Republican National Committeeman

Crocker said Sen. Hillary Clinton, D-New York, is her party's probable 2008 presidential nominee and shouldn't be underestimated because many Republican women would cross party lines to support the first woman presidential nominee in American history.

He said former New York City Mayor Rudy Giuliani would be a popular choice for the Republicans, but neither Giuliani nor Arizona Sen. John McCain could win — Giuliani because he is from the Northeast and McCain because the party's core voters would not support him.

Crocker said after the luncheon his choice for president is 47-year-old Sen. Rick Santorum, R-Penn., who would appeal to conservatives.

Texas' other RNC members are Denise McNamara of Dallas and state party Chairwoman Tina Benkiser of Austin.

Crocker said the GOP should concern itself with resolving the partisan conflict over confirming judicial nominees in the Senate and re-electing the four Texas Supreme Court justices whose terms will expire next year in Austin. "We don't want the Supreme Court to fall back into the hands of the trial lawyers," he said.

Crocker said he does not support the 1.5 percent payroll tax proposed in the school finance reform bill being considered in the state Legislature, adding public school districts generally spend far too much for administration.

WORK ON THE COURSE



Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

ON THE GREEN Work continues on upgrading the irrigation systems and cart paths on the Quail Course at Hogan Park Golf Course. Work is scheduled to be completed in May.

BURR WILLIAMS

Charlie Goodnight, Jose Tafoya exemplify pivotal figures of Llano Estacado history

'El Llano Estacado es un mundo nuevo, Charlie — no?' Jose Piedad Tafoya sadly shook his head. "I remember seeing this valley black with buffalo thirty years ago. On this trip all I saw was an old sign hanging loose, flapping in the wind, with the words "Buffalo Bones." Underneath the sign were fragments of bone turning to powder." Walter Prescott Webb later estimated five million buffalo ranged from the Arkansas River in the summer to the Concho River and beyond in the winter during Tafoya's Comanchero days.

In 1893 Texas ranchers including Charlie Goodnight sued the State of Texas to recover the value of horses and cattle stolen by Comanches who traded them to Comancheros from northern New Mexico. This story is what I imagine Charlie and Jose might have talked about during the hearings of that lawsuit. They probably hunkered down in the shade of one of the sapling courthouse trees in Clarendon on the afternoon of Jose's testimony, after he had recounted the numbers of cattle he received from the Comanches and later sold in New Mexico to settlers and the U. S. Army.

Burr Williams is education director at Sibley Nature Center.



Both had extensively traveled the Llano Estacado and Pecos River Valley when much younger. In the 1920s Goodnight told his biographer J. Evetts Haley, "Tafoya was a wonder, and knew the Plains from the Palo Duro to the Concho by heart." (Some of Goodnight's dialog in this essay comes from the Haley book.) Tafoya was fluent and literate in both Spanish and English. In the 1860's and early 1870's he had 250 wagons rolling on the Llano Estacado, hauling buffalo meat and trade goods. Tafoya became one of the U.S. Army's most sought-after scouts in the mid to late 1870's.

Goodnight bragged a little. "The buffalo aren't all gone. Have you seen the buffalo I gave the Taos Pueblo? Mrs. Goodnight was sickened by the slaughter. In 1878 I roped a few calves and put them on Texas cows. They hated the calves. I had to walk into the pen carrying a fence post so they could get their clabber in peace. The first bull buffalo I had was 'old Sikes,' and he busted every barbwire fence I put up. He'd come charging to the horse corral, hook his head under the gate and lift it off its hinges and get his fill of corn. The ponies stifled themselves getting away."

Tafoya cackled at the image. "More than buffalo are gone. One time when I was down between Lagunas Cuates and Laguna de Tahoka on my way back from Muchaque, I ran into thousands upon thousands of turkeys walking across the llano. The flock stretched from horizon to horizon and was a half-mile across. A dozen or more coyotes were flanking them like drovers, hoping for one to get tired. I decided los pavos were headed for the sandhills along the Valle de Simanola to feed on shinnery acorns. They might have been after the big swarms of migrating grasshoppers — a little further west we found a place where the ground was bare, except for thousands of dead grasshoppers. One of my wagondrivers once thought a swarm of grasshoppers was a snowstorm without clouds, because of the way they glittered in the sun!

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OBITUARIES

Lenna 'Charlene' Wilson

Lenna "Charlene" Wilson, of Midland, devoted wife, mother and grandmother, went to be with her Lord, Monday, March 7, 2005.

She was born April 14, 1934 to Herbert Fowler and Luella Kelley Fowler in Drumright, Oklahoma. On July 10, 1954 Charlene married Floyd Allen Wilson in Drumright. The couple moved to Midland, Texas in 1955. Charlene loved her church, country & gospel music, ceramics, collecting angels and her greatest love was her family. She worked for the City of Midland as a school crossing guard for 27 years. We love and miss her.

She was preceded in death by her parents, one son, Steven Allen Wilson in 1980, and two brothers, Lewis Fowler and Herbert Fowler, Jr.

Charlene is survived by her husband of 50 years, Floyd Wilson of Midland, TX; daughter and son-in-law, Linda and Robby Dickenson of Coahoma, TX; four grandchildren, Christopher Chaney, Britt Dickenson of Coahoma, TX; and Tara and T. J. Green of Big Spring, TX; brother and sister-in-law, James and Jo Fowler of Pawhuska, OK; sister-in-law, Janet Fowler also of Pawhuska, OK; sisters, Mary Hagan of Tulsa, OK; Ruth Dickenson of Cushing, OK; numerous nieces and nephews.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 9:00 A.M. Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at Ellis Funeral Home Chapel with Reverend Tony Conner officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

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Jerry Covington

Longtime Midland resident Jerry Covington 83, died Sunday at Midland Memorial Hospital, after a long battle with cancer. He was born on July 20, 1921, in Burkburnett, Texas, and raised in San Angelo, where he graduated from San Angelo Central High School in 1938. He attended San Angelo Junior College until 1940, transferring to the University of Texas and graduating in 1942 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geology.

Participating in the V-7 program, he earned a reserve commission in the U.S. Navy, and served on the USS Kretchmer in the Atlantic and the USS Petrof Bay in the Pacific. On July 8, 1943, while attending Aircraft Recognition School in Columbus, Ohio, he married Eloise Broussard of Center Point, Texas.

After leaving the navy in 1945, Jerry went to work as a geologist for the Humble Oil Company. He and Eloise moved to Roswell, New Mexico, where his first assignment was to map the Sacramento Mountains with his field partner, Roy Huffington. After a short stint in Van Horn, Texas, he and Eloise moved to Midland in 1949. Jerry became an independent oilman in 1952, and established a family company, COV, Inc., in 1976. He remained as CEO of COV, Inc., until 2004. His children Renee, Gary and Lisa carry on his legacy running the company.

Inside Jerry there must have been a drummer trying to break free, as his rhythmic gifts manifested themselves in many ways. One son is an internationally-known professional percussionist/keyboardist, and another is an accomplished professional guitarist, who, together, have many albums to their credit. Jerry's arresting dance style was born of the Swing Era. His lifelong partner, Eloise, the only one who could follow his lead, played Ginger to his Fred Astaire.

Jerry and Eloise also loved to travel, and they often combined their passion for dance and travel by going on dance cruises. Jerry may not have known the boat's itinerary, but was always certain about the quality of the dance floor and the names of the featured bands. Midlanders and international travelers alike still remember and admire the fast footwork and Latin moves that Jerry and Eloise displayed on the dance floor.

Jerry was a lifelong member of the Midland YMCA, and an avid handball player. In his trademark floppy hat, he was a fixture speed-walking around the outdoor track.

Jerry and Eloise were founding members of St. Andrews Presbyterian Church in the early 50's, then were active for years in Trinity Presbyterian Church, where Jerry was a deacon and elder and sang tenor in the choir. Finally, Jerry and Eloise joined First Presbyterian Church of Midland, where both sang in the choir. Jerry was especially proud of performing twice in the Duke Ellington Sacred Concerts, one of which featured sons Kyle and Kirk on guitar and drums. Generous with the gifts God had given him, he was a benefactor not only to his children, his grandchildren, and his churches, but to Schreiner Institute in Kerrville, Texas, where he served on the board and funded a scholarship.

Jerry lived his life in service to Christ our Lord, and honored Him with every aspect of his life. He was a man of honesty, integrity and hard work, making him loved and respected by all who were blessed enough to have known him.

Jerry was preceded in death by his parents, Jewell and Mary Covington of San Angelo. He is survived by his loving wife Eloise, two brothers, John Covington of Lubbock, Texas, and Jay Covington of Cedar Hill, Texas, and one sister, June Williams of Hallsville, Texas. He is also survived by his five children, Renee Brunson, Gary Covington, and Lisa Graham and husband Alan of Midland, Kyle Covington and wife Shelia of Nashville, Tennessee, and Kirk Covington of Burbank, California. He lived to know 16 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

Funeral services have been scheduled for 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, March 9, 2005 at First Presbyterian Church of Midland with Reverend Steven Schorr officiating. Interment will follow at Resthaven Memorial Park. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Honorary pallbearers are Gary, Kirk and Kyle Covington, Alan Graham, Aaron Close, Scott Noyes, Victor Brown, Laddie Long, Jim Rhotenberry and Louis Burleston.

In lieu of flowers, please send gifts or donations to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, Texas 79702, or to the charity of one's choice.

Another of the greatest generation has gone to his reward. We will surely miss him.

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Marie Bennett Munson

Marie Bennett Munson, of Midland, passed away Friday March 4, 2005.

Marie was born April 1, 1918 to Fred A. Christian and Myrtle Rutherford in Claremore, Oklahoma. She moved to Odessa in 1923, graduated from Odessa High School in 1936 and attended SMU. She married William Franklin Bennett II, in 1938 and was widowed in 1962. She married Craig D. Munson Jr. in 1973 and was widowed again in 2004.

Marie was a pioneer for women in business in the 1950's. She started the private employment industry in West Texas by opening Bennett Employment Service in Odessa in 1953 and Midland in 1954. She introduced the temporary help industry to West Texas in 1958 by opening Kelly Services. Over the years, Marie placed thousands of employees with hundreds of area businesses. She was a past president of the National Employment Association and listed in Who's Who of American Women. She was a member of the Chambers of Commerce in Odessa and Midland and served on the boards of the Better Business Bureau and the Salvation Army.

Marie was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her sons: William F. Bennett, III of San Mateo, California; Mark A. Bennett of Odessa, Texas; and Robert C. Bennett of Lewisville, Texas, and 6 grandchildren.

Services for Marie will be held at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity on Friday, March 11, 2005 at 11:00 AM. Arrangements are under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home.

Memorials can be directed to the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity, 1412 W. Illinois Ave, Midland, Texas 79701 or St. John's Episcopal Church, 401 W. County Rd., Odessa, Texas. 79763.

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Virginia 'Vickie' Esquivel

Virginia "Vickie" Esquivel went home on Monday March the 7, 2005 to be with our Heavenly Father after a brief illness.

She was born on December 20, 1948 in Midland to Pablo and Consuelo Brito. Virginia was raised and educated in Midland, Texas.

Virginia met and later married Enrique Esquivel in June of 1969. She had worked as the supervisor of the housekeeping department at the Midland Hilton for 6 years. She later opened her own restaurant and she was currently operating Vickie's Burritos.

Virginia enjoyed cooking, playing Bingo and cards. She loved being with her husband and her family. She was very loving, caring and generous to those who needed her.

She was a member of Primera Iglesia Bautista.

Virginia was preceded in death by her father, Pablo Brito; and one nephew, Julio Brito Jr.

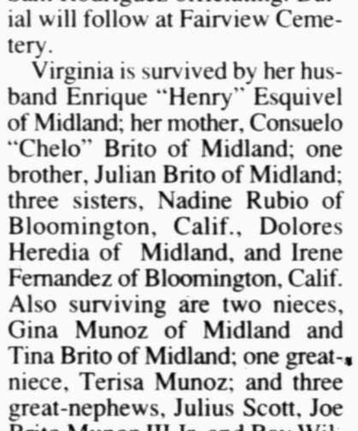
Prayer service will be held for Virginia "Vickie" Esquivel on Wednesday March 9, 2005 at 7:00 pm at Primera Iglesia Bautista 507 N. Tyler. Funeral services will be Thursday March 10, 2005 at 11:00 am at Primera Iglesia Bautista with Reverend Sam Rodriguez officiating. Burial will follow at Fairview Cemetery.

Virginia is survived by her husband Enrique "Henry" Esquivel of Midland; her mother, Consuelo "Chelo" Brito of Midland; one brother, Julian Brito of Midland; three sisters, Nadine Rubio of Bloomington, Calif., Dolores Heredia of Midland, and Irene Fernandez of Bloomington, Calif. Also surviving are two nieces, Gina Munoz of Midland and Tina Brito of Midland; one great-niece, Terisa Munoz; and three great-nephews, Julius Scott, Joe Brito Munoz III Jr. and Bay Wilson all of Midland. She is also survived by a host of many family members on the Esquivel side.

Virginia was truly loved and will be missed.

Funeral services are under the direction of Pipkin Funeral Home.

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Josephine Eaton Dougherty

Josephine Eaton Dougherty passed away March 4, 2005. Josephine was born January 17, 1919 in Corpus Christi, Texas to Bruce and Betty Eaton. She attended Texas College of Arts and Industries in Kingsville, Texas and Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas before completing her college degree at the University of Tulsa, Oklahoma. Upon graduation, Josephine worked with the Young Women's Christian Association and was a journalist for the Tulsa Tribune. Her husband, William C. Dougherty, preceded her in death. They had been married 62 years. Josephine supported her husband throughout his career as a petroleum engineer. They lived throughout Texas and New Mexico, finally settling in Midland, Texas in 1957. At that time Josephine worked as a social worker at the Midland Memorial Hospital. She and her husband moved to Kuwait in 1964 where they lived for 16 years. Josephine enjoyed antiques, literature, journalism, world events, and entertaining.

Josephine is survived by her sister Ruth Thompson Sneed; her son, David E. Dougherty of Kerrville, Texas; daughter, Shell Bonesio, son in law, Mickey Bonesio of Dallas, TX; four grandchildren, Elizabeth Bonesio, Kristin Bonesio Simpson, Billy Bonesio, and David Dougherty; two great grandchildren, Peyton and Ethan Dougherty.

A memorial service will be held at 10:00 a.m., March 12, 2005 at Grimes Funeral Chapel, 728 Jefferson, Kerrville, TX 78028. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Grace Presbyterian Village Caring Fund, 550 E. Ann Arbor, Dallas, Texas 75216 or to Faith Hospice, 3939 Belt Line Road, Suite 705, Addison, Texas 75001. We are thankful for the love and extraordinary care given to Josephine and her husband by the staff of Grace Presbyterian Village and Faith Hospice.

The family invites you to send condolences at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com by selecting the "Send Condolences" link.

Funeral arrangements are entrusted to Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville.

Bobby D. and Nanci Boothe Brown

Bobby D. Brown of Mission, Texas, died Tuesday, March 1, at a Mission nursing home. A memorial was held Monday, March 2 at McAllen Grace Brethren Church.

Nanci Boothe Brown of Mission died Monday, March 7, at McAllen Regional Hospital. Mrs. Brown was born August 7, 1935, in Longview, Texas to Robert E. Boothe and Smith Robinson Boothe. She lived in Kilgore and Midland, Texas, and Wewoka, Oklahoma. She attended the University of Oklahoma where she was a member of Kappa Alpha Theta.

Mr. Brown was born May 9, 1030 in Shawnee, Oklahoma to Maude Brown. Later he moved to Monahans, Texas. Mr. Brown served in the Marine Corps during the Korean Conflict. After his discharge he began working in the West Texas oil fields.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown were married in Midland, Texas, on July 13, 1956. They lived in Amarillo, Odessa and Midland, Texas. Mrs. Brown was a longtime legal secretary for the Midland law firm of Turpin Smith Dyer and Saxe. Mr. Brown continued to be employed in the oil fields.

The Browns moved to Mission in 1984 where Mrs. Brown began working as a legal secretary for the law firm of Atlas & Hall of McAllen. Mr. Brown began a striping business in 1985 that he maintained until his retirement.

Mr. Brown is survived by a brother, Billy J. Brown and wife Barbara of Amarillo, Texas, three half brothers and three half sisters, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Two brothers and a sister predeceased him.

Mrs. Brown is survived by a brother, Robert L. Boothe and wife Ellen of Midland, a niece, Emily B. Plager of San Antonio. Also, two nephews, David M. Boothe and wife Carol of Dallas and Paul A. Boothe and wife Mayra of Union City, New Jersey, a grandniece and nephew and a great-grandnephew.

A memorial service for Mrs. Brown will be held Friday, March 11 at 11:00 a.m. at McAllen Grace Brethren Church with Pastor Robert Soto officiating. The family suggests that a contribution to your favorite charity be made, in lieu of flowers.

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DEATH NOTICES

W. Sam White

W. Sam White, formerly of Midland, died Tuesday, March 8 in Houston.

Memorial services will be 9 a.m. Thursday, March 10 at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Trinity.

Lois Etheredge

LLANO — Lois Pauline Norwood Etheredge, 72, died Monday, March 7 in Llano. Services will be 2 p.m. Thursday, March 10 at Lutie Watkins Memorial United Methodist Church in Llano. Graveside services will follow at Llano City Cemetery. Officiating will be the Rev. David Griffin.

She was born May 13, 1932 to Nora and Albert Norwood in Midland. She had lived in Llano for nine years, moving there from Charlotte, N.C. She was a member of the Home Extension Club and Lutie Watkins Memorial United Methodist Church. She married Wiley Etheredge Oct. 21, 1951 in Midland.

She is survived by her mother; husband; three sons, Rex Etheredge of Llano, Howard Etheredge of Charlotte, N.C. and Paul Etheredge of Slaton; two sisters, Leila Hall of Kingsland and Sandra Duncan of Port Neches; a brother, Jay Norwood of Gatesville; and five grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Llano Hospice.

Arrangements are under the direction of Waldrope-Hatfield-Hawthorne Funeral Homes, Inc.

William Hill

ODESSA — William "Bill" Dennis Hill, 85, of Odessa died Tuesday, March 8. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday, March 11 at Sunset Memorial Funeral Home. Services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 12 at the Sunset Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. David Johnson officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens.

He was born May 26, 1919 in Red River County and served in the U.S. Army during World War II. He was a member of the VFW and the Central Baptist Church. He married Carson Blackwell Dec. 21, 1946. She preceded him in death.

He also was preceded in death by his parents.

He is survived by his children, Dennis Hill of Corpus Christi, Cynthia Hughes of Longmont, Colo., Juanita Hill and Sally Rowell, both of Odessa; five grandchildren; and three great-grandsons.

Services are under the direction of Sunset Memorial Funeral Home in Odessa.

Lawrence McColloch

ODESSA — Lawrence E. "Larry" McColloch, 84, of Odessa, died Saturday, March 5 in Big Spring. Memorial services will be 2 p.m. Saturday, March 12 at the First United Methodist Church in Odessa with the Rev. Blossom Matthews officiating.

He was born Aug. 20, 1920, in Burlington, Iowa and married Beverly Williams Jan. 4, 1981 in Odessa. He graduated from Burlington High School in Burlington, Iowa in 1939 and received his bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University. He served in the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II and in 1946, he received his Master's Degree in Education from Texas Tech. He moved to Memphis in 1946 where he taught and was head basketball coach at Memphis High School for three years. He later moved to Big Spring where he taught and coached for three years at the high school. In 1952, he moved to Odessa and was the head basketball coach, Athletic Director and Chairman of the Physical Education Department at Odessa College, retiring in 1989. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Odessa and the Wesley Sunday School Class. He was also a member of the Masonic Lodge No. 955 in Odessa.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother.

Survivors include his wife, Beverly McColloch of Odessa; two sons, Kevin McColloch of Houston and David McColloch of Greenwood; four stepchildren, Kenneth Williams of Atlanta, Janice Williams-Leyba of Mons, Belgium, Barbara Monrad of Southlake and Joel Williams of Caddo Mills; six grandchildren; 14 stepgrandchildren; five stepgreat-grandchildren; and one sister, Bonnie Sullivan of Des Moines, Iowa.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to, First United Methodist Church, Children's Clothes Closet, 415 N. Lee, Odessa, 79761.

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

Jack Cunningham

BIG SPRING — Jack E. Cunningham, 72, of Big Spring, died Sunday, March 6 at a Midland hospital. Memorial services will be 4 p.m., today, March 9 at the Nalley-Pickle & Welch Rosewood Chapel with the Rev. Roy Roberson officiating.

He was born Dec. 15, 1932, in Sweetwater and married Wanda Turner Feb. 14, 1998 in Big Spring. He served in the U.S. Army and Air Force during the Korean War. He was a truck driver for Texaco.

Survivors include his wife; one son, Buddy Cunningham of Big Spring; three stepdaughters, Molly Turner of Big Spring, Carrie Beck of Snyder and Cathy Kligora of Abilene; one stepson, Hal Turner of Abilene; 10 grandchildren; and one sister, Vallie Flannery of Levelland.

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

POLICE REPORTS

Compiled from staff reports

Aggravated assault with a deadly weapon:
John Edward Green, 47, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police Department officers Monday in the 1600 block of North Midkiff Road on a charge of aggravated assault with a deadly weapon. No bond.

Violation of probation:
Fredrick Duwone Henry, 32, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies Monday in the probation office on a charge of violation of probation. Bond: $10,000.

Evading arrest or detention:
Ryan James Hill, 27, of Midland was arrested Monday in the 200 block of West Wall Street on a charge of evading arrest or detention. No bond.

Violation of probation:
Irma Graciela Laabs, 20, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies Monday in the 200 block of North Main Street on a charge of violation of probation. Bond: $25,000.

Theft less than $1,500, two more convictions theft:
Edward Darnell Miller, 41, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police Department officers Monday in the 2200 block of Rankin Highway on a charge of theft less than $1,500, two more convictions theft. Bond: $25,000.

Sex offender fail to comply civil:
Harold Leon Ryals, 22, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies Monday in the 3400 block of South County Road 1200 on a charge of sex offender fail to comply. Bond: $25,000.

Abandoning or endangering a child:
Roxanne Cervantes Segovia, 29, of Midland was arrested Monday in the 200 block of West Wall Street on four charges of abandoning or endangering a child. No bond.

Theft less than $1,500, two plus convictions public servant/government:
Shawnta Rachelle Sterling, 25, of Midland was arrested by Midland County Sheriff's Office deputies Monday in the 100 block of West Industrial Avenue on a charge of theft less $1,500, two plus convictions public servant/government. No bond.

Felony driving while intoxicated:
Little John Winfield, 42, of Midland was arrested by Midland Police Department officers Monday in the 400 block of North Lamesa Road on a charge of felony driving while intoxicated. No bond.

Note: All arrests are felonies.

Source: Midland County Sheriff's Office

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MOTRAN

(From 1B)

Department of Transportation's Odessa district more leeway with its overall plans.

The appropriations are $2.5 million to extend Highway 349 east to U.S. 87 south of Lamesa, coinciding with 87's rerouting around Lamesa's east side; $2 million toward widening 349 to four lanes in Martin and Dawson counties; $2.5 million added to the $18 million already flagged for the 16-mile 349 reliever route to north of Midland from I-20 and Farm-to-Market Road 1788; $1.5 million toward a Cotton Flat Road-Interstate 20 interchange west of Midland; and $2.5 million toward JBS Parkway interchanges at I-20 and Business I-20 in Odessa.

With $300 million in projected costs to finish La Entrada, MOTRAN is anxious to move on the U.S. part of the 750-mile corridor from Topolobampo on the Mexican Pacific coast to the Permian Basin because the work in Mexico is more advanced at this point, said Beauchamp.

A new highway from Ciudad Chihuahua to La Mula, Ojinaga and Presidio was opened to commercial truck traffic last year as Chihuahuan Gov. Reyes Baeza began improving the north-south running Highway 67 to Camargo, Jimenez and Parral, where numerous maquiladoras (factories) are run by Tyson Chicken, Wrangler and other companies.

Troubled by drainage problems, a caliche road is traversable through rugged Copper Canyon north of Topolobampo and will be paved during Baeza's six-year term, he promised at his inauguration last year, implying the time had come for MOTRAN and TxDOT to put their own political and motorized road-building machines into action.

"The designation is what we really need to show our Mexican partners we're doing the things we need to do," Donnelly said, noting the organization was formed in 1997. "This is our third go-around in three years, so we're really excited."

Beauchamp said TxDOT has planned to put an at-grade, or level, crossing for the 349 reliever route over Highway 158, preparatory to building an overpass, but MOTRAN is encouraging a prompter overpass project and is trying to help get it funded by saving local Metropolitan Planning Organization money.

WILLIAMS

(From 1B)

Now neither the turkey nor grasshoppers migrate as they once did. It was a heck of a sight — turkeys migrating like buffalo."

Tafoya smiled at the memory, and continued to reflect about the last years of the buffalo. "The hunters chased the buffalo out of the breaks and up on the Llano. They used to only come up on it in wet years, but about the time you were fussing with old Sikes, George Causey was killing them as far west as El Bolson de San Simon and Los Medanos. (Near Hobbs, N.M.) A nephew of mine says there is still five buffalo down on the Pecos north of Fort Stockton. He's riding for the 'W,' living in the open and using his saddle for a pillow. His brother is riding for Add Jones on the LFD and says that old black cowboy knows more about horses than anybody. He says the big herds of pronghorn there are now heavily hunted. I can remember seeing herds of 500. Back in my trading days, there were many more antelope than buffalo on the western Llano Estacado."

Goodnight shook his head. "I hardly ever saw buffalo along the Pecos — a few old bulls, mostly. Colonel Shafter said he found buffalo once he got past the sandy country north of Mustang Draw in 1875 — of course he was there in a wet year!" A big tumbleweed rolled into the courthouse square, headed straight at the two men.

"Where did this new tumbling weed come from? This wasn't here before." Tafoya grabbed the plant and started stomping on it to reduce it to a matted pancake.

"Supposedly some Russians brought it in accidentally with some flax seed to North Dakota in the 1870s and it's been rolling south every winter ever since. I saw the first one here on the Llano a year or two ago. There is nothing between here and there but prairie, and when the blizzards of winter blow just about everything heads south. A fence full of tumbleweeds becomes a sanddune after a sandstorm or two." Goodnight grimaced.

The two men sat silently for a few minutes, lost in personal memories, absently watching a freight wagon train roll past the courthouse. Tafoya suddenly straightened up and exclaimed, "That is Casimero Romero!" The man in question waved and hollered over at them in Spanish — "I will join you two in a drink when we get settled in!" Tafoya glanced at Goodnight. "Charlie, you treated him with respect when you moved to the Palo Duro south of his sheep range, and for that, you are well thought of by our people. Some of the other sorry yahoos that came after you, though, I guess they will never pay for their treatment of 'los pastores.'" Tafoya shook his head, and spat on the ground, emphatically punctuating his disgust.

Goodnight was still reflecting on the changes of the Llano Estacado, and modestly changed the subject. "I was amazed to hear the other day that mesquite was supposed to come to the Llano with Spanish cattle. How in the world did that story get started? It has started to spread up further up out of the draws, now that windmills are popping up everywhere. Every valley with deep soil in the whole region always had mesquite. You know as well as I that wild horses rarely got more than five or six miles from water. Anytime you saw dense thickets of mesquite, you knew you were that close to water. During droughts wild horses had to eat mesquite beans, leaving the seeds in their droppings as they searched for grass."

"You and me, Charlie, we have seen a lot of changes, and we saw things that are now ghosts. There are no more bears in the breaks of the Canadian, Red or Brazos. And the wolves, they too will become only ghosts of memory. I have heard a story that not long after the buffalo were all killed most of them migrated off the Llano going northwest in a huge group."

Goodnight nodded. "The ghosts ride with us like a lobo I saw along the Pecos. It was the only wolf I ever saw along the Pecos. On cattledrives I often would ride a couple miles or more ahead of the herd to pick the best route. That old lobo followed me for over a week, from Toyah Creek to the area along Seven Rivers where Ma'am Jones had her place. I only saw it in the area where Oliver Loving suffered so badly. I decided the wolf was lonely, and I bet ghosts get lonely if nobody knows their stories. I wonder if in a hundred years anybody will know how the Llano Estacado looked when we first saw it years ago?"

Defense: Language barrier kept driver from helping immigrants

By Juan A. Lozano
Associated Press

HOUSTON — The driver of a tractor-trailer carrying more than 70 immigrants was the most "heartless, evil" member of a smuggling ring because he didn't help people as they slowly died, a prosecutor said Tuesday.

Tyrone Williams' attorney, in opening statements of the second trial stemming from the nation's deadliest smuggling attempt, said while his client is guilty of transporting illegal immigrants, he is not responsible for the 19 deaths in 2003.

Defense attorney Craig Washington said Williams would have helped the immigrants who screamed for help and tried to claw their way out of the hot, airless trailer, but he didn't speak Spanish and didn't understand their cries.

When the truck was discovered abandoned at a truck stop in Victoria, about 100 miles southwest of Houston, 17 people inside had died from dehydration, hyperthermia and suffocation, including a 5-year-old boy. Two others died later.

One of the survivors, Matias Rafael Medina Flores, testified late Tuesday that before he made the deadly journey, his mother, who had paid the smuggling ring to get him into the country, managed to give him a cell phone without anybody knowing. Authorities have previously said he used it to make several 911 calls during the trip.

"She was scared if something would happen to me," he said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Daniel Rodriguez told jurors that Williams knew what he was doing because he had worked for this same smuggling ring before. He made no effort to learn how many people were packed in his trailer, and only cared about his $7,500 fee, Rodriguez said.

Rather than open the doors of his trailer to help the immigrants as they kicked out a signal light and cried for help, Rodriguez said Williams demanded more money from the smuggling ring because he feared the immigrants would damage his truck.

"This was criminal enterprise that treated people worse than cattle on the way to the slaughterhouse," Rodriguez said. "He was the most heartless, evil and cruel member of the organization."

Washington said the immigrants at first did not let Williams know they were in danger. But when his client found out, he tried to help by offering them water, first in Refugio, about 43 miles southwest of Victoria, and in Victoria.

Washington also said other members of the smuggling ring kept Williams from learning how many people were actually in his vehicle.

"They will not prove that these poor, helpless, defenseless people died at his hands," Washington said of prosecutors. "The people were treated like cattle, but not by Mr. Williams."

Williams, 34, a Jamaican-citizen who lives in Schenectady, N.Y., is the only defendant in the case who faces the death penalty.

AROUND THE AREA

Compiled from staff reports

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Bands to hold annual chili supper

The 40th annual Midland Independent School District Band Chili Supper and Concerts are scheduled for March 19 at Lee High School.

There will be continuous serving beginning at 11 a.m. at the Lee Youth Center.

The bands will be performing in the LHS auditorium according to the following schedule:

Abell Beginning Band:10:30 a.m.
Alamo Beginning Band: 11 a.m.
Lee Jazz Band: 11:30 a.m.
Ensembles: noon
Abell Advanced Band: 12:30 p.m.
Alamo Advanced Band: 1 p.m.
Lee Freshman Concert Band: 1:30 p.m.
Lee Freshman Symphonic Band: 2 p.m.
Lee High Symphonic Band: 2:45 p.m.
Lee High Honor Band: 3:30 p.m.

Tickets are $6 a person and are available from any band student or by calling Joe and Carol Turnbo, 699-5855; Debbie Pelham, 697-0607; Jayne Krawietz, 697-2168; or Tracie Jackson, 520-7424

A limited number of chili supper tickets will be available at the door.

CELTIC HERITAGE SOCIETY

Bagpipers to perform

Bagpipers with the Celtic Heritage Society of the Permian Basin will be performing 1 p.m. Sunday at Centennial Plaza for a memorial observance.

They will be memorializing the ninth anniversary of a shooting in Dunblane, Scotland, in which a gunman entered an elementary school gymnasium and killed 16 students and a teacher, according to local piper Cliff Sherrod.



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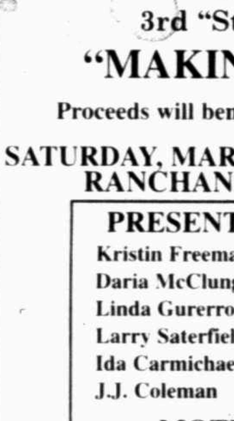
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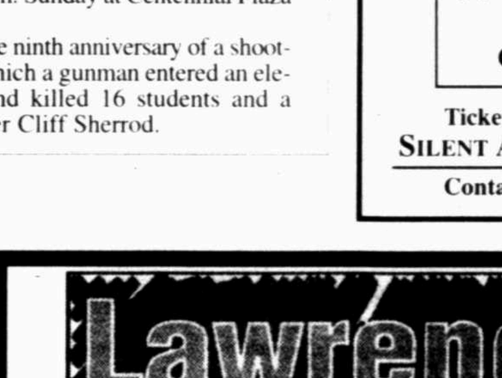
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Texas child vouches for Bush's plan

By Phillip Rawls
Associated Press

MONTGOMERY, Ala. — The warm-up act for President Bush's visit to Alabama is a 9-year-old Texas boy with an encyclopedic knowledge of presidential history and a strong desire to have a Social Security investment account — once he gets old enough to work.

"They are safe and you are going to get more money — probably triple or quadruple what you put in," Noah McCullough said Tuesday.

Noah is using his spring break from school in Katy to visit Montgomery, Louisville, Ky. and Memphis, Tenn., where Bush will be stumping Thursday and Friday for his Social Security proposal.

Noah's involvement in the Social Security issue is motivated by more than his retirement income in six decades. He says he plans to run for president in 2032, when he reaches the minimum age of 35, and he's concerned what will happen if Congress doesn't act soon on Social Security.

"It will be bankrupt when I'm president," he said.

Noah first began to attract national attention last year when his knowledge of American presidents garnered him five appearances on the "Tonight Show" with Jay Leno.

The next step was supporting the president from his home state, and then agreeing to go on the road to support Bush's Social Security plan — giving the issue backing from a little-heard demographic group, albeit one that can't vote yet. Progress for America, a conservative organization backing Bush's proposal, is paying for the travel expenses for Noah and his mother, Donna, a former school teacher and a Democrat.

Noah's interest in presidential history developed from a mock presidential election held at his school when he was in kindergarten. Most classmates were voting based on which candidate's name sounded best, but Noah wanted to vote like an adult. He started asking his teachers about political parties and the candidates' platforms.

Noah's parents bought him a book about presidents, which he liked. More books followed, and Noah's knowledge began to grow along with his desire to run for president on the Republican ticket.

TV - TONIGHT

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Hit man apologizes to victim's family before execution

By Michael Graczyk
Associated Press

HUNTSVILLE — An apologetic former auto insurance appraiser who authorities said collected $1,500 to kill a Dallas-area physician's wife more than two decades ago was executed Tuesday evening.

Asked by the warden if he had a final statement, George Anderson Hopper turned toward four members of his victim's family, including the son who discovered his mother's body, and said he was sorry.

"I have made a lot of mistakes in my life. The things I did changed so many lives. I can't take it back. It was an atrocity. I am sorry. I beg your forgiveness. I know I am not worthy of it," he said, his voice breaking with emotion.

Then he turned his head toward a second window, where his parents were among those watching. He told them he loved them and thanked them "for everything."

Hopper, 49, said a brief prayer, which his mother repeated with him. He gasped a couple of times as the lethal drugs took effect. Eight minutes later at 6:22 p.m., he was pronounced dead.

Hopper was condemned for being the hit man in a complicated scheme initiated by a woman bitter because her soon-to-be ex-husband was dating the murder victim.

Rozanne Gailiunas, 33, was killed in the October 1983 attack at her home in the Dallas suburb of Richardson.

She had been raped, choked with pantyhose, shot twice in the head, had tissue jammed down her throat and was tied naked to a four-poster bed. Her then 4-year-old son found her unconscious. She died two days later.

It was years, however, before police could unravel the case, which became one of the most intricate and complex ever in Dallas County and took authorities to Canada, Mexico and Europe.

