MONDAY MORNING

Volunteer award

Lesa Hanssen's interest in criminal justice has led her to become an award-winning volunteer for law enforcement./**1B**

SPORTS

U.S. Open

Martina Hingis grabbed the championship Sunday, reinforcing her stranglehold, at least for now, on the game./**1C**

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Sunny with high in mid-90s. Weather on 2A

AP Photo

Mother Teresa

Sisters of Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity pray during a memorial service for Mother Teresa Sunday at the Cathedral of Saint Mary of the Assumption in San Francisco. Mother Teresa died Sept. 5 of heart failure.
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Hurricane Erika

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico — Hurricane Erika churned the Atlantic seas with 105 mph winds Sunday while some islanders ignored warnings of choppy waters and strong undercurrents to frolic and surf in San Juan. Erika whipped up high waves and swells, battering the northeastern shores of Puerto Rico. The National Weather Service warned that an increase in swells could force an evacuation.
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Tax payments

WASHINGTON — The $152 billion tax cut bill was supposed to make life easier by allowing taxpayers to use credit cards to pay their federal taxes. Major credit card companies say their member banks aren't expected to do business with the IRS because the law — doesn't allow the federal government to pay the banks the typical merchant fees for credit card transactions.
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Education board weighs changes

By Peggy Fikac
Associated Press

AUSTIN — While Texas schools struggle to lure qualified teachers, state officials are considering new requirements for people to get and maintain teaching certificates.

The proposals include an internship period for beginning teachers and a five-year renewal of professional certificates, with requirements for continuing education to keep the certificate active.

Teachers currently don't have to renew their lifetime certificates.

Backers say the proposals would heighten the teaching profession's credibility and give teachers the tools they need to be effective in the classroom.

"Once you add greater credibility, I think that's going to encourage people to move into the profession," said Mark Littleton, executive director of the State Board for Educator Certification, which will consider the proposed changes.

At least half of Texas' educators are teaching at least one subject outside of the field in which they are certified.

The most common shortage areas are bilingual education, math, special education, science and English as a second language, according to the Texas Association of School Boards.

In mathematics alone last year, more teachers without certification in that subject conducted classes (13,994) than did certified teachers (13,938). At the same time, student performance in math is lagging.

Some say the answer to getting certified teachers into the classroom isn't requiring them to jump through more hoops.

Teachers already spend time on professional development training, Littleton noted. He said the difference with this proposal might be training that's more focused on teachers' and students' specific needs.

But John Cole, president of the Texas Federation of Teachers, said tying training to certificate renewal "is addressing the wrong problem."

"You won't increase the quality of teaching by imposing more requirements on those people who have made a commitment to the profession and stuck with it," he said.

"The most obvious reason (for a shortage of classroom teachers) is that it's not financially rewarding enough to be in teaching. There are other reasons, too. Teachers are not treated as professionally as they ought to be."

Cole cited the basic skills test teachers were required to take more than a decade ago, which infuriated and insulted many in the profession, and teacher appraisal systems that he finds lacking.

"Now they're talking about taking licenses away from

Please see **TEACHERS**/2A

CANCER IN PETS

Tim Fischer/Reporter-Telegram

Jonet, one of the four poodles owned by Midlander Claudine Kilgore, has cancer.

Pet owners try to cope with ominous diagnosis

By Jimmy Patterson
Staff Writer

It was in May that Nicholas went to the doctor for a well-baby check. He and his family were about to move to another city, and Nick's doctor was a favorite and well-liked. So the family took him in one more time.

"They had him up on the table, and one of the technicians was feeling under his groin while she was holding him," said Elizabeth Madison, recalling the trip to the doctor that day. "The tech told the doctor he needed to feel the area. The doctor thought Nick had a hernia and he scheduled him for hernia surgery that Friday.

"We went to pick him up after surgery and were told that he had an enlarged lymph node and it looked pretty serious. We found out the next Tuesday that Nick had a lymphosarcoma."

Nick weighs 50 pounds. He's 4 years old. He wears a collar and gets rabies shots — just like any other golden retriever. And he has cancer.

Cancer in pets is something most people don't normally think of. When cancer is the topic of discussion, human victims come to mind. But animals get cancer, too. And for the owners, their pets' cancer is often both emotionally and financially draining.

"He's my baby," said Ms. Madison, a former Midlander now living in Arlington. "I've had dogs all my life. I am a veterinarian's daughter. But Nick is the first dog that I went and picked out and am totally responsible for. I was a basket case (upon hearing the news). I stood in the doctor's office and cried."

According to Stephen Withrow, D.V.M., author of the 1996 book "Small Animal Clinical Oncology," "Whether we like it or not, the prevalence of cancer in pet animals is on the increase."

Withrow said that prevalence simply implies an increased number of diagnosed cases per year and does not factor in documenting the number of cases vs. the population at risk.

"The Handbook of Small Animal Practice (1992)" reports that the annual incidence rate for "neoplasia of all sites"

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Britain struggles to catch breath, ponder questions

By Ted Anthc
Associated Press

LONDON — Her funeral is over, her body rests in the cool earth of a quiet country estate, and the feelings of those who mourned Diana have evolved from personal disbelief to public grief to near-mythic adulation for a princess who died too young.

Now, an exhausted nation struggles for its breath after an extraordinary week during which outpourings of tears and heartache carried unanticipated — and quite unsettling — questions about what Diana's life, death and legacy mean for the fabric of Britain.

'As a result of what has happened, we have changed.'
— Prime Minister Tony Blair

It was a week that rendered suddenly passe the phrase "stiff upper lip." A week that united commoners and aristocrats in royal London's crowded streets. A week when a big-hearted, insecure woman with an eating disorder, a penchant for controversy and two beautiful sons instantly was elevated toward sainthood by a nation hungry for a heroine who could never disappoint.

Finally, it was a week when the long-ruling House of Windsor, painfully out of step, learned just how much of a star its princess was — and how fervently the public looked to her as the prototype of a new, modern royal model.

On Sunday, the kingdom's elected leader acknowledged all this.

"As a result of what happened," said Prime Minister Tony Blair, "we have changed."

In so many ways, it seems he is right.