"Our family is certainly looking forward to closing this chapter," said Peter Gailiunas, whose wife was killed.

Gailiunas was there but did not witness the execution with his son, now 25.

Hopper's execution was the fourth this year in Texas.

The U.S. Supreme Court refused to stop the punishment. In late appeals, Hopper's lawyers had argued his confession was obtained improperly because detectives continued questioning him after he asked to be returned to his jail cell to think about what he wanted to do. Attorneys also contended Hopper, known to friends as "Andy," had poor legal help in the early portions of his case.

Hopper was one of about a half-dozen people convicted of charges related to the scheme authorities said was hatched by Dallas socialite Joy Aylor, who fled the country just before her own murder trial. She was arrested in France years later and eventually was returned to Texas where she was convicted of capital murder and sentenced to life in prison.

Hopper had posed as a flower delivery man to get into his victim's house.

"It was just such a cunning murder plan," said Dan Hagood, who prosecuted both Hopper and Aylor.

He described Hopper as "a fellow who looks like the boy next door, ... one of those you wouldn't have a sense of danger."

Hopper had no previous prison record but had been arrested in 1976 in Houston for indecent exposure and in 1984 for theft related to a pickpocket incident at a Richardson shopping mall. When initially questioned by police about the Gailiunas slaying, he fled and eluded detectives for six months.

Prosecutors said Aylor wanted Rozanne Gailiunas dead because the former Richardson nurse was dating and planned to marry Aylor's estranged husband. Gailiunas and her husband were separated, as were Aylor and her husband, a Dallas home builder.

Joy Aylor fled to Canada with $200,000 and a new lover, a Dallas attorney, on the eve of her 1990 murder trial. After the lawyer was arrested in remote western Canada on a drug charge, Aylor disappeared to France.

For two years she assumed a false identity as Elizabeth Sharp, living in a villa outside Nice. She was exposed after a rental car she was driving was involved in a minor traffic accident.

As part of their agreement with French authorities to return her to Texas, prosecutors didn't seek the death penalty in her case.

Authorities said Aylor had contacted her brother-in-law, a pest control contractor, and put up $5,000 to arrange the slaying. He contacted an auto mechanic who hired Hopper. The men all got a piece of the money. Aylor's sister, the pest control contractor's wife, helped police by recording conversations implicating Aylor in the plot.

Two more executions are set for Texas over the next two weeks.

FLYING HIGH



Ric Vasquez/AP

SPRING BREAK The Golden Knights free fall to the beaches of South Padre Island in this March 17, 2004 file photo, during Spring Break.

Officials deport woman who raised concerns of terrorism

HOUSTON (AP) — A woman whose arrest at a South Texas airport with a mutilated passport raised terrorism concerns was deported Tuesday to South Africa, never having faced terrorism charges.

Farida Goolam Mahomed Ahmed, 49, was convicted of criminal charges of illegal entry into the United States, making false statements to federal authorities and misuse of an altered South African passport. She was sentenced Dec. 7 to the time she was held on the charges and was ordered deported Dec. 22. Ahmed waived her right to appeal the judge's decision.

She was turned over to authorities in South Africa when she arrived, Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials said. She is barred from returning to the United States for 10 years.

When Ahmed was arrested last summer, Rep. Solomon Ortiz, D-Corpus Christi, had said a Border Patrol agent's check of databases showed Ahmed was on a government watch list. A senior law enforcement official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, had told The Associated Press that investigators had tried to determine whether Ahmed had ties to terrorist groups.

The Border Patrol also had said in a year-end report that she was wanted for questioning for involvement in the bombing of a U.S. Consulate office.

The Border Patrol later retracted that statement, and the U.S. Attorney's office continually denied that she was on a watch list.

Ortiz said he was told the woman was suspicious because she had been in the area of several embassy bombings abroad when they occurred.

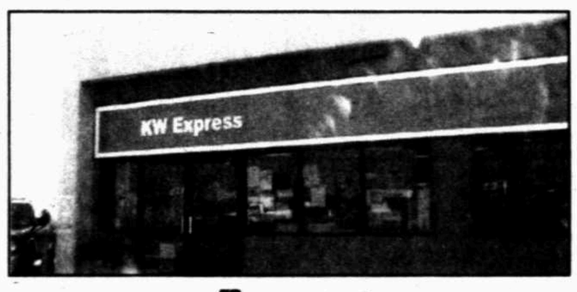
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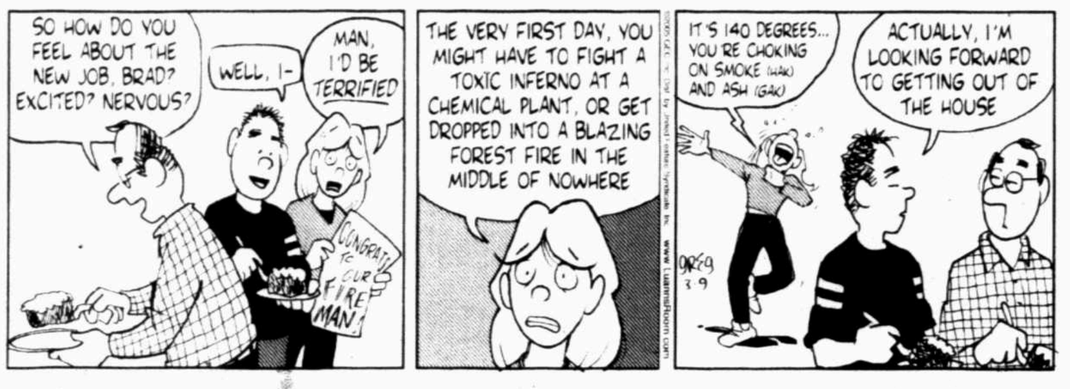
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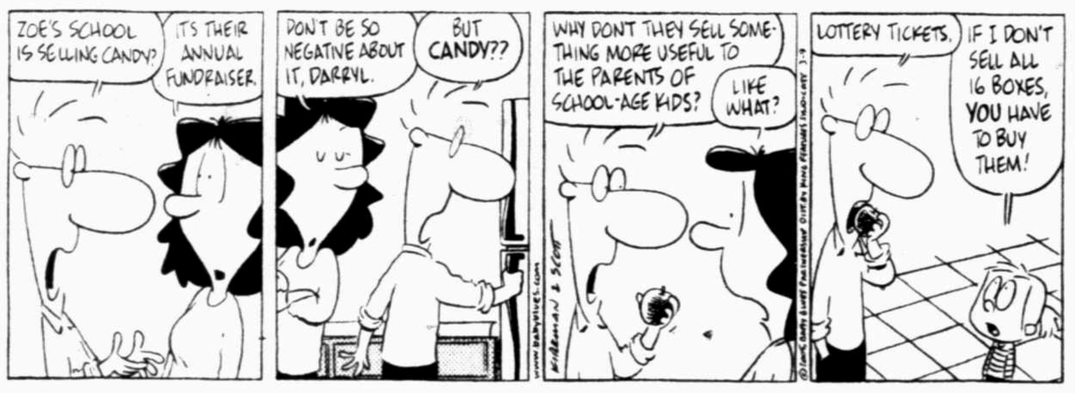
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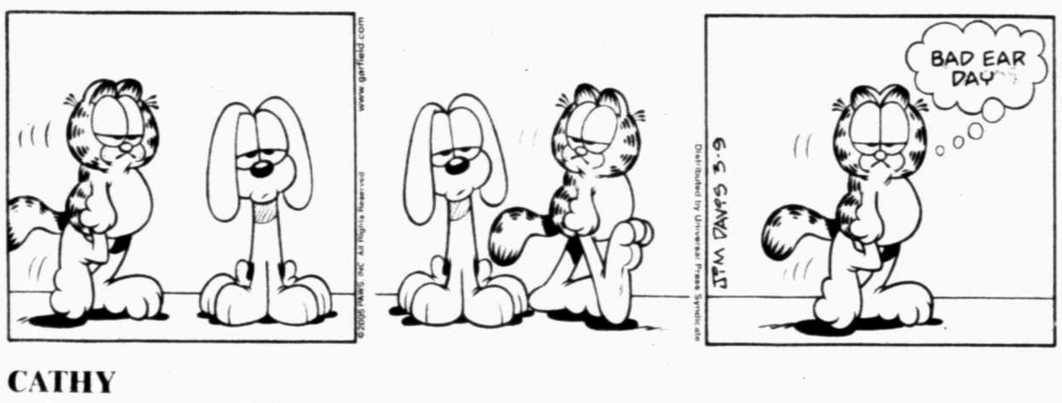
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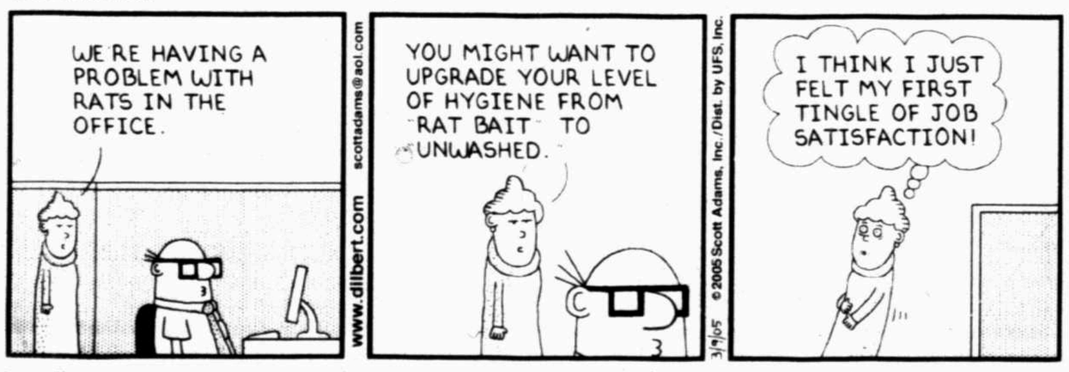
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LOCAL FORECAST

TODAY Mostly sunny high 65 low 40

THURSDAY Mostly sunny high 79 low 40

FRIDAY Mostly sunny high 68 low 39

Expect mostly sunny skies today with a high around 65 and north winds between 10 and 15 mph. Tonight's forecast calls for clear conditions with a low around 40 and north winds between 10 and 15 mph.

Thursday's forecast calls for clear skies and southwest winds 5 to 10 mph and becoming northwest.

For Friday, expect mostly sunny conditions with a high near 68.

The high Tuesday reached 70, while the low dropped to 38. The record high for March 8 is 86 set in 1951. The record low is 18 set in 1932.

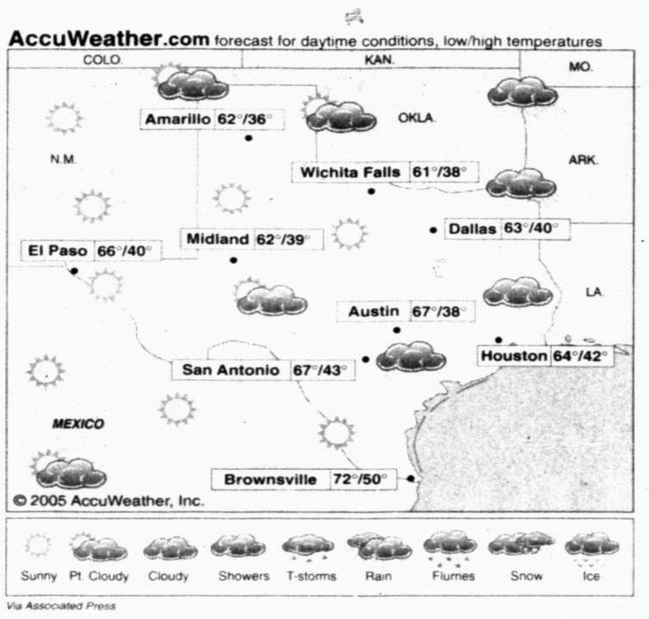
Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday	0.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday	0.00 in.
Total for month	0.37 in.
Total for year	2.29 in.
Normal total (year to date)	1.27 in.

Yesterday's temperatures

High	70
Low	38
Normal high	69
Normal low	39

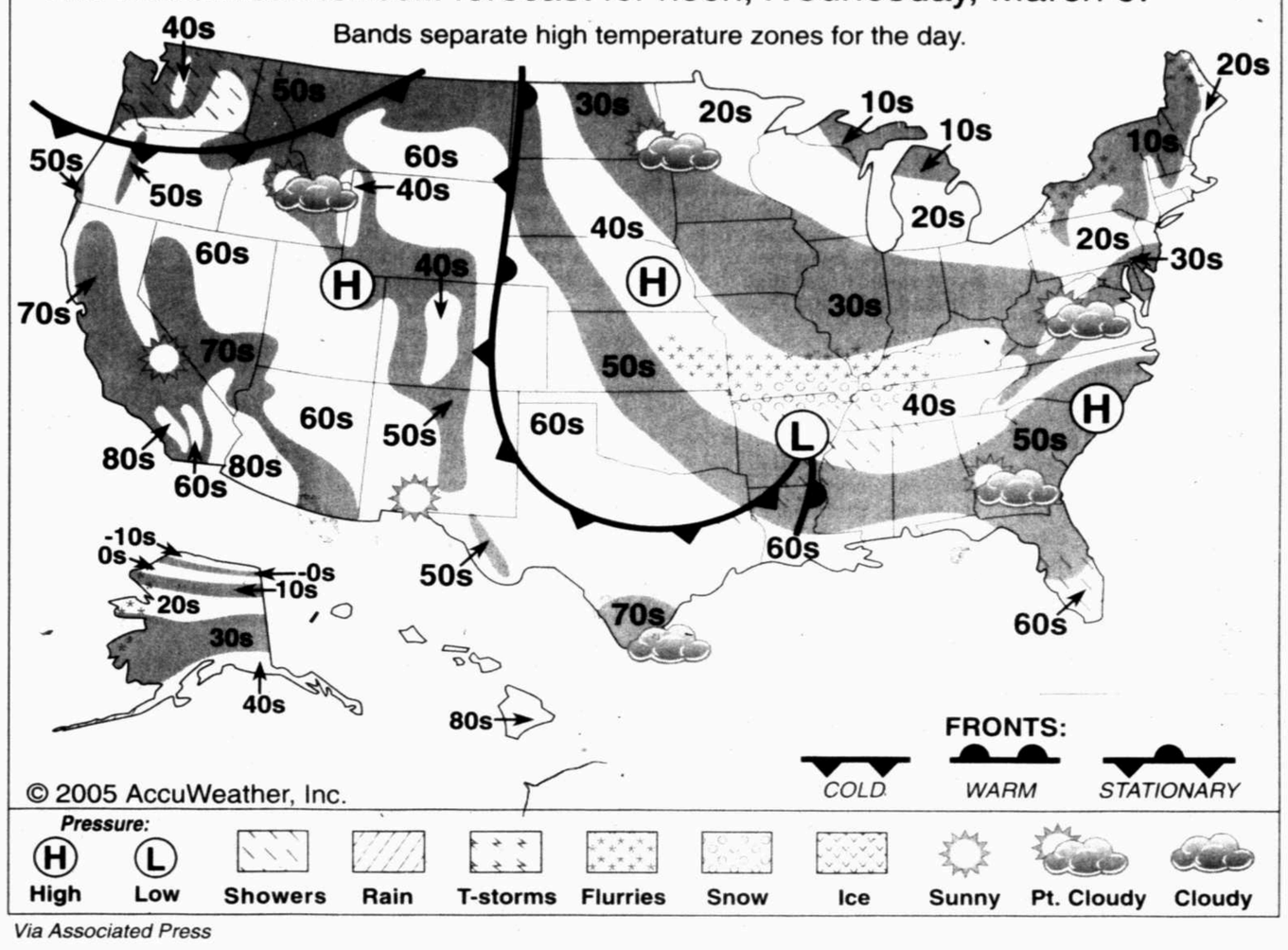
Sunrise ... 7:06 a.m.
Sunset ... 6:53 p.m.



Via Associated Press

National weather

The **AccuWeather.com** forecast for noon, Wednesday, March 9.



Via Associated Press

DEAR ABBY

Too much faith in medicine puts people at risk for HIV

DEAR ABBY: The recent news of a possible new strain of HIV that is drug-resistant to three of the four classes of anti-HIV drugs and may progress to AIDS in months rather than years, should provide a wake-up call to those who are not practicing safer sex and/or are still sharing needles and syringes.

Time after time, I hear young people say they're not worried about being exposed to HIV/AIDS because, should they get infected, they can take the appropriate medicine and they'll be fine. Unfortunately, they could be dead wrong. If they become infected, the medicines they will have to take can cause serious side effects and must be taken for the rest of their lives. Also, not all people benefit from the medications, especially those who are unfortunate enough to be infected with a strain of virus that's already resistant to one or more classes of drugs.

Abby, people need to understand HIV is not spread through the air, or from shaking hands or hugging someone who has the virus. If you have unprotected sex or share needles and syringes you could become infected. If you don't, you won't.

It's up to all of us to protect ourselves and our partners. — MERVYN R. SILVERMAN, M.D., FORMER PRESIDENT, AMERICAN FOUNDATION FOR AIDS RESEARCH

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DEAR DR. SILVERMAN: I agree it's critically important for folks to protect themselves and their loved ones from sexually transmitted diseases (STDs). In order to do that, they must act responsibly. By that, I mean they must refrain from unprotected sex unless both parties have been screened for HIV and are negative, and, of course, remain strictly monogamous.

I am appalled there has actually been "debate" about whether the public should have been warned so quickly about what appears to be a new, more virulent strain of HIV that is drug-resistant. I hope the announcement will remind everyone about a subject that seems to have been forgotten in the last decade. For their own safety, sexually active people must keep their wits about them and always use condoms. And for those who say condoms aren't 100 percent effective, when properly used they are EXTREMELY effective in preventing STDs, especially HIV. Not using them is playing Russian roulette.

DEAR ABBY: I'm 16 and a sophomore in high school. I have been struggling with my weight for two years. I have tried Weight Watchers and other weight-loss programs, and I try not to eat between meals or consume a lot of junk food — but I just can't stop.

My parents keep pressuring me to lose 40 pounds. Even my friends say I should lose weight. They say if I do, my crush would notice me more. Can you give me any tips for losing weight? — CHUBBY IN CLEVELAND

DEAR CHUBBY: Everything has a price. If you want to lose weight, the price you'll have to pay is abstaining from high-carb, high-fat, empty-calorie food. If you get hungry between meals, have something to eat, but make it fresh fruit or veggies and an ounce of low-fat protein.

Losing weight is like banking: If you eat more calories than you "spend," you'll have fat in your "savings account." If you spend more calories than you save, you'll gradually become lean and mean. So exercise every day, and go back to Weight Watchers. I have seen miracles occur on that program; there is no reason it can't work for you, too.

JACQUELINE BIGAR'S STARS

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY for Wednesday, March 9, 2005:
You shed facets of your life that no longer function. If you are in tune with yourself, the change will be a lot easier. If you are unaware and fight the inevitable, you could find this transformation a bit more difficult. You will emerge with a life that reflects your authentic self. This transformation will leave you far more radiant and integrated. If you are single, you will attract an unusual set of admirers, but because you are changing so much, the person you like today might not be the same person you are attracted to nine months from now. Don't commit until you have gone through four seasons together. If you are attached, be sensitive to your sweetie. He or she will need to adjust to the new you. PISCES understands you all too well.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) ★★ A thought you have as you wake up might be more important than you realize. You might be stunned by the idea. Write it down before you forget this concept. Much goes on behind the scenes. If you are in an amorous phase, romance will bubble forth. Tonight: Enjoy your privacy.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) ★★★★★ Surprises that head your way will play out in your favor if you remain flexible. A meeting could develop into a networking event. You will be delighted. A friend could play a role in what happens. Tonight: Decide what would please you.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) ★★★★ All eyes remain on you — still. Clearly, an unstable situation becomes a key factor in planning your day. Don't react; flow. The end result could be very positive. You receive praise, compliments and acknowledgment. Tonight: Out late.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) ★★★★★ News heads in your direction that might be almost unbelievable. Check facts and information. You will be most content if you lie back and watch what happens. Travel, foreigners, education and law are favored. Tonight: Choose something unique.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) ★★★★ Someone you counted on could do the unexpected. If you have a sixth sense about a lottery ticket, go for it, especially if the results come in tonight. Let associates have their way. Make a point of giving others long-deserved compliments. Tonight: Dinner with a special friend.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) ★★★ You have a strong reaction to others this morning. Whether you are justified or not, you still experience your feelings. Give yourself time. Listen to a special friend with an understanding perspective. Tonight: Just don't stay home.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) ★★ Take your time adjusting to a stressful situation that could force you to re-organize your day. Still, don't forget that special person who makes a difference in your life. Let yourself wind down and plan a relaxing finale this afternoon. Tonight: Yoga or a back rub — whatever relaxes you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) ★★★★★ Use the unexpected to trigger your imagination. Nothing needs to be a problem. Think of it as an opportunity to find solutions. Others admire your resilience and creativity. Let someone know you care. Tonight: Have fun.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) ★★★ Your family and domestic life give you a morning jolt. Though you might not be 100 percent content, on the positive side, you are wide awake and ready to go. Flow, and you'll discover that everything works out. Tonight: Buy flowers or a plant on your way home.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) ★★★★★ A call or event might have you shaking your head this morning. You could choose to be upset, or let it go. Give others the benefit of the doubt. Make an important call you have been putting off. Tonight: Catch up on another's news.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) ★★★ You pull the wild card financially. In the mood you are in, play it conservatively and don't take a risk that you cannot afford. Do buy a card or token of affection for a loved one. Of course, you might indulge yourself, too. Tonight: Treat someone as you would like to be treated.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) ★★★★★ You continue to surprise others with your actions. You could be changing rapidly — mentally and emotionally. Be generous with those around you. Make an extra effort toward a loved one or a friend you have ignored. Tonight: Smile away.

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Astronaut Yuri Gagarin (1934), chess player Bobby Fischer (1943)

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Switch Your Losers

East-West vulnerable. South deals.

NORTH
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♡ A 5
◇ 9 4 3
♣ A K J 10 6

WEST
♠ 6
♡ K Q 10 9 7 4
◇ A 10 7 6
♣ 8 2

EAST
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♡ J 8 6 2
◇ Q J 8
♣ Q 7 3

SOUTH
♠ A Q 10 7 5 4
♡ 3
◇ K 5 2
♣ 9 5 4

The bidding:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
2♠	3♡	4♠	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead: King of ♡

When developing a long suit in which you might have a loser, make sure you lose it to the hand that poses no threat to you. That might require some maneuvering.

After South's weak two bid in spades and West's three-heart overcall, North's jump to four spades ended the auction. Had the vulnerability been reversed, East might have considered a sacrifice at five hearts.

West led the king of hearts and it was immediately obvious to South that the diamond suit was the weak underbelly of the hand, particularly since the bidding made it very likely that West held the ace. The club suit would have to be developed for discards. But East could not be permitted to gain the lead.

The first step in declarer's campaign was to allow West's king of hearts to win the first trick! West could do no better than continue the suit, and declarer discarded a club from hand as dummy's ace won. Two rounds of trumps were drawn with the ace and queen, and the ace and king of clubs were cashed and a club was ruffed to fell the queen. Declarer returned to the table with the king of trumps to take two diamond discards and lost only one trick in each red suit to score an overtrick. Note that, with a normal club finesse, declarer would have lost three diamond tricks and a club.

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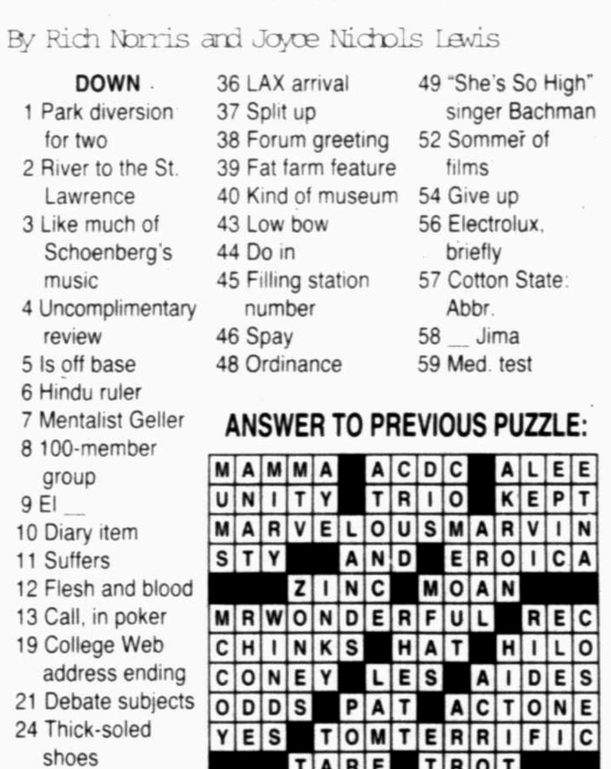
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21 Rose-rose connector, for Gertrude Stein
22 Prettify
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36 Very long time, and a hint to this puzzle's theme
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50 Tennis tie
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56 "To the Extreme" rapper
59 Circular defense
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62 Mystical character
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64 Current fashion
65 Route LXVI, e.g.?

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2 River to the St. Lawrence
3 Like much of Schoenberg's music
4 Uncomplimentary review
5 Is off base
6 Hindu ruler
7 Mentalist Geller
8 100-member group
9 El __
10 Diary item
11 Suffers
12 Flesh and blood
13 Call, in poker
19 College Web address ending
21 Debate subjects
24 Thick-soled shoes
26 Bar code reader
28 Farm enclosure
29 Stage design
31 Tecs
34 To-do list
35 Wish granter
36 LAX arrival
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ANSWER TO PREVIOUS PUZZLE:

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U.S.-led coalition orders follow-up inquiry of killing of Italian agent

By Patrick Quinn
Associated Press

BAGHDAD, Iraq — The U.S. military decided Tuesday to conduct an accelerated inquiry to learn why American troops opened fire, killing an Italian intelligence agent and wounding an Italian journalist he helped rescue from insurgents in Iraq — an attack that has strained relations with a key American ally.

The decision to fast-track the investigation came as the military also opened an inquiry into the shooting death of a Bulgarian soldier in what appeared to be another friendly fire incident on the same day.

Both probes were an indication of the pressure being brought on the Bush administration by the few American allies in Europe that have steadfastly supported his policies in Iraq.

Italy and its prime minister, Silvio Berlusconi, sent 3,000 troops to Iraq, while Bulgaria has 460. Both countries have said they will not withdraw their troops, but domestic pressure to bring them home has been growing — especially in Bulgaria where it has become an election issue.

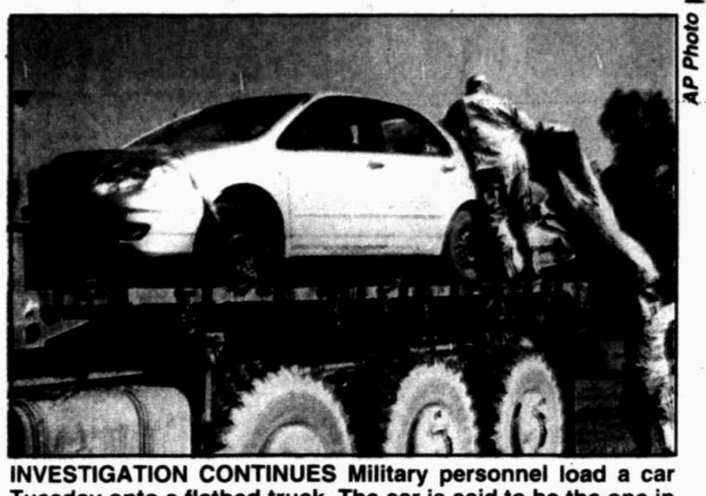
Also Tuesday, American troops fought insurgents Tuesday in Ramadi, a city 70 miles west of Baghdad. At least two Iraqis were killed in the clashes, and at least six other Iraqis died in other violence around the country.

Interim National Security Adviser Mouwafak al-Rubaie said ousted dictator Saddam Hussein could stand trial by year's end. "I will be surprised if I do not see Saddam in the box before the end of the year," he said. "I am very much hopeful that Saddam will be in the box around September and October, before the general referendum" on a constitution.

The constitution is to be drafted by the National Assembly, which convenes March 16. Negotiations to form Iraq's first democratically elected government focused Tuesday on the makeup of the Cabinet, after Kurds said they were close to a deal with the Shiite clergy-backed United Iraqi Alliance.

The shooting Friday that killed intelligence officer Nicola Calipari and wounded Giuliana Sgrena, a 56-year-old journalist for the left-wing Il Manifesto newspaper, angered Italians and rekindled questions about the country's involvement in Iraq.

In Bulgaria, the death of Pvt. Gardi Gardev made the country's



AP Photo

INVESTIGATION CONTINUES Military personnel load a car Tuesday onto a flatbed truck. The car is said to be the one in which Italian journalist Giuliana Sgrena was travelling with secret service operative Nicola Calipari during her release in Baghdad, Iraq, last Friday.

presence in Iraq an issue ahead of general elections in June. Opinion polls show a growing majority of Bulgarians oppose the deployment. The opposition party has promised a withdrawal if it wins the election.

In Rome, Berlusconi's office said the premier had "expressed the satisfaction of the Italian government" at the U.S. military investigation.

Berlusconi called President Bush after the shooting and demanded a full investigation into the attack, which took place after nightfall as the car carrying Sgrena, Calipari and two other agents approached Baghdad airport. Another agent also was wounded.

Italian Foreign Minister Gianfranco Fini told parliament Tuesday that U.S. troops killed Calipari by accident, but disputed Washington's version of events.

Fini said the car carrying Calipari and Sgrena was not speeding and U.S. troops did not order it to stop, contrary to what U.S. officials say. But Fini dismissed allegations made by Sgrena that the shooting was an ambush.

"It was an accident," Fini said. "This does not prevent, in fact it makes it a duty for the government to demand that light be shed on the murky issues, that responsibilities be pinpointed, and, where found, that the culprits be punished."

The U.S.-led coalition said a follow-up investigation would be led by U.S. Brig. Gen. Peter Vangjel and that it would to take three to four weeks. Italian officials were invited to participate.

"The follow-on investigation to the multinational division-Baghdad commander's initial inquiry into the incident is expected to take approximately three to four weeks to complete," a military statement said.

Vangjel is the 18th Airborne Corps Artillery Commander and the investigation was ordered by the top U.S. commander in Iraq, Army Gen. George Casey. Vangjel, commander of all Army artillery in Iraq, arrived in the country in January.

In Washington, Casey said he had no indication Italian officials gave advance notice of the car's route. "I personally do not have any indication of that, even on a preliminary basis," Casey said.

The U.S. 3rd Infantry Division, which controls Baghdad, said the vehicle was "traveling at high speeds" and "refused to stop at a checkpoint."

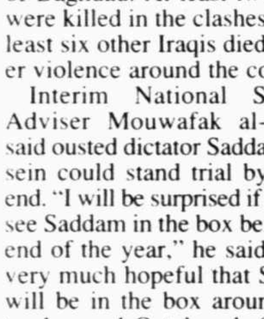
An American patrol "attempted to warn the driver to stop by hand and arm signals, flashing white lights, and firing warning shots in front of the car," it said. "When the driver didn't stop, the soldiers shot into the engine block which stopped the vehicle, killing one and wounding two others."

However, Fini said the car was "traveling at a speed that couldn't have been more than (25 miles) per hour." A light, he said, was flashed at the car after a curve and gunfire started immediately afterward. It lasted 15 to 20 seconds, he said.

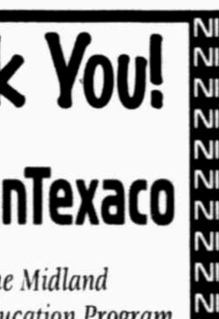
The investigation into the shooting of the Bulgarian soldier, killed near the central city of Diwaniya, will focus on reports he also was shot by U.S. troops.

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A&M's Gillispie voted AP Big 12 coach of year

By Joel Anderson
Associated Press

COLLEGE STATION — Billy Gillispie never doubted he would eventually win a lot of games at Texas A&M. Hardly anyone thought it would happen so soon.

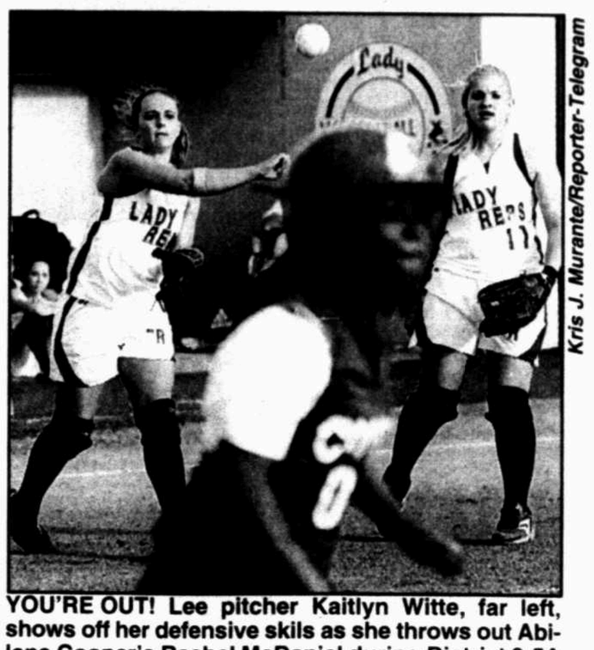
"We exceeded our expectations," Gillispie said. "But expectations were fairly low here for a good reason."

Indeed. Gillispie, who came to Texas A&M from Texas-El Paso last March, has engineered a remarkable turnaround at what was one of the nation's worst big-time college basketball programs.

Coming off a winless record in Big 12 play last season, the Aggies (19-8, 8-8) have turned themselves into improbable contenders for an at-large berth in the NCAA tournament. A&M's 12-win improvement is tied with San Diego for the biggest swing in Division I.

For his role in bringing a taste of success to a traditionally downtrodden program, Gillispie was named the AP's Big 12 coach of the year on Tuesday.

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YOU'RE OUT! Lee pitcher Kaitlyn Witte, far left, shows off her defensive skils as she throws out Abilene Cooper's Rachel McDaniel during District 3-5A softball action on Tuesday.

Lady Rebels left unsatisfied after 4-1 win over Cooper

By Len Hayward
Sports Editor

The Lee softball team had plenty of chances to increase its lead against Abilene Cooper on Tuesday. But after scoring four runs in the second inning, the Lady Rebels could not increase their advantage and were left a little frustrated after a 4-1 victory in their District 3-5A opener.

"We are 1-0 and that's what we wanted to be," Lee coach Wes Overton said. "But we just left way too many people on base."

The Lady Rebels (12-2 overall, 1-0 in District 3-5A) left seven runners on base, including leaving the bases loaded in the third.

The inning before, though, Lee looked like a team determined to end the game as early as possible.

Kaitlyn Witte and Erin Manuz started the second by reaching on consecutive Lady Cougar errors. Meghan Reid and Amelia Noel both followed with RBI singles, and McKensey Corbett completed the scoring barrage with a two-run single. Corbett was the only Lee player with multiple hits, going 2-for-3 with the two RBI, and she also added a sacrifice bunt in the first.