Anyone who said more than a week ago that a one-car accident in a Paris tunnel could sucker-punch all Britannia undoubtedly would have been laughed at.

Yet here is this nation, dealt a staggering blow by the death of a princess it had spent much of the last two decades trying to decide whether to adore, excoriate or just plain watch.

"We have all been trying in our different ways to cope," Queen Elizabeth II said Friday night in an unprecedented live public address from Buckingham Palace.

Networks undoubtedly will produce

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'You must have vision,' speaker tells students

By Alice Ashmore
Staff Writer

A roomful of adolescents gazed toward the stage, their faces fixed in rapt attention. The speech by Dr. Arnulfo Carrasco of San Antonio was the culmination of six hours of leadership training conference for 200 Midland Independent School District eighth-graders.

"You must have vision," Carrasco told the students. "If you don't have dreams you have nightmares."

Friday's Step Up to Success conference was directed towards "at-risk" students that teachers felt would benefit the most from leadership training, said Martha Martinez, MISD Parent Information Specialist.

This included youth who may be at risk by having poor attendance, or are involved in peer activities that detract from their academic performance.

"'At risk' does not necessarily refer to academic performance," Ms. Martinez said.

The leadership conference was a cooperative effort of the Midland Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the MISD, the John Ben Shepperd Leadership Institute and the Region

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AP Photo

President Clinton and his daughter Chelsea wait to board Air Force One Sunday morning to return to Washington from vacationing on Martha's Vineyard.

Busy political agenda faces Clinton upon return to work

WASHINGTON (AP) — After three nearly uninterrupted weeks at play on Martha's Vineyard, President Clinton returned to the White House Sunday with a long to-do list. At the very top: Salvage his centerpiece plan for education standards and testing.

The president also hoped, through an ambitious fall game plan, to control the political agenda on the big issues of tobacco, free trade and global warming. But with opposition building on those issues, time was already running out.

Clinton has "really had a chance to relax and spend some time thinking and recharging his batteries, so I think he's looking forward to getting back to work," spokesman Joe Lockhart said before the president and his family departed their Massachusetts island haven Sunday. "We expect progress on a number of issues."

Still, looming over the work ahead was the expectation among many White House officials that Clinton would be distracted by the departure of daughter Chelsea for Stanford University later this month.

One administration official cited a fall planning memo sent in August from the White House to the heads of all federal agencies, encouraging them to keep an eye out for official opportunities for the president to travel to northern California, near Stanford.

Clinton, who wants wide latitude in negotiating a hemisphere-wide free

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WEATHER

Midland forecast

3-day forecast

Today	Tuesday	Wednesday
Sunny	Partly cloudy	Partly cloudy
High 95	High 94	High 85
Low 67	Low 65	Low 64

Today's forecast calls for mostly sunny skies. Highs today will be in the lower 90s. Light southeast winds 5 to 15 mph.

Tonight's forecast calls for clear skies and lows in the mid to upper 60s.

Tuesday's forecast includes partly cloudy skies with highs in the mid to upper 90s

Tuesday night, expect partly cloudy skies with lows in the 60's

Sunday's high temperature reached 91, after an overnight low of 68. Record high for this date was 99 set in 1930. Record low for this date was 55, set in 1988.

Yesterday's precipitation

Rainfall Monday	.00 in.
Rainfall Tuesday	.00 in.
Total for month	.41 in.
Total for year	13.28 in.

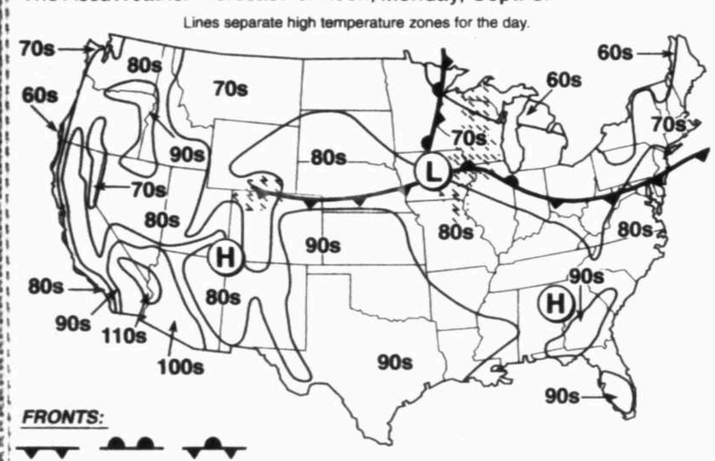
Yesterday's temperatures

High	91
low	68
Normal high	93
Normal low	64

Sunrise 7:28 a.m. Sunset 8:03 p.m.

National forecast

The AccuWeather® forecast for noon, Monday, Sept. 8.



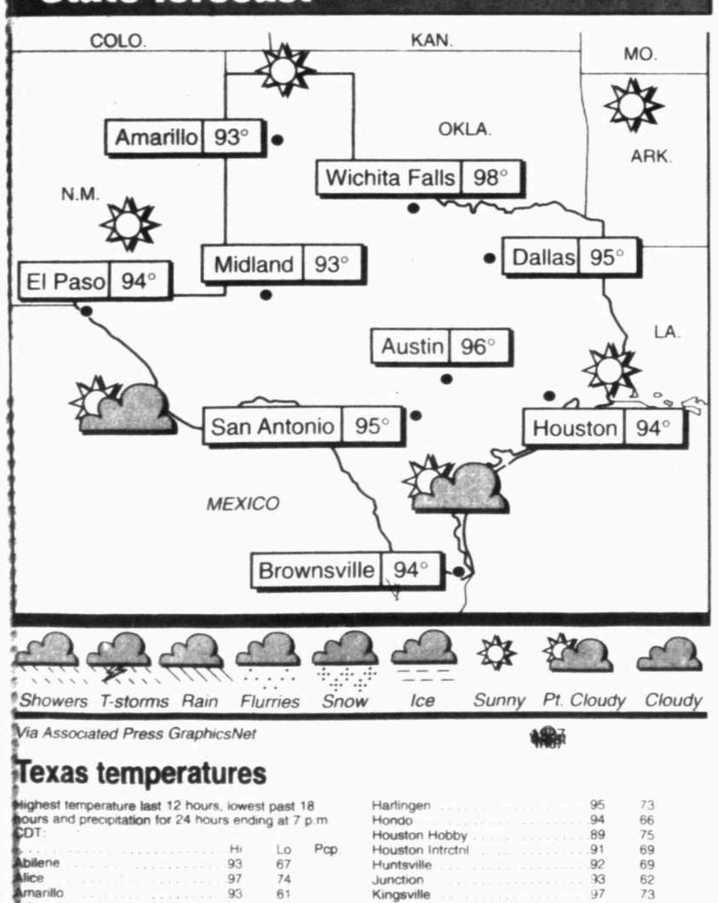
Via Associated Press

United States temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Prc	Otlk
Albany,N.Y.	78	60	.01	cdy
Albuquerque	89	62	cdy	
Amarillo	93	63	clr	
Anchorage	57	52	rn	
Asheville	82	52	clr	
Atlanta	86	57	clr	
Atlantic City	83	53	cdy	
Baltimore	89	54	.13	clr
Billings	86	54	.01	cdy
Birmingham	89	55	cdy	
Bismarck	88	54	.21	cdy
Boise	89	64	clr	
Boston	78	62	cdy	
Brownsville	92	74	.05	cdy
Buffalo	65	62	.14	cdy
Burlington,Vt.	70	61	cdy	
Casper	84	48	cdy	
Charleston,S.C.	86	58	clr	
Charleston,W.Va.	84	53	cdy	
Charlotte,N.C.	89	61	clr	
Cheyenne	77	56	cdy	
Chicago	72	60	rn	
Cincinnati	85	59	cdy	
Cleveland	74	59	.01	cdy
Columbia,S.C.	91	58	clr	
Columbus,Ohio	83	60	cdy	
Concord,N.H.	73	55	rn	
Dayton	85	58	cdy	
Denver	84	55	cdy	
Des Moines	79	69	cdy	
Detroit	76	60	cdy	
Duluth	60	55	cdy	
Evansville	86	57	rn	
Fairbanks	71	44	cdy	
Fargo	85	57	cdy	
Flagstaff	78	48	cdy	
Grand Rapids	73	54	cdy	
Great Falls	80	41	cdy	
Greensboro,N.C.	86	60	cdy	
Hartford Spgfld	80	54	cdy	
Helena	83	46	cdy	
Honolulu	90	78	cdy	
Indianapolis	86	58	rn	
Jackson,Miss.	90	65	cdy	
Jacksonville	85	63	cdy	
Juneau	57	48	rn	
Kansas City	85	65	cdy	
Las Vegas	99	78	cdy	
Little Rock	95	69	cdy	
Los Angeles	88	71	clr	
Louisville	86	61	cdy	
Memphis	90	68	cdy	
Miami Beach	87	74	.24	cdy
Milwaukee	66	61	rn	
Mpls-St Paul	72	61	.01	cdy
Nashville	87	63	cdy	
New Orleans	89	70	cdy	
New York City	83	66	cdy	
Norfolk,Va.	84	65	cdy	
North Platte	88	58	.45	clr
Oklahoma City	96	64	cdy	
Omaha	83	70	clr	
Orlando	87	73	.01	cdy
Philadelphia	82	59	.01	cdy
Phoenix	101	82	clr	
Pittsburgh	78	57	cdy	
Portland,Maine	70	56	rn	
Portland,Ore.	81	54	clr	
Providence	79	59	cdy	
Raleigh-Durham	93	59	cdy	
Rapid City	86	55	cdy	
Reno	87	48	cdy	
Richmond	91	60	cdy	
Sacramento	93	58	cdy	
St Louis	88	69	rn	
Salt Lake City	87	66	rn	
San Diego	80	72	clr	
San Francisco	72	61	cdy	
San Juan,P.R.	89	80	rn	
Santa Fe	90	57	cdy	
St Ste Marie	65	55	cdy	
Seattle	75	52	clr	
Shreveport	90	74	cdy	
Sioux Falls	82	64	.15	cdy
Spokane	77	47	clr	
Syracuse	66	61	.02	cdy
Tampa-St Ptrsbg	88	71	cdy	
Topeka	86	68	.17	clr
Tucson	98	71	cdy	
Tulsa	90	65	cdy	
Washington,D.C.	89	59	clr	
Wichita	90	69	.10	cdy
Wilkes-Barre	71	52	.15	cdy
Wilmington,Del	83	54	cdy	

State forecast



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Texas temperatures

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

	Hi	Lo	Pcp
Abilene	93	67	
Alice	97	74	
Amarillo	93	61	
Arlington	95	64	
Austin	94	68	
Beaumont	90	78	
Brownsville	92	74	0.05
Burnet	93	64	
Childress	95	66	
College Station	95	68	
Conroe	91	68	
Corpus Christi	94	71	
Corsicana	94	67	
Cotulla	98	74	
Dalhart	91	61	
Dallas	97	70	
Del Rio	95	71	
Denton	95	58	
El Paso	95	70	
Fort Stockton	92	67	
Fort Worth	93	77	
Galveston	86	78	
Harlingen	95	73	
Hondo	94	66	
Houston Hobby	89	75	
Houston Intrctnl	91	69	
Huntsville	92	69	
Junction	93	62	
Kingsville	97	73	
Laredo	95	75	
Lubbock	93	65	
Lufkin	95	73	
Marfa	88	55	
McAllen	94	75	0.01
Mineral Wells	96	63	
Navy Corpus	90	77	
New Braunfels	94	68	
Palacios	92	75	0.80
Paris	91	66	
Rockport	90	75	0.47
San Angelo	94	66	
San Antonio	96	69	
Terrell	94	63	
Texarkana, Ark.	92	69	
Victoria	94	72	
Waco	95	60	
Wichita Falls	95	68	
Wink	92	65	

TEACHERS: Texas ranks low in recent report

(From 1A)

teachers who don't get enough continuing education. It reminds me of the old saying: The floggings will continue until morale improves," he said.

Both sides have a point, said Linda Darling-Hammond, executive director of the National Commission on Teaching and America's Future and a professor at Columbia University Teachers College.