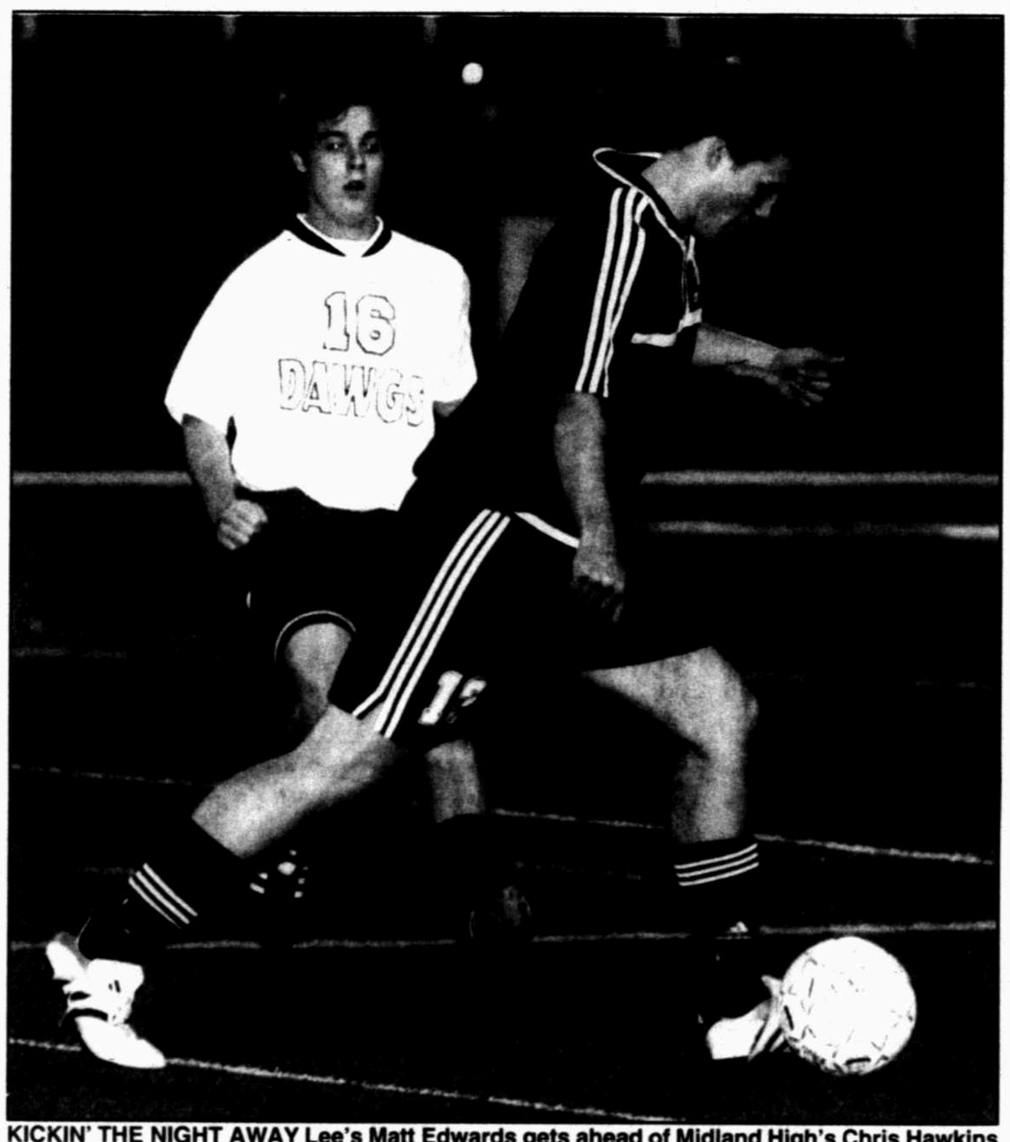
Cooper starting pitcher Megan Sanders ended the inning by forcing Heather Woods to ground out to her for the inning's final out.

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DISTRICT 3-5A SOCCER

Dog Day Afternoon



Alec Richards/Reporter-Telegram

KICKIN' THE NIGHT AWAY Lee's Matt Edwards gets ahead of Midland High's Chris Hawkins during the first half of their game Tuesday night at Grande Communications Stadium. Midland High won the game 2-1.

Bulldogs get back into boys' district race after beating Lee

By Dave Sager
Sports Writer

Entering Tuesday's District 3-5A contest with cross-town rival Midland High, the Lee boys soccer team was sitting pretty, tied for the top spot in district and holding a two-game advantage over the Bulldogs.

Bulldogs 2
Rebels 1

On the other side, the Bulldogs were fighting for their postseason lives and have been for the last couple of weeks.

What a difference 80 minutes make.

The Bulldogs walked away with a 2-1 victory at Grande Communications Stadium and are right back in the thick of the 3-5A playoff race with a 5-4 district mark and 11-7-1 overall record.

"This picks us up," MHS junior Mike Abalos said, who finished with a goal and an assist. "It picks the whole team way up. The intesity right now is high."

The Rebels, however, dropped from first place to third and now own a slim one-game advantage over the Bulldogs for the third and final playoff spot with three regular season games remaining.

"We just didn't come out and play, that's all we can say," Lee head coach Chris Bryant said. "The two goals we gave them, or they earned, we had a hard time coming back from that. We knew they were going to come in and play hard, they always do. This is a rivalry game and they played us well. They came out and played really well."

The victory by the Bulldogs avenged an earlier shootout loss to the Rebels.

"Both teams played great, but we felt like we were just as good and we came out and proved it (Tuesday) night," first-year head coach Todd Green said.

MHS scored both of its goals in the first half and both were within about a minute of each other. In the 27th minute, Abalos scored his first goal on a rebound shot off of Lee goalkeeper Kenny Worrell.

MHS sophomore Gary Porter fired a rocket toward the goal, but Worrell stopped it with a diving save. However he couldn't hold on and Abalos drilled it past him.

Then a little over a minute later in the 28th minute, Abalos somehow got open deep in Lee's box with the ball. As soon as the Rebel defenders saw him down there with the ball

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Boys 3-5A standings

	District W-L	Overall W-L-T
Abilene High	7-2	12-5-2
Odessa High	7-2	10-5-1
Lee	**6-3**	**13-8-0**
Midland High	**5-4**	**11-7-1**
San Angelo Central	3-5	12-8-0
Odessa Permian	2-6	9-7-1
Abilene Cooper	0-8	9-11-0

Tuesday's scores
Midland High 2, Lee 1; Odessa High 1, Odessa Permian 0 (SO, 1-0); Abilene High 2, Abilene Cooper 0; San Angelo Central was open

Saturday's games
Lee vs. Abilene High, 2 p.m., Grande Communications Stadium; Midland High at Abilene Cooper, 4 p.m., Shotwell Stadium, Abilene; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central, 2 p.m., San Angelo Stadium. Odessa High is open

Gates leads Midland High to 2-0 victory

By Dave Sager
Sports Writer

Whenever Midland High junior forward Elizabeth Gates is on the field, it's a must for teams to know where she is at all times.



Gates

Lee contained Gates with two, sometimes three, defenders for most of Tuesday's game between the crosstown rivals. But not all of it.

Gates scored two goals against the Lady Rebels in a 2-0 victory Tuesday night at Grande Communications Stadium. With those goals, Gates became the top offensive player in District 3-5A with seven goals, three assists and 17 points.

"I've said this so many times this year, but Liz was a force up front for us," MHS head coach Scott Hodkinson said. "They controlled her for 90 percent of the game, but all she needs is that tiny crack."

Had Lee won on Tuesday, it would have forced a tie for the district lead. Instead, the Lady Bulldogs improved to 17-1 overall and 8-1 in district. They have a one and a half game lead on San Angelo Central and are two games ahead of now third-place Lee (13-7, 6-3).

Lady Bulldogs 2
Lady Rebels.....0

The Lady Bulldogs had the wind at their back in the first half and took advantage of it in the fourth minute. Sophomore Hannah Dozier chipped the ball up and forward to Gates who lunged forward and headed it home. She was off-balance, but still put the ball past Lee goalkeeper Kayla Weant.

"I think the wind carried it," Gates said. "I don't think anyone expected it to go in."

The game remained 1-0 until late in the second half.

"We scored early which I thought was pretty promising, but at halftime, frankly I was a little disappointed that we hadn't added to that because we scored so early and we had the wind," Hodkinson said. "I thought our lead was a little precarious in the second half."

The wind played a factor as the team that had it at its back played nearly the whole half on the other team's side of the field. In contrast, the team that was facing the wind, was forced to play defense.

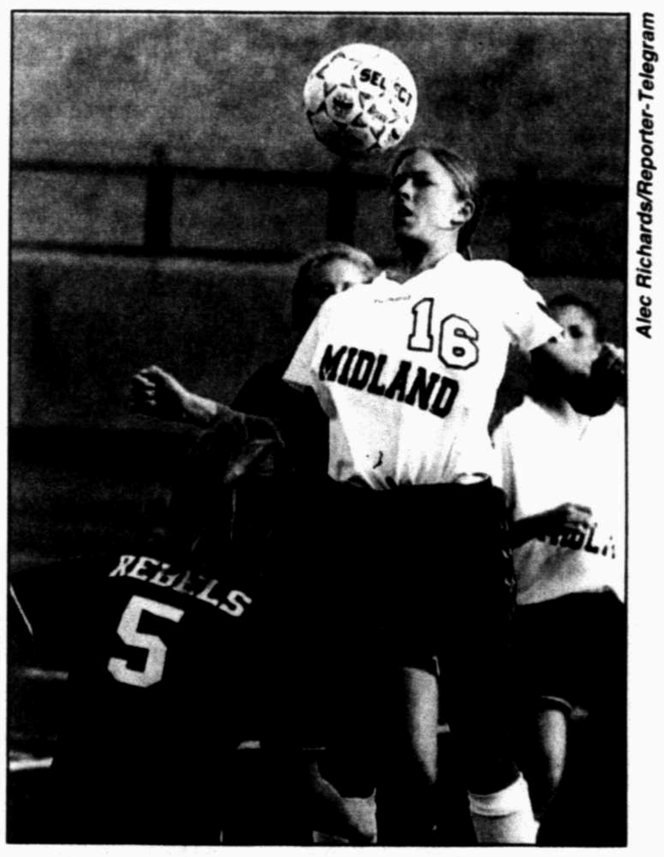
"Definitely, the wind was a factor," Lee head coach Amanda Melchor said. "We just didn't do what we needed to do when we had the wind. Had we done that it could have been different, but I can't say anything now."

Gates scored the Lady Bulldogs' insurance goal in the 75th minute on a pass from freshman Dawn Ward. Ward took the ball away from a Lee defender and pushed it ahead to Gates who was one-on-one against Weant. It was no contest.

But what happened just prior to that goal could have changed the course of the game.

About 30 seconds before Gates' second goal, the Lady Rebels had a corner kick opportunity. Junior Meagan Woods crossed

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Alec Richards/Reporter-Telegram

HEADING OUR WAY Midland High's Michel Ketter connects on a header as Lee's Cara Wiggins (5) moves in at Grande Communications Stadium. MHS beat Lee 2-0.



Kris J. Murante/Reporter-Telegram

NICE PLAY Midland High's Keith Amaguer tags out Big Spring's Matt Milario at second base during non-district high school baseball action at Zachery Field on Tuesday afternoon.

MHS clobbers Big Spring, ties Andrews

By Lee Passmore
Sports Writer

The Midland High baseball team isn't using spring break to take it easy this week, but the Bulldogs were responsible for quite a bit of entertainment at Zachery Field on Tuesday.

In the last week before the "real" games begin with the District 3-5A schedule, Midland High is getting in all the preparation it can. The Bulldogs hosted a doubleheader with a pair of area opponents from District 4-4A and came away with mixed results.

Midland High clobbered Big Spring 12-1 in a five-inning run-rule decision in the first game. The Bulldogs and Mustangs played to an 11-11 tie which was called in the top of the 10th inning due to darkness in the second game.

It was an unusual day at Zachery and just the beginning of a busy week for the Bulldogs (7-3-1), who are going to a tournament in Lubbock on Thursday.

"It's spring break and I'd just as soon play as practice," Russell said. "We got a lot of people some playing time."

That includes pitchers, as the Bulldogs needed six arms to negotiate the 14 innings.

The Bulldogs and Mustangs (4-1-1) combined for 27 hits, and Andrews peppered four MHS pitchers for 17 hits. It was a contrast from the game with Big Spring, in which Spencer Sell and David Harp combined to hold the Steers (5-4) to four hits over five innings.

Midland High had to feel good about coming out with a tie against Andrews considering how poorly things started — and almost ended. The Mustangs jumped out to a 10-1 lead in the top of the fifth, scoring eight runs off MHS reliever Kevin Newton, including a three-run home run by Jeff Kello in the fourth.

"I'm not really happy with the way we came out against Andrews," Russell said. "I was real pleased with the way battled back."

The Bulldogs scored five runs each in the fifth and sixth innings to take an 11-10 lead. Harp had a two-run double to conclude the scoring in the fifth, and in the sixth a sin-

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LOCAL SPORTS

West Texas Relays set for this weekend

ODESSA — The 61st Annual West Texas Relays will take place this Friday and Saturday at Ratliff Stadium in Odessa.

Events begin at noon Friday with the last event on the same day beginning at 5:30 p.m. On Saturday, events will begin at 9 a.m. with the opening ceremonies taking place at 12:30 p.m.

A total of 57 teams are scheduled to compete.

Tickets may be purchased at the door starting at noon. A two-day pass is being offered for $6, or Friday adult tickets are $3, while students are $2. Saturday adult tickets are $4, while students are $2.

For more information, contact Debbie Vickers at 333-7890.

UTPB players honored

ODESSA — University of Texas-Permian Basin men's basketball player Marlo Saunders and women's player Kim Chaffin were each named to the All-Red River Athletic Conference first team on Monday.

Saunders is a 6-foot-5 junior guard from Killeen, while Chaffin is a 5-5 junior guard from Smyer. Chaffin helped lead the Lady Falcons to their first-ever postseason victory last week against Texas A&M International.

UTPB's Dana Davis, a 5-10 junior post from Lubbock and Codye Pittman, a 6-1 junior post also from Smyer, were selected to the RRAC second team.

Jacks beat Rio Grande Valley

From staff reports

HIDALGO — The Odessa Jackalopes continued their recent hot streak with a 3-1 victory against Rio Grande Valley on Tuesday night.

Paul Davies started the scoring with an unassisted goal a little over six minutes into the first period. The Jackalopes weren't done in the first period, though, as Sebastien Thinel scored after assists from Don Margettie and Mike Rutter.



Rio Grande Valley cut the lead to 2-1 after Darcy Smith scored.

But the Jacks iced the game with an empty net powerplay goal by John Kozoriz with less than a minute remaining.

The Jacks stayed in the chase for one of the four playoff spots in the Central Hockey League's Sourthen Conference as Southwest Division rival Amarillo lost to New Mexico 4-3.

Odessa, which is 24-20-10 overall, is three points behind Lubbock in the division standings and six behind San Angelo. The Jacks are also 5-0-1 over their last six games.

Duncan returns to lead Spurs

Associated Press

SAN ANTONIO — Tim Duncan made a quick return to the Spurs lineup after leaving his last game with an injury, and had 19 points and eight rebounds to lead San Antonio past the New Jersey Nets 90-74 Tuesday night.

Reserve guard Devin Brown had a game-high 22 points for the Spurs, who expected Duncan to miss this game after leaving Sunday's win against Utah with a sprained right ankle less than four minutes into the second half.

The Nets struggled early, hitting just 4 of their first 25 shots. Vince Carter, who had a season-high 43 points against the Spurs on Feb. 11, missing his first seven shots and finished with 13 points on 4-for-18 shooting. It ended Carter's streak of 18 games with at least 20 points.

Nenad Krstic was the only New Jersey player who didn't have any trouble with his shots, hitting 8-of-10 from the floor for a team-high 19 points.

New Jersey trailed by as many as 20 points in the first half, before turning it around with 9-of-18 shooting from the floor to start the second half. The Nets shot 32 percent (26-for-81) for the game.

New Jersey cut the Spurs' lead to 60-54 on Rodney Buford's jumper from just inside the 3-point line with 2:20 left in the third quarter.

However, the Spurs closed the period with an 8-4 run and extended their lead to as many as 19 points in the fourth.

MC golf takes Hobbs tourney

From staff reports

HOBBS, N.M. — The Midland College golf team completed its dominance of the Ronnie Black Invitational in Hobbs, N.M. on Tuesday by sweeping the top two spots in the team standings.

The Chaps "Gold" team compiled a final round 272 at Ocotillo Park to finish the three-day tournament with a total of 841. They were 29 strokes ahead of the "Green" team who shot a final round 290 and finished with an 870.

Chaparrals also swept the top four spots in the individual standings.

Creighton Honeck followed up a pair of 69s on the first two days with a seven-under 65 to take home individual honors. Honeck finished with a 203 and was three strokes ahead of second-round leader Bobby Hutcherson, who played on the "Green" team.

MC golf coach Delnor Poss said Honeck's three-day total of 203 was among the top 20 best all-time performances by a Chap golfer over three rounds.

Greg Bowden shot a four-under 68 and finished third at 210, one stroke ahead of fourth place Derrick Bohannon, who fired a final round 70 to end up at 211.

Poss said Tuesday's round was an "exceptional performance."

Bowden, Bohannon and Hutcherson were named to the all-tournament team.

Ronnie Black Invitational
Ocotillo Park, Hobbs, N.M.
Monday
Final results

Team scores — 1. Midland College Gold, 291-278-272—841; 2. Midland College Green, 302-278-290—870; 3. New Mexico Junior College Gold, 313-291-286—888; 4. University of Texas-Brownsville, 301-294-297—892; 5. New Mexico Junior College Red, 303-292-299—894; 6. College of the Southwest, 305-286-306—897; 7. New Mexico Military Institute, 313-305-312—930; 8. College of the Southwest II, 329-305-312—946

Top 5 medalists — 1. Creighton Honeck, Midland College Gold, 69-69-65—203; 2. Bobby Hutcherson, Midland College Green, 70-67-69—208; 3. Greg Bowden, Midland College Gold, 72-70-68—210; 4. Derrick Bohannon, Midland College Gold, 73-68-70—211; 5. Mike Martinson, NMJC Gold, 71-72-72—218

Individual scores

Midland College Gold (291-278-272—841) — Creighton Honeck, 69-69-65—203; Derrick Bohannon, 73-68-70—211; Greg Bowden, 72-70-68—210; Chase Watkins, 77-71-72—220; Robin Lofgreen, 82-73-69—224

Midland College Green (302-278—580) — Bobby Hutcherson, 70-67-69—206; Nils Bjorling, 76-70-73—219; Brent Kirstein, 77-69-77—223; Sung Ko, 79-72-72—223; Derrick Jordan, 81-74-76—231

Individual medalist — Aaron Marshall, Midland College, 76-73-80—229

Schneider throws perfect game

From staff reports

PRESIDIO — The Greenwood softball team began District 3-3A play with a convincing 13-0 run-rule victory against Presidio on Tuesday.

Rangerette pitcher Kendall Schneider pitched a perfect game, striking out 13 of the 15 batters she faced. The other two outs were on ground balls.

Meanwhile, Greenwood slapped 11 hits, scoring nine of its 13 runs in the fourth and fifth innings.

"It's a long trip and it's a game we know we should win," Greenwood coach Ken Ferguson said. "We just came down and Kendall just dominated them. She was relying on her fastball and just throwing strikes."

Jenny Atkins, Amanda Dublin and Daisy Roman each had two hits for Greenwood in the blowout victory.

The Rangerettes will take on Big Spring in a non-district on Thursday at 4 p.m.

Greenwood 13, Presidio 0

Greenwood	.310	54—13	11	0	
Presidio	.000	00—0	0	0	

Kendall Schneider and Veroncia Carruth. Velasquez and Gutierrez. WP—Schneider (7-6, 1-0). LP — Velasquez. 2B — Greenwood: Kim Smith, Veronica Carruth, Daisy Roman, Amanda Dublin.

Records: Greenwood 9-6, 1-0. Presidio 0-1 in District 3-3A.

Next game: Greenwood vs. Big Spring, 4 p.m., Thursday

Lady Eagles stop Lady Dawgs

ABILENE — Midland High scored the game's first run in the opening inning but did not score again the rest of the game as Abilene High took a 3-1 victory in the District 3-5A opener for both squads.

After, the Lady Bulldogs (12-6 overall, 0-1 in District 3-5A) scored the game's first one, Abilene High tied the game with a run in the second, and followed with a run in each the fifth and sixth innings to clinch the victory.

Midland High committed five errors.

"We committed the errors that put their runners on the base paths," Midland High coach Shawnda Vines said. "It's something that jumps up and bites us once in a while. It's just one of those days."

Abilene High 3, Midland High 1

Midland High	.100 000	0—1	3	5
Abilene High	.100 011	x—3	6	2

Laura Hambrick and Ali Askew. Spence and na. WP — Spence. LP — Hambrick (9-4, 0-1). 2B — Abilene High: Chelsea Barker

Records: Midland High 12-6, 0-1 in District 3-5A. Abilene 5-9, 1-0

GATES

(From 1C)

it to sophomore Stephanie Leonard who headed it toward the goal.

MHS keeper Lindsey Wilson stopped it, but couldn't hold on. However, defender Anna Paulson booted it away for a save of her own.

"She said it was no problem," Hodkinson said of Wilson, who recorded her fifth shutout in district play. "She said Anna had that post and Anna had it even if she didn't."

Less than 30 seconds later, Gates scored.

"We went from almost being tied to going up 2-0," Hodkinson added. "That was a big swing right there. That was key."

It was the fourth consecutive victory for the Lady Bulldogs, while the loss snapped the Lady Rebels' five-game win streak.

"I don't think we gave our best effort but it was good," Melchor said. "But I told the girls that we've just got to get what's ours. We're still focused on our goal. This is one game, we've got three more left."

That goal is to make the playoffs for the first time in Melchor's head coaching tenure. The Lady Rebels haven't qualified for the postseason since 2002, when they were co-district champions with Central. Since then, MHS has won two consecutive district titles and are primed to win their third straight championship.

"We knew that if they won it would have put us in three-way tie for first place and that would have put us right in the middle of it," Gates said. "We wanted to make sure, stay on top and win this game."

Girls 3-5A Standings

	District W-L	Overall W-L-T
Midland High	8-1	17-1-0
San Angelo Central	6-2	11-7-1
Lee	6-3	13-7-0
Odessa Permian	4-4	13-6-2
Odessa High	3-6	9-7-4
Abilene Cooper	1-6	4-9-1
Abilene High	1-7	4-10-0

Tuesday's scores
Midland High 2, Lee 0; Odessa Permian 1, Odessa High 0; Abilene High vs. Abilene Cooper; San Angelo Central was open

Friday's game
Midland High at Abilene Cooper, 6:30 p.m., Shotwell Stadium, Abilene

Saturday's games
Lee vs. Abilene High, noon, Grande Communications Stadium; Odessa Permian at San Angelo Central, noon, San Angelo Stadium. Odessa High is open

BULLDOGS

(From 1C)

again they started charging. Abalos dumped the ball to teammate Chris Hawkins who was streaking in the middle and punched it home.

"That gave us a good lead in the first half and we just tried to come out and seal the deal," Abalos said.

In the second half, the Rebels jumped on the Bulldogs early with an unassisted goal by senior Nathan Holder in the 47th minute. Holder fired a beautiful cross from the left side of the box and across the body of MHS sophomore keeper Paul Iaquaniello.

Once that happened, Green changed up his lineup and went to one forward, four midfielders and five defenders and the move worked. The Bulldog defense stopped a late barrage by the Rebels, Iaquaniello was able to make some saves and a few Rebel shots just missed the goal helping out the young Iaquaniello.

"Lee's got some talented goalscorers — I'm surprised they haven't scored more goals this season — but any given game they can probably rattle off three or four goals," Green said. "So we knew we had to step up and control them, and just hold on and we did."

As for the Rebels, they are now one game behind Abilene High and Odessa High in the standings and have MHS creeping up behind them.

"It's fine, because in the end I think we should still be in the playoffs," Bryant said. "As long as we take care of business the next couple of games we'll be fine."

SOFTBALL

(From 1C)

of the inning's first four batters reaching but Reid popped out to the first baseman and Noel hit a ground ball to the pitcher to end the inning.

"The batter has got to step in the box thinking, 'I'm going to drive in those runners,'" Overton said.

The Lady Rebels advanced one runner beyond first in the final three innings and could not plate another runner. They had one hit, a single by Corbett in the fourth, and Sanders retired nine of the next 12 batters she faced.

"We let down a little and let them get back into it," said pitcher Kaitlyn Witte, who was also 0-for-2 at the plate. "Coach Overton talked about how they are a team and you want to stay on them so they won't come back and beat you. I think we were a little anxious at the plate."

Witte struggled in the first and fifth innings, allowing Cooper's lone run in the fifth, which was unearned. But in the other five innings she retired the minimum of three hitters. Witte pitched seven innings, giving up two hits, two walks and striking out eight, all in the first five innings.

"It was (Witte's) best game and she will probably tell you that," Overton said. "She has good games and she has great games. This was probably one of her good games."

Lee 4, Abilene Cooper 1

Abilene Cooper	.000 010	0—1	2	2
Lee	.040 000	x—4	5	1

Megan Sanders and Stevie Burchell. Kaitlyn Witte and Heather Woods. WP — Witte (9-0, 1-0). LP — Sanders (6-1, 0-1). RBI — Cooper, Krissy Steele. Lee, McKensey Corbett (2), Meghan Reid, Ameilia Noel. E — Cooper, McKenzie Stutts, Brittany Braxton. Lee, Woods. SB — Cooper, Sara Cadena. Lee, Corbett. SAC — Cooper, Braxton. Lee, Corbett.

Records: Lee, 12-2, 1-0 in District 3-5A. Cooper, 8-6, 0-1.

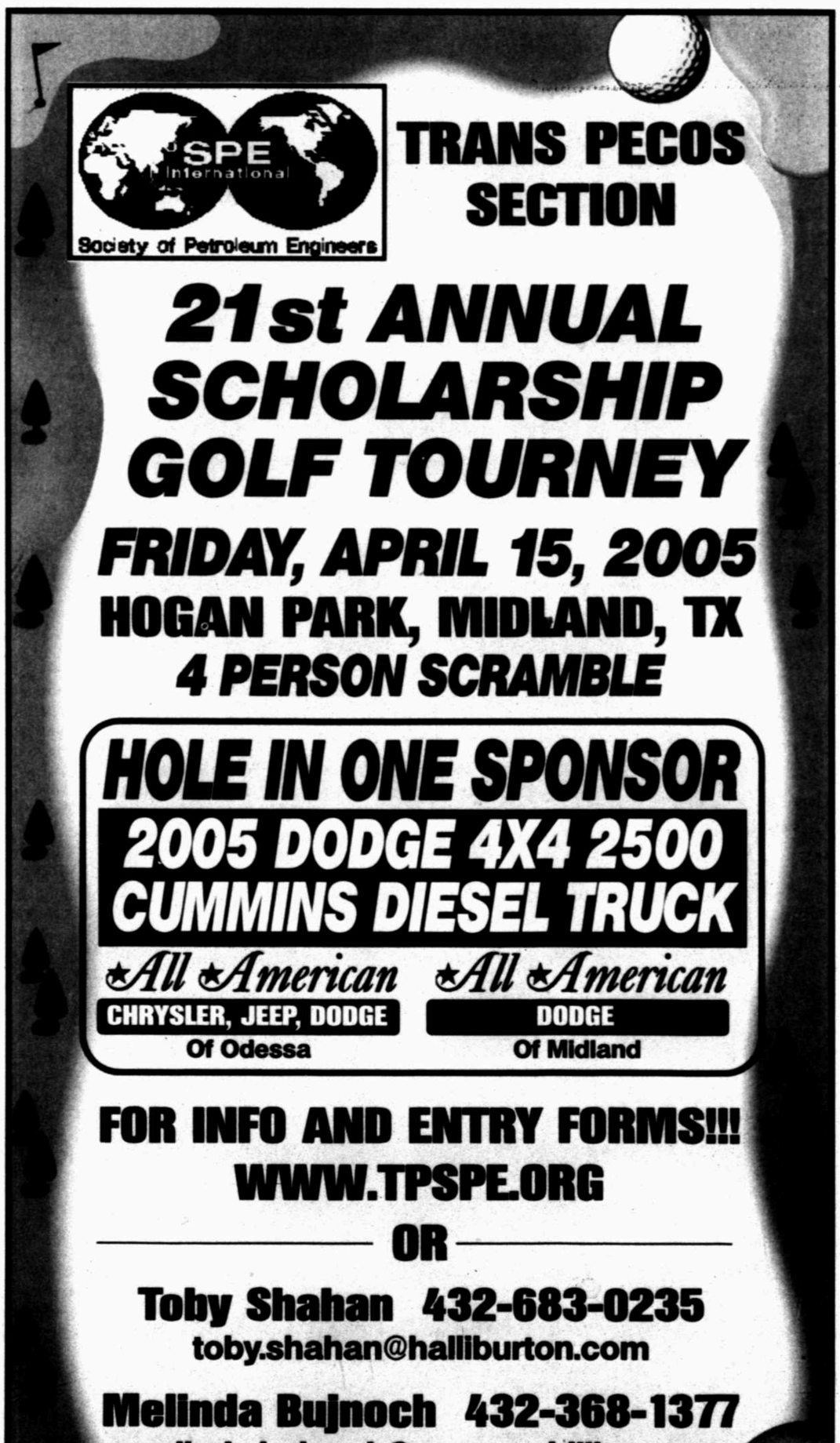
3-5A softball

	District W	L	Overall W	L
Lee	1	0	12	2
Odessa High	1	0	9	7
Abilene High	1	0	5	9
Odessa Permian	0	0	7	6
Midland High	0	1	12	6
Abilene Cooper	0	1	6	5
San Angelo Central	0	1	4	10

Tuesday's scores
Lee 4, Abilene Cooper 1; Abilene High 3, Midland High 1; Odessa High 9, San Angelo Central 1.; Odessa Permian 5, Hobbs, N.M. 0

Saturday's games
Odessa Permian at Midland High, 2 p.m.; Lee at Odessa High, 2 p.m.; Abilene High at San Angelo Central, 2 p.m.







SPORTS SCOREBOARD

BASKETBALL

NBA

EASTERN CONFERENCE

Atlantic Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	31	29	.517	—
Philadelphia	29	32	.475	2 1/2
New Jersey	26	34	.433	5
New York	26	34	.433	5
Toronto	25	35	.417	6

Southeast Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Miami	46	16	.742	—
Washington	33	26	.559	11 1/2
Orlando	31	28	.525	13 1/2
Charlotte	12	46	.207	32
Atlanta	10	49	.169	34 1/2

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Detroit	36	22	.621	—
Cleveland	32	27	.542	4 1/2
Chicago	30	27	.526	5 1/2
Indiana	30	30	.500	7
Milwaukee	25	34	.424	11 1/2

WESTERN CONFERENCE

Southwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
San Antonio	47	13	.783	—
Dallas	39	20	.661	7 1/2
Houston	34	25	.576	12 1/2
Memphis	34	25	.576	12 1/2
New Orleans	13	46	.220	33 1/2

Northwest Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Seattle	41	17	.707	—
Denver	31	29	.517	11
Minnesota	30	30	.500	12
Portland	22	36	.379	19
Utah	20	39	.339	21 1/2

Pacific Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Phoenix	46	14	.767	—
Sacramento	37	24	.607	9 1/2
L.A. Lakers	30	28	.517	15
L.A. Clippers	26	34	.433	20
Golden State	19	41	.317	27

Tuesday's scores

Golden State 104, Philadelphia 85
Cleveland 111, Orlando 92
New York 93, Washington 83
Milwaukee 105, Atlanta 101
Minnesota 102, Charlotte 97
San Antonio 90, New Jersey 74
Indiana 89, Utah 83
Houston at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Memphis at Sacramento, 10 p.m.
L.A. Clippers at L.A. Lakers, late

Today's games

Orlando at Toronto, 7 p.m.
Atlanta at Boston, 7 p.m.
Golden State at Detroit, 7:30 p.m.
New Jersey at New Orleans, 7 p.m.
San Antonio at Phoenix, 8 p.m.
Chicago at Portland, 9 p.m.

Spurs 90, Nets 74

NEW JERSEY (74) — Carter 4-18 5-6 13, Collins 2-11 3-3 7, Krstic 8-10 3-5 19, Vaughn 2-4 0-0 5, Kidd 5-15 2-4 14, Best 0-3 0-0 0, Scalabrine 2-5 2-3 6, Buford 2-12 3-4 7, Smith 0-0 0-0 0, Mercer 1-3 1-2 3, Planinic 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 26-81 19-27 74

SAN ANTONIO (90) — Bowen 3-4 0-0 8, Duncan 8-14 3-6 19, Nesterovic 1-3 0-0 2, Parker 2-6 6-11 10, Ginobili 2-8 2-2 6, De Brown 9-12 2-6 22, Massenburg 2-5 1-2 5, Barry 1-7 2-4 4, Horry 4-8 2-2 12, Udrih 1-4 0-2 2, Wilks 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 33-72 18-35 90

New Jersey	**12**	**16**	**30**	**16— 74**
San Antonio	**24**	**23**	**21**	**22— 90**

3-Point Goals—New Jersey 3-14 (Kidd 2-4, Vaughn 1-1, Best 0-1, Carter 0-4, Buford 0-4). San Antonio 6-18 (Bowen 2-2, Horry 2-3, De.Brown 2-4, Wilks 0-1, Ginobili 0-3, Barry 0-5) Fouled Out—Collins, Krstic. Rebounds—New Jersey 54 (Collins 12), San Antonio 65 (De.Brown 9). Assists—New Jersey 17 (Kidd 9), San Antonio 22 (Parker 6). Total Fouls—New Jersey 28, San Antonio 21. Technicals—New Jersey coach Frank Massenburg 2. Ejected—Massenburg. A—17,588. (18,500)

Pacers 89, Jazz 83

INDIANA (89) — Jackson 11-18 5-5 30, Foster 1-4 4-6 6, Davis 4-5 0-0 8, Johnson 4-9 4-4 13, Miller 7-16 7-7 24, J.Jones 0-2 0-0 0, Croshere 1-4 2-2 4, Harrison 0-0 0-0 0, Gill 0-3 2-2 2, Pollard 1-1 0-0 2, F.Jones 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 29-64 24-26 89

UTAH (83) — Kirilenko 7-14 0-0 16, Harpring 5-11 7-8 18, Borchardt 0-1 0-0 0, McLeod 3-16 3-5 11, Bell 2-9 3-5 7, Okur 5-11 8-10 18, Humphries 1-1 1-2 3, Snyder 0-1 0-0 0, Gincek 4-9 0-0 8, Eisley 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 27-73 24-32 83

Indiana	**33**	**22**	**14**	**20— 89**
Utah	**16**	**26**	**22**	**19— 83**

3-Point Goals—Indiana 7-19 (Jackson 3-6, Miller 3-7, Johnson 1-1, F.Jones 0-1, Croshere 0-2, Gill 0-2). Utah 5-14 (Kirilenko 2-5, McLeod 2-6, Harpring 1-1, Bell 0-1, Snyder 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Indiana 46 (Foster, Davis 10), Utah 45 (Okur 12). Assists—Indiana 16 (Johnson 9), Utah 18 (McLeod 6). Total Fouls—Indiana 32, Utah 22. Technicals—Utah Defensive Three Second. A—18,452. (19,911).

Timberwolves 102, Bobcats 97

CHARLOTTE (97) — Wallace 4-10 3-7 11, Okafor 5-11 3-4 13, Brezec 7-8 6-8 20, Hart 5-15 4-5 14, Bogans 6-14 0-0 14, Ely 0-3 0-0 0, Kapono 6-9 1-2 15, Smith 0-2 0-0 0, Allen 3-6 0-0 6, Alexander 1-5 0-0 2, Carroll 1-3 0-0 2. Totals 38-86 17-26 97.

MINNESOTA (102) — Sprewell 9-19 2-2 21, Garnett 12-25 6-6 30, Thomas 1-2 2-2 4, Hassell 3-7 2-3 8, Hudson 1-7 0-0 2, Madsen 1-1 0-2 2, Szczerbiak 2-8 11-11 15, Carter 3-6 1-1 7, Hoiberg 3-4 2-2 9, Johnson 2-2 0-0 4. Totals 37-81 26-29 102.