In a report last fall pointing to the close relationship between student achievement and teacher skills and practices, the commission looked at 10 teacher quality indicators in the states. They ranged from mentor programs to hiring of unqualified people. Texas got a zero.

"The licensing requirements and teacher education requirements that the state allows for teachers are weaker in Texas than most states around the country," said Ms. Darling-Hammond, although she added there are some good individual preparation programs.

With weak requirements, people may pick up a teaching certificate as a hedge against unemployment and never use it, she said — with the state picking up much of the tab for the wasted training.

"When the requirements to enter teaching are made more rigorous and teacher education programs are strengthened, the proportion of people who go through programs who enter and stay in teaching is much higher," she said.

Most states also have requirements for maintaining teacher certification, Ms. Darling-Hammond said.

She added, however, "The other half of that equation is working conditions and salaries."

Texas ranked 36th in teacher salaries in 1995-96, paying $31,633 a year. The national average was $37,643.

Lawmakers in 1995 increased the minimum salary and tied it to state spending on education. But just about 25 percent of teachers are at the minimum scale, according to teacher groups. School districts can pay over the minimum, and a number add stipends for teachers in high-demand areas.

"I don't know that you can ever pay a teacher what they're worth to society," said certification board member Virginia Collier, superintendent of Brenham Independent School District.

But at the same time, she said, teachers do not work year-round as other professions do. She said salaries reflect the time, work and training involved.

Joan Bertino, a teacher at Austin's Travis Heights Elementary, said she believes an internship period in which beginning teachers work with mentors would be useful. Certificate renewal isn't asking too much either, she said.

But what's required to address the teacher shortage, she said, is society placing a higher value on those who educate their youngsters.

"People admire teachers like they admire social workers," she said, "but they probably encourage their children to do other things ... so they can do better financially."

DIANA: Week of funeral a kaleidoscope of images

(From 1A)

souvenir montage videotapes of last week's memorable images, and — for this tale more than most — the format will be apt.

The first week of September 1997 in Britain is foremost a dizzying series of scenes that whizzed by in the way that only information-age high tragedy can.

Each day brought new images: Prince Charles bringing her body home from France. Earl Spencer, Diana's brother, saying the media has "blood on its hands." Princes William and Harry, somber and empty-eyed, leaving their Balmoral Castle retreat. Revelations that the chauffeur, Henri Paul, was drunk. Paparazzi detained. Tears as far away as Indonesia.

Then, Saturday, the most memorable images of all:

The throngs of faithful silently watching her cortege pass. The card on her coffin: "Mummy." Her loved ones and loved causes in Westminster Abbey. Elton John's reworked version of "Candle in the Wind." Earl Spencer's piercing eulogy, a pointed screed against tradition and media. And her long, slow, inexorable ride north to a tiny island in a tiny lake on the grounds of an ancestral home.

That day alone, a crescendo to the week, perhaps changed things most of all.

"The idea that national pride and dignity may only be conveyed by cold obedience to precedent and protocol could not survive the week," Patrick Collins wrote in a column in The Mail on Sunday.

"It had perished long before the close of the day."

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The concerns of ordinary Brits were not buried with Diana on Saturday. Indeed, the past week's nascent changes may reach far into the country's future.

Last week has changed — for better and worse — the causes Diana supported. Left without a powerful living advocate, they nonetheless will benefit greatly from Diana in death.

It changes her sons, one of whom is destined to rule Britain. How will her death change the direction of his growth?

It could change the press: Britain's top journalists acknowledge the wrath of the Diana story might endure. Public opinion is sure to be squarely behind leaving William and Harry alone.

"Ever since her death, I've forbidden myself from buying magazines that feed on my appetite to know more about other people's private lives," said Deslyn Johnson, 27, of South London.

Most important, the week could change forever Britons' view of royalty itself: Did the princess, dutiful representative of a latter-day Age of Emotion, render the monarchy cold and obsolete?

Diana, of course, is forever transformed. In life an admired, coveted woman, in death she has become Britain's blank slate, a reflection of all causes, all personalities, all emotions. And she has inherited one trait of her Roman-goddess namesake — as mythical protector of humanity's downtrodden.

At Kensington Palace, a gentle rain freshened the knee-deep field of bouquets that grew higher Sunday.

Some people have left toys, some candles, some painstakingly lettered and laminated messages, from Dartmoor Prison inmates and Kent schoolchildren to "Moomina from the Maldives."

Asks one, written on a paper towel and tacked to a fence: "Did an angel walk among us?"

Before Aug. 31, 1997, the answer, in Diana's case, would have been no. Today, after the odd, epic events of one extraordinary week in time, a retrofitted angel may be exactly what Britain has created for itself.

PETS: Dogs' pain tolerance helps hide onset of cancer

(From 1A)

is an estimated 381 tumors per 100,000 dogs and almost 156 per 100,000 cats. The journal states that while Great Danes, St. Bernards and boxers appear particularly susceptible to developing certain types of cancer, all dogs are at risk. Female dogs are more prone than are male dogs because of mammary tumors. Eighty percent of feline tumors are malignant, while just 35 percent in dogs are malignant.

"As a dog gets over the age of 10, it's one of the more common things that we see that will eventually catch up with the dog," said Dr. Morgan Brown of the Shannon Veterinary Hospital in Midland. "A lot of the cancer is the same as in people. We see a lot of lymphosarcoma (cancer of the lymph nodes), and we see it a lot of times in the spleen, and straight liver cancer."

Dogs often have a vastly different threshold of pain than humans.

"Dogs tolerate pain so well," Brown said. "A lot of times we're less aware of some of their discomfort because they tolerate pain so much better than we do. They think it has to do with the endorphins in their brain; the more endorphins released, the higher the pain tolerance."

Photo courtesy Elizabeth Madison

Elizabeth Madison's 4-year-old golden retriever Nicholas was diagnosed with a lymphosarcoma in May.

And, according to Ms. Madison, animals don't have to mentally prepare themselves to handle the finality of a terminal disease.

"When a person is diagnosed with cancer, you tell that person they have a horrible disease growing inside of them and they have to take medicine and have surgery," she said. "When your animal is diagnosed with it, you know it but the dog does not have to deal with the emotions of it."

Claudene Kilgore, a retired certified professional secretary, has four poodles she uses to help patients who are rehabilitating in physical therapy at local hospitals. One of her poodles, Jonet, was recently diagnosed with cancer, but Ms. Kilgore admits she has, for now, chosen to block the emotional anguish she knows she will one day have to deal with as Jonet's owner.

"I have been told that I will know when it's time if I need to put her down," Ms. Kilgore said. "Something will just tell me. She is still up and running, playing and acting like she feels well."

Both Ms. Madison and Ms. Kilgore agree that people who aren't pet owners or who don't truly love animals will never understand the bond that can be built between animals, be they terminally ill or healthy.

"My dogs love me all the time," Ms. Kilgore said. "They follow me from room to room. They follow me when I get up to go to the kitchen. They follow me pretty much everywhere except the laundry room. They usually stay on the couch and wait for me when I go in there. When I come home, they're so glad to see me. They offer unconditional love."

Ms. Kilgore estimates she spends upward of $300 a month at the veterinarian for care of her four dogs; Ms. Madison puts a $50-a-week price tag for the care of cancer-stricken Nick.

But money to these pet owners is not the issue.

"I'm doing whatever it takes economically," Ms. Kilgore said.

Ms. Madison has resigned herself to her pet's ultimate fate.

"The doctor has to tell you that it is fatal," she said. "They have to tell you that the best they can do is arrest it for awhile and give him the best quality of life."

VISION: Speaker one of 10 siblings to graduate from MC

(From 1A)

18 Education Service Center.

"We are working together," said Ms. Martinez. "We all have the same vision."

"Education is the key," Carrasco told his audience, "The only way to accomplish dreams is to have a plan."

Carrasco, a native of Kermit, is an anesthesiologist and local success story. He has had nine of his siblings attend and graduate from Midland College. The Carrasco family has also established an endowment at Midland College.

"An education will get you in the door, but it does not keep you in the room," Carrasco said, challenging the children achieve their full potential. "The Lord has given each of you a talent — it is up to you to use that talent."

Carrasco credits his family for keeping him on the right track in life. "'If you want to become something in life, avoid the law at all cost,' my father used to tell me."

He also stressed the importance of being a role model. "Other kids are going to look to you - you have to be a role model," Carrasco said.

Tim, 14, who attends Alamo Jr. High was inspired by the conference. "I learned how to become a leader," he said. "I haven't been a good leader (in the past)," he said.

"I want to be a paramedic or a masseur," he added. "People tell me I am good with my hands."

Fifty students from each of Midland's four junior high schools were selected for the conference. "What makes this forum more successful is that it represents a broad section of the community," Ms. Martinez said.

"In the past we have mostly targeted high school students," said Ms. Martinez, noting this was the first year eighth graders had been targeted. "We are hoping with younger students the impact will be greater," she said.

"You must realize the future is coming very soon," Carrasco told the students. "This is not playtime anymore — not at your age."

Prior to Carrasco's speech, the students had been randomly divided into 14 groups. Each group of students worked with facilitators in two sessions on communications skills and goal setting.

Patrick Cordero, a Midland attorney, worked as a facilitator for the conference, said his group focused on setting personal goals for the next six and 12 months.

He said his group also discussed giving back to the community. One of the suggestions from his group was the establishment of peer patrols to counteract graffiti. "The kids definitely rose to the occasion," Cordero said.

Midland Police Officer Sgt. David Garcia, also a facilitator, said his group focused on building self esteem. "We're trying to show these kids that each one of them is an individual - each one of them has a voice."

Garcia believes that eighth grade is a prime time to reach out to these children. "Catching them at an early age will help them take the right path," Garcia said. "Once they hit ninth grade, the are technically in high school."

Ms. Martinez said she felt the kids learned a lot from the seminar. "We need to listen to what they have to say, she said. "They had some excellent ideas for our community."

CLINTON: Full legislative agenda faces president

(From 1A)

trade zone at next spring's Summit of the Americas, instructed aides to consult while he was away with more than 100 members of Congress on the prospects of winning so-called fast track trade authority.

Prepared for a fight from liberals in his own Democratic Party, Clinton plans to announce proposed legislation in an East Room ceremony on Wednesday.

While the White House has revealed little of what it plans to present to Congress, Senate Majority Leader Trent Lott, R-Miss., warned last week that the measure would be doomed by add-on provisions sought by environmentalists and labor unions.

Clinton is also under pressure to act quickly on — lest he forfeit — the landmark deal to settle 40 state lawsuits against cigarette makers. Lockhart expected a recommendation from the president "sometime over the next couple of weeks."

But the stakes are highest for Clinton on education. "The president has made it clear that education is at the top of his list," Lockhart said.

Clinton was wasting little time in trying to beat back congressional opponents who hoped for a vote this week on gutting his program for voluntary grade-school testing in math and reading. He was scheduled to speak at a Maryland elementary school first thing on Monday.

Aides gave the speech advance billing as his most forceful yet, and they suggested he would threaten to veto the massive spending bill for the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education departments if Republicans succeed on an amendment blocking funds for the testing.

Education Secretary Richard Riley and senior White House advisers have been waving the veto threat for weeks.

In a similar school appearance on Martha's Vineyard last week, one of the few official pauses in his vacation, Clinton admitted to being "a little bit peeved," that his push to set high national education standards and test learning has not caught fire so far.

Just six states and 15 school districts have embraced the plan and committed to the testing that would begin in 1999.

White House aides say the campaign, which Clinton launched with grand flourish in his State of the Union address, fizzled after Clinton's knee surgery in March forced the cancellation of an ambitious public-relations tour.

On global warming, the administration has until December to rally the public and Congress behind a U.S. commitment to tough new emissions limits, which Vice President Al Gore hopes to bring to international treaty talks in Kyoto, Japan.

An early October White House conference is planned to cajole business leaders into speaking out for the emissions limits.

Fast-track authority would allow Clinton to negotiate trade deals that Congress would then have to vote up or down without amendments.