Charlotte	**27**	**26**	**14**	**30— 97**
Minnesota	**17**	**25**	**31**	**29—102**

3-Point Goals—Charlotte 4-10 (Kapono 2-2, Bogans 2-4, Hart 0-1, Alexander 0-1, Wallace 0-2). Minnesota 2-9 (Hoiberg 1-1, Sprewell 1-3, Szczerbiak 0-1, Carter 0-1, Hudson 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Charlotte 58 (Brezec 12), Minnesota 46 (Garnett 15). Assists—Charlotte 22 (Hart 10), Minnesota 27 (Carter 9). Total Fouls—Charlotte 21, Minnesota 24. Technicals—Bogans, Wallace, Charlotte coach Bickerstaff. A—16,333. (19,006).

Bucks 105, Hawks 101

ATLANTA (101) — Harrington 9-17 1-2 19, Jos.Smith 3-6 0-0 6, Ekezie 6-8 2-3 14, Childress 6-10 1-3 13, Lue 11-19 2-2 27, Diaw 1-3 0-0 2, Drobnjak 4-10 2-3 10, Gugliotta 3-8 0-0 6, D.Smith 0-2 2-2 2, Stewart 0-0 0-0 0, Ivey 0-0 2-2 2. Totals 43-83 12-17 101

MILWAUKEE (105) — Mason 5-12 12-13 22, J.Smith 6-9 7-9 19, Gadzuric 2-2 2-4 6, Redd 9-24 2-3 21, M.Williams 9-13 2-2 22, Strickland 0-4 0-0 0, Pachulia 0-1 0-0 0, Kukoc 1-4 2-2 5, Fizer 4-7 2-3 10. Totals 36-76 29-36 105.

Atlanta	**33**	**18**	**23**	**27—101**
Milwaukee	**22**	**23**	**34**	**26—105**

3-Point Goals—Atlanta 3-9 (Lue 3-4, Childress 0-1, Harrington 0-1, Gugliotta 0-1, Drobnjak 0-2), Milwaukee 4-13 (M.Williams 2-2, Kukoc 1-3, Redd 1-6, Strickland 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Atlanta 52 (Jos.Smith 8), Milwaukee 40 (J.Smith 9). Assists—Atlanta 24 (Harrington 9), Milwaukee 19 (M.Williams 10). Total Fouls—Atlanta 29, Milwaukee 14. Technical—Milwaukee Defensive Three Second. A—13,117 (18,717).

Knicks 93, Wizards 83

WASHINGTON (83) — Brown 0-8 2-4 2, Jeffries 3-7 1-2 7, Haywood 4-8 5-6 13, Arenas 8-24 5-7 23, Hughes 8-21 10-12 27, Profit 1-2 0-0 2, Ruffin 0-2 1-2 1, Dixon 0-2 0-0 0, Blake 2-6 4-4 8. Totals 26-80 28-37 83.

NEW YORK (93) — Sweetney 3-5 1-1 7, T.Thomas 3-9 6-7 12, K.Thomas 7-14 1-2 15, Crawford 6-16 2-2 19, Marbury 4-14 4-4 14, Hardaway 5-11 0-0 12, Rose 2-7 4-4 8, Taylor 1-3 0-0 2, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, J.Williams 1-1 2-2 4, Ariza 0-1 0-0 0, Sundov 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 32-81 20-22 93.

Washington	**21**	**19**	**23**	**20— 83**
New York	**26**	**22**	**23**	**22— 93**

3-Point Goals—Washington 3-16 (Arenas 2-8, Hughes 1-4, Dixon 0-1, Jeffries 0-1, Blake 0-2), New York 9-20 (Crawford 5-10, Hardaway 2-3, Marbury 2-6, T.Thomas 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 59 (Haywood 11), New York 55 (K.Thomas 11). Assists—Washington 10 (Brown, Jeffries, Arenas, Blake 2), New York 24 (Marbury 10). Total Fouls—Washington 20, New York 31. A—19,763. (19,763)

Cavaliers 111, Magic 92

ORLANDO (92) — Turkoglu 4-13 2-3 11, Howard 1-3 1-2 3, Cato 4-8 2-2 10, Francis 8-16 4-5 21, Nelson 7-12 2-4 17, Augmon 2-6 2-3 6, Battie 2-6 2-2 6, Garrity 1-2 0-0 3, Stevenson 2-9 1-2 5, B.Hunter 2-3 3-4 7, Kasun 1-3 1-2 3. Totals 34-81 20-29 92.

CLEVELAND (111) — James 9-22 3-4 23, Gooden 10-13 3-5 23, Ilgauskas 7-11 4-6 18, McInnis 5-9 0-0 13, Newble 3-7 2-2 9, Traylor 1-3 0-0 2, Snow 4-4 0-0 8, Varejao 2-3 2-4 6, Welsch 1-5 0-0 2, Harris 0-0 0-0 0, Pavlovic 2-7 0-0 5, Diop 1-2 0-0 2. Totals 45-86 14-21 111.

Orlando	**22**	**27**	**18**	**25— 92**
Cleveland	**25**	**28**	**31**	**27—111**

3-Point Goals—Orlando 4-10 (Francis 1-1, Garrity 1-2, Nelson 1-3, Turkoglu 1-4), Cleveland 7-14 (McInnis 3-4, James 2-6, Newble 1-1, Pavlovic 1-2, Welsch 0-1) Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Orlando 57 (Cato 10), Cleveland 47 (James 7). Assists—Orlando 17 (Nelson, Turkoglu 6), Cleveland 33 (James, McInnis 8) Total Fouls—Orlando 20, Cleveland 24. Technicals—Orlando Defensive Three Second, Nelson, Cleveland Defensive Three Second. A—18,148 (20,562).

Warriors 104, 76ers 85

GOLDEN STATE (104) —Dunleavy 7-16 6-9 21, Murphy 7-19 3-4 17, Foyle 2-4 1-2 5, Richardson 8-20 2-2 22, Fisher 4-5 1-1 11, B.Davis 4-10 0-0 9, Cabarkapa 1-2 0-0 2, Biedrins 0-0 0-0 0, Pietrus 4-7 4-4 14, Tskitishvili 1-1 0-0 3, White 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 38-85 17-22 104

PHILADELPHIA (85) — Korver 5-12 0-0 13, Webber 3-12 2-2 8, Dalembert 2-6 2-3 6, Iguodala 3-7 0-0 6, Iverson 10-25 11-12 33, McKie 1-1 0-0 2, Rogers 4-7 0-0 10, Jackson 1-2 3-4 5, Green 1-6 0-0 2, Ollie 0-0 0-0 0, J.Davis 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 30-80 18-21 85.

Golden State	**24**	**29**	**23**	**28—104**
Philadelphia	**23**	**27**	**17**	**18— 85**

3-Point Goals—Golden State 11-32 (Richardson 4-10, Pietrus 2-3, Fisher 2-3, Tskitishvili 1-1, Dunleavy 1-6, B.Davis 1-6, Murphy 0-3). Philadelphia 7-23 (Korver 3-9, Rogers 2-4, Iverson 2-8, Iguodala 0-1, J.Davis 0-1) Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Golden State 50 (Foyle, Murphy 8), Philadelphia 55 (Dalembert 8). Assists—Golden State 20 (Richardson 7), Philadelphia 17 (Iverson, Webber 5). Total Fouls—Golden State 17, Philadelphia 20. Technicals—Philadelphia Defensive Three Second. A—17,990. (20,444)

Tournaments

MEN

Conference Glances
Big 12 Conference
At Kemper Arena
Kansas City, Mo.
First Round
Thursday, March 10

Missouri vs. Nebraska, 11:30 a.m.
Iowa State vs. Baylor, 2:20 p.m.
Texas A&M vs. Kansas State, 6 p.m.
Texas vs. Colorado, 8:20 p.m.
Quarterfinals
Friday, March 11
Oklahoma vs. Missouri-Nebraska winner, 11:30 a.m.
Texas Tech vs. Iowa State-Baylor winner, 2:20 p.m.
Kansas vs. Texas A&M-Kansas State winner, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma State vs. Texas-Colorado winner, 8:20 p.m.
Semifinals
Saturday, March 12
Oklahoma—Missouri-Nebraska winner vs. Texas Tech—Iowa State-Baylor winner, 1 p.m.
Kansas—Texas A&M-Kansas State winner vs. Oklahoma State—Texas-Colorado winner, 3:20 p.m.
Championship
Sunday, March 13
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

Conference USA
At FedEx Forum
Memphis
First Round
Wednesday, March 9

Texas Christian vs. Marquette, noon
DePaul vs. Tulane, 2:30 p.m.
Memphis vs. Saint Louis, 6 p.m.
Houston vs. South Florida, 8:30 p.m.
Quarterfinals
Thursday, March 10
Louisville vs. Texas Christian-Marquette winner, noon
Alabama-Birmingham vs. DePaul-Tulane winner, 2:30 p.m.
Charlotte vs. Memphis-Saint Louis winner, 6 p.m.
Cincinnati vs. Houston-South Florida winner, 8:30 p.m.
Semifinals
Friday, March 11
Louisville—Texas Christian-Marquette winner vs. Alabama-Birmingham—DePaul-Tulane winner, 3:30 p.m.
Charlotte—Memphis-Saint Louis winner vs. Cincinnati—Houston-South Florida winner, 6 p.m.
Championship
Saturday, March 12
Semifinal winners, 10:30 a.m.

Sun Belt Conference
At Denton, Texas
First Round
Friday, March 4
At Kitty Winter Magee Arena

Florida International 60, South Alabama 57
At The Super Pit
Arkansas State 84, North Texas 76
Middle Tennessee State 77, New Mexico State 63
At The Super Pit
Denton, Texas
Quarterfinals
Saturday, March 5
Florida International 69, Arkansas-Little Rock 64
Denver 64, Arkansas State 57
Sunday, March 6
Western Kentucky 78, New Orleans 67
Louisiana-Lafayette 71, Middle Tennessee State 57
Semifinals
Monday, March 7
Denver 77, Western Kentucky 68
Louisiana-Lafayette 80, Florida International 69
Championship
Tuesday, March 8
Denver vs. Louisiana-Lafayette, 8 p.m.

Western Athletic Conference
At The Lawlor Events Center
Reno, Nev.
First Round
Tuesday, March 8

Hawaii vs. San Jose State, 9 p.m.
Boise State vs. Tulsa, 11:30 p.m.
Quarterfinals
Thursday, March 10
Texas-El Paso vs. Hawaii-San Jose State winner, 3 p.m.
Rice vs. Southern Methodist, 5:30 p.m.
Fresno State vs. Louisiana Tech, 9 p.m.
Nevada vs. Boise State-Tulsa winner, 11:30 p.m.
Semifinals
Friday, March 11
Texas-El Paso—Hawaii-San Jose State winner vs. Rice-Southern Methodist winner, 8 p.m.
Fresno State-Louisiana Tech winner vs. Nevada—Boise State-Tulsa winner, 10:30 p.m.
Championship
Saturday, March 12
Semifinal winners, 9 p.m.

WOMEN

Big 12 Conference
At Municipal Auditorium
Kansas City, Mo.
First Round
Tuesday, March 8

Missouri 62, Kansas 57
Iowa State 64, Colorado 62
Oklahoma 86, Texas A&M 65
Nebraska 60, Oklahoma St. 45
Quarterfinals
Today's games

Missouri vs. Baylor, noon
Iowa State vs. Texas Tech, 2:30 p.m.
Oklahoma vs. Texas, 6 p.m.
Nebraska vs. Kansas State, 9:30 p.m.
Semifinals
Thursday's games

Missouri-Baylor winner vs. Iowa State—Texas Tech winner, 6 p.m.
Oklahoma-Texas winner vs. Oklahoma State-Nebraska—Kansas State winner, 8:30 p.m. Championship
Saturday, March 12
Semifinal winners, 6 p.m.

Conference USA
At Dale Halton Arena
Charlotte, N.C.
First Round
Thursday, March 3

Memphis 76, East Carolina 67
South Florida 68, Southern Mississippi 47
Charlotte 63, Cincinnati 46
Marquette 78, Alabama-Birmingham 53
Quarterfinals
Friday, March 4
DePaul 78, Memphis 55
Texas Christian 65, South Florida 57
Houston 76, Charlotte 73, OT
Louisville 69, Marquette 54
Semifinals
Saturday, March 5
Texas Christian 87, DePaul 77
Louisville 56, Houston 48
Championship
Sunday, March 6
Texas Christian 60, Louisville 41

Sun Belt Conference
At Denton, Texas
First Round
Friday, March 4
At The Super Pit

Florida International 48, New Mexico State 45
Middle Tennessee State 73, New Orleans 30
At Kitty Winter Magee Arena
Arkansas-Little Rock 50, Denver 48
At The Super Pit
Quarterfinals
Saturday, March 5
Louisiana-Lafayette 61, Florida International 60
Western Kentucky 91, Arkansas-Little Rock 60
Sunday, March 6
Arkansas State 61, South Alabama 53
Middle Tennessee State 59, North Texas 58, OT
Semifinals
Monday, March 7
Louisiana-Lafayette 61, Arkansas State 49
Middle Tennessee State 65, Western Kentucky 61
Tuesday, March 8
Championship
Middle Tennessee State 67, Louisiana-Lafayette 52

Western Athletic Conference
At The Lawlor Events Center
Reno, Nev.
First Round

Tuesday, March 8
Boise State 55, Texas-El Paso 50
Nevada 65, Hawaii 61
Quarterfinals
Wednesday, March 9
Louisiana Tech vs. Boise State, 2 p.m.
Fresno State vs. Southern Methodist, 4:30 p.m.
Tulsa vs. San Jose State, 8 p.m.
Rice vs. Nevada, 10:30 p.m.
Semifinals
Friday, March 11
Louisiana Tech—Boise State winner vs. Fresno State-Southern Methodist winner, 2 p.m.
Tulsa-San Jose State winner vs. Rice-Nevada winner, 4:30 p.m.
Championship
Saturday, March 12
Semifinal winners, 2 p.m.

Top 25 women

Fared

1. Stanford (29-2) did not play. Next: TBA.
2. LSU (29-2) did not play. Next: TBA.
3. Tennessee (25-4) did not play. Next: TBA.
4. North Carolina (27-3) did not play. Next: TBA.
5. Duke (28-4) did not play. Next: TBA.
6. Baylor (24-3) did not play. Next: vs. Missouri, Wednesday.
7. Michigan State (28-3) did not play. Next: TBA.
8. Ohio State (28-4) did not play. Next: TBA.
9. Rutgers (25-6) lost to No. 13 Connecticut 67-51. Next: TBA.
10. Notre Dame (26-5) did not play. Next: TBA.
11. Texas (20-7) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma, Wednesday.
12. Minnesota (24-7) did not play. Next: TBA.
13. Connecticut (23-7) beat No. 9 Rutgers 67-51. Next: TBA.
14. Texas Tech (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. No. 18 Iowa State, Wednesday.
15. Temple (27-3) did not play. Next: TBA.
16. DePaul (25-4) did not play. Next: vs. TBA.
17. Kansas State (21-6) did not play. Next: vs. Oklahoma State or Nebraska, Wednesday.
18. Iowa State (23-5) beat Colorado 64-62. Next: vs. No. 14 Texas Tech, Wednesday.
19. Vanderbilt (22-6) did not play. Next: TBA.
20. North Carolina State (21-6) did not play. Next: TBA.
21. Georgia (22-8) did not play. Next: TBA.
22. Penn State (19-10) did not play. Next: TBA.
23. Boston College (19-9) did not play. Next: TBA.
24. Wisconsin-Green Bay (27-3) did not play. TBA.
25. TCU (23-9) did not play. Next: TBA.

No. 13 Connecticut 67, No. 9 Rutgers 51

CONNECTICUT (23-7) — Turner 5-7 3-4 13, Moore 3-5 6-8 12, Valley 0-0 0-0 0, Wolff 1-3 1-2 3, Strother 5-10 7-8 20, Swanier 0-3 0-0 0, Battle 3-9 1-2 8, Crockett 2-3 0-0 4, Houston 2-8 3-6 7, Thomas 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 21-49 21-30 67

RUTGERS (25-6) — Richman 1-5 0-0 2, Jett 0-0 0-0 0, Ajavon 6-17 7-8 20, Newton 0-2 1-2 1, Campbell 0-4 0-0 0, Locke 1-1 0-0 3, Carson 1-3 0-0 2, Pondexter 7-23 5-9 19, Theodoris 2-2 0-1 4, Cahoe 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 18-57 13-20 51

Halftime—Connecticut 37-25. 3-Point Goals—Connecticut 4-13 (Strother 3-7, Battle 1-3, Moore 0-1, Swanier 0-1, Thomas 0-1), Rutgers 2-8 (Locke 1-1, Ajavon 1-3, Carson 0-1, Newton 0-1, Pondexter 0-2) Fouled Out—Ajavon. Rebounds—Connecticut 47 (Moore 7), Rutgers 29 (Theodoris 9). Assists—Connecticut 11 (Strother, Wolff 3), Rutgers 6 (Pondexter 3). Total Fouls—Connecticut 16, Rutgers 21. Technicals—Theodoris. A—9,036.

No. 18 Iowa St. 64, Colorado 62

COLORADO. (8-19) — Nedovic 5-13 0-0 12, Lini 1-2 2-2 4, Richards 3-3 2-2 8, Johns-Richardson 1-7 3-4 5, Escalera 6-9 3-5 19, Ilic 2-4 0-0 5, Law 1-1 0-0 3, McFarland 1-10 4-4 6. Totals 20-49 14-17 62

IOWA STATE (23-5) — Robinette 8-15 6-6 22, Ronhovde 1-4 0-0 3, Fox 2-6 4-4 10, O'Neil 4-14 3-4 13, Medders 3-9 1-2 9, Paustian 0-1 0-0 0, Kriener 3-7 1-1 7. Totals 21-56 15-17 64

Halftime—Tied at 24. 3-Point goals—Colorado 8-20 (Escalera 4-6, Nedovic 2-8, Ilic 1-1, Law 1-1, Johns-Richardson 0-4), Iowa St. 7-18 (Ronhovde 1-3, Fox 2-3, O'Neil 2-7, Medders 2-4, Paustian 0-1). Fouled out—Richards. Rebounds—Colorado 30 (Nedovic 10), Iowa St. 33 (Robinette 10). Assists—Colorado 17 (Escalera 5), Iowa St. 12 (Medders 6). Total fouls—Colorado 20, Iowa St. 16. A—3,251.

Texas men

LAMAR 91, UTSA 83

LAMAR (18-10) — Anthony 10-25 9-10 34, Long 1-1 1-2 3, Beard 1-4 0-0 2, Daniels 10-18 4-6 27, Grant 2-4 0-0 4, Whittle 2-5 4-6 8, Fairley 0-5 0-0 0, Goodwin 6-8 1-2 13. Totals 32-70 19-26 91

TEXAS-SAN ANTONIO (15-13) Owens 1-6 4-5 6, Harbert 9-17 1-2 24, President 0-3 0-0 0, Millsap 7-14 6-10 20, Fuqua 1-9 5-8 7, Attaway 1-3 1-2 3, Posey 6-14 3-4 18, Donlon 0-2 0-0 0, Selvage 2-4 1-2 5. Totals 27-72 21-33 83

Halftime—Lamar, 43-37. 3-Point Goals—Lamar 8-27 (Anthony 5-15, Daniels 3-10, Whittle 0-2), Texas-San Antonio 8-24 (Harbert 5-12, Posey 3-9, Attaway 0-1, President 0-2). Fouled Out—Grant. Rebounds—Lamar 46 (Goodwin 10), Texas-San Antonio 47 (Fuqua, Millsap, Selvage 8). Assists—Lamar 9 (Daniels 4), Texas-San Antonio 21 (Posey 6). Total Fouls—Lamar 25, Texas-San Antonio 22. Technicals—Lamar Team. A—1,319.

Sam Houston St. 88, Mcneese St. 70

MCNEESE ST. (13-15) — May 0-0 0-0 0, Wardell 2-4 1-4 5, J.Williams 4-11 6-9 15, Aaron 1-2 0-0 2, Garnet 1-4 0-0 2, Juneau 0-1 0-0 0, Sellers 3-7 4-4 10, Ford 7-16 4-4 21, Price 1-4 0-1 2, Dorsey 5-9 3-8 13, Queen 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 24-58 18-30 70

SAM HOUSTON ST. (18-11) — Thompson 7-17 0-0 18, Auguste 8-12 8-12 24, Fobbs 9-10 2-5 20, Streeter 2-3 0-0 5, Jordan 3-3 0-0 7, Alford 1-1 0-0 3, Thomas 1-2 0-0 3, McDaniel 0-1 1-2 1, Bright 1-5 4-6 7, Wade 0-2 0-0 0, K.Williams 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 32-57 15-25 88

Halftime—Sam Houston St. 48-29. 3-Point Goals—McNeese St. 4-17 (Ford 3-5, J.Williams 1-4, Dorsey 0-1, Juneau 0-1, Garnet 0-2, Price 0-2, Sellers 0-2), Sam Houston St. 9-18 (Thompson 4-10, Alford 1-1, Jordan 1-1, Streeter 1-1, Bright 1-2, Thomas 1-2, McDaniel 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—McNeese St. 33 (Dorsey 8), Sam Houston St. 36 (Fobbs 15). Assists—McNeese St. 16 (Ford, Garnet 5), Sam Houston St. 27 (Streeter 6). Total Fouls—McNeese St. 24, Sam Houston St. 19. A—2,482.

Texas women

Oklahoma 86, Texas A&M 65

TEXAS A&M (14-14) — Atunrase 2-7 2-4 7, Scales 3-8 2-5 8, Castile 4-9 0-0 9, Franklin 5-11 1-2 14, Roy 4-10 4-4 13, Pistorius 0-0 0-0 0, Garrison 0-0 0-0 0, Pounds 0-2 0-0 0, Reado 3-5 1-1 7, Bolden 3-6 0-1 7. Totals 24-58 10-17 65

OKLAHOMA (17-11) — Rush 7-15 9-9 23, Shoush 3-5 1-2 7, Brown 3-4 5-5 12, Higgins 7-11 0-0 19, Jackson 2-6 2-2 6, Welch 2-3 1-1 6, Andrews 4-6 0-0 9, Preston 1-3 0-0 2, Lam 0-0 0-0 0, Moore 1-1 0-0 2, Wadsworth 0-1 0-0 0, Sanchez 0-0 0-0 0, Walker 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 30-55 18-19 86

Halftime—Oklahoma 41, Texas A&M 40. 3-Point goals—Texas A&M 7-19 (Franklin 3-6, Roy 1-1, Bolden 1-2, Atunrase 1-3, Castile 1-5, Pounds 0-1, Scales 0-1), Oklahoma 8-15 (Higgins 5-9, Andrews 1-1, Welch 1-1, Brown 1-1, Jackson 0-1, Shoush 0-1, Rush 0-1). Fouled out—None. Rebounds—Texas A&M 22 (Scales 6), Oklahoma 42 (Rush 10). Assists—Texas A&M 19 (Franklin 8), Oklahoma 20 (Jackson 7). Total fouls—Texas A&M 14, Oklahoma 18. A—NA



Jacks Watch

Tuesday's score
Odessa 3, Rio Grande Valley 1
Next game
Bossier-Shreveport at Odessa, Ector County Coliseum, 7 p.m. Thursday
Records
Jackalopes 24-20-10. Mudbugs 33-16-4
Radio
6:40 p.m., KMCM (96.9 FM)
Webcast
6:40 p.m., Jackalopes.org
Last five games
Odessa 3, Rio Grande Valley 1
Odessa 5, Corpus Christi 1
San Angelo 4, Odessa 3 (OT)
Odessa 2, Corpus Christi 1
Odessa 2, Lubbock 1
Final 6 games

Thursday	Bossier-Shreveport	7 p.m.
Saturday	Lubbock	7 p.m.
March 13	at Amarillo	6 p.m.
March 15	Fort Worth	7 p.m.
March 18	New Mexico	7 p.m.
March 19	at Laredo	7:30 p.m.

Sports on TV

Today

MEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Conference USA, first round, Marquette vs. TCU, noon, ESPN2
Big East Conference, first round, Providence vs. West Virginia, 1 p.m., ESPN
Conference USA, first round, Tulane vs. DePaul, 2 p.m., ESPN2
Big East Conference, first round, Seton hall vs. Georgetown, 6 p.m., ESPN
Northeast Conference, championship, teams TBA, 6 p.m., ESPN2
Big Sky Conference, championship, teams TBA, 8 p.m., ESPN2
Big East Conference, first round, Rutgers vs. Notre Dame, 8:30 p.m., ESPN

WOMEN'S COLLEGE BASKETBALL

Big 12 Conference, quarterfinals, Oklahoma vs. Texas, 6 p.m., FSN Southwest
Big 12 Conference quarterfinals, Nebraska vs. Kansas State, 8:30 p.m., FSN Southwest

NBA

New Jersey at New Orleans, 7 p.m., NBA TV

What's on Deck

Today

HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL

Coahoma at Arlington Tournament

Sports Briefs

Tech assistant AD finalist for Indiana State post

LUBBOCK— Texas Tech associate athletic director Steve Downing, a former player for Bob Knight at Indiana, is a finalist for the athletic director job at Indiana State.

Downing, an Indiana native, came to West Texas shortly after Knight was hired in 2001. He was an associate athletic director at Indiana from 1979-2001. In 1973, he was the Big Ten's Most Valuable Player.

The other finalists are Steve Holton of Northern Arizona, Ron Prettyman of California State-Dominguez Hills and Richard Dull of California State-Northridge, Indiana State said.

Current athletic director Andrea Myers is retiring at the end of this month.

2006 Olympic organizers fire two top executives

TURIN, Italy — Two top executives of Turin's Olympic organizing committee were fired less than a year before the 2006 Winter Games.

TOROC chief executive officer Paolo Rota and his deputy, Marcello Pochettino, were dismissed in a move to "resolve the organizational difficulties that have characterized the past months of work," the committee said on its Web site Tuesday.

Cesare Vaciago will take over as CEO, with Luciano Barra his deputy. Organizers have struggled with budget, housing and transportation problems.

Italian newspapers reported Tuesday that Rota and Pochettino had been at odds for some time. The Turin-based daily La Stampa said the friction deepened when Rota suspended Pochettino two weeks ago.

Chief organizer Valentino Castellani said the internal divisions had caused "serious operational difficulty."

The Turin Olympics will run from Feb. 10-26 in 2006.

Bucs re-sign Galloway

TAMPA, Fla. — Wide receiver Joey Galloway re-signed with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers on Tuesday, as the team attempts to keep most of its receiving corps intact.

In his first season with the Buccaneers, Galloway finished with 33 catches for 416 yards and five touchdowns, but missed six games with a groin injury. He made just seven starts in 2004.

The Bucs were hoping to re-sign either Galloway or Joe Jurevicius this offseason, both of whom entered the free agent market. Along with rookie Michael Clayton, those three were the only Bucs receivers to catch at least 25 passes last season.

Terms of Galloway's deal were not released.

The speedy Galloway also led the Bucs with 20 punt returns for 142 yards and one touchdown.

The Bucs acquired Galloway from the Dallas Cowboys in March of last year in exchange for Keyshawn Johnson.

Galloway is the fifth player to re-sign or restructure their deal with the Bucs this offseason, joining quarterback Brian Griese, fullback Mike Alstott, defensive end Greg Spires and tight end Dave Moore.

Cowboys sign Bickerstaff, Ryan

IRVING — The Dallas Cowboys retained running back Erik Bickerstaff and tight end Sean Ryan on Tuesday, signing both to one-year deals.

Ryan spent much of his rookie year on the practice squad last season before he was activated for the final six games. He started once but caught no passes.

Bickerstaff, who sat out last season with a ruptured Achilles' tendon, carried 19 times for 56 yards as a rookie in 2003.

Compiled from wire reports

SKI REPORT

New Mexico

Angel Fire — Tue 4:44a packed powder machine groomed 58 - 58 base 72 of 72 trails, 100% open, 6 of 7 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-9p; Sat/Sun: 9a-9p;

Pajarito — Open Fri-Sun

Red River — Tue 5:49a powder machine groomed 45 - 60 base 57 of 58 trails, 98% open, 7 of 7 lifts, Mar 21 Last Day:

Sandia Peak — Sun 5:12a w packed powder machine groomed 86 - 86 base 31 of 31 trails, 100% open, 5 of 6 lifts, Wed-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p; open Wed-Sun;

Sipapu — Tue 7a nmsr spring snow 40 - 52 base 33 of 33 trails, 100% open, 4 of 4 lifts, Mon-Fri: 9a-4p; Sat/Sun: 9a-4p;

Ski Apache — Tue 7:00a packed powder machine groomed 90 - 98 base 55 of 55 trails, 100% open, 11 of 11 lifts, Mon-Fri: 8:45a-4p; Sat/Sun: 8:45a

TCU crushes Texas Tech, 9-2

Associated Press

FORT WORTH — Austin Adams and J.J. Estrada each had two RBIs and scored two runs Tuesday night as TCU defeated Texas Tech 9-2.

Estrada homered in the bottom of the second inning to end Adam Lawford's 17-inning scoreless stretch. Kyle Dahlberg made it 2-0 for TCU (11-3) with an RBI single up the middle.

Cameron Blair got both of Tech's runs, the first on a single by Joey Callendar in the third and the second on a sacrifice fly in the fifth.

TCU added three runs in the fifth. Adams scored on a single by Estrada. Shelby Ford scored on a wild pitch and Estrada came home on a single by Chad Huffman.

Starter Tim McGough (2-0) got the victory for TCU, striking out three and allowing six hits and one earned run. Lawford (2-1) took the loss for Tech (14-3). He allowed six earned runs, five hits and struck out six.

■ Texas College Baseball Roundup

Texas-Arlington 6, Texas A&M 4

COLLEGE STATION — Jake Baxter shutout Texas A&M for six of his seven innings to lead Texas-San Antonio to a 6-4 win Tuesday night.

Baxter (4-0) struck out five and gave up six hits, pitching six scoreless innings before Texas A&M scored two runs in the seventh on a fielder's choice and a throwing error.

Dane Ryan hit a two-run homer and Josh McSpadden added three RBIs for Texas-Arlington (8-8).

Ryan Hill scored two runs and drove in another for Texas A&M (12-5).

Jon Michael Cline (1-1) lasted just 3 2-3 innings, giving up four runs on four hits.

Northwestern St. 5, Baylor 4

WACO — Brandon Morgan drove in three runs to lead Northwestern State past Baylor 5-4 on Tuesday night.

Rusty Jones (2-0) threw 5 1-3 innings of relief for Northwestern State (14-6), which won its fourth straight while handing Baylor its third loss in four games. Jones gave up two runs on six hits before Daniel Descloud entered for the save.

Kevin Sevigny hit a two-run homer to lead Baylor (8-7). The Bears rallied with two runs in the eighth to get within one but left the tying run stranded on second.

Sean Walker (1-2) was pulled in the second after giving up three runs on five hits.

Chargers improve to 8-0

From staff reports

The Trinity baseball team improved to 8-0 on the season by routing Hamlin 14-4 in five innings at First American Bank Ballpark on Tuesday.

Matt Roam belted a three-run home run in the bottom of the first which gave the Chargers a lead they never relinquished.

Trinity went up 11-1 with eight runs in the second inning, as winning pitcher Matt Russell had a two-run double and Preston Midkiff had a two-run triple.

Andrew Anderson and Luke Hoffman were both 2-for-3 for the Chargers.

"We've had about two or three games lately where we really had to manufacture runs," Jordan said. "We set our goals to hit the ball a lot better and we did that. We have the talent for our offense to be devastating at times."

It was also a historic game for Trinity. Cadry Gibbs, the first eighth grader to play for Trinity in the program's short history, made his first varsity pitching appearance and gave up four hits and two runs.

Trinity will play at the Alpine Baseball Classic 2:30 p.m. Thursday against Anthony.

Trinity 14, Hamlin 4, 5 innings

Hamlin	.012	10	—4	7	5
Trinity	.383	0x	—14	12	4

Taylor Johnson, Logan Hertel (3) and Markie Hall. Matt Russell, Preston Midkiff (3), Cadry Gibbs (3), Luke Hoffman (5) and Matt Roam. W - Russell (2-0). L - Johnson. 2B: Hamlin — Arian Barrera. Trinity — Russell, Mike Christensen, Ransom Gibbs. 3B: Hamlin — Johnson. Trinity — Midkiff. HR: Trinity — Roam.

■ Area High School Baseball Roundup

Mustangs crush Arizona foe

PHOENIX — Midland Christian won its second straight rout while visiting Arizona, beating Alhambra, Ariz., 11-1, icing the victory with nine runs in the top of the seventh inning.

Alhambra sctually scored first with a run in the bottom of the second inning, as Chris Withrow gave up the only hit the Mustangs would surrender. Withrow went four innings for the victory, while Carson Smith earned the save with three innings of hitless relief.

Midland Christian (5-3) took the lead for good in the fifth inning as Reed Redman scored on a passed ball.

In the seventh, the Mustangs banged the ball around as Withrow struck a big blow with a two-run single. Corey Culp's two-run triple provided the exclamation mark.

Corey Burleson had two hits for the Mustangs while Lane Ogden had two hits and drove in three runs.

Midland Christian will stay out of state by playing at the Artesia (N.M.) Tournament at 1 p.m. Thursday against Moriarty, N.M.

Midland Christian 11, Alhambra, Ariz. 1

Midland Christian	.001	010	9—11	9	1
Alhambra	.010	000	0 —1	1	2

Chris Withrow, Carson Smith (5) and Cory Burleson. Joel Garcia, Blake Olson (4), Josh Neal (7) and Aaron Munoz. WP - Withrow. LP - Garcia. S - Smith. 3B — MCHS: James Lynch, Corey Culp.

Big Unit shaky in Yankees debut

By Mike Fitzpatrick
Associated Press

KISSIMMEE, Fla. — The New York Yankees waited a long time to acquire Randy Johnson and send him to the mound.

They'll have to wait some more to see his best fastball.

The Big Unit finally made his much-anticipated Yankees debut Tuesday, working two innings in an 8-2 loss to the Atlanta Braves. He threw 36 pitches, 22 for strikes, and gave up a two-run homer to old nemesis Chipper Jones in an uneven performance.

"I know I still have a long way to go to be ready for opening day," Johnson said. "But we'll get there."

Most important, he said he felt fine physically; Johnson was scratched from his first scheduled start last week because of a tight left calf.

Facing the Braves for the first time since he pitched a perfect game against them last May, the five-time Cy Young Award winner struck out his first batter, Nick Green.

But Brian Jordan singled and Johnson fell behind 2-0 on Jones before he drove a 92 mph fastball over the left-field fence.

"It looked like his first spring outing," said Jones, a .370 career hitter against Johnson with six homers in 27 at-bats. "I don't think anybody in baseball expected him to come out blowing 97. A guy like Randy's got to get his feet under him, just like the rest of us. He'll be on his game come Oct. 1."

That's right, October.

The Yankees didn't start pursuing Johnson last summer just to add a few wins during the regular season. No, they pushed to finally complete a drawn-out trade with Arizona in January because they needed an ace in the postseason.

And that's exactly why nobody sounded worried about the 41-year-old Johnson losing his first outing of spring training.

BASEBALL

(From 1C)

gle by Jaime Armendariz was misplayed for two runs. Armendariz later scored on a sacrifice fly by Brandon Fierro to give the Bulldogs an 11-10 lead in the bottom of the sixth.

Those were the only two innings in which the concept of pitching by committee (Andrews used five pitchers) didn't work well.

"We've got a tournament coming up this weekend and I was going to give everybody short (pitching) work," Andrews coach Rod Gardner said. "In the two innings we gave up 10 runs I felt we let down and didn't throw strikes."

Andrews tied it in the seventh when Evan Orsak and Nathan Bryan reached on back-to-back one-out singles against MHS reliever Rocky Gutierrez. David Rodriguez reached on a fielder's choice to load the bases and Gutierrez was pulled for Fierro — who started the game.

Fierro gave up a single to left by Jasper Luna which tied the game, but struck out Patrick Haygood and Kello to keep it tied. Aside from Newton's rough outing, it was a solid day for Bulldog pitchers.

"I thought Spencer Sell and Rocky threw really well," Russell said. "(Gutierrez) came in a situation where (the Mustangs) were stinging the ball so you try to do something different with a guy who throws a knuckleball."