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Frightened Algerians barricade, arm themselves against marauders

By Rachid Khiari
Associated Press

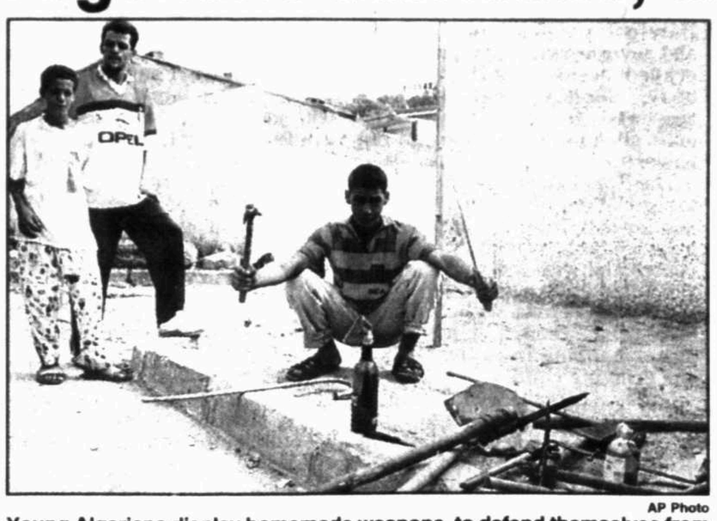
BENI MESSOUS, Algeria — Residents of an Algiers suburb retreated behind barricades and armed themselves with hatchets and knives Sunday after screaming marauders massacred at least 87 people over the weekend.

A second night of killing late Saturday reportedly left 45 more people dead in Beni Messous, a suburb 12 miles out from Algiers center.

Details of the attack were not available Sunday, and there was no immediate confirmation of the death toll from hospital sources.

Soldiers dispersed throughout the neighborhood for a few hours Sunday to reassure jittery residents after a flurry of unexplained gunfire.

After the troops left, residents formed their own barricades, armed themselves with crude weapons and denied strangers entry to the area. Some residents took refuge in other parts of the city.



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Young Algerians display homemade weapons, to defend themselves from attackers, in the western Algiers suburb of Beni Messous Sunday. Residents of the suburb retreated behind barricades and armed themselves with hatchets and knives Sunday after marauders, screaming like jackals, killed at least 87 people this weekend.

Up to 87 people were killed in a three-hour massacre that began Friday night at 10 p.m. in Beni Messous' shantytown district, Sidi Youssef. Several Algerian papers Sunday put the death toll at 63.

After surrounding the neighborhood, about 50 knife-wielding men howling like jackals kicked in doors and attacked their victims, most of whom were women.

Families screamed, banged on pots and pans or clapped stones together in a desperate call for help. Security forces arrived at 1 a.m. Saturday, and the assailants fled, according to the accounts of witnesses.

It was the bloodiest massacre within metropolitan Algiers since the start of an Islamic insurgency in 1992 that has left at least 60,000 people dead.

There was no official comment on the massacre and no claim of responsibility, but massacres, which have grown increasingly common, are usually blamed on the Armed Islamic Group, the most radical faction among Muslim insurgents.

More than 60,000 Algerians have been killed since the start of the nation's Islamic insurgency, triggered when the army canceled 1992 parliamentary elections that an Islamic group was poised to win.

The Islamic militants seek to establish a government based on strict interpretation of Koranic law, which would require women to cover their heads, ban alcohol and institute compulsory Koranic education.

Such a system is anathema to many secular Algerians who subscribe to Western ways, learned during the French colonial period that lasted more than 130 years and ended in 1962.

Mali's slips reveal stumbling African democracy

By Howard W. French
N.Y. Times News Service

BAMAKO, Mali — When this country emerged from 31 years of dictatorship and held its first free elections in 1992, comparable examples of democratic change on this continent could be counted on one hand — with fingers to spare.

But as a wave of political renovation swept Africa in the early 1990s, Mali's example was quickly followed by many others.

Since then, with several countries undergoing military coups, or with incumbents wielding their authority practically to eliminate meaningful competition, the tide of African democracy appears to have subsided.

And with Mali now in its worst crisis since its transition from dictatorship, eyes are again on this country. Mali's success or failure will quickly be used in the debate about whether the world's least-developed continent is socially or economically ready for Western-style democracy.

Mali's current political crisis, like those of many of its neighbors, began with deeply flawed elections — for a new National Assembly last April.

Diplomats, international observers and senior Malian officials say the vote was poorly organized. As a result, on the day of the election there was widespread confusion at polling places about who was eligible to vote and many of the polls opened late in the day or never received all of their voting materials.

With returns showing a near landslide for the governing party, Mali's opposition cried foul, accusing supporters of President Alpha Oumar Konare of trying to rig the vote.

Anxious not to lose the credibility that has made his country a favorite of international donors, Konare quickly agreed to cancel the results and to organize a second election. But on the eve of that vote, the opposition called for a boycott and began waging a campaign of protests and attacks on offices of the governing party that led to at least one death.

The re-run of the election was eventually held in July, with a second round in August. Before that, in May, Konare, an archaeologist by training who insists that this is his last term in office, won re-election virtually unopposed.

Today, the president governs with a National Assembly composed almost solely of members of his own party, the Alliance for Democracy in Mali. Meanwhile 10 opposition leaders remain in jail over the death of a police officer who was lynched at an opposition meeting last month.

For members of Mali's so-called radical opposition — those who boycotted the elections — the current situation reflects their expectations for a regime that they contend has, all along, only played at democracy for external consumption. Like governments in many of this country's undemocratic neighbors, the opposition contends, the government has angled for near-absolute power at home.

"The president can give all of the beautiful speeches he wants to about democracy, along with the elaborate justifications of his policies," said Mohamedoun Dicko, secretary general of the Miria party, an opposition group that supported the electoral boycott. "The fact remains that his party wants to restore one-party rule, and that the National Assembly has again become monochromatic because of this government's actions."

Prime Minister Ibrahim Boubacar Keita has dismissed the opposition's charges and called those who boycotted the elections "simply political hooligans."

In fact, many Malians, as well as many foreigners, say that for all the surface similarity to crises elsewhere, several political features set Mali apart from its neighbors, and it is these features that they say, in the end, may save its democracy.

For all of the signs of a political machine that critics say is growing up around Konare's presidency, there is no evidence, foreign diplomats say, of any major government-organized attempt at fraud in any of the country's recent elections.

Since the vote, Konare has promised broad electoral reforms that include campaign funding and spending limits for all parties.

The Malian media have a remarkable degree of liberty to criticize the government or to support opposition positions. Significantly, in a country where illiteracy remains high, this freedom extends to private radio stations as well as newspapers.

Konare, 51, has repeatedly gone out of his way to state his intention to retire from politics at the end of his second term, refusing the urgings of some of those around him that he change Mali's Constitution to permit a third term.

But if facts like these set Mali apart, it is equally true that many of its difficulties stem from realities that have stymied new democracies elsewhere in Africa — from Sierra Leone and Niger, where soldiers have seized power, to Zambia and Chad, where incumbents have rigged elections to insure comfortable victories.

During four decades of independence from colonial rule, many Africans say, one-party rule bred a culture of intolerance and left political skills of coalition-building, negotiation and compromise atrophied.

These traits can be seen as readily among those in opposition as in hard-liners in the governing party here.

Moreover, in many of Africa's extremely poor countries, like this one, the state and its resources are the only economic game in town and politics in the recent democratic era has often quickly devolved into a deadly winner-take-all struggle for the spoils.

"In your country, you have Democrats and Republicans, and when one side loses, they pack their bags and go home, making a living at law or medicine or whatever, while they bide their time for the next election," said Gen. Amadou Toumani Toure, who remains a national hero here for taking power briefly in 1991 at the end of the dictatorship and organizing the country's first democratic elections, in which he was not a candidate.

"In a country as poor as Mali, that kind of thing goes over very badly," Toure said. "That is why I think we must find a more consensual way of governing democratically."

For others, the most serious liability of this new struggle over access to the resources of the state is the fact that in countries whose development needs remain staggering, political debate is almost always about power and rarely about policy.

"Elections and alternance are obviously important," said Aminata Traore, a sociologist who has sought to mediate in the crisis between the government and opposition here. "But we have spent five years without asking essential questions about our development. Elections are being reduced to a fratricidal struggle between self-interested politicians."

Some African leaders have said that the continent is simply not yet ready for Western-style electoral systems.

Ugandan President Yoweri K. Museveni has instituted a "no-party" voting system in his country, which he rules with a strong authoritarian hand.

In recent years, Museveni's Uganda — which has enjoyed relative stability and fast economic growth and has received the strong backing of Washington and international financial institutions — has emerged as something of a model for many of its neighbors.

South Korea party candidate fighting for political future

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — With his reputation as a squeaky-clean corruption fighter, Lee Hoi-chang looked like a shoo-in to win South Korea's presidency this year.

But that was before it was revealed two months ago that Lee's two sons were exempted from military service after losing so much weight they looked like a couple of starving refugees.

Today, the 62-year-old Lee is fighting for his political life — and not getting much help from the ruling New Korea Party that nominated him in July as its standard-bearer.

Opposition politicians say the sons lost weight to avoid South Korea's 28-month military draft. Lee says they lost it in the stress of studying for college exams.

Many people are skeptical. Even one of the president's press secretaries, Sohn Woo-hyun, called Lee's explanation "unconvincing."

Lee's fall from grace has some pundits cautiously predicting that an opposition candidate might win South Korea's highest office for the first time in December's election.

In recent days, there even has been press speculation that the New Korea Party might dump Lee, possibly for one of the five politicians he beat for the nomination.

In response to the speculation, President Kim Young-sam said Friday that Lee will not be replaced, and called on party members to unite behind the candidate.

Lee, a former prime minister and Supreme Court justice, won the nomination largely on the strength of his reputation for honesty. He was seen as "Mr. Clean," a candidate who could put a new luster on the ruling party's tarnished image after years of corruption scandals, some of which reached into the president's office.

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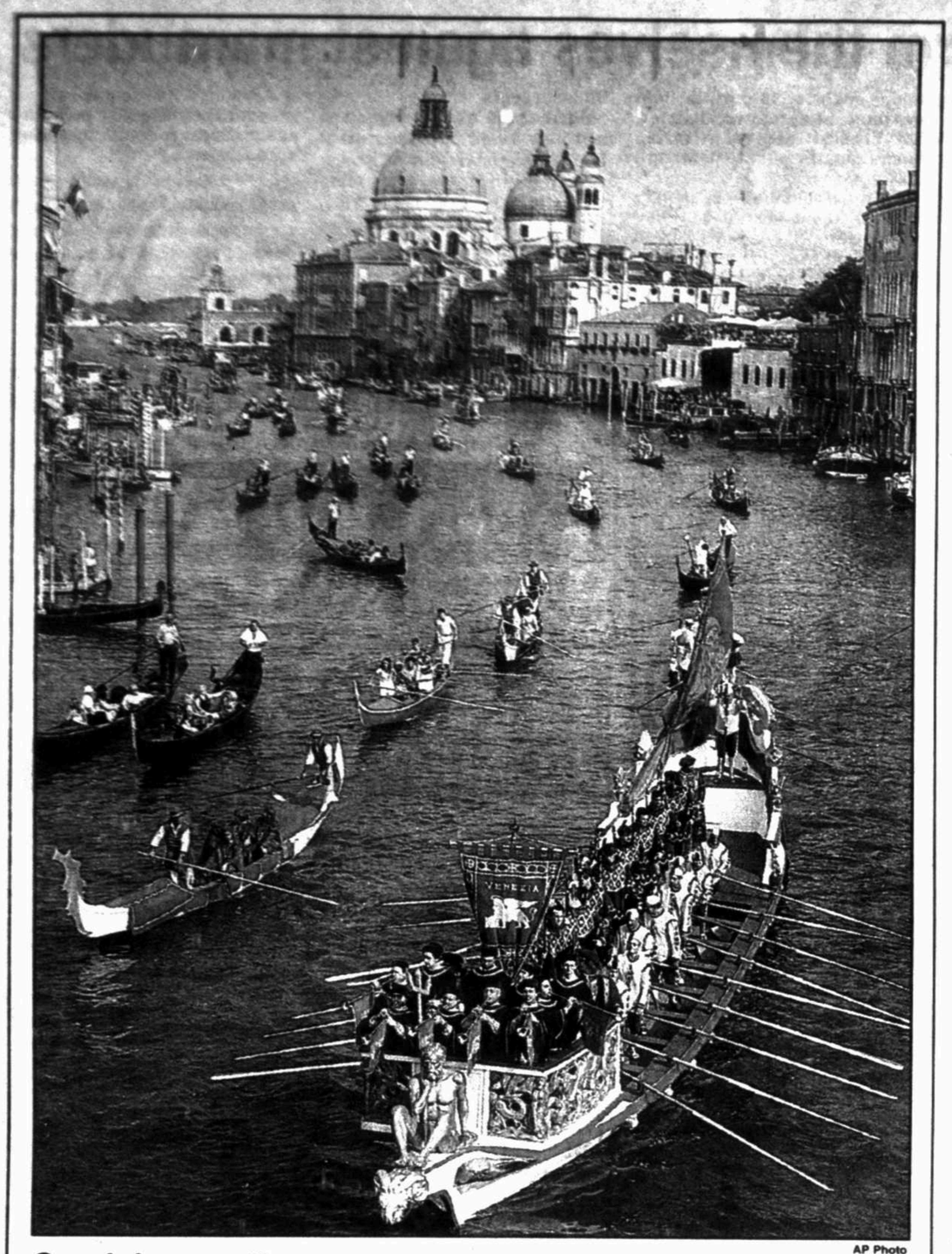