The Bulldogs had a great chance to win it in the bottom of the inning off Andrews reliever Nathan Flores, loading the bases with no outs on consecutive singles by Spencer Robnett and Seth Hudson and when Flores hit Cameron Cole with a pitch. But the Bulldogs couldn't get home the run, forcing extra innings.

Neither team scored in the next two innings and Midland High's Jeremy Baker and Orsak both threw scoreless baseball. In the top of the 10th, Andrews took the lead with no outs on a two-run single by Jeremy Bueno, but one out later, umpires ruled that it was too dark to continue.

Midland High's win over Big Spring also ended sooner than it could have for different reasons. The Bulldogs scored the first 12 runs, invoking the possibility of a run rule with seven runs in the fourth, highlighted by Newton's three-run triple.

Four Big Spring pitchers struggled against the Bulldogs, who had 13 hits.

"We schedule (Midland High) every year for a reason," Big Spring coach Jason Phillips said. "We just want to compete against some good competition. We didn't compete real well today."

Midland High 12, Big Spring 1, 5 innings

Big Spring	.000	01	—1	4	1
Midland High	.221	7x	—12	13	2

J.W. Beauchamp, Lance Murphy (1), Mark Lozano (4), Charles Downing (5) and Jerry Doporto. Spencer Sell, David Harp (4) and Harp, Justin Hamilton (4). WP — Sell. LP — Beauchamp. 2B— BS: Ryan Slate. MHS: Brandon Fierro, Hamilton. 3B — MHS: Kevin Newton 2. SB — BS: Matt Hilario. MHS: Jaime Armendariz.

Midland High 11, Andrews 11
(Game called in 10th inning due to darkness)

Andrews	.015	310	100—11	17	2
Midland High	.100	055	000—11	10	2

Chris Stephens, Cassidy Hamilton (4), Travis Gordon (5), Nathan Flores (7), Evan Orsak (8) and Nathan Bryan. Brandon Fierro, Kevin Newton (3). Rocky Gutierrez (5), Fierro (7), Jeremy Baker (8) and Seth Hudson. 2B — Andrews: Hamilton. MHS: Fierro, Harp. 3B — Andrews: Jeremy Bueno. HR — Andrews: Jeff Kello. SB — Andrews: Jasper Luna 2, Kello. MHS: Spencer Robnett.

GILLISPIE

(From 1C)

Gillispie was an overwhelming winner among the panel of sportswriters that regularly cover the league, earning 21 of 24 votes. Texas Tech's Bob Knight got two votes and Oklahoma's Kelvin Sampson had one.

"It's always nice to receive recognition," Gillispie said. "But I've got more to learn than anyone in the league. I'm not going to fool myself into thinking I'm better than I really am."

Before arriving in College Station, Gillispie had already proven he could turn things around quickly.

At UTEP, Gillispie finished 6-24 in his first season but went 24-8 the next year and advanced to the NCAA tournament. That tied for the greatest one-year turnaround in college basketball history.

A&M posed a much bigger challenge for Gillispie because of its history of mediocrity — the Aggies had only one winning season in the past 15 years and one NCAA tournament berth in the past 25. UTEP, at least, won a national title in 1966 under Hall of Fame coach Don Haskins.

The Aggies finished last in the Big 12 in three of the previous four seasons, including a humiliating 0-16 mark in league play last season under former coach Melvin Watkins. That record included two embarrassing losses to in-state rival Baylor, a team filled out mostly with walk-ons and devastated by scandal in the offseason.

But Gillispie, a native of the tiny West Texas town of Graford, saw lots of potential at a school that had excellent facilities but had almost always treated basketball as little more than a distraction after football season.

Relying heavily on principles that he learned under Kansas coach Bill Self, Gillispie led his new players through grueling practices to instill a blue-collar work ethic. He made them renew their commitment to defense and rebounding, and most importantly, convinced them that playing hard could overcome any disadvantages in talent.

"Coach G is the difference," said forward Antoine Wright, who was named to the AP's Big 12 first-team. "He's turned everything around here and got us believing in ourselves."

A&M won its first 11 games against a nonconference schedule that included games against Prairie View A&M, Texas-Permian Basin, a NAIA school, and Trinity, a Division III school. The Aggies went on to finish 8-8 in league play, their best record in nine years since joining the Big 12.

With the youngest roster in the conference, Gillispie tried all sorts of tactics to keep his team focused throughout the season. After a 14-point loss at Texas Tech on Jan. 15, Gillispie thought up an unusual workout to prevent his players from putting forth another lackluster effort.

A&M is the seventh seed in this week's Big 12 tournament in Kansas City, and will face Kansas State on Thursday. With another win or two, the Aggies could be in position to go to the NCAA for the first time since 1987.

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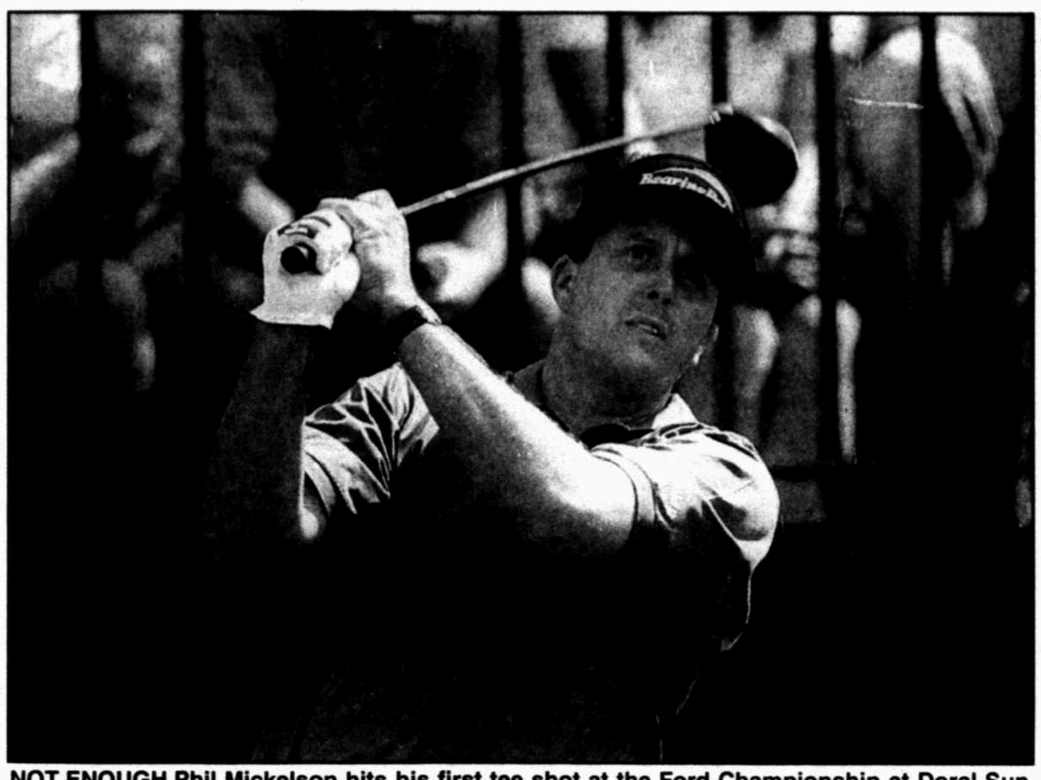
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NOT ENOUGH Phil Mickelson hits his first tee shot at the Ford Championship at Doral Sunday in Miami. He lost to Tiger Woods by one stroke.

A rivalry at a crossroads

By Doug Ferguson
Associated Press

The showdown between Tiger Woods and Phil Mickelson at Doral captured the largest television audience for a golf tournament since the U.S. Open.

It included a certain Ryder Cup captain who only recognized the faces.

"I watched it from start to finish," Hal Sutton said Tuesday. "What part of my body wouldn't say, 'Where was this in September?' We all knew both were capable of that. I don't know why they didn't do it together."

Six months ago at Oakland Hills was the only time Woods and Mickelson were partners, not rivals, although it was hard to tell the difference. They stood some 20 yards apart on the first tee for the opening game at the Ryder Cup and kept their distance while losing their first two matches.

As rivals at Doral, they were brilliant.

Both made 27 birdies over four rounds on the Blue Monster.

Woods took the lead with an eagle on the 603-yard 12th hole when he hit a 3-wood that carried 290 yards. Mickelson fired back with back-to-back birdies, starting with a 3-iron from 242 yards to within 8 feet. Back and forth they went before a delirious and evenly divided gallery.

Both players deny their relationship is icy at best. Mickelson said the partnership at Oakland Hills was "not uncomfortable at all," but it might have looked that way because they played poorly. Woods said it their relationship was overanalyzed. Johnny Miller finally chimed in, "It'd be great if these guys answered the questions."

They certainly can answer some questions in the next month.

This renewed rivalry is at a crossroads heading into the first major championship of the year.

Mickelson was so sure he was going to win that some might wonder how much the loss takes out of him. He all but deified Woods on the eve of the final round, then got a gleam in his eye as he talked about how much he was looking forward to taking him on.

As well as Mickelson played, the difference at Doral came down to him missing short putts down the stretch, something that has haunted him throughout his career. He called the loss a "great slap in the face," and said it would only make him work harder for their next battle, the sooner the better.

What to make of Woods?

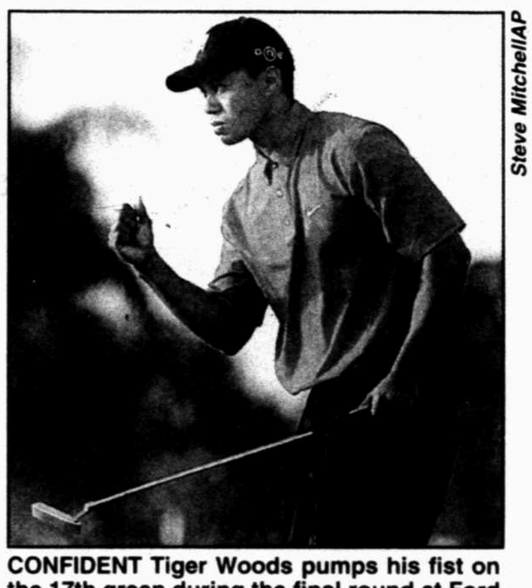
The big picture is that he shot 63-66 to rally from five shots down against the hottest player in golf. Woods still hits shots no one else can. He was 44 yards longer than Mickelson on one tee shot, and Woods was a combined 330 yards longer than Mickelson on every tee shot but the par 3s.

He made clutch putts, as always, none bigger than the 30-foot birdie that gave him the lead on the 17th.

Still, Woods has not exactly slammed the door in his last two victories.

Last month at Torrey Pines, he boldly went for the par-5 18th green with only a one-shot lead, fanned a 2-iron and was fortunate it didn't go in the water. At Doral, with a chance to apply enormous pressure, Woods came out of a 7-iron and left himself a downhill putt from 55 feet.

There are times when Woods takes a half-dozen repeated practice swings on the tee, still trying to drill into his mind the mechanics of his new swing.



Steve Mitchell/AP

CONFIDENT Tiger Woods pumps his fist on the 17th green during the final round at Ford Championship at Doral on Sunday.

Woods has had a revolving door of rivals for the last six years, although this one is unrivaled.

Vijay Singh has performed better as a rival. He is the only player who has approached Woods' dominance in the last 10 years, and he took the No. 1 ranking away from him in a head-to-head battle outside Boston last year. Woods and Singh aren't chums, but the big Fijian is not a threat to take away Woods' adulation from the fans.

Mickelson is.

Ernie Els and Woods make the most natural rivalry. The Big Easy has finished second to Woods six times, more than any other player, and eight of his 15 victories on the PGA Tour have come with Woods in the field. But it is difficult for Woods to work up any animosity inside the ropes because Els is universally liked and respected.

That's not the case with Mickelson.

Woods' emotions at Doral spoke volumes about this rivalry. While it was a dramatic duel, there was one even better five years ago at Kapalua, where Woods and Els were Nos. 1 and 2 in the world and tied for the lead going into the final round of the Mercedes Championships.

The lead changed seven times, and no one ever led by more than one shot. Both made an eagle on the last hole to force a playoff. Both made birdie on the 18th to extend it. Woods finally won with a 40-foot birdie putt that had 6 feet of break, then he watched as Els' birdie putt from 35 feet stopped an inch short of the cup.

Woods was thrilled that afternoon on Maui.

He was relieved Sunday in Miami.

There was an uppercut fist pump when Woods made the eagle on No. 12. He pursed his lips and firmly squeezed the bill of his cap to acknowledge the masses as he walked briskly off the 17th green with a one-shot lead.

When Mickelson's 30-foot chip for birdie dipped in and out of the cup on the 18th, his reaction contained as much raw emotion as his 13-inch vertical leap when he captured the Masters.

Clearly, this was a battle both players desperately wanted to win.

How they respond could shape the season.

Gretzky: National Hockey League negotiations starting at square one

By Ira Podell
Associated Press

NEW YORK — Wayne Gretzky saw firsthand how far apart NHL players and owners are from the end of the lockout.

And when the sides get back to the bargaining table, either Thursday or Friday, they will be beginning anew.

"It seems like they're starting at square one," the Great One said Tuesday.

Being the greatest player in NHL history puts Gretzky in a unique position. For 20 seasons he rewrote the hockey record book, but now as the managing partner of the Phoenix Coyotes he is on the opposite side of the fight.

His club's bottom line is now his top concern. The Coyotes will survive the lockout that already cost the league one year, but the NHL might have to use replacement players to get back on the ice in the fall.

"My honest opinion is I don't like it," Gretzky said. "They're not the Sundins or the Leetches of the world. This is replacement players, and it is what it is. The commissioner has to do what he thinks is best to get the game back on the map and get it going. We're only one of 30 teams, we'll follow suit."

Gretzky and Mario Lemieux took part in the previous negotiation session on Feb. 19, a meeting that failed to force the un-cancellation of the season three days after commissioner Gary Bettman called it off.

"I hope we can get on some sort of same page or some sort of talking terms where they say 'OK, we're inching our way ahead here, let's meet again next Monday,'" Gretzky said. "If you expect these guys to come out with a deal tomorrow, that's not going to happen. I hope it does, but it's going to be tough."

In the final days before the season was wiped out, the first real progress was made. Owners dropped the demand that league revenues be linked to player costs, and in turn the union agreed for the first time to accept a salary cap.

But they never got close on a number. Bettman said the NHL couldn't stretch beyond a hard cap of $42.5 million per team, and the players' association countered with a soft cap of $49 million.

Gretzky and Lemieux, the player-owner of the Pittsburgh Penguins, joined the negotiations thinking that a compromise could be made. But the topic never came up for discussion.

"If you can agree on a number on a cap and then say 'Let's work everything in there,' then maybe you can be closer together than both sides thought," Gretzky said. "But that doesn't seem to be the case. Obviously they don't like 42, and the league doesn't like 49. So whatever that number is, they want to have things negotiated before they put a number on the table."

Now all previous offers have been rescinded, and Gretzky is not looking to participate in upcoming negotiations.

"If the ownership or the players want me to be involved and help out, I'm a phone call away," he said. "But at this point in time there is no plan for me."

He also hasn't decided whether he will be involved with Team Canada at the upcoming hockey world championship in Austria. Gretzky has served as the club's executive director at past international events, including the 2002 Salt Lake City Olympics.

Whether NHL players return for next year's games in Italy is still very much undecided.

The union wants to have its players there for the third straight Olympics, but Bettman has already said he'd be reluctant to take another long break.

"If we drag this through the summer, the chances of getting a deal done get tougher and tougher," Gretzky said. "And more importantly once we do get a deal done, after missing a full year, do you want to really shut down your league for 16 days to go over to the Olympic Games?"

It is another issue that will have to be addressed in any new collective bargaining agreement. But if the lockout is still in place, players would then be able to take part with their countries if proper insurance can be secured.

With NBC holding Olympic broadcasting rights in the United States, and with the network set to be the over-the-air outlet for the NHL, the league would likely be well-served by having its players showcased in Turin.

"I am a big believer in the Olympics. I think it really helps our sport," Gretzky said. "I think it helps grow it worldwide. I think those two weeks are always positive because the American people rally around it because the U.S. will have a very good team, and winning gold medals is a big part of the U.S. history at the Olympics."

Conference USA holds last tournament before six programs head to new leagues

By Teresa M. Walker
Associated Press

MEMPHIS, Tenn. — Cincinnati counts down the days until the Bearcats officially join the Big East on July 1 on its Web site, and Louisville's media guide proudly proclaims that's the same destination for the Cardinals as well.

But before six members bolt for new conferences, there's the minor detail of one final Conference USA basketball tournament featuring the original members before five schools depart for the Big East and a sixth returns to the Mountain West Conference.

That would make winning this tournament that much more special to Louisville coach Rick Pitino.

"I never thought when I took the Louisville job that we'd be in the Big East. This was a total shock for me. Coming here, I came here with the idea we would be in Conference USA," he said.

This league has been dominated by Cincinnati since teams from the Great Midwest and Metro conferences merged for the inaugural season in 1995-96. The Bearcats have won the regular season and tournament titles in the same season four different times, including last season.

Of the 12 schools that qualified for this tournament at the new FedExForum, five are gone after June 30 and two have first-round byes: No. 9 Louisville and 21st-ranked Cincinnati along with UAB and No. 25 Charlotte. Both Louisville and Cincinnati come in with six-game winning streaks.

The exodus includes South Florida, Marquette and DePaul to the Big East and Texas Christian to the Horned Frogs' previous home in the Mountain West.

"Being that it's the last round, it should be an exciting atmosphere," UAB coach Mike Anderson said. "I know our team is looking forward to participating in it."

No. 8 seed Texas Christian (18-12) opens the tournament Wednesday against ninth-seeded Marquette (19-10) followed by No. 5 seed DePaul (18-9) and 12th-seeded Tulane (10-17). No. 7 seed Memphis (16-14) plays 10th-seeded Saint Louis (9-20) and No. 6 seed Houston (18-12) wraps up the first round against 11th-seeded South Florida (12-15).

The DePaul Blue Demons need a victory or two to ensure the NCAA tournament at-large berth. DePaul coach Dave Leitao plans to keep his Blue Demons so busy they don't have time to figure out how many victories will clinch an NCAA berth.

"I'm hoping we don't have too many math majors on our team," Leitao said. "The reality is that nobody knows."

One certainty is that nobody is colder than the Memphis Tigers, who have lost four straight. The host team has won four of the previous nine tournaments, but the home cooking hasn't helped Memphis, which hosted this event in 1996 and in 2000.

Marquette coach Tom Crean thinks any of the 12 teams can win what he calls a wide-open tournament, but he gives Memphis as good an opportunity as any with coach John Calipari.

"John knows how to get his team to respond and finds ways to get the best out of them ...," Crean said. "I think the Memphis team is as strong as anybody right now because they have so many different people that can do things, and they've got a coach that can get them to respond."

Calipari knows his only chance of landing an NCAA berth now is winning the tournament's title and automatic berth after starting the season ranked in the Top 25.

"We're going in with the idea of, 'Let's let this thing fly,' We know how good these teams are. Let's see if we can make a little run," Calipari said.

Just as long as whoever wins enjoys the moment before it's all over.

Oklahoma downs A&M women in tourney

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (AP) — Leah Rush had 23 points and 10 rebounds to lead Oklahoma to an 86-65 win over Texas A&M on Tuesday in the first round of the Big 12 tournament.

After taking a 41-40 halftime lead, seventh-seeded Oklahoma (17-11) opened the second half strong. The Sooners went on a 12-1 run to take a 53-41 lead over 10th-seeded Texas A&M (14-14).

With 10:46 left, Oklahoma led 62-53, then went on a 7-0 run to take a 69-53 lead.

The Sooners shot 55 percent (30-of-55) from the floor for the game and were 18-for-19 (95 percent) from the free-throw line. They held the Aggies to 41 percent shooting (24-of-58) from the floor.

Oklahoma plays second-seeded Texas on Wednesday.

Erin Higgins had 19 points, including 5-of-9 from 3-point range, for the Sooners. Britney Brown added 12 points.

A'Quonesia Franklin led the Aggies with 14 points, five rebounds, and eight assists. Erica Roy added 13 points and five assists.

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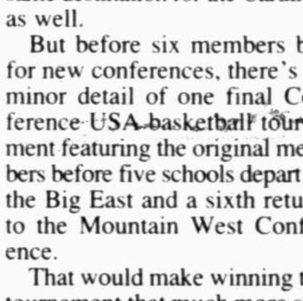
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By Erica Werner
Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Leaders of high-tech companies said Tuesday the United States risks losing its competitive edge without significant new investments in education, research and development and the spread of broadband technology.

"The world is changing a little bit, and frankly there is a significant amount of concern that if we don't make some adjustments, follow the right public policies, do some things that are important, we could find ourselves very quickly losing the advantage we've had for so long," Rick White, president and chief executive of high-tech lobby TechNet, said at a press conference.

The Palo Alto, Calif., group represents about 200 high-tech leaders, including Microsoft, Intel Corp., Cisco Systems and Hewlett Packard. TechNet made its annual lobbying trip to Capitol Hill on Tuesday to meet with Cabinet members and congressional leaders.

White and other TechNet officials cited some troubling indications that the United States is falling behind in high-tech development:

•Some 7 percent of U.S. households have broadband access, compared with 30 percent in Korea, 20 percent in Japan and over 10 percent in France.

•U.S. investment in research and development has stayed flat for the last three decades, while it has grown significantly in competitors such as Brazil, India, China and Israel.

•Students in the United States are behind their counterparts in other countries in math and science, and some Asian countries are graduating five times as many engineers.

The officials announced formation of a CEO Education Task Force to try to come up with solutions.

They also called on Congress to increase basic research funding and make permanent a research and development tax credit; promote broadband development, in part by minimizing regulations; enact a U.S.-Central America-Dominican Republic free trade agreement; promote cybersecurity initiatives; and continue to take steps to reduce frivolous lawsuits.

TechNet leaders also pledged to continue their opposition to a proposed Financial Accounting Standards Board rule that would require companies to deduct the value of employee stock options from their profits. Requiring some big companies to expense the popular employee incentives could dramatically reduce their profits.



Mark Hertzberg/AP

RISING COSTS Tony Ibarra fills his pickup truck with gasoline near Racine, Wis., Tuesday, March 8, 2005. Gasoline prices probably will jump an additional 15 cents this spring and remain well above $2 a gallon through the heavy driving season, forecasters say.

Memo to motorists: Expect $2.15 or higher gasoline through the summer

By H. Josef Hebert
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Gasoline prices probably will jump an additional 15 cents this spring and remain well above $2 a gallon through the heavy driving season, forecasters say.

There's also little relief in sight for crude oil prices, which are pushing gasoline costs higher. Crude prices probably will remain "near the high to mid-$40" a barrel range well into 2006, the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration said Tuesday.

Regular gasoline averaged $2 a gallon last week, 26 cents higher than a year ago, and crude prices have been above $50 a barrel, briefly surpassing $55 a barrel last week.

While the EIA expects prices to ease off from the currently high levels, it noted that oil prices are highly sensitive to market pressures and "imbalances, real or perceived, ... could cause light crude oil prices to increase well above $50 per barrel as has recently occurred."

Some analysts have suggested crude could surpass $60 a barrel in the coming weeks and stay high for some time because of growing global demand and the limited ability of producers to easily expand production.

The report said motorists are likely to see increasing pump prices in 2005, with regular gasoline expected to average about $2.10 a gallon nationwide during the heavy driving season from April through September. That's one-fifth higher than last year.

Prices are likely to average about $2.15 a gallon by spring and early summer, despite adequate fuel inventories.

Many consumers will face the higher gasoline costs even as they may still be trying to pay off winter heating bills. A relatively mild winter has tempered the demand for heating oil, natural gas and propane.

But the EIA said the high cost of fuel has forced average heating bills 10 percent (for natural gas) to 29 percent (for heating oil) higher than last winter. Propane users have seen a 17 percent jump in heating costs.



Ric Francis/AP

PREMIUM PRICING A motorist drives away after buying gas Monday, March 7, 2005, in the Westwood section of Los Angeles. The retail price of gasoline rose 7 cents last week to average $2 per gallon nationwide, the Energy Department reported Monday. Pump prices are highest on the West Coast.

The EIA report said tight supply of oil worldwide is putting upward pressure on energy prices, although members of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries increased production by 630,000 barrels a day in February.

OPEC representatives are scheduled to meet March 16 to discuss future production levels. The EIA said its report "assumes OPEC will not cut production ... given high oil prices and tight supply."

Crude oil from non-OPEC countries is expected to increase by an average of 1.2 million barrels a day over the next 15 months, the EIA said. Global oil production is more than 80 million barrels a day, about 35 percent coming from OPEC members. Demand is expected to approach 84 million barrels a day in 2005, according to some analysts.

OPEC countries are limited in how much more oil they can pump. With February's production increases, OPEC's spare capacity was reduced to 1.1 million barrels a day, all of it believed to be in Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates. Iraq continued to produce 1.9 million barrels a day in February, despite sporadic sabotage of oil pipelines, according to the EIA.

TIPS, DIPS & BLUE CHIPS

Techs, oil weigh on markets

NEW YORK - A disappointing earnings update from Texas Instruments Inc. and oil prices rising past $55 per barrel pushed stocks lower Tuesday, giving investors the chance to consolidate gains from Wall Street's recent rally.

After gaining ground in Monday's session, semiconductor stocks fell after Texas Instruments cut its earnings forecasts, leading investors to worry about increasing inventories and lagging sales in much of the tech sector.

With little other announcements and no economic data to report, oil prices were one of the few indicators available to investors, and the news wasn't good, as crude oil futures topped $55 per barrel, the highest levels in more than four months. A barrel of light crude quoted at $55.05, up $1.16, on the New York Mercantile Exchange.

Broader stock indicators were moderately lower. The Standard & Poor's 500 index was down 4.49, or 0.4 percent, at 1,220.82, and the Nasdaq composite index lost 12.60, or 0.6 percent, to 2,077.61.

Bonds fell along with stocks, with the yield on the 10-year Treasury note rising to 4.39 percent from 4.31 percent late Monday. The dollar dropped against the euro and the Japanese yen, while gold prices moved higher.

Declining issues outnumbered advancers by nearly 8 to 5 on the New York Stock Exchange, where volume came to 985.69 million shares, compared with 958.01 million at the same point on Monday.

The Russell 2000 index of smaller companies was down 4.17, or 0.6 percent, at 639.69.

Overseas, Japan's Nikkei stock average fell 0.32 percent. In Europe, Britain's FTSE 100 closed down 0.32 percent, France's CAC-40 dropped 0.55 percent for the session, and Germany's DAX index lost 0.71 percent in late trading.

Dollar down, gold rises

LONDON - The U.S. dollar fell Tuesday against other major currencies in European trading. Gold prices rose.

The euro was quoted at $1.3334, up from $1.3188 Monday. By midday in New York, the euro was quoted at $1.3353.

Other dollar rates in late trading in Europe compared with late rates Monday included: 104.49 Japanese yen, down from 105.22; 1.1603 Swiss francs, down from 1.1772, and 1.2142 Canadian dollars, down from 1.2332.

The British pound was quoted at $1.9299, up from $1.9131.

The dollar was trading at 104.40 yen at midday in New York, while the pound was quoted at $1.9309.

Gold closed in London at $438.20 bid per troy ounce, up from $434.00 on Monday. In Zurich, gold traded at $437.78, up from $433.75. Gold rose $1.10 in Hong Kong to close at $435.85.



OIL PRICES

FUTURES

Tuesday	$54.59
Previous	$53.89

POSTED

Tuesday	$51.25
Previous	$50.50

WEST TEXAS SOUR

Tuesday	$46.25
Previous	$45.50

NATURAL GAS

Tuesday	$6.847
Previous	$6.714

INVESTOR'S GUIDE

Paying off student loans faster, not as pressing as consumer debt and tax deductible

Q: My wife and I jointly earn about $80,000 per year; however, we have nearly $60,000 in student loans. We have a mortgage on our home and no other debt. I pay extra on the student loans, and I invest the maximum in my 401(k) plan. Should we be plowing more money into paying off our student loans more quickly?

A: Because the interest rate on student loans is generally lower than on consumer debt, paying off student loans faster is not as clear-cut as paying down consumer debt. Also, the interest on student loans is tax-deductible for some taxpayers.

To qualify for this tax break, married couples must earn less than $100,000 (partial deductions are allowed up to $130,000). Single taxpayers gain full deductions up to incomes of $50,000 and can take partial deductions up to $65,000. The maximum student loan interest that may be deducted is $2,500.

In your case, because the student loan interest is tax-deductible, the real cost to you of that interest is reduced by your tax break.

E-mail Eric Tyson, author of the best sellers "Investing for Dummies" and "Personal Finance for Dummies" at: eric@erictyson.com.



Since the interest rate on student loans is reasonable and in your case deductible, I would continue doing what you've been doing and fund your retirement plan and then use extra cash to pay down the student loans more quickly.

Q: What data do you have to back up the statement that stocks are a good long-term investment?

A: A tremendous amount of data exists regarding stock market returns. In fact, in the U.S. markets, data going back two centuries documents the fact that stocks are a terrific long-term investment. The returns that investors have enjoyed from stocks have been remarkably constant from one generation to the next.

Going all the way back to 1802, the U.S. stock market has produced an annual return of nearly 7 percent per year above the rate of inflation.

Stocks don't just exist in the United States, of course. More than a few U.S. investors I hear from seem to forget this. One advantage of buying and holding overseas stocks is that they don't always fall when U.S. stocks drop. In other words, they help to diversify a portfolio.

33In addition to diversification, investing overseas has proven profitable, often more so than investing domestically.

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A-B-C			
ACE Ltd	.84	45.74	-.10
AES Cp	...	17.30	-.35
AFLAC	.44f	39.45	+.08
AGCO	...	19.58	-.39
AK Steel	**...**	**14.17**	**-1.68**
AMR	...	8.97	-.01
AT&T	.95	19.50	-.20
AU Optron.36r		**14.21**	**-.88**
AbtLab	1.10f	46.50	-.15
Accenture		25.32	-.17
AdamsEx.93e		**13.32**	**+.04**
AMD	...	17.12	-.35
Aegon	.53e	14.42	+.11
Aetna	.04	153.24	-.69
AffCmpS	**...**	**50.99**	**-1.01**
Agere	...	1.65	+.02
AgereB	...	1.62	+.01
Agilent	...	24.36	-.39
Agnico g	.03	15.30	+.49
Agnum g	.11	u18.75	+.81
Albertsn	.76	d21.05	-.37
Alcan	.60	41.20	+1.16
Alcoa	.60	31.24	-.11
AlligEngy	...	u21.22	+.56
AllegTch	.24	24.05	-1.01
AlliedCap2	.28a	27.79	+.18
Allstate	1.28f	u54.53	+.14
Alltel	1.52	56.90	-.13
AlphaNRs	n ...	28.30	-.65
Altria	2.92	65.70	+.05
AmHess	1.20	102.35	-1.00
AMovilL	.19e	56.88	-1.62
AmAxle	.60	25.07	-.16
AEP	1.40	34.63	+.07
AmExp	.48	54.42	-.53
AmIntGp	.50f	66.74	+.92
AmStd s	.60	u47.82	+.42
AmTower	...	u18.98	+.01
AmerisBrg	.10	62.78	+.15
Anadrk	**.72f**	**80.13**	**-.33**
AnalogDev	.24	36.95	-.10
Anheusr	**.98**	47.93	-.20
AnnTaylr s	...	25.09	-.51
Aon Corp	.60	24.30	-.64
Apache	**.32**	**64.35**	**-.12**
Aquila	...	4.02	-.04
ArchCoal	.32	44.83	-.61
ArchDan	.34f	24.88	-.17
Ashland	1.10	66.04	+.39
ATMOS	**1.24**	**28.11**	**-.16**
AutoNatn	...	20.00	+.28
AutoData	.62	43.38	+.02
Avaya	...	13.49	-.34
Avon s	.66f	42.20	-.05
BB&T Cp	1.40	40.70	+.28
BHP BillLt	.46e	29.91	-.01
BJ Svcs	.32	51.64	-.18
BP PLC	**1.77e**	**66.25**	**+.57**
BakrHu	.46	46.68	-.24
BkofAm s	1.80	46.26	-.21
BkNY	.80a	30.91	-.25
Baxter	.58e	35.18	-.10
BearSt	1.00	104.20	+.58
BearingPt	...	8.03	-.11

NASDAQ N

Name	Div	Last	Chg
A-B-C			
ADC Tel	...	2.26	-.01
ASML Hld	...	17.65	-.28
ATI Tech	...	17.96	-.06
AVI Bio	**...**	**2.55**	**-.17**
Abgenix	...	7.90	-.03
AbleLabs	**...**	**22.67**	**+1.63**
Accredo	...	43.55	-.16
Activisn s	...	23.16	-.38
AdobeSy	.05	u64.95	-.12
AdolorCp	**...**	**10.25**	**+1.43**
AkamaiT	...	11.38	-.10
Akzo	**1.44e**	**44.67**	**-.60**
Alamosa n	...	12.77	-.13
AlignTech	...	7.69	-.19
AlteraCp	...	20.83	-.39
Alvarion	...	9.64	-.27
Amazon	...	35.83	-.49
AmCapStr	2.92	34.72	+.38
AEagleO s		28.96	-.07
APwCrv	.40	24.56	+.33
AmrTrde		11.12	-.08
Amgen	**...**	**61.75**	**-.36**
AmkorT		4.81	+.10
Amylin		19.55	+.30
Andrew		13.25	-.37
AndrxGp		22.48	+.22
Angiotch g		15.04	-.36
ansthink		3.76	-.13
ApolloG		76.44	-1.06
AppleC s	**...**	**40.53**	**-2.22**
ApldMatl	**...**	**16.82**	**-.33**
AMCC		3.53	-.11
aQuantive		10.70	-.32
Ams		6.38	-.20
AskJvs		22.97	-.50
AspenTc lf	**...**	**5.58**	**+.28**
Atari		3.12	-.03
AthrGnc		13.93	-.19
Atmel		3.38	-.10
Autodsk s		30.10	+.35
Avanex		1.74	-.02
BEA Sys		8.28	-.11
BankMutl	.24f	12.25	+.02
BedBath		38.67	-.21
Biogenidc		38.35	+.76
Biomet	.20e	41.20	-1.00
Biopure		.39	-.03
Brdcom		31.67	-.44
BrcdeCm		6.00	-.03
BrooksAut		16.92	-.56
CBRL Grp	**.48**	**43.52**	**-.31**
CMGI		1.88	-.05
CNET		9.22	-.06
CNS	**.20**	**u17.68**	**+.01**
CV Thera		20.55	-.64
CardiacSci	**...**	**1.27**	**+.10**
CareerEd		35.18	-.68
Celgene s		33.11	-.77
CellThera		5.20	-.05
Centillm	**...**	**2.70**	**+.22**
CentAl		31.74	-.18
Cephln		48.00	-.80
ChartCm		1.65	+.02
ChkPoint		22.43	-.19
Cheeseck s		u34.96	+.16
chndlcm		3.66	+.01
Chiron		38.01	-.62
CienaCp		1.91	-.06
Ciprico	**...**	**3.93**	**...**
Cisco		18.12	-.12
CitrixSy		23.78	+.25
ClayEng	**...**	**28.65**	**+.52**
CogTech s		46.63	-1.86
Cognos g		45.39	-.79
Coherent	**...**	**30.70**	**-.08**
Comcast		u33.65	+.22
Comc sp		u33.13	+.35
CompsBc1	.40f	47.24	-.35
Compuwre		7.06	-.04
Comvers		23.58	-.50
Conexant		1.65	-.08
Connetics		25.53	+.39
ConnthC s		16.96	-.14
Costco	.40	46.06	+1.52
CredSys		8.04	-.19
Cree Inc		22.79	+.08
Cytyc		22.47	-.60
D-E-F			
Dataram		4.88	+.06
DataTrak		19.27	-.13
Dawson	**...**	**24.58**	**-.11**
DellInc		40.22	-.27
Dndreon	**...**	**6.11**	**+.38**
DigRiver		30.05	-.42
Digitas		10.65	+.26
DitTree		27.98	-.40
DbleClick		7.97	-.17
eBay s		40.85	-1.04
EGL Inc		26.79	-.18
eResrch		14.44	-.56
ErthLink		9.01	-.11
EchoStar	1.00e	30.59	+.16
ElectArts		68.61	-.40
EncysiveP		9.83	-.06
EndoPhrm		22.83	+.56
Entrust		4.08	-.02
EricsnTl	.36e	30.01	-.26
EvrgrSlr		6.95	-.05
ExideTc n		15.40	-.75

AMERICAN

Name	Div	Last	Chg
AbdAsPac	.42	6.70	+.03
Ableauctn		.67	-.01
Abraxas	**...**	**2.70**	**-.01**
Adventrx n	**...**	**1.35**	**+.12**
ApexSilv	...	19.47	+.66
ApolloG g	**...**	**.62**	**+.03**
Avitar	**...**	**.09**	**+.01**
Baker	**...**	**22.03**	**-2.52**
BemaGold	**...**	**3.04**	**+.17**
BiotechT	.03e	135.70	+.51
CalypteB n	...	.32	...
Cambior g	...	2.56	+.09
CanArgo n	...	1.84	+.04
CelsionCp	...	d.37	+.01
CFCda g	.01	5.70	+.18
Crystallx g	**...**	**3.99**	**+.30**
DHB Inds	...	11.82	-.41
DJIA Diam	2.20e	109.16	-.17
DSL.net h	**...**	**.17**	**+.01**
DesertS gn	...	1.87	+.04
DigitAngel	...	5.08	+.02
EagleBbnd	...	.36	+.01
EldorGld g	...	3.33	+.15
EnNth g	**...**	**u1.42**	**+.40**
ExcelM	**...**	**22.99**	**-5.48**
GoldStr g	...	3.18	+.06
GreyWolf	...	6.49	+.01
Gurunet n	**...**	**22.20**	**+4.19**
Harken	...	.56	-.02
Harsha	**.72**	**10.32**	**-1.68**
ISCO Intl	...	.33	-.01
iShBrazil	.46e	25.07	-.39
iSh HK	.27e	11.77	+.04
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THE MARKET IN REVIEW

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Alcan	.60	41.20	+1.16
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AlligEngy	...	u21.22	+.56
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BkofAm s	1.80	46.26	-.21
BkNY	.80a	30.91	-.25
Baxter	.58e	35.18	-.10
BearSt	1.00	104.20	+.58
BeamgPt	...	8.03	-.11
BectDck	.72	58.85	-.32
BellSouth	1.08	25.89	-.23
BerkHa A		**...90200.00**	
+100.00			
BerryP	**.48a**	**u65.45**	**+1.05**
BestBuy	.44	53.01	-.49
BlkHlCp	**1.28f**	**32.92**	**-.30**
Blockbstr	.08a	8.72	+.10
Boeing	1.00f	58.15	-.15
Bowatr	.80	40.63	-.87
BrMySq	**1.12**	**25.00**	**+.01**
BrownFA	**.86**	**55.50**	**-.60**
BrownFB	**.98**	**53.51**	**-1.04**
Brunswick	.60f	47.25	-.07
BurlNSF	.68	u53.83	+.87
BurlRsc s	.34	52.25	+.54
C&D Tch	**.06**	**d11.81**	**-2.09**
CIGNA	.10	88.73	-1.02
CIT Gp	.52	41.70	+.02
CMS Eng	...	12.84	-.17
CSX	.40	43.32	+.03
CVS Cp	.29	52.19	-.69
CablvsnNY	...	28.62	-.67
Cadence	...	14.88	+.55
Caesars	...	20.46	-.16
CampSp	.68	27.99	-.24
CapOne	.11	78.75	+2.75
CaremkRx	...	40.44	-.06
Carnival	.60	54.50	+.01
Caterpillr	1.64	99.00	+.10
Celanese n	...	u17.25	+.16
Celestic g	...	14.02	-.09
Cendant	.36	22.33	+.03
CenterPnt	.40a	u12.61	+.10
Centex s	.16	62.45	-2.25
CntryTel	.24f	34.72	+.28
Checkpnt	**.01**	**18.27**	**+1.87**
ChesEng	.18	u22.91	-.11
ChevTex s	**1.60**	**61.50**	**+.10**
Chicos s	...	27.76	-.29
Cimarex	...	u42.14	+.14
CinciBell	...	4.34	+.13
CINergy	1.92f	40.83	-.29
CircCity	.07	15.80	-.45
Citigrp	1.76f	48.47	
CitzComm	1.00a	13.05	-.17
ClearChan	.50	33.50	-.36
ClevCff s	**.40**	**78.52**	**-4.22**
Coach	...	58.03	-1.39
CocaCl	**1.12f**	**43.42**	**-.30**
CocaCE	.16	21.18	-.56
ColgPal	**1.16f**	**52.82**	**-.11**
CmtcBNJ s	.44	31.38	-.32
CmclMtl s	.24	35.37	-.92
CVRD s	1.15e	34.56	-.79
CVRD pf s	.47e	28.95	-.58
CompAs	.08	27.83	-.08
CompSci	...	45.15	-1.50
ConAgra	1.09	28.01	-.17
ConocPhil	**2.00**	**109.61**	**-2.19**
ConsolEgy	.56	46.21	-.36
ConEd	2.28f	42.48	-.52
ConstellEn	1.34f	53.20	+.05
CtlAir B	...	12.45	-.25
CoopCam	...	57.51	-1.06
Corning	...	11.31	-.11
CntwdFn s	.56f	35.05	-.41
CrosTim2.64e		**42.41**	**+.56**
CypSem	...	14.12	-.38
D-E-F			
DR Hortn	.36f	43.55	-1.53
DanaCp	.48	13.87	-.18
Danaher s	.06	55.23	-.57
Deere	1.24f	71.31	-.19
Delphi	.28	d5.01	-.14
DeltaAir	...	5.09	-.18
DevonE s	.30f	u48.49	-.01
DiagPdct	.28	48.67	+.07
DiaOffs	.25	u50.89	+.12
DicksSprt s	...	35.30	+.30
Dillards	.16	24.00	+.10
DirecTV	...	15.36	-.04
Disney	**.24f**	**28.53**	**-.43**
DollarG	.16	21.80	-.34
DomRes	2.68f	75.15	+.05
DonlleyRR	1.04	31.36	-.24
DoralFin	.72	38.65	-1.77
Dover	.64	39.89	-.41
DowChm	**1.34**	**55.55**	**+.10**
DuPont	1.40	53.77	-.18
DukeEgy	1.10	28.00	-.12
DukeRlty	1.86	32.58	-.30
Dynegy	...	4.32	-.09
ETrade	...	13.51	-.17
EMC Cp	...	12.83	-.03
EOG Res s	**.08**	**47.06**	**+.87**
EKodak	.50	33.87	-.53
EatnVan s	.32	24.73	-.28
EdisonInt	1.00	33.35	-.35
ElPasoCp	.16	12.00	-.21
EqOfPT	2.00	30.99	...
EsteeLdr	.40	43.40	+.10
Exelon s	1.60	46.48	-.37
ExxonMbl	**1.08**	**63.10**	**+.10**
FairchldS	...	16.63	-.32
FamDlr	.38f	31.99	-.07
FanniMae	1.04m	57.49	-.51
FedExCp	**.28**	**100.73**	**-.82**
FedrDS	.54	60.61	-.14
FirstData	.24f	d40.19	-.86
FstHorizon	1.72	44.00	+.70
Fluor	.64	58.97	-2.03
FordM	.40	12.45	-.07
ForestLab	...	42.04	-1.60
Fox Ent	...	35.19	-.48
FrankRes	.40f	u72.46	+.78
FredMac	1.40f	64.77	-.48
FMCG	1.00a	43.01	+.11
Freescale n	...	18.17	-.46
FreescB n	...	18.53	-.39
FriedBR	1.36	19.25	-.17
Frontline s	1.00b	48.00	-1.57
G-H-I			
GATX	**.80**	**31.01**	**-.39**
GabGloM	**.48**	**10.67**	**-.04**
Gannett	1.08	78.83	-.17
Gap	.09	21.70	-.20
Gateway	...	4.55	-.09
Generitch s	...	46.28	+.88
GAInv	**1.17e**	**31.75**	**-.04**
GenDyn	1.60f	108.93	+2.28
GenElec	**.88**	**36.06**	**-.07**
GenMills	1.24	51.70	-.15
GnMotr	2.00	d34.44	-.48
GlbalSFe	.30	u38.45	+.11
GoldFLtd.11e		**12.50**	**+.59**
Goldcrp g.18a		**14.99**	**+.75**
GoldWF s	.24	61.01	-.54
GoldmanS	1.00	112.63	-.17
Goodrich	**.80**	**38.75**	**+.07**
Goodyear		14.53	-.13
Gtech s	.34	22.49	-.50
HCA Inc	.60f	48.39	-.44
HRPT Prp	.84	12.91	-.14
Hallibtn	**.50**	**43.42**	**-.35**
Hanover	...	**13.11**	**-.15**
HarleyD	.50	60.55	-.76
HarmonyG.11e		**8.70**	**+.53**
HartfdFn	1.16	72.38	-.42
HiltMgt	.16	23.69	+.11
HrstArT	**.28f**	**25.52**	...
HeclaM	...	**6.00**	**+.44**
Heinz	**1.14**	**37.28**	**-.32**
Hershey s	.88	63.73	-.52
HewlettP	.32	20.92	+.05
Hexcel	...	17.59	+.21
Hibern	.80	u32.84	+.60
Hilton	.08	22.84	-.42
Hitachi	**.95e**	**64.70**	**-.12**
HomeDp	.40f	39.97	+.19
HonwllIntl	.83f	38.72	-.02
HostMarr	.20	17.24	+.19
HovnanE s	...	56.51	-2.59
Humana	...	33.77	-.76
Huntsmn n	...	27.55	-.50
ImpacMtg	3.00	18.96	-.21
INCO	...	43.25	+1.37
IBM	.72	92.13	+.53
IntliGame	.48	29.69	-.27
IntPap	1.00	39.07	-.16
IntRect	...	46.66	-.63
IntlSteel	...	41.42	-.27
Interpublic	...	12.83	-.27
J-K-L			
JPMorgCh	1.36	36.94	-.40
JohnJn	**1.14**	**68.19**	**-.25**
JohnsnCtl	1.00	58.80	+1.80
KB Home	1.50f	120.90	-3.66
Kellogg	1.01	43.87	-.26
KerrMc	**1.80**	**81.55**	**+1.25**
KeyEng lf	...	**12.65**	**-.90**
Keycorp	1.30f	33.94	-.10
KimbClk	**1.80f**	**65.75**	**+.23**
KindMorg	**2.80f**	**81.03**	**-.28**
KingPhrm	...	9.72	-.09
Kinross g	...	**7.25**	**+.38**
Kohls	...	53.50	+.10
Kraft	.82	33.30	-.12
KrspKrm	...	**7.62**	**+.36**
Kroger		16.85	-.87
L-3 Com	.50f	76.61	+1.53
LSI Log	...	6.26	-.15
Landrys	**.20**	**27.90**	**-1.68**
LVSands n	...	47.35	-2.45
LehmBr	.80f	93.11	-.09
LennarA	.55	59.58	-1.96
Lennox	.40	u22.35	+.03
Lexmark	...	82.29	-.26
LibtyMA	1.93f	10.28	-.01
LillyEli	1.52f	56.74	-.58
Limited	.60f	24.61	+.10
LionsGt g	...	11.25	-.15
LizClaib	.23	40.63	-.12
LockhdM	1.00	60.43	+.67
LaPac	.40	27.95	-.60
LowesCos	.16	57.75	-.20
Lubys	...	**6.92**	**-.02**
Lucent	...	3.05	-.02
Lyondell	.90	34.89	-.36
M-N-O			
MBIA	.96	59.00	-.35
MBNA	.56f	26.27	+.22
MEMC	...	14.36	-.12
MGM Mr	...	73.77	-2.58
MagnHunt	...	u17.25	-.08
MgHiYP	.63	5.59	+.08
Marathon	1.12	48.42	-.30
MarIntA	.34	66.96	-.81
MarshM	.68m	31.08	-.42
MStewrt	...	**25.95**	**-2.02**
MarvelE	...	17.91	-.09
Masco	.72	34.64	-.16
MassCp2.16e		**27.35**	**-.45**
MasseyEn	.16	43.38	-1.43
Mattel	.45f	21.00	-.05
Maxtor	...	5.73	+.03
MayDS	.98f	36.15	...
Maytag	.72	15.21	-.72
McCorm	.64f	38.21	+.23
McDnlds	**.55f**	**33.48**	**-.73**
McGrH	1.32f	u95.85	+.45
McKesson	.24	38.25	-.16
McAfee	...	24.51	+.21
MeadWvco	...	47.60	-.50
Medtmic	.34	54.60	+.60
MellonFnc	.72	29.55	-.36
Merck	1.52	31.73	+.03
MerdGid	...	18.36	+.24
MerrillLyn	.64	61.27	+.08
MetLife	.46f	40.90	+.24
MichStr s	**.28**	**34.12**	**-.20**
MicronT	...	10.58	-.35
MittalSt	...	40.41	-1.27
MoisCoorsB	1.28f	73.92	+2.04
Monsnto	.68f	61.23	-.94
Montpelr	1.44f	41.69	-1.31
MorgStan	1.08f	59.40	+.20
Motorola	.16b	15.36	-.04
Muniyld	**.99**	**14.47**	**-.03**
MurphO	90u	104.70	+2.81
MylanLab	.12	18.02	-.06
NatlCity	1.40	35.64	-.34
NatGrid	**1.84e**	**48.34**	**-.57**
NatOilwl	...	u48.45	+.32
NatSemi s	.08	20.00	-.28
NY CmtyB	1.00	19.47	+.24
NY Times	.62	36.39	-.11
NewellRub	.84	22.18	-.18
NewfExp	...	u74.50	-.86
NewmtM	.40	45.86	+1.37
NewsCpA	n.16e	17.32	-.23
NewsCpB	n.06e	17.76	-.24
NikeB	1.00	86.50	-.68
99 Cents	...	**14.20**	**-1.06**
NobleCorp	...	u58.05	-.29
NokiaCp	.44e	16.29	+.15
NorflkSo	.44f	37.62	+.01
NortelN lf		3.03	-.08
NoFrkBc s	.88	29.78	-.04
NorthrpG s	.92	54.95	+.89
Novartis	.86e	49.30	+.10
NovaStar	5.60a	34.75	-.64
Nucor s	.60f	59.85	-2.02
NvMAd	**1.00a**	**15.70**	**+.02**
NvPMI	**.89e**	**14.32**	...
NuvPI	**.92**	**14.26**	**-.05**
NSTFI3	**.55a**	**13.18**	**-.01**
NTXQI	**.92**	**15.94**	**-.12**
OMI Cp	.32f	18.96	-.55
OcciPet	**1.24f**	**u73.31**	**+.74**
OffcDpt	...	19.20	-.22
OfficeMax	.60	33.35	+.78
OreStl	...	**26.30**	**-1.60**
P-Q-R			
PG&E Cp	1.20	35.62	-.18
PHH Cp n	...	22.30	+.02
PMI Grp	.18	40.17	-.63
PNC	2.00	54.70	+.15
POSCO	1.51e	53.87	-.96
PPL Corp	1.84f	54.66	+.02
ParTch	...	**14.40**	**-.52**
ParkDrl	...	**u5.93**	**-.07**
ParkHan	.80f	68.42	-.73
PaylShoe		14.63	
PeabdyE	.60	97.47	-2.31
Pengrth g	2.76	20.67	-.75
Penney	.50	47.38	+.38
PenRE	**2.16**	**41.81**	**-.46**
PepsiCo	.92	53.84	-.37
PetrbrsA	.71e	42.40	-.72
Petrobrs	2.80e	48.44	-.76
Pfizer	**.76f**	**26.76**	**-.42**
PhelpD	1.00	106.30	-.25
PioNtr	.20	u43.33	-1.05
PlacerD	.10	17.41	+.58
PlainsAA	**2.45f**	**u40.24**	**-.06**
PlainsEx	...	u38.30	+.60
PogoPd	**.25**	**u52.11**	**+1.16**
Praxair	.72f	47.73	-.02
PrdeIntl	...	u26.62	-.34
ProctG s	**1.00**	**53.35**	**-.35**
ProgrssEn	2.36f	42.94	-.16
Providian	...	u18.20	+.09
Prudentl	.63f	57.91	-.74
PSEG	2.24f	55.30	-.35
PulteHm	.20	77.99	-1.06
Quanex s	.54	u61.99	+1.79
Questar	.85	u59.25	+1.00
QwestCm	...	3.94	-.01
RadioShk	.25	28.14	-.41
Raytheon	.80	39.00	+.02
ReaderDig	.40f	u17.55	+.34
RegionsF	n1.36f	33.77	-.16
ReliantEn	...	12.23	-.26
Revlon	...	**2.84**	**+.29**
RiteAid		3.75	-.15
RockColl	.48	u47.80	-.10
Rowan	**.25e**	**31.95**	**-.39**
RylCarb	.52	46.30	-.28
RoylDut	2.26e	64.59	+.30
Ryder	.64f	43.81	+1.06
Ryland s	**.24**	**67.54**	**-4.27**
S-T-U			
SAP AG	.24e	41.23	+.55
SBC Com	1.29f	24.17	-.25
SLM Cp	.76	50.06	-.49
SPX Cp	1.00	44.65	-.19
SabnR	2.88e	41.97	+.47
SabreHold	.36f	21.91	-.01
Safeway	...	18.35	-.40
StJude s	...	39.29	+.16
StPaulTrav	.88	38.09	-.07
SalmSBF	**.14e**	**13.03**	**-.09**
Sanofi	.61e	41.73	-.78
SaraLee	.79	22.14	-.23
SchergPl	.22	18.76	+.01
Schimb	.84f	76.00	-.79
Schwab	.08	10.96	-.13
SciAtlanta	.04	30.58	-.62
SeagateT	.32f	u19.15	+.32
Sears	.92	52.72	-.26
SempraEn	1.16f	u41.89	-.29
SvceCp	.10	7.70	-.07
ShawGp	...	**21.52**	**-1.49**
Sherwin	.82f	46.29	+.22
SierPac	...	10.57	-.01
Smithintl	.48	64.34	-.77
Smucker	1.00	51.10	-.38
Solectrn		4.93	-.12
SouthnCo	1.43	32.44	-.11
SwstAirl	.02	14.80	
SovrgnBcp	.12	23.21	+.10
SprntFON	.50	23.40	-.61
StarGas	...	**4.04**	**+.27**
StarwdHtl	.84	59.40	-.03
StateStr	.68f	44.68	-.28
StewStev	.34	22.31	+.16
StilwtrM		12.12	+.14
sT Gold n	...	44.03	+.56
Stryker s	.09	48.27	-1.53
Suncor g	.24	u40.21	+.76
SunGard		25.64	-.30
Sunoco	1.60f	u105.25	+2.18
SymbT	.02	15.78	-.27
Sysco	.60	34.55	
TD Banknth	.80	31.46	-.34
TECO	.76	16.10	-.36
TJX	.18	24.34	-.46
TXU Corp	2.25	78.41	-1.04
TaiwSemi	.09e	8.84	-.25
Target	.32	52.25	-.12
TelfNorL	.73e	16.56	-.33
TelefEsp1.47e		**55.95**	**-.06**
TempleInl	1.80f	83.88	-.12
TempurP	...	19.51	-.57
TenetHlt	...	11.13	+.10
Teradyn	...	15.26	-.11
TexInst	.10	26.34	-1.03
Thornbg2.72f		**29.22**	**-.09**
3M Co	1.68f	86.38	-.33
Tiffany	.24	31.69	+.26
TimeWarn	...	17.63	-.26
TitanCp	...	17.88	-.06
TollBros		86.20	-3.25
Trchmrk	**.44**	**53.33**	**-.01**
TorDBk g	1.60f	u41.59	+.69
Total SA	3.53e	121.33	+.93
ToyRU		22.60	-.40
Transocn		u50.00	+.25
TriContl	**.20f**	**18.34**	**-.04**
Tribune	.48	40.42	-.14
TycoIntl	.40f	35.83	-.11
TylerTech	...	**6.93**	**-.06**
Tyson	.16	17.05	-.14
UICI	**.50a**	**28.47**	**+.40**
USEC	.55	15.88	+.27
UnionPac	1.20	66.35	+.32
Unisys	...	7.32	-.12
Unit	...	u45.81	-1.41
UtdDefnse	.13p	73.34	-.01
UtdMicro	.32f	3.61	-.08
UPS B	1.32f	78.55	+.17
US Bancrp	1.20f	29.81	+.02
USSteel	.32f	56.83	-2.17
UtdTech	1.76f	102.26	+.96
UtdhlthGp	.03	90.35	-.85
Unocal	**.80**	**61.82**	**-.28**
UnumProv	.30	17.68	+.29
V-W-X-Y-Z			
ValeroE s	.32	73.40	+.60
Varco	...	u40.42	+.24
VananM s	...	36.30	-.28
VentDGC lf	...	u29.44	+.24
VerizonCm	1.62f	36.10	-.41
VisteonI		6.27	-.03
Vodafone	.55e	27.40	+.11
VulcanM	**1.16f**	**58.80**	**-.07**
Wachovia	1.84	53.11	-.38
WalMart	.60f	52.42	-.36
Walgrn	**.21**	**44.50**	**-.13**
WA Mutl	1.84f	42.18	-.37
WsteMInc	.80f	29.80	-.13
WatsnPh	...	32.23	+.12
Weathflnt		60.18	-.47
Wellmn	.20	14.74	+.01
WellPoint		123.65	-1.97
WellsFrgo	1.92	60.79	+.06
Wendys	.54f	39.70	+.34
WDigtl		11.89	-.09
WstnGR s	**.20**	**u37.84**	**-.06**
Weyerh	1.60	69.05	-.34
WmsCos	.20	18.88	-.35
WillisGp	.86f	39.42	-.77
Winnbgo	.28	35.10	-.07
Wyeth	**.92**	**40.92**	**-.08**
XL Cap	2.00f	73.84	-.66
XTO Egy	.30f	45.67	+.37
XcelEngy	.83	17.85	-.09
Xerox	...	15.45	-.22
YumBrds	.40	51.06	-.23
Zimmer	...	82.10	-2.40

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Name	Div	Last	Chg
A-B-C			
ADC Tel	...	2.26	-.01
ASML Hld	...	17.65	-.28
ATI Tech	...	17.96	-.06
AVI Bio	...	**2.55**	**-.17**
Abgenix	...	7.90	-.03
AbleLabs	...	**22.67**	**+1.63**
Accredo	...	43.55	-.16
Activisn s	...	23.16	-.38
AdobeSy	.05	u64.95	-.12
AdolorCp	...	**10.25**	**+1.43**
AkamaiT	...	11.38	-.10
Akzo	**1.44e**	**44.67**	**-.60**
Alamosa n	...	12.77	-.13
AlignTech	...	7.69	-.19
AlteraCp	...	20.83	-.39
Alvarion	...	9.64	-.27
Amazon	...	35.83	-.49
AmCapStr	2.92	34.72	+.38
AEagleO s	...	28.96	-.07
APwCnv	.40	24.56	+.33
AmrTrde	...	11.12	-.08
Amgen	...	**61.75**	**-.36**
AmkorT	...	4.81	+.10
Amylin	...	19.55	+.30
Andrew	...	13.25	-.37
AndrxGp	...	22.48	+.22
Angiotch g	...	15.04	-.36
ansthink	...	3.76	-.13
ApolloG	...	76.44	-1.06
AppleC s	...	**40.53**	**-2.22**
ApidMatl	...	**16.82**	**-.33**
AMCC	...	3.53	-.11
aQuantive	...	10.70	-.32
Arris	...	6.38	-.20
AskJvs	...	22.97	-.50
AspenTc lf	...	**5.58**	**+.28**
Atari	...	3.12	-.03
AthrGnc	...	13.93	-.19
Atmel	...	3.38	-.10
Autodsk s	...	30.10	+.35
Avanex	...	1.74	-.02
BEA Sys	...	8.28	-.11
BankMutl	.24f	12.25	+.02
BedBath	...	38.67	-.21
Biogenldc	...	38.35	+.76
Biomet	.20e	41.20	-1.00
Biopure	...	.39	-.03
Brdcom	...	31.67	-.44
BrcdeCm	...	6.00	-.03
BrooksAut	...	16.92	-.58
CBRL Grp	**.48**	**43.52**	**-.31**
CMGI	...	1.88	-.05
CNET	...	9.22	-.06
CNS	**.20**	**u17.68**	**+.01**
CV Thera	...	20.55	-.64
CardiacSci	...	**1.27**	**+.10**
CareerEd	...	35.18	-.68
Celgene s	...	33.11	-.77
CellThera	...	5.20	-.05
Centillm	...	**2.70**	**+.22**
CentAl	...	31.74	-.18
Cephiln	...	48.00	-.80
ChartCm	...	1.65	+.02
ChkPoint	...	22.43	-.19
Cheeseck s	...	u34.96	+.16
chndlcm	...	3.66	+.01
Chiron	...	38.01	-.62
CienaCp	...	1.91	-.06
Ciprico	...	**3.93**	...
Cisco	...	18.12	-.12
CitrixSy	...	23.78	+.25
ClayEng	...	**28.65**	**+.52**
CogTech s	...	46.63	-1.86
Cognos g	...	45.39	-.79
Coherent	...	**30.70**	**-.08**
Comcast	...	u33.65	+.22
Comc sp	...	u33.13	+.35
CompsBc1	.40f	47.24	-.35
Compuwre	...	7.06	-.04
Comvers	...	23.58	-.50
Conexant	...	1.65	-.08
Connetics	...	25.53	+.39
CorinthC s	...	16.96	-.14
Costco	.40	46.06	+1.52
CredSys	...	8.04	-.19
Cree Inc	...	22.79	+.08
Cytyc	...	22.47	-.60
D-E-F			
Dataram	...	4.88	+.08
DataTrak	...	19.27	-.13
Dawson	...	**24.58**	**-.11**
Dellinc	...	40.22	-.27
Dndreon	...	**6.11**	**+.38**
DigRiver	...	30.05	-.42
Digitas	...	10.65	+.26
DlrTree	...	27.98	-.40
DbleClck	...	7.97	-.17
eBay s	...	40.85	-1.04
EGL Inc	...	26.79	-.18
eResrch	...	14.44	-.56
ErthLink	...	9.01	-.11
EchoStar1	.00e	30.59	+.16
ElectArts	...	68.61	-.40
EncysiveP	...	9.83	-.06
EndoPhrm	...	22.83	+.58
Entrust	...	4.08	-.02
EricsnTl	.36e	30.01	-.26
EvrgrSlr	...	6.95	-.05
ExideTc n	...	15.40	-.75
ExpScript	...	85.80	-.79
ExtNetw	...	6.06	-.11
Eyetech	...	**d26.15**	**-1.49**
F5 Netw	...	u57.35	-.18
FLIR Sys s	...	33.69	-.44
Fastenal	.62f	59.60	+.92
FifthThird1	.40f	45.70	-.68
Finisar	...	1.48	-.02
FinLine s	.10	21.95	+.29
Fiserv	...	38.43	-.72
Flextrn	...	13.30	-.56
FLYi	...	1.66	+.02
Foundry	...	10.46	-.24
FmtrAir	...	8.85	+.04
FrozenFd	**.12**	**12.41**	**+.26**
FuelCell	...	11.30	+.11
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Eddy Bello
Trinity School



Andrew Corona
Milam Elementary



Jordan Darling
St. Ann's School



Emily Dye
Greathouse Elementary



Sam Eng
Henderson Elementary



Brandon Gonzales
Santa Rita Elementary



Calley Jones
Bush Elementary



Meg Kendrick
Sam Houston Elementary



Randy Kidwell
Hillander



Taylor Young
Alamo Jr. High



Jennifer A. Klein
Abell Junior High

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For Students in Midland County ... public, private and home schools.

Thirty-three Midland County students, in grades four through eight, have spelled their way through preliminary meets to earn the opportunity to compete in this year's bee. The March 19 Bee will determine the regional champion who will then represent the area in the 78th annual Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee May 29 - June 3 in Washington D. C.

These students are scheduled to compete in the regional bee from their respective schools.



Jasmine Lopez
Jane Long Elementary



Alex Luna
Crockett Elementary



Jenna Valencia
Parker Elementary



Omar Madrid
Dezavala Elementary



Matthew Trela
Emerson Elementary



Jasmin Molina
South Elementary



Marisa Stump
B. T. Washington Elementary



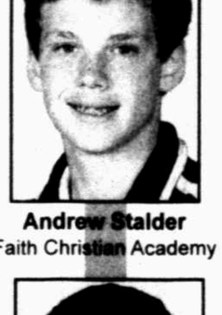
Cole Morrison
Midland Christian Elementary



Jeremy Stark
Goddard Jr. High



Scott Nall
Bowie Elementary



Andrew Stalder
Faith Christian Academy



Anna Osterlund
San Jacinto Jr. High



Samantha Simmons
Anson Jones Elementary



Hernan Perez
Fannin Elementary

PRIZES

In addition to the trip to Washington D.C., the REGIONAL CHAMPION receives Merriam-Webster's Third New International Dictionary, unabridged, The Samuel Louis Sugarman Award-a $100 Series EE U.S. Savings Bond; $50 cash and a 1st place Trophy.

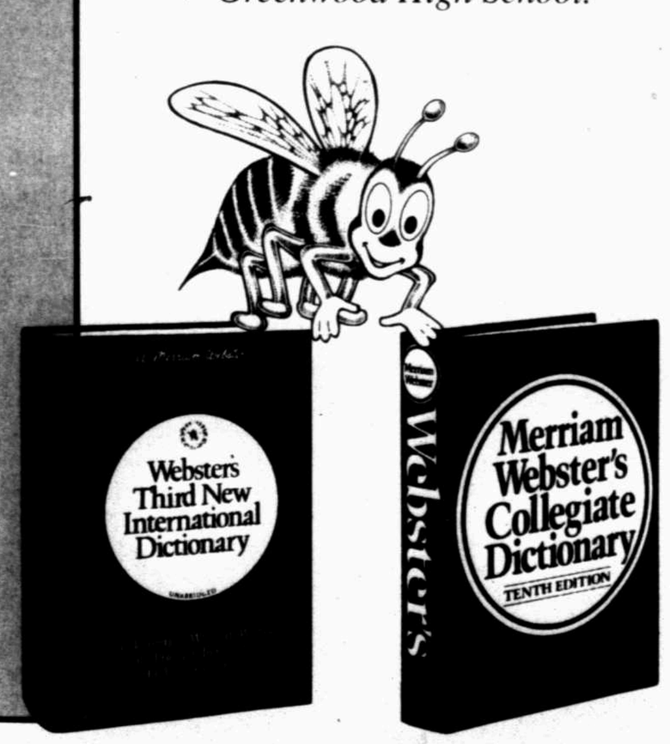
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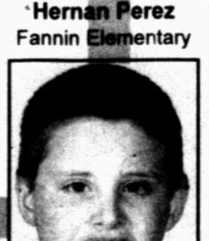
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FOURTH PLACE will receive a $20 Amazon.com Gift Certificate $10 cash and a Trophy.

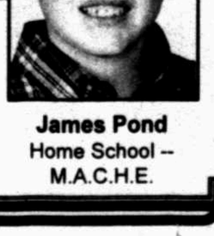
FIFTH PLACE winner will receive $10 Cash, and 5th place Trophy.

Rebecca Watson at Midland College, is the pronouncer for this year's bee. The judges are Marydel Watkins, a retired teacher with the Midland Independent School District; Dr. Pamela Howell, an English professor at Midland College; Barbara Cherry, Teacher at Greenwood High School.





Scott Nall
Bowie Elementary



Anna Osterlund
San Jacinto Jr. High

Hernan Perez
Fannin Elementary

Mary Catherine Saiz
Burnett Elementary

Danielle Rubio
Bonham Elementary

Sean Rowell
Rusk Elementary

Michael Reyna
Travis Elementary

Judith Prieto
Lamar Elementary

James Pond
Home School -- M.A.C.H.E.

FOOD



Gregory Bull/AP

Lamb stew, soda bread are traditional Irish fare

By Joan Brunskill
AP Food Editor



AP Photo

STEW AND BREAD LEFT: Margaret M. Johnson, in "Irish Puddings, Tarts, Crumbles, and Fools," describes Irish soda bread as the most favored companion to a cup of tea. FAR LEFT: Gallagher's Steak House general manager Terry Condon shows off a plate of Irish lamb stew, at the restaurant in New York City March 3. Made with a family recipe, this is a traditional dish and would be a tasty centerpiece for a St. Patrick's Day dinner.

NEW YORK — Irish or no, at this time of year hearty lamb and vegetable stew and freshly baked soda bread with your cup of tea are heartwarming concepts.

Although they can seem a feast, these are simple dishes, forgiving for the occasional cook and not calling for fancy ingredients. The stews and bread come from a country tradition, often based on local meat and vegetables, or basic products from a country store.

Take the stew. Terry Condon, general manager at Gallagher's Steak House in New York City, is an Irish-American whose family originally hails from County Cork in Ireland. He relishes Irish lamb stew, he says, because besides the local meat it probably started with, "it is made with a bevy of the flavorful root vegetables which grow so abundantly in Ireland."

And it's so easy for the home chef to make. "Once everything is on the top of the stove, it simmers for hours, and only needs an occasional stir," Condon said.

This is an old Condon family recipe with some American adaptations and nuances developed by Terry Condon. Start with the recipe but vary it if you wish — substitute a favorite vegetable or two, perhaps, to taste. He suggests serving the stew over egg noodles, or mashed potatoes.

Terry Condon's Irish Lamb Stew

2 pounds boned shoulder of lamb, cut into 2-inch cubes
1/4 cup flour
1 1/2 teaspoons salt, or to taste
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground pepper, or to taste
3 tablespoons olive oil
2 medium onions, sliced
2 leeks, sliced thin
1 clove garlic, crushed
1/2 bottle of red wine to cover (see note)
14 1/2-ounce can whole plum tomatoes, crushed
4 carrots, quartered
10 baby Yukon Gold potatoes
2 stalks celery, quartered
2 parsnips, quartered
2 cups chicken stock, if needed (see note)
10-ounce package frozen green peas
Few sprigs parsley
1/4 teaspoon dried thyme

Lightly flour the lamb, season to taste with salt and pepper. Brown the meat on all sides in olive oil in a large, lidded saucepan. Remove meat.

Sauté the onions, leeks and garlic in the same oil until translucent. Return lamb to the saucepan, cover with the red wine and half the canned tomatoes. Bring to full boil, then turn

Please see **IRISH**/10C

Chef writes book with his daughter

By Barbara Albright
For AP Weekly Features

WILTON, Conn. — Rick Bayless, award-winning chef-owner of Chicago's Mexican restaurants Frontera Grill and Topolobampo, has written several cookbooks and is host of the PBS series, "Mexico: One Plate at a Time."

To give a family perspective to these achievements, it may be added that Bayless' father owned a barbecue restaurant in Oklahoma — and that now the culinary tradition continues with the next generation. Bayless has recently released a book co-written with his 13-year-old daughter, Lanie: "Rick and Lanie's Excellent Kitchen Adventures" (Stewart Tabori & Chang, 2004, $29.95).

I, too, have a 13 year-old daughter, as well as a 10-year-old son. In the book's introduction, the adventurous young cook, Lanie, contributes a list of pros and cons about being the daughter of a famous chef — and I could especially relate to her first con: "I have to taste weird food."

I'd like to know just how big a bite she takes of everything, because my experience is that my kids will dip one tine of a fork in something, taste the minuscule drop of liquid stuck to the fork, and call that a "taste."

From my reading of the book, Lanie's palate seems to be more advanced than that of my children, although she did just say "no" to some of the more exotic items on her travels with her father.

Getting out of school to go on these culinary research trips is one of Lanie's pros to being the daughter of a star chef. The co-authors include in their book more than 100 varied recipes, based on their travels around the United States and abroad, as they learned and cooked together.

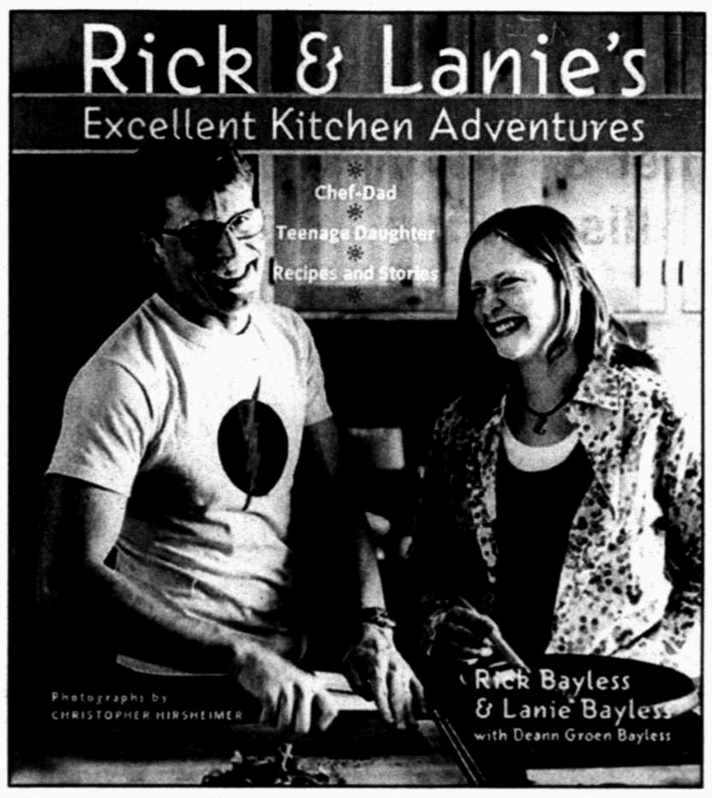
The book opens in Mexico, with a side trip to Peru; then, onto Oklahoma for a taste of the barbecue of her father's youth; next comes France, with side trips to Italy and Ireland; Morocco, starting in southern Spain; and finally Thailand, with side trips to Japan and Hong Kong.

My summary: If you want to make recipes that have a star chef's sensibilities and have been run by — or even cooked by — his teenage daughter, give this book a try, or share it with your teenage offspring. At present, my daughter's interest in cooking is limited — it runs mainly toward pie making, cookies, items with good-tasting dough and lots of sugar.

There is NO accounting for the taste of a youngster, so be forewarned — but at least this book will get you going in the right direction.

Of course, I wanted to sample a Mexican recipe. I have cooked from Rick's Mexican cookbooks before and I needed a "fix." I also have a weakness for guacamole, so I tested the vegetarian (or not) soft tacos with guacamole.

Rick and Lanie point out that potatoes are the unlikely filling here — but Rick says that "all kinds of foods get wrapped in soft tortillas in Mexico all the time" and the potatoes are far from plain in this combination with chilies, onion and chorizo.



Vegetarian (or NOT) Soft Tacos with Guacamole

8 ounces (1 cup) Mexican chorizo sausage, optional
3 medium (about 3/4 pound) red-skin potatoes
Salt
2 medium poblano chilies (can use red bell peppers or one of each)
3 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 small onion
2 soft, ripe avocados
1 large garlic clove
1 lime
10 sprigs fresh cilantro
12 corn or flour tortillas (corn is preferred in Mexico)
About 1 cup salsa or a bottle of hot sauce

Do this first:

Chorizo: With a small knife, slice it down the side of the chorizo casing. Remove casing and discard.

Potatoes: Peel. Cut in half, then cut halves into 8 pieces.

Onion: Cut off top and bottom and discard. Cut in half from top to bottom. Peel off papery outside layers and discard. Cut halves into slices about 1/4 inch thick.

Garlic: Peel.

Cilantro: Bunch leaf end of sprigs together. Cut across bunched leaves with a sharp knife, slicing them thinly. Stop cutting when you only have stems left. Discard stems.

1. Cook chorizo (if using). Scoop chorizo into medium skillet. Set over medium heat. Cook — stir regularly to break up clumps — about 4 minutes, until thoroughly cooked. If there is lots of rendered fat, tip off and discard excess. Set aside.

2. Cook potatoes. Scoop potato to pieces into nonmetal bowl. Sprinkle with 1/2 teaspoon salt and toss. Cover with plastic wrap. Microwave on high (100 percent) power for 4 to 5 minutes, until completely tender.

3. Roast chilies. Roast chilies by placing them directly over gas flame (no pan), or 4 inches below electric broiler, turning occasionally with tongs until evenly blackened all over. Place in plastic bag. Allow to cool. Peel off and discard blackened skin. Pull out stem and seed pod; discard. Tear open chili and rinse off seeds and bits of black skin. Cut into 1/4-inch pieces.

4. Make filling. Pour oil into very large (12-inch) skillet. Set over medium heat. Add sliced onion and cook — stir regularly — until translucent, about 2 minutes. Add potatoes and cook — stir regularly — until browned, about 5 minutes. Stir in chilies and chorizo (if using). Cook for 2 or 3 minutes more. Taste and season with salt if necessary (if not using the chorizo, you will need about 1/2 teaspoon). Keep warm over very low heat.

Please see **CHEF**/10C

Lime, cumin season pork

Associated Press

There's a chapter headed "Tender Meats" in Leslie Revsin's new cookbook, "The Simpler The Better: Sensational Home Cooking in 3 Easy Steps" (Wiley, 2004, $24.95). Among the offerings therein is a recipe for Cuban pork chops.

So: That settles the "what's for dinner?" question for anyone with a taste for tender pork and vibrant seasoning. Oh, and for anyone who's too hungry to fiddle with more than half-an-hour's prep at the end of a long day.

Revsin is a chef, food writer and consultant, television food-show host and author of several other cookbooks. She says her goal in this book is to help home cooks by offering pared-down cooking, really good food and no gimmicks, and she includes some 100 recipes with few steps that can be ready in under 30 minutes.

"In Cuba, lots of garlic, freshly squeezed lime juice and aromatic cumin are a favorite way to season roast pork," she says. "I think the combo is good with chops, too." In this recipe, the meaty chops cook on top of the stove while their lime and garlic pan juices reduce to a syrupy sauce around them.

Cuban Pork Chops

4 large garlic cloves
4 center-cut pork chops, 8 ounces each, cut 1 inch thick
1 1/2 tablespoons olive oil
1/3 cup fresh lime juice
3/4 teaspoon ground cumin

Thinly slice garlic. Dry pork chops with paper towels. Season generously with salt.

Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Stand and brown fat edge of chops, about 2 minutes. Brown first side, about 2 minutes. Turn over, and brown 1 minute more. Scatter garlic around chops and cook, stirring,

Please see **PORK**/10C

Chowder has Tex-Mex flavor

Associated Press

Those thick, creamy soups we call chowders are comforting and welcome at this time of year. Even nicer is that they don't need long to make, even from scratch — just check out the following recipe for a tasty cheese and corn version.

This chowder can be ready in little more than half an hour, has lively seasoning that evokes Tex-Mex influences, and includes low-fat dairy ingredients for nutrition value.

Southwestern Cheese and Corn Chowder

2 tablespoon butter
1 small onion, chopped
3 cups fat-free chicken broth
2 cups fresh corn
2 potatoes, peeled, cut into 1/2-inch dice
1 small red pepper, diced
1 rib celery, sliced
2 cups low-fat milk
1 cup shredded 2 percent reduced-fat Cheddar cheese
1/2 teaspoon cumin
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper

Melt butter in large saucepan. Add onion and cook until tender, about 5 minutes. Stir in chicken broth and all vegetables. Bring mixture to a boil and reduce heat and simmer covered 5 minutes or until potatoes are tender.

Remove 2 cups of soup and puree in blender or processor. Return to saucepan with remaining soup. Stir in milk, cheese and seasonings, and simmer 10 minutes.

Cook's note: You may garnish the chowder with crumbled turkey bacon and additional cheese if desired.

Makes 6 servings.

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Nutrition information per serving: 266 cal., 10 g total fat (5 g saturated), 28 mg chol., 715 mg sodium, 13 g pro., 34 g carbo., 4 g dietary fiber.

FOOD ETC.

With few simple recipes, children can take up cooking as hobby

By Joan Huff

Hey kids, would you like to start a new hobby over spring break? This is a hobby you will never outgrow, there is a television channel dedicated to it, contests you can enter, and new products introduced constantly, making it more interesting and fun. If you have not guessed what it is, it is cooking.

Imagine yourself at home alone when you are hungry. What if you could go in the kitchen and whip up something to eat? Now you can surprise your family and friends by learning a few basics of cooking.

As with most hobbies, you must first learn about safety. In the kitchen, not only do you have to be careful using appliances, but you have to keep things clean to avoid spreading germs. Always wash your hands before you start cooking and if you have long hair, tie it out of the way. You also need to pay attention while cooking, so you shouldn't be talking on the phone or watching television in the kitchen.

Ask an adult to show you how to use the oven and burners. Move any items that are near the burners. Pot handles should be turned to the back so they are not knocked around. Do not place anything on a burner even after you have turned it to the off position because it still may be hot.



Midlander Joan Huff collects recipes and enjoys cooking and entertaining with her family. She may be reached at foodetcmrt@aol.com.

When you put the oven on bake, you are keeping food in the oven for a certain amount of time. If you set the oven to broil, you are usually browning or melting something (such as cheese on nachos, yum) and you must watch your food carefully so it does not burn.

Be sure to turn off the stove and oven when you have finished using them.

If you are not already familiar with your microwave oven, have an adult show you how to set the timer for baking and reheating foods. Just remember, never put metal such as forks, spoons or pans or aluminum such as foil in the microwave oven.

Knives also are something to be careful around, and if you are very new to cooking, you might let someone else do the cutting until you are able to handle knives with ease. Never cut toward yourself. Always lay the item you are trying to cut on a cutting board, not the counter and cut down carefully. And never hold the food item in your hand while you are cutting it.

Every recipe has ingredients that must be measured. In the kitchen, we use measuring cups and spoons. When you are measuring dry ingredients such as flour, you lightly spoon the flour into the measuring cup. You do not want to shake it or tap it on the counter, because this causes it to settle and you will keep adding more and more flour.

Brown sugar is the only ingredient that we "pack" into the measuring cup by pressing it down with a spoon. If you need to measure a liquid, use a measuring cup with a pour spout. Place the cup on the counter top, pour the liquid into the cup and check the amount to make sure your measurement is correct.

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KITCHEN EQUIPMENT Children learning to cook might familiarize themselves with some of the following utensils: from top row clockwise, skillet, wooden spoon, wire whisk, sharp knife, spatula, liquid measuring cup and mixer; middle row: saucepan, mixing bowl, measuring spoons, peeler and dry measuring cup; and front row: hot pad, cookie sheet and round cake pan.

Measuring spoons are labeled and easy to read. Choose the correct spoon that matches the amount of ingredient required.

Most recipes will tell you what size pan to use for the recipe. Be sure to grease and flour it if required. This will keep the food from sticking to the pan.

After you have become familiar with appliances and utensils, you can pick out a recipe you would like to make. Start with a simple one with few ingredients and instructions. After you choose the recipe, the first step is to read it thoroughly. Not only will you be able to check to make sure you have all the ingredients, you can make sure you are familiar with the instructions. It is very helpful to set out all the ingredients you will need so you have everything handy.

If you are brand new to cooking, you may feel more comfortable your first time in the kitchen making something from a mix, such as a cake. This will help you become familiar with the oven, mixing and choosing the correct pan and baking time. Each time you cook, select something a little more difficult. You can keep track of your progress by filing your recipes in a box or notebook.

Further cooking opportunities can be found at Kid's College this summer. "Cool Cooking" is back by popular demand and a baking class also will be offered this year.

Bacon and Eggs From "The New Kids' Cookbook"

2 teaspoons butter
1 slice bacon

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AROUND TOWN

■ The **Midland Genealogy Society** is to meet 7 p.m. March 10 at Memorial Christian Church. Joan Cobb is to present "Southern Claims Comission."

■ The **Midland Woman's Club** is planning a style show and luncheon 11:30 a.m. March 11 at the clubhouse in Hogan Park. The luncheon is $15. To make reservations, call 694-2304. Deadline to make reservations is today.

■ **Dr. John Woodson Chapter, Colonial Dames of the 17th Century**, will meet 10 a.m. March 16 at the home of Cecelia Davis. Jackie Hendricks will present a program on "Women of the Mayflower." For more information, call 684-0595.

■ **Chronic fatigue fibromyalgia support group** is to meet noon March 12 at Golf Course Road Church of Christ. John Ingram, a Social Security disability specialist, is to be the speaker. For more information, call 520-3500.

■ The **Midland Newcomer's Club** is to meet 10:30 a.m. March 17 at Ranchland Hills Country Club. Judge John Hyde is to speak on "Midland: Then & Now." For more information or luncheon reservations, call Paulette at 697-1977.

■ **Celtic Heritage Society of the Permian Basin** is to meet 6:30 p.m. March 19. Guitarist Don Gabbert of San Angelo is to perform. For more information and location, call Pam Cotte at 262-3339.

■ **West Texas Gluten-free Awareness Support Group** is to meet 3 p.m. March 19 at Midland Memorial Hospital West Campus. Those attending may bring a gluten-free item and recipe. For more information, call Barbara Williams at 520-2119.

■ **Permian Basin Central Business and Professional Women** will meet 6 p.m. March 15 at Ranchland Hills Country Club. For more informaton, call Glenda Knox at 686- 2819 or Carole McCarter at 520-6810.

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Editor's Note: To be included in Around Town, events and meetings must be open to the public.

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(From 9C)

1 egg

Melt butter in frying pan. Add bacon and cook over medium heat for 2 minutes on each side or until lightly browned. Push to the side of the pan.

Break the egg into a cup. Reduce heat to low. Slide the egg into the pan. Cook for 2 minutes or until it is cooked as you want it.

Use a spatula to remove the egg from pan. Drain bacon on a paper towel and place on plate with egg. Serve with toast if you like.

HAM AND CHEESE CROISSANTS
From "The New Kids' Cookbook"

2 croissants
2 slices ham
2 slices cheddar or Swiss cheese

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Have an adult help you cut each croissant open to give two halves. Place croissants cut side up on a baking sheet.

Cut the ham and cheese slices in half. Top each croissant with a piece of ham and a piece of cheese. Bake for 10 minutes or until cheese has melted.

STRAWBERRY-BANANA SHAKE
From "Betty Crocker Sip, Nibble and Snack"

1 container (6-ounces) strawberry or raspberry 100% natural low-fat yogurt
1/2 banana, sliced
1/2 cup milk
2 tablespoons honey
2 to 3 drops red food coloring, if desired

Place all ingredients in blender container. Cover and blend on medium speed about 20 seconds or until smooth.

WONDERFUL WAFFLES
From "Alpha Bakery"

1 cup of flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup milk
1/4 cup margarine or butter, melted
1 egg, separated

Heat the waffle iron. Mix flour, baking powder, sugar, and salt in a medium bowl. Stir in milk, margarine and egg yolk until blended.

Beat egg white in a small bowl on high speed until stiff peaks form; fold flour mixture into egg white.

Pour about 2/3 cup of the batter onto the center of the hot waffle iron. Bake until steaming stops. Remove waffle carefully. Repeat with remaining batter. Makes three 8-inch waffles.

SNACKS ON STICKS
From "Betty Crocker Sip, Nibble and Snack"

3 cups miniature marshmallows
1/4 cup margarine or butter
1/4 cup creamy peanut butter
3 cups toasted oat cereal
1/2 cup raisins
1/4 cup sunflower seeds
10 wooden ice-cream sticks

Heat marshmallows and margarine in a 3-quart saucepan over low heat, stirring constantly, until marshmallows are melted and mixture is smooth. Stir in peanut butter until blended. Stir in cereal, raisins and sunflower seeds until evenly coated. Let stand for 2 minutes.

Form mixture into 10 2-inch balls. Insert ice-cream stick into middle of each ball. Let stand about 30 minutes or until firm. Store balls wrapped in plastic wrap.

PINEAPPLE UPSIDE-DOWN BISCUITS
From Paula Deen

1 (10-ounce) can crushed pineapple
1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter at room temperature
10 maraschino cherries
1 10-count can refrigerated biscuits

Preheat the oven to 400 degrees. Grease 10 cups of a muffin tin. Strain the can of crushed pineapple, save juice for later.

Combine the pineapple, sugar, and butter, and mix well. Divide the pineapple mixture among the muffin cups. Place a cherry in the center of each muffin cup, making sure cherry hits bottom of cup.

Place one biscuit in each cup on top of sugar and pineapple mixture. Spoon 1 teaspoon reserved pineapple juice over each biscuit.

Bake for 12 to 15 minutes, or until golden. Cool for 2 minutes. Invert the pan onto a plate to release the biscuits. Serve warm.

JAMMIN' JOE BAKE
From "The Rainbow Bakery"

1 pound lean ground beef
1 can (8-ounces) tomato sauce
1/4 cup ketchup
2 teaspoons mustard
1 cup flour
1 1/2 teaspoons baking powder
2/3 cup milk
3 tablespoons margarine or butter, melted
1 egg

Heat oven to 450 degrees. Cook beef in a 10-inch skillet over medium heat, stirring a few times, until brown. Drain grease. Stir in tomato sauce, 1/4 cup ketchup and the mustard. Spoon into ungreased 8-inch square pan.

Stir flour, baking powder, milk, margarine and egg, using fork, until mixed. Pour over beef mixture, and spread evenly. Bake for 18-22 minutes or until crust is light golden brown. Makes 6 servings.

QUESADILLA
From "Disney's Family Fun Cookbook"

2 6-inch flour or corn tortillas
2 tablespoons grated cheese
Salsa and/or sour cream (optional)

Place one tortilla on an ungreased skillet over medium heat. Sprinkle lightly with grated cheese, and top with a second tortilla. Cook for about 2 minutes on each side, or until the cheese melts.

Let cook for 2 minutes, then cut into wedges, pie style. Serve with salsa and sour cream. Serves 1.

MUFFIN PIZZAS
From "The New Kids' Cookbook"

4 English muffins
1/4 cup tomato paste
Pepperoni slices
Mozzarella cheese

Split muffins in half. Spread cut side with tomato paste. Place topping of your choice on each muffin. Put muffins on a baking sheet. Bake for 15 minutes at 400 degrees or until brown.

CHOCOLATE PEANUT BUTTER PIZZA
From "Disney's Family Fun Cookbook"

1 6-ounce package chocolate chips
1 6-ounce package peanut butter chips
2 ounces white baking chocolate
Candies for decoration

Microwave the chips in a microwave safe dish on high for 1 minute, stir, and microwave for 1 more minute. Grease a 12-inch pizza pan and spread on the melted chips with a spatula.

Microwave the white chocolate for 1 to 2 minutes, or until melted, and drizzle over the pizza to look like cheese. Decorate with candy and refrigerate for 20 minutes. Cut into 12 wedges. Serves 12.

Brownies

What is your favorite brownie? Do you like traditional brownies or do you prefer exotic types with chocolate chunks, marshmallows or other additions?

Send your recipes to: foodetcmrt@aol.com or mail to the Midland Reporter-Telegram, 201 E. Illinois Avenue, Midland, TX 79701, attn: Food Etc./Joan Huff or fax to 570-7650. Please include your name, phone number and source of the recipe.

Deadline is March 25.

IRISH

(From 9C)

heat down to low and simmer fully covered for 1 to 1 1/2 hours.

Add carrots, potatoes, celery, parsnips and rest of tomatoes (and chicken stock if needed) to the lamb. Add salt to season the vegetables to taste; bring to boil, then lower heat and simmer over low heat, uncovered, for 1 hour to 1 1/2 hours. Add peas, parsley and thyme, and cook for final 10 minutes.

Makes 4 servings.

Note: You may use whatever wine you would drink with the meal. If you need additional liquid to cover, use chicken stock.

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Irish soda bread is the most favored companion to a cup of tea, writes Margaret M. Johnson in "Irish Puddings, Tarts, Crumbles, and Fools" (Chronicle, 2004, $24.95 paperback). Johnson is a cookbook author and food journalist who lives in New York City, "when she is not visiting her ancestral home of Ireland," according to the book jacket.

Her book, illustrated with color photos of Ireland which she shot, features some 80 desserts, ranging from homey to sophisticated — as in the soda bread tarte tatin with Cashel Blue cheese and cider ice.

Some recipes are her own, but she collected many others from famous chefs and cooks around Ireland. She knows of endless variations in recipes for soda bread, she says, but this one she offers in her book is one she loves — its' a recipe from her mother.

IRISH SODA BREAD

4 cups all-purpose flour
3 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon baking soda
4 tablespoons cold unsalted butter, preferably Irish, cut into pieces, plus extra butter for serving
1 large egg, beaten
2 cups buttermilk
1 cup golden raisins
3 tablespoons caraway seeds
1 egg beaten with 1 tablespoon milk or water

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Lightly grease a large baking sheet or cast-iron skillet.

Sift the flour, sugar, salt, baking powder and baking soda into a food processor fitted with a metal blade. Add the butter and pulse 8 to 12 times, or until the mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add the egg and buttermilk and process for 15 to 20 seconds, or until the dough comes together.

Dust a work surface with flour. Turn out the dough, add the raisins and caraway seeds, and with floured hands knead dough gently to form a large round. Transfer to the prepared baking sheet or skillet. Brush the loaf with the egg wash, and with serrated knife, cut an "X" into the top.

Bake for 40 to 45 minutes, or until the top is golden and a skewer inserted into the center comes out clean. (The bread should sound hollow when the bottom is tapped with a knife.) Remove from the oven and let cool on a wire rack for about 15 minutes. Slice and serve warm with butter.

Makes 1 loaf.

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5. Make guacamole. To cut avocados in half, start at their pointy stem and circle around pit. Twist sides in opposite directions and pull apart. Scoop out pit and discard. Scoop avocado flesh from skin. Discard skin and put flesh in a medium-size bowl. Crush garlic through garlic press into avocado. Cut lime in half and squeeze juice; you need about 2 tablespoons. Add to avocado. Add chopped cilantro and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Mash together with bean masher, potato masher or back of spoon. Taste and season with salt if you think it needs more.

6. Serve. Heat tortillas. Scoop filling mixture and guacamole into individual serving bowls. Set on table along with salsa or hot sauce and tortillas, and let everybody assemble their own soft tacos.

Makes 12 tacos, enough to serve 4.

PORK

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15 seconds. Add lime juice and 1/4 cup water.

Cook, uncovered, turning chops once or twice, until done and 1/4 cup syrupy juices remain, 6 to 8 minutes. Transfer chops to plates and spoon sauce on top. Sprinkle with cumin and season with freshly ground pepper. Serve hot.

Makes 4 servings.

Tip: If the pan juices reduce too much before the chops are done, add a little more water. If you add too much, just boil down the juices after the chops are out of the pan.

Serving suggestions: Spinach or Swiss chard; cooked carrots sauteed with red bell peppers; plain buttered rice; or rice mixed with black beans.

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King Tut did not die violent death, forensic tests show

By Paul Garwood
Associated Press

CAIRO, Egypt — King Tut wasn't murdered by a blow to the head, nor was his chest crushed in an accident. But after ruling out those longtime theories, the most revealing tests ever performed on the boy pharaoh's mummy didn't solve the mystery of how he died.

The results of the high-tech CT scan released Tuesday raised one new possibility: It suggested that just days before his death, Tut might have badly broken his left thigh, puncturing the skin — an injury that could have caused a dangerous infection.

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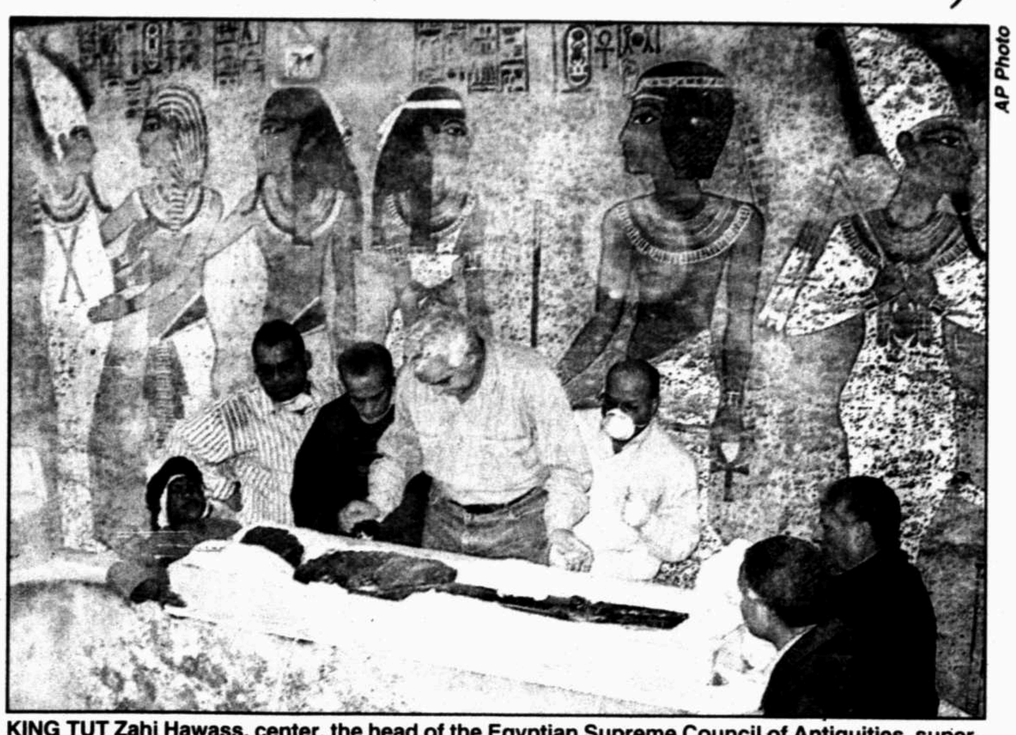
But not everyone on the Egyptian-led team that pored over 1,700 CT images of Tut's body taken two months ago agreed with that theory. Some said the fracture could have occurred from mishandling when the mummy was discovered in 1922 in Luxor's Valley of the Kings.

Zahi Hawass, head of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities, said the study allowed him to rule out violent death, but left him with no idea how Tut died. He said further tests would try to determine if Tut died from natural causes, or perhaps was poisoned, but he stressed it was unlikely they would find an answer.

Still the CT results provided the most revealing insight yet into the life of ancient Egypt's most famous king, who ruled 3,300 years ago.

Tutankhamun was a well-fed, healthy, yet slightly built 19-year-old, standing 5 feet, 6 inches tall, at the time of his death, the study suggested. It was the first time his age has been established.

He had the typical overbite characteristic of other kings from his family and a slight cleft palate, which did not cause a cleft lip or other facial deformities. He also had large incisor teeth and his lower teeth were slightly misaligned.



AP Photo

KING TUT Zahi Hawass, center, the head of the Egyptian Supreme Council of Antiquities, supervises workers as they prepare to remove the 3,300-year-old mummy of the ancient King Tutankhamun from his tomb Jan. 5. Hawass said Tuesday that the results of CT scan on King Tut's mummy indicate he did not die a violent death, but may have suffered a badly broken leg shortly before his death.

While much interest has surrounded Tut's life, most attention has focused on how he died. X-rays taken in 1968 by Liverpool University anatomists found bone fragments inside Tut's skull, suggesting he might have been murdered by being hit in the head.

But Hawass said the CT scan, the first ever performed on an ancient Egyptian king, ruled that out. "The team found no evidence for a blow to the back of the head, and no other indication of foul play," he said.

He suggested the fragments came from royal funerary workers who drilled a hole into the skull to let embalmers pour resins and other fluids in to prepare the body for mummification.

Some on the CT team, which included two Italian experts and one from Switzerland, speculated that damage to the skull and upper neck might have been caused by the archaeological team led by Briton Howard Carter when they removed the pharaoh's famous golden mask after discovering his tomb.

Hawass said the team discounted a theory that the absence of Tut's sternum and most of his front ribs indicated a traumatic death.

"They also found it extremely unlikely that he suffered an accident in which he crushed his chest," he said, adding that such an injury would have caused damage elsewhere in the body, such as the spine, and the team saw none.

Hawass, who said only the research team's members would be allowed to study the CT images, said he had no firm idea of how Tut died, but offered two theories.

"He may have died from natural causes or was poisoned. We are going to look at his viscera to see if his organs show any signs, but it is virtually impossible to prove how he died."

He gave no details on those tests or when they would be performed.

Hawass said Tut's death around 1323 B.C. was surprising considering he was only 19, appeared to be healthy and suffered no infectious diseases or major childhood malnutrition.

"The mystery of his death will continue, but the case over whether he was (violently) murdered is closed," Hawass said.

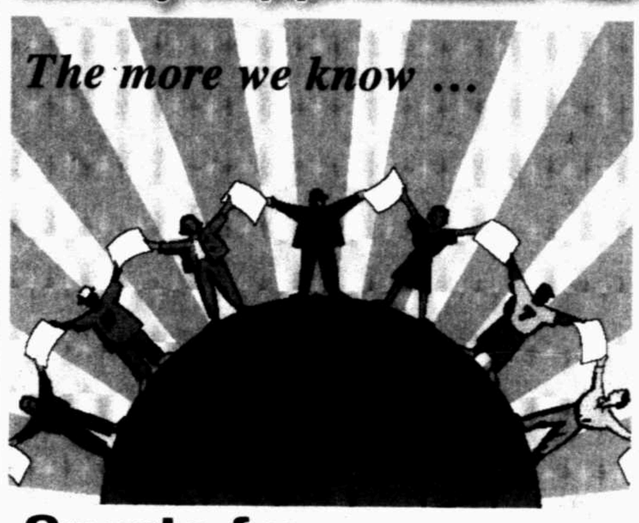
The CT test, during which Tut's leather-like mummy was briefly removed from its tomb and placed into the scanner, did not address questions about Tut's precise royal lineage. It is unclear if he was the son or a half brother of Akhenaten, the "heretic" pharaoh who introduced a revolutionary form of monotheism to ancient Egypt and was the son of Amenhotep III.

Hawass reiterated his refusal to allow DNA testing on Tut's remains, saying the science has a 40 percent chance for error when used on mummies.

"I believe these results will close the case of Tutankhamun, and the king will not need to be examined again," Hawass said. "We cannot go again and open this mummy at all, King Tut will rest forever."

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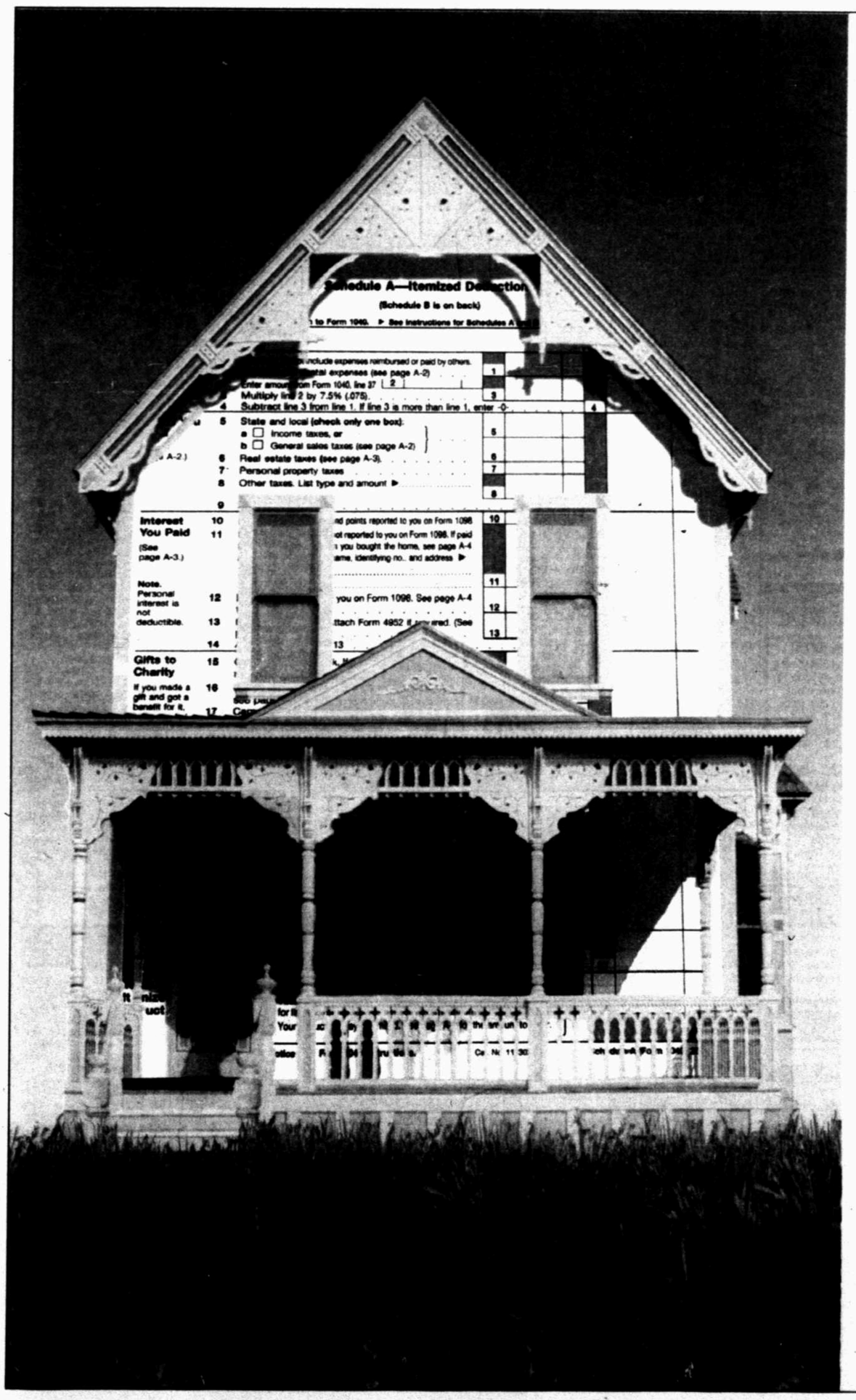
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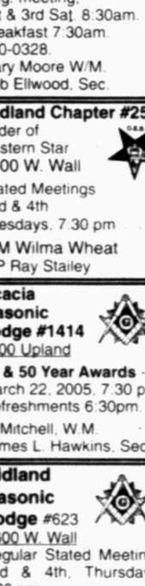
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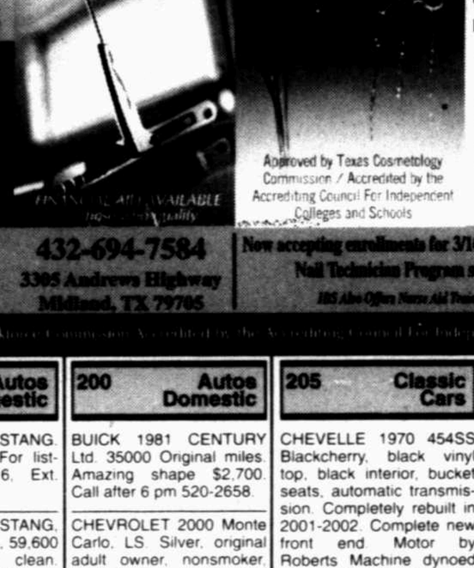
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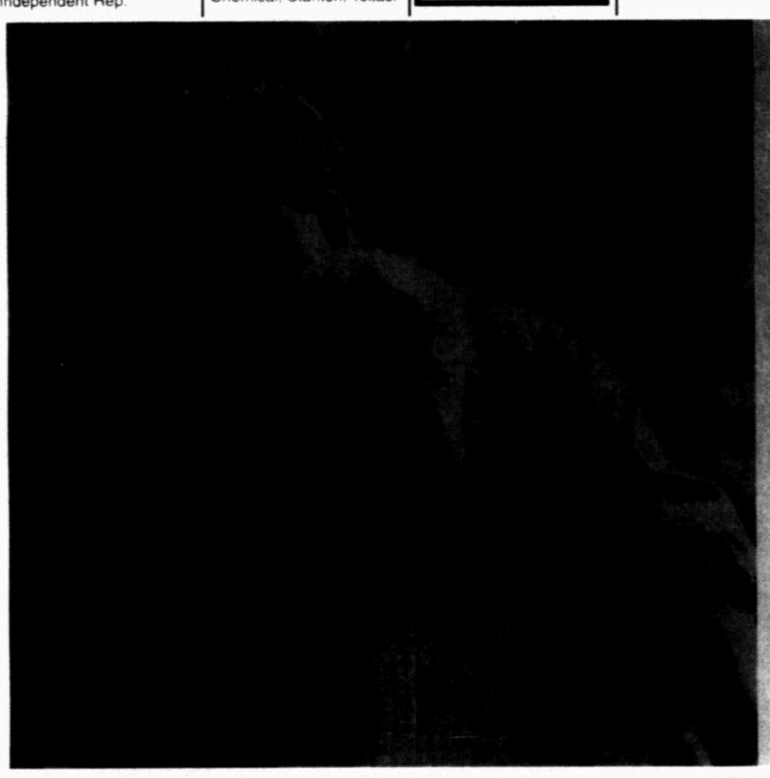
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GOLDEN YEARS
SWM, 67, Libra, seeks a fun, happy female for fun, friendship and frolic. N/S, N/Drugs ☎396999

FUTURE LOVE
Hard-working WiWM, 55, N/S, ISO single woman, 35-56, who is nice, compatible, steady and down-to-earth. Kids ok ☎594737

INTERESTING GUY
Down-to-earth SWM, 41, enjoys travel, seeing new things, staying in. Seeking flexible, laid-back, easygoing SF, 30-45, for friendship, possible relationship. ☎497191 @ **melvidian007**

TAKE MY LEAD
SWM, 22, 6', smoker, blond/hazel, looking for outgoing, fun woman, 18-25, who wants to hang out and have a good time. ☎598765

LOTS OF UNDERSTANDING
Light-complected SBM, 28, smoker, ISO special woman, 20-31, who has her life where she wants it to be. Sound like you? Get in touch. ☎600841

WANTED: ONE COOL CHICK
Laid-back, outgoing, creative SWM, 35, adrenaline junky, seeks cool chick, 22-38, who loves motorcycles, not drama! ☎581687 @ **promx787**

DREAM A LITTLE DREAM
SHM, 21, 5'10", N/S, average build, looking for the right SHF, 18-30, to talk with and share some dreams. ☎602315

LOOKING FOR MISS RIGHT
SWM, 35, Kevin Costner looks, likes golf, ballroom dancing, oldies-classic rock. Seeking mature, strong, open-minded, honest SF to share the goods times ☎571267

WISHING FOR MY MISS RIGHT
Old- fashioned gentleman, 30, likes playing pool, hanging w/family and friends, outdoors, all types of movies. If this sounds interesting to you call and we'll see where the road leads. ☎581523 @ **Chevy1895**

LOOKING FOR FUN?
SHM, 24, 5'8", 145lbs, brown-green eyes, good-looking, good-humored, enjoys sporting events, movies, more. ISO good-looking SF with similar interests, for friendship, maybe more. Possible LTR. ☎589245

JOY OF LIVING
Engaging, confident SWM, 48, 5'10", 175lbs, smoker, dirty blond/hazel, seeks single woman, 30-50, who wants to be treated right, for LTR. ☎594640

ARE YOU THE ONE FOR ME?
SHM, 48, 6', black/brown, enjoys going to church, C/W dancing, dining out, laughter, romance, weekend getaways and more. Seeking trustworthy, non-smoking, loving SW/HF, 30-50, for friendship, possible LTR ☎962678

LOOKING FOR LOVE
Open-minded SWM, 44, 6', 200lbs, athletic build, enjoys all sports, movies, dancing, flea markets, antiques. Seeking SF, 32-46, same qualities and interests, to share life. ☎978974

MUST LIKE CHILDREN
DHM, 25, 5'7", 120lbs, two children at home, ready to try dating again. Seeking outgoing, honest lady, 21-34, who likes having fun. ☎112045

RETIRED AND ACTIVE
WM, 57, 5'11", 195lbs, interested in meeting a lady who is honest and attentive towards her mate. Please be fit, 45-55, and have a good heart. ☎204578

SHARE MY LOVE
Honest SWM, 47, 6'4", 200lbs, N/S, N/D, brown/brown, father of 1 son in the Navy, interested in photography, classic and muscle cars, country dancing. Seeking woman, 36-52, N/S, w/similar likes. ☎470814

SEEKING A FUTURE WITH YOU
SWM, 44, N/S, N/D, nice-looking, commitment-minded, seeks S/DF, 28-50, for quiet times, movies, dining out, and sharing happiness. For friendship, possible LTR. ☎454410

HI
SBM, 25, 5'10", slim build, smoker, loves football. Seeking HF, 21-30, for friendship, possible romance. ☎493913

MAKE A CUTE COUPLE
Cute HM, 24, fit, peppy style, braids, plays college baseball, seeking a sweet SHF, 19-34, who is nice, with a cute smile, is attractive. ☎496854

SPENDING TIME
SWM, 25, 6'3", brown/blue, truck driver, seeking the right SF, 20-35, to spend time with. ☎499245

HONEST AND UNDERSTANDING
SBM, 27, Scorpio, smoker, seeks a BF, 25-45, who is understanding and honest, for dating. ☎499861

IN MY FREE TIME
SWM, 28, 6' 2", Libra, N/S, appliance repairman, would enjoy some company in his free time, seeks SWF, 21-28, N/S, for LTR. ☎500307

FINDING LOVE IS HARD...
these days, but I can offer you the love you expect. Affectionate SM, 29, enjoys scary movies, relaxing at home, seeking compatible SW/HF, 21-31, for dating, possible LTR. ☎500712

NO LOVE WITHOUT RISK
SBM, 32, 6'1", 170lbs, smoker, social drinking, seeking a fun-loving, outgoing spontaneous female, ethnicity unimportant, who knows herself, is not afraid to take a chance. ☎502065

HOPELESSLY DEVOTED
Male, 20, smoker, with son (6 months), independent, self-sufficient, seeks woman, 18-24, smoker, for dating, etc. ☎504857

MATURE MIDLAND MAN
SHM, 33, 5'7", 160lbs, N/S, seeks SHF, 22-38, for friendship first, more if the connection is there. Call me up, it won't hurt! ☎508640

GOD-FEARING MAN
SBM, 38, seeks SCF, 25-50, to enjoy life, be romantic, be loved and give love. ☎507923

GOOD RELATIONSHIP
SWM, 32, wants someone to be honest, faithful, and truthful, someone to have fun with, to go out and have a good time, someone to talk to, who's understanding. ☎510931

LET'S TALK
SHM, 25, no children, employed, loves playing sports and the great outdoors. Seeking active, honest, cute, responsible, strong SF for friendship and fun. ☎515775

OF THIS EARTH
SM, 46, deep green eyes, nice looking, works in sales, easygoing, down-to-earth, commitment-minded, enjoys watching sports, playing sports, time at home, gardening, racquetball, seeking SF, 28-46, similar qualities and interests ☎521341

JACK- OF-ALL-TRADES
SWM, 39, Taurus, N/S, 5'7", 170lbs, hazel eyes, bald head, very romantic, enjoys candlelight dinners, holding hands, seeks woman, 37-50, for dating and possible relationship. ☎525443

LET'S MEET!
SM, 29, great sense of humor, likes making new friends, movies, fishing, going out, having fun. Seeking SF, 21-31, for possible relationship. ☎530137

HOLLER BACK
SHM, 19, Sagittarius, N/S, athletic, looking for someone, 18-29, N/S, who loves to dance, wants to have fun, who enjoys one-on-one attention. ☎546758

SEEKS LIGHT OF LIFE
SM, 32, seeking that special woman, to be his lifetime companion, must be honest, outgoing, have sense of humor, respect for others. ☎550043

INTO SPORTS AND CARS
SWM, 25, Capricorn, N/S, seeks an outgoing WF, 20-27, with whom to hang out, watch movies, and have fun. ☎550817

I'M EASY...
to get along with. SWM, 32, N/S, works for a local tv station, loves hard rock music. Seeking WF, 25-35, for friendship, possible romance. ☎552859

GIVE ME A JINGLE...
this holiday season. SWM, 18, 5'9", 185lbs, Capricorn, smoker, seeks woman, 18-24, for hanging out and chatting. ☎554126

ALTERNATIVE NATION
SWM, 24, smoker, never married, no kids, wants to meet someone new to talk with. Looking for SWF, 18-27, who likes alternative music, hanging around the house. ☎555750

DANCE IF YOU WANT TO
SWCM, 52, is looking for a fun-loving woman, 43-55, who likes to travel, dine, watch movies, visit libraries and museums. ☎556311

APPRECIATE A GOOD MAN?
Given the opportunity, I can prove that I am a good man, SBM, 40, single father, seeking a SF, 24-40, who appreciates a good man, kids okay ☎520285

RESPONSIBLE
Native American male, 46, Capricorn, smoker, sports fan, likes to fish, camp, party. Seeking woman, 35-50, with somewhat compatible interests. ☎558134

CALL THE TUNE
SWM, 18, 5'10", 155lbs, brown/green, student, Scorpio, N/S, plays guitar. Seeking woman, 18-30, who likes music. ☎558667

MAN'S OTHER BEST FRIEND
SHM, 19, N/S, enjoys working on cars and trucks, walking his dog. Seeking HF, 18-21, N/S, for friendship, possible romance. ☎559455

LET'S SHARE A LAUGH
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OUTSIDE SALES Consultant needed. Telewindow and Doors, stable and growing Co. Position requires high energy, self motivation. Two+years experience in high volume sales. Strong closing and computer skills. College Degree preferred, construction sales/ experience preferred. Salary position, bonus eligibility, profit sharing and full benefits including 401K. Email resume with salary History to: jobs@pellatexas.com

OUTSIDE SALES
Earn $700 to $900 + per week. No experience necessary. For interview call 1-800-777-8902.

Sales Position
Route Driver needed. Should have experience in building attractive displays, stocking shelves, managing production rotation, etc. Class A CDL is a plus. Must be able to complete a work step and drug screen. Clean driving record required. Starting pay commensurate with experience. Please apply at:

Ab-Tex Beverage Ltd.
2101 Market Street
Midland, TX 79703
EEO/AA EMPLOYER

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Sell It!
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320 Skilled Trades

Benny Boyd GM/CDJ in Lamesa needs QUALIFIED AUTO TECHNICIANS in all skill categories. Do you want to flag 40-60 hours per week? We have the work! We will pay up to $30.00 per flag hour for the right technicians with the right training. We are the fastest growing new car dealership in West Texas.

If you are looking for a place to call home and a strong aggressive company to work for, call us first! Call us NOW! We have 4 openings available immediately.

We have a great benefit package, new facility coming up, family atmosphere, and a rapidly growing clientele that needs to be serviced. If you are factory trained by either Daimler Chrysler or General Motors and have ASE certifications, WE WANT YOU! Apply in person at 1611 Lubbock Highway in Lamesa or call 866-BEN-BOYD to arrange a confidential interview. Or you may e-mail your resume to rhanzelka@ bennyboyd.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

Opportunity Awaits!

Well established, family owned, and customer oriented business is looking for the right service person to join our team as a SERVICE TECHNICIAN.

GM and Chrysler experience preferred. Pay depending on experience. Benefits available.

Contact James McCrary
432-498-0246
8 a.m. - 6 p.m. M-F
for an appointment.

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FAMILY OF DEALERSHIPS
Crane, Texas

TOMCAT
STAGING, LIGHTING AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS

TOMCAT USA, Inc., the premier company of staging, lighting, and support systems in the entertainment industry is seeking

Welders

Aluminum TIG welders with 3- 5 years of experience, fabricating to close tolerance, blueprint interpretations, and interacting daily with team members from the Production Department. Salary: DOE.

Resumes will be accepted through Friday, March 25, 2005, and may be mailed, faxed, or emailed to: TOMCAT USA, Inc. Human Resource Department, PO Box 550, Midland, TX 79702. Email: glovan@tomcatusa.com Fax: (432)689-3805. Applicants are welcome to stop by 2160 Commerce Street, Midland to fill out an application.

Website: www.tomcatglobal.com
EOE

TOMCAT
STAGING, LIGHTING AND SUPPORT SYSTEMS

TOMCAT USA, Inc., the premier manufacturer of staging, lighting and support systems in the entertainment industry is seeking:

Product Quality Supervisor

Responsibilities: directing and coordinating quality assurance inspections, product testing and set-up along with shipping and warehousing functions for all fabricated and electrical products, with the proven ability to supervise and schedule personnel. Additional requirements: two years of welding with an AWS certification, blueprint interpretation, and basic computer skills.

AutoCAD Designer

A strong team player who enjoys a challenge, likes a casual work environment, and has 3-5 years of AutoCAD experience with AutoCAD 2004 preferred.

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Website:**www.tomcatglobal.com**
EOE

→NEW TODAY←
Automation/ Compressor Technician
Andrews, Texas

Field Tech responsible for gas compressor troubleshooting, maintenance & repair. Proficient in disassembly and re-assembly of gas compressor parts & equipment relevant to Vapor Recovery Units and Compressor Packages. Minimum 3 years experience in assembly and maintenance of compressor packages desired. Experience in design, installation and maintenance of field automation equipment desired, including strong knowledge of PLC programming, installation and troubleshooting end devices, radios, pneumatic instrumentation, and installation and maintenance of production equipment required.
Please send resume to:
atech@umcautomation.com

Electronics Assembler
Midland, Texas

Looking for motivated team players. Great benefits including 401(k), paid vacation & holidays, and medical/ dental/ life insurance.

Email preferred, but may
FAX resumes to: 432-897-4203 or
MAIL: PO Box 113 Andrews, Texas 79714

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316 Sales Help Wanted

SALES PROS
WANTED!!!

If you are a closer with a passion for helping people, we want to speak with you! Direct Energy, a leader in the energy industry, is seeking aggressive, experienced outside sales people to join our successful commissioned Midland team. We offer a professional atmosphere, paid training, base pay and generous commissions! So start working this month for a company that prides itself on partnering with local businesses to understand their business and manage their energy needs to schedule an interview, please call (432) 416-0159 or fax resume to (432) 684-8237.

TEX TRAIL
A division of Big Tex Trailers in Odessa has an opening for an energetic and Outgoing
Counter Sales Person
One year sales experience required. Parts knowledge helpful. Bilingual a plus. Benefits are available. Please apply to Workforce Network or fax resumes to (432)563-1551 or e-mail to employment@bigtextrailers.com

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318 Mgmt. Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←
GREYSTAR MANAGEMENT Company is looking for manager of prime apartment community in Midland. Inquire at Windscape Apartments, 3609 Caldera.

Papa John's Pizza
NOW HIRING:
General Managers, Assistant Managers, Shift Managers. Apply in person at 1341 University (Odessa, TX). Email Resume to: pvsatrobert@aol.com Fax Resume to: 806-745-3482 EOE.

WOOD'S BOOTS
Is searching for a hard-working, inspiring store leader for our locations in Midland. If you like a little hard work, encouraging staff to accomplish goals, and love to develop long-term relationships with customers, then send your resume to: PO Box 60246, Midland, Texas, 79711. Retirement and medical benefits available.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

COMMERCIAL PROPERTY Manager needed. Salary benefits and commissions. Real Estate license and commercial experience a must. Fax resume to (713)954-1782.

DIESEL CREW HAULER. 1982 Fleetwood in excellent condition. Good tires. Economic transportation. $2,800. Midland, (505)977-8515.

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

ESTABLISHED GAS Compression Equipment Company is looking for an experienced shop mechanic. Must have general knowledge of Waukesha and Caterpillar Engines, Superior and Ariel cylinders. High school graduate, valid Texas drivers license, proven work history with 3 -5 years experience. $12.00- $15.00 per hour depending on experience with good benefits including medical insurance with drug card, vacation and sick pay, 401K, uniforms and other benefits. We are a drug free company with equal opportunity employment. Please send resume with wage history to PO Box 61710, Midland, Texas, 79711.

EXPERIENCED OIL & GAS accountant for E & T company located in Snyder Texas. Qualified candidates will have good working knowledge of oil and gas revenue Distribution procedures, general ledger, and financial statement experience helpful. Strong computer and communication skills are essential. Submit resume and salary requirement to: PO Box 511, Snyder, Texas 79550.

→NEW TODAY←
EXPERIENCED RIG Mechanic needed. Pay according to experience. Must pass drug test and have clean driving record. Benefits include insurance, vacations, and 401K. Call 570-7355 or come by 1612 E. CR 115 in Midland.

MANAGER, ESTABLISHED Oilfield Service company seeking Branch Manager with proven experience in the oil and gas industry. Excellent salary and benefits. Send resume and salary requirements to: Box P-6076, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

MASTER CORPORATION is seeking a site construction manager with the ability to work in a team environment for local and out of area projects, must have a minimum of 5 years experience in industrial construction as it relates to the oil, gas, process and power industries. The position provides a competitive salary with field allowance, paid vacations, health insurance, 401K, company vehicle, and performance incentives. Qualified applicants should mail or fax letter of interest and resume to Master Corporation, PO Box 831, Odessa, TX 79760-0831 or fax to (432)362-5166. All applications held in strict confidence. EOE.

MUD ENGINEER
Strong independent mud company hiring trainee drilling fluids specialist. Benefits include retirement plan, company vehicle, health insurance and other benefits. Send resume to Box P-6074, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NEEDED: An experienced machinist. Must have no less than 1 year verifiable experience and must pass a pre-employment drug screen. Apply in person @ 3510 E. Hwy 158, Midland, Texas 79706 or fax resume to 687-2077.

O & G INDEPENDENT seeks Secretary Word/ Excel and basic bookkeeping exerience. Job includes: receptionist, filing, word processing, and government filings. Non-smoking office. Salary DOE. Send resume with references to Box M-1024 c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

RUSTY'S OILFIELD Service is looking for roustabout helpers and pushers. Apply at Rusty's in Stanton. 756-2821.

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IT'S GARAGE SALE TIME



Is your junk in a funk?

You won't believe how fast the items lying around your home, attic or garage can be turned into cold hard cash with a garage sale promoted in the Reporter-Telegram Classified!



Call us today to schedule your garage sale ad!

Turn your trash into treasure!

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GARAGE SALE

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GARAGE SALE SERVICES

3407 W. LOUISIANA. Wednesday-Friday 1pm- ? Bicycles, unicycle, excercise equipment, toys, lots of clothes, household goods, chest of drawers.

79705

4906 THAMES COURT (Polo Park). Multi Family! Baby, children and adult clothes, toys, freezer, BBQ pit, patio furniture, more. Thursday only 8:00am.

COMMUNITY AND SENIOR SERVICES Blvd.
(Scharbauer Draw West of Lamesa Road)
Fantastic Bargains- 75% Off Everything remaining of sale supporting Meals on Wheels in the antique and collectible department only. Something for everyone: dining room set, antique bed, records, linens, pictures, glassware, small kitchen items, jewelry, vintage clothing, dishes, lamps, and too much to list. *Come and See!!*
Wednesday & Thursday
March 9 & 10, 9:00am - 4:00pm.

The Deadline to place an Ad in our Saturday Garage Sale Section is Noon Friday. Call 682-6222 to place your ad today.

ATTN: READERS
Re: Advertising
It is against City ordinance to attach any notices or advertising matter to any utility pole. Please contact City of Midland Code Enforcement Office, 685-7410, for additional information.

DON'T MISS OUT!
The deadline for a Saturday Garage Sale ad is Friday at Noon. .
Please be sure to call 682-6222, before noon, to ensure your ad will be in Saturday's paper.

$20.50 $20.50 $20.50 $20.50
GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20.50
- ★ 7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)
- ★ 2 Days
- ★ ■ ✓ ● ♥ Stand Out Emblem
- ★ Garage Sale Kit (includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints. $7.50 Value!)
- ★ Package of Flavored Drink Mix (for the Kids to Open a Drink Stand!)
- ★ $3 Off Classified Coupon (Place an ad to sell those left-over garage sale items & get $3 off!)

Or Get 3 Days for Only $24.50!
Call 682-6222 Today!
$20.50 $20.50 $20.50 $20.50

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

→NEW TODAY←
ROUSTABOUT HANDS needed. Pay depends on experience. Call James at 553-6570.

VACUUM TRUCK Driver- Must have Class A CDL. Steady Work. Insurance & Retirement Plan. Pay depends on experience. Midkiff Transports, 6601 FM 715, 432-682-2405.

320 Skilled Trades

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ATTENTION!!
WELDERS
FABRICATORS
PIPE FITTERS
EVCO FABRICATION IS HIRING **NOW!!**
PAY IS BASED ON EXPERIENCE AND SKILL LEVEL
CALL TODAY!!
432-561-8561

ELECTRICIANS
Electricians with experience in commercial/industrial needed for work on Goodfellow AFB (San Angelo). Contact Mike 512-563-1906 (cell) 8:00-4:00, M-F. Equal Opportunity Employer.

EXPERIENCED MASON Tenders needed at Midland Lee High School. Please call Dave Bradley @ 254-379-2934.

INDEPENDENT CAR Dealership is seeking ASE Certified experienced Mechanic. For more information please call 432-352-7557.

LOCAL WELL established heating and air-conditioning Company. Needing experienced residential installers. Residential retrofit and construction installers needed. Top wages for experience, quality of work and attitude. Apply in person at: 1101 W. Florida Avenue or call (432)687-1011 to set an appointment.

MECHANICS NEEDED. Small town, nice scenery, great lake, great schools. Want to work with a automobile dealership with great pay, great benefits & a great place to work? ASE certified preferred. Call Rob Bridwell at 325-998-9506.

NOW HIRING Commercial Construction Job Superintendent. Must be professional and experienced in all phases of construction. Drug test, pre-employment physical and travel required. Mail resume to: General Superintendent, PO Box 60708, Midland, TX, 79711.

SERVICE COMPANY now hiring field welder. Applicant must have valid TX DL. Drug screen required. Please apply in person at TCO Field Service, 3601 E. Highway 158, Midland, Texas.

321 Truck Drivers

$1,000 SIGN ON Bonus for experienced crude oil hauler. Local hauls based in Midland. (325)725-0955.

DRIVERS NEEDED- Must have 2 years verifiable OTR experience, valid CDL A License and good driving record. Will be required to pass DOT Drug Screen & Physical. Apply to McClatchy Brothers, Inc., 3901 W. Industrial, Midland, TX. 694-9691

→NEW TODAY←
CDL DRIVER: Growing oil field service company needs experienced CDL driver. Good driving record and drug screen required. Apply in person, Big D Equipment Company, 4501 East Hwy 80, Midland, Texas.

→NEW TODAY←
DRIVERS WANTED. Oil field pipe experience necessary, clean driving record, CDL required. Please Call (432)697-0015 for information.

READY MIX Drivers needed. Full time position with Transit Mix Concrete & Materials Co., a leader in the ready mix industry in Texas. Full benefit package, wage increase and 35 hours guarenteed. Must have good driving record and CDL license. Experience a plus. Apply at Transit Mix: 2608 North FM 1788, Midland, TX 79707, 432-561-9408 or 432-664-4155. Transit Mix Concrete is an EOE/ AA Employer.

→NEW TODAY←
CDL DRIVER Training. CDL Training instructors needed. 5+ Years CDL experience. Prior oil and gas experience encouraged to apply (303)227-0131 extension 205 or careers@ushighwaysafety.com

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Driver
$500 Sign on Bonus Local positions available
- Assigned Equipment
- Paid Weekly
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- 401K with company match
- Profit Sharing

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www.tankstar.com
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ADVANCED BACKHOE is looking for a backhoe operator with a CDL. 634-3800.

Fax It! 682-6999

335 Adult Care Needed

→NEW TODAY←
EXPERIENCED PROVIDER needed for private home. 2pm- 11pm. 522-7419.

336 Adult Care Providers

CHRISTIAN LADY. Six years experience taking care of eldery, looking for private home care. For more information, call 570-1955.

COMPANION SITTER. I'm a Nursing Student available for evening/ overnight care. $8/ hour. Susan 432-889-1262.

340 Child Care Needed

INHOME child care needed for infant. 7:30- 5:30 Monday - Friday. References required. Call 683-4190.

341 Child Care Providers

CHILD CARE in my home 0- 4 years, weekdays 8- 5. Spanish speaking household 683-9835.

AFFORDABLE CHILD-CARE- Safe, fun learning environment, preparation for kindergarten. For references/ credentials, call 425-7690.

350 Business Opportunities

Attention Readers
Occasionally, ads found in this section come from distant points & the Midland Reporter-Telegram cannot always know the merits of the offers. We suggest when you are in doubt that you call the Better Business Bureau before signing any contract/ or giving out your credit card or bank information.

ABSOLUTE GOLDMINE!
60 Vending Machines
Excellent Locations
All for, $10,995
800-234-6982

$1,380 WEEKLY GUARANTEED. Work from home. Full- time, part-time. $50 Hiring bonus. 407-839-3247.

400 Auctions

Arnold Marshall Estate Auction
Saturday, March 19, 2005
10am - Preview 8am
700 Highland Dr. Big Spring, Texas
Huge executive 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath corner lot home in prestigious Highland South acutioned at 12 noon.
Furniture: Stickley tiger oak buffet, sidebar, and china cabinet. Duncan Fife buffet, china cabinet, secretary and chair, large pedestal table w/ 6 chairs, 3 complete bedroom suites. Hotpoint side by side refrigerator, washer, dryer, 32" Toshiba TV, much more.
China: Limoges, Bavaria, French Havilen, Nippon, Brisstol, Noritake, Tienshan Christmas set, much more.
Glassware: Depression, Carnival, Fostoria, Cranberry, Ruby Red, much more.
Norman Rockwell collectibles: entire set of Four Seasons figurines, books, Plates, steins, much more.
Figurines: Borghese, Lefton, Andrea, Largo, Norman Rockwell, more.
Household: sterling silver flatware, punch bowl and tea sets, stainless, oil paintings adn supplies, golf clubs, book sets, televisions, linens, largemirrors, kitchen appliances, formal table linens, tools.
There are too many unique items to list. Must see to believe!!
View at www.springcityauction.com
Snack bar available. All announcements made sale day supercede prior announcements
Scott Emerson, TAL 15051
Spring City Auction
2611 W. Hwy 80, Big Spring, Tx
432-263-1831
Consignment sale every Thursday 7pm

400 Auctions

MARSHALL ESTATE Auction. March 19th. Big Spring, Texas. Complete list to follow. View at springcityauction.com

600 For Rent

1808 CODY PLACE, Odessa, Texas. Cute house, 3 bedroom, 2 bath, sprinkler system, open floor plan, 1300 sq. ft., cul-de-sac, Nimitz & Permian school district. $300 deposit, $800 per month. Available now, unfurnished. Call Bert 634-6142.

RENTALS 600

600	Rooms for Rent
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675	Rec./Resort
680	Out of Town
685	Hunting Leases
690	Oil/Gas Leases
695	Oilfield Misc

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610 Apartments Unfurnished

Limited Time Only
$210
Moves You In!
One Bedroom One Bath
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• Full size washer/dryer connections
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Move In Special!
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EQUAL HOUSING OPPORTUNITY

ALL real estate advertised herein is subject to the Federal Fair Housing Act, which makes it illegal to indicate any preference, limitation or discrimination based on race, color, age, religion, sex, handicap, familial status or national origin, or intention to make any such preferences, limitations or discrimination.

We will not knowingly accept any advertising for real estate which is in violation of the law. All persons are hereby informed that all dwellings advertised are available on equal opportunity basis.

Residential rental locators are required to be licensed by the Texas Real Estate Commission (P.O. Box 12188, Austin, TX 78711, 1-800-250-8732 or 512-465-3960) www.hud.gov/hdiscrim.html

600 Rooms for Rent

FURNISHED ROOM for rent. Excellent for college students/ others. All bills paid. $200 monthly, $100 deposit. Cable, TV, washer, dryer provided. Call 967-0017.

605 Apartments Furnished

ALL BILLS Paid- Furnished one and two bedroom. Quiet down town complex. Must qualify credit check. No HUD. To see call 682-3589.

→NEW TODAY←
ALL BILLs paid efficiency. $300/ Month. Includes phone and cable. No deposit. 522-1946.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

IMPERIAL APARTMENTS 1 or 2 bedrooms, pool, laundry, carports, all utilities paid, 405 Sunset. 694-6542.

610 Apartments Unfurnished

→NEW TODAY←
SAGEWOOD- Awesome 2 bedroom flat. 699-1693/ 352-2252

ONE BEDROOM townhomes. 800 square feet. $275 per month. Two bedroom townhomes with washer and dryer connections, 1,050 square feet, $395 per month. Covered parking available. Call 694-5950.

2 Bedroom Townhome
1175 sq. ft.
Covered Parking
Private Patio
Completely Elec.
Full Size W/D Connections
Free Gold's Gym
4400 Apt. Homes
697-7973
4400 Andrews Hwy.

CREDIT PROBLEMS- Call us. Rentals from $250 to $675. 520-7375.

1 BEDROOM, 1 bath, near downtown $325/ monthly, $200/ deposit. Water furnished. Call 520-4444.

→NEW TODAY←
SAGEWOOD- One Bedroom- downstairs available. 699-1693/ 352-2252

→NEW TODAY←
❤LARGE CLEAN 1 Bedroom. Large walk- in closet. Covered parking. Quiet and safe. 697-3510.

→NEW TODAY←
MIDLAND'S BEST Kept Secret! Luxury living/ secured building, heated pool/ spa. 2,050 sq. ft. Shown by appointment. 352-2252.

QUAIL HOLLOW Apartment Now Leasing 1 and 2 bedrooms. Move in special for March is $155 moves you in. Call today 432-697-6039 or come by 3001 N. Midland Drive, Midland, TX 79707.

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Take a tour today!!
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GOLDEN PARK Duplex. 2 Bedrooms, 1 bath, new carpet, new paint. Quiet location. $425. Washer/ dryer provided. 352-2252.

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$99 Move-in
with Approved Credit
Free Cable!!
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625 Houses Unfurnished

NEW RENTAL HOMES
3/ 4 Bedrooms, 2 baths, 2 car garage, extra nice, extra clean, great locations, low maintenance, Lee High School. Starting at $975 per month. 432-967-3240/ 432-520-5096.

THREE BEDROOM, one bath, water well. 903 West Kentucky. $450 monthly. Please call 697-2724 or 684-7535.

705 "D" KANSAS (alley) One bedroom, one bath. $400/ month. $250/ deposit. Bills paid. Williams & Associates. (432) 694-9663.

BELEW REAL ESTATE
Offers new Racquet Club 3 bedroom, 2 bath, 2 car garage. $975 a month, $500 deposit. Call 580-4558.

3704 AMELIA. 2 Bedroom, 1 Bath. $375/ month. Deposit and references required. 694-4648.

PRINTZ PROPERTY Management. 684-8202. Homes, townhomes, duplexes- All prices and sizes. Jeannie Printz, broker/ owner.

→NEW TODAY←
5120 BELAIRE. 3 Bedroom, 2 Bath, Central Air, Fireplace, 2 car garage. $725/ month. $400/ deposit. Williams & Associates. (432) 694-9663.

→NEW TODAY←
2 BEDROOM duplex, clean, nice backyard, upstairs, no pets, by appointment only. $550 monthly. 413-0013.

ONE YEAR LEASE on Bedford Drive- 2- 1- 1, 2 living. $800 plus $800 deposit. No pets. Excellent credit required. Owner/ Agent. 684-4177.

FOR LEASE: Beautiful home 3/ 2/ 2 north Midland. Spacious yard cul-de-sac. $1200/ month, $1200 deposit. Call 686-0245 or 638-1574.

3 BEDROOM, 2 BATH, 2 car garage, fireplace. $750/ month. $600/ deposit. 5206 Belaire. 699-7316/ 553-8712.

↓RENTED↓
3608 AMELIA. 2 Bedroom, 1 bath. $395/ monthly, $200/ deposit. XXX-XXXX

4402 VERSAILLES. three bedroom, 1 3/4 bath, no pets, $650/ month, $500 deposit. Call 522-1166.

VERY CLEAN 3 bedroom, 1 bath, single car garage, located in Southwest Midland. $600 per month. Call (432)686-2800.

640 Condo Townhome Unfurn.

THREE BEDROOM, three bath, double covered parking, $950, $900 deposit. 2100 W. Wadley, #20. 432-683-4864.

4601 LANHAM. 3 BEDROOM, 2.5 Bath, 2 Car garage. Nice, clean, and quiet. $975 per month/ 1 year. 520-5692.

FAIRGATE Townhomes, northwest side, 6 and 12 month leases, 2 and 3 bedrooms 1600 sq. ft. livable, all appliances, fans, fireplaces and garages. 686-2800.

655 Mobile Homes Unfurn.

PRETTIEST, LARGE -2 bedroom you'll ever see. Kitchen island with breakfast bar, new carpet, spacious throughout. On private property, too many amenities to list. No pets, good credit, rental references. $550 per month $250 deposit. Call 689-0503.

→NEW TODAY←
4608 W. COUNTY ROAD 114. 2 Bedroom mobile home. Washer/ dryer included. $250/ month. $100/ deposit. 694-8016.

COUNTRY LIVING, 2 bedroom, all appliances, central heat. Nice and clean. $500 month, $250 deposit, no inside pets. Only outdoor pets. Call 682-9293 or 528-8914.

NOW AVAILABLE- 2/ 3 bedroom mobile homes, all appliances, fenced yards, extra clean! Deposit required. No vicious dogs. 687-6324.

660 Mobile Home Space for Rent

AIRLINE MOBILE HOME Park. Smooth Move! $450 to $650 savings. Call soon! 694-2534.

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Limited Time Only
$210
Moves You In!
One Bedroom
One Bath
Beginning at $299
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2 Bedroom 1 Bath
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Professionally managed by PMC

1, 2 & 3 BDR's Available!
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520-5871

660 Mobile Home Space for Rent

MOVE IN SPECIAL $69 monthly for one year, regularly $130. Lee schools. Quiet neighbors, great in-park management, paved, security fence. 432-563-1517.

665 Bus. Prop./ Office Rent.

DENTAL OFFICE. Three chairs. About 2,000 sq. ft. Centrally located on Andrews Hwy. Good rate. Available immediately. 699-2188.

OFFICES single/ multiple (suites available) Executive suites optional. Rent includes utilities, custodial services, free parking. 2 Locations: 4500 W. Illinois, 600 N. Baird. 620-1500.

1,000 SQUARE FOOT Warehouse/ office. Overhead door. A/C and heat, secured yard. $275. 682-4789/ 683-5697.

667 Commercial Property

OFFICE WAREHOUSING- 2,000 to 20,000 square feet. Some with yards. Ask for Don 352-2067.

667 Commercial Property

→NEW TODAY←
OFFICE/ WAREHOUSE for lease. Approximately 1,500 sq. ft. office and 7,500 sq. ft. warehouse/ shop with 3 phase electric. Two overhead doors, 2 ton bridge crane, and fenced yard. Reception area, 3 offices, 2 clean restrooms and kitchen. Great location on Cottonflat Road. $2,200/ month. Call Don Davis, LMB, 686-2800.

OPPORTUNITIES- Midland, 2,000 sq. ft. of Grocery Store available. Use as Grocery/ Restaurant, Grocery/ Video Store or Grocery/ Drive Thru. Outside opportunity of Snow cone stand. Office space also available. 694-2534.

FOR LEASE: all sizes and types of properties, office, warehouse, retail. 800 to 40,000 sq. ft. Some with fenced yards. 683-8681.

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