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Gondola regatta

An ancient ship replica parades along Venice's Grand Canal, during the 1997 "Historical Regatta", Sunday. Hundreds of gondolas and ancient ships took part in this summer extravaganza, taking place every year on the first Sunday of September. In the background the Basilica della Salute.

India's rich and poor pay respects to Mother Teresa

CALCUTTA, India (AP) — Barefoot paupers, movie stars and government leaders wept and prayed beside Mother Teresa's body Sunday, paying their respects to a woman who embraced both the poor and the powerful.

The Nobel laureate and nun lay in state at one of Calcutta's oldest and largest Catholic churches, in a fashionable neighborhood that contrasted with the slums where she toiled during life.

"Mother Teresa, we will always love you," read a handwritten poster hanging from the neck of one grieving child.

Mother Teresa, who died of a heart attack Friday night, lay under a glass case on a platform draped in the white and blue colors of her Missionaries of Charity order, her hands folded across her chest.

Mourners including barefoot paupers, government leaders, a former beauty queen and an Indian musician, filed quickly through the church, stopping for just a few moments before the body.

Mother Teresa's funeral Saturday will be held in the 10,000-seat stadium where Pope John Paul II addressed the faithful during his 1986 visit to India, a spokesman for Calcutta Archbishop Henry d'Souza, Father Ambrose, said Sunday.

Members of the Missionaries of Charity said Mother Teresa would be buried in the courtyard of the order's headquarters, on the edge of a Calcutta slum.

Prime Minister I.K. Gujral, who visited St. Thomas' Church where Mother Teresa lay Sunday, said that just as India had Mohandas Gandhi to lead the fight against poverty, hunger and injustice in the first half of the century, so it had Mother Teresa to carry on that fight in the latter half.

Gujral has called for a state funeral, meaning Mother Teresa will be given the full military honors normally reserved for heads of state. That also makes it likely presidents and prime ministers from around the world will attend.

The frail, 4-foot-11-inch nun was born in Albania but had become an Indian citizen. She had suffered heart problems and other ailments for years and gave up leadership of her order in March.

Mother Teresa, who said she saw God in every suffering human being, began her charity work with just a few helpers in this eastern Indian city five decades ago.

Her order now has more than 4,000 nuns and runs 517 orphanages, homes for the poor, AIDS hospices and other charity centers around the world.

One man who broke down in tears after seeing Mother Teresa's body said the Catholic nun's compassion transcended religious boundaries.

"She worked for the people and never thought about whether we were Muslim or Hindu," said Mohinulisam, 38, who uses only one name.

He said he saw Mother Teresa every day when she visited a home for the aged near his leather shop in Calcutta.

Mother Teresa died at the headquarters of her Missionaries of Charity, where she lived in a simple room. Her body lay in the order's small, dimly lit chapel, surrounded by flowers and praying nuns.

But the chapel was too small to accommodate crowds, so the public viewing was delayed.

Her body was moved early Sunday in a white ambulance, escorted by a police officer on motorcycle, as bells pealed in St. Thomas' Church and anguished wails rose from mourners.

Mourners began gathering before dawn, and by the time the coffin arrived, the line snaked half a mile along the sidewalk in front of the chapel.

Even there, the importance of caste and privilege in India was inescapable.

Politicians and high-ranking bureaucrats roared to the front of the line in bulky white official cars, and strode into the chapel through a special entrance.

Meanwhile, shop owners and students, clerks and children in starched Sunday best waited uncomplainingly while their line moved in spurts for the chance, however brief, to see Mother Teresa.

"There are so many people here," said Indrani Dasgupta, a student. "People loved her so much, they want to see her at peace, even if only for a moment."

Hurricane Erika churns Atlantic, avoids islands

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico (AP) — Hurricane Erika churned the Atlantic seas with 105 mph winds Sunday while some islanders ignored warnings of choppy waters and strong undercurrents to frolic and surf in San Juan.

Erika whipped up high waves and swells, battering the northeastern shores of Puerto Rico. The National Weather Service warned that an increase in swells could force the evacuation of several coastal areas in and around San Juan.

Nevertheless, authorities canceled a hurricane watch at 5 p.m., when Erika was centered about 245 miles northeast of San Juan and turning slowly north away from the islands. The storm was moving north-northwest at near 6 mph and was expected to head toward the North Atlantic during the next 24 hours.

"Waves cresting at 10 to 15 feet continue pummeling coastal areas, causing beach erosion and flooding highways near the coastline. The damage is worst in the coastal areas from Dorado to Loiza," the U.S. National Weather Service said of a 25-mile stretch running east and west of San Juan.

The Virgin Islands received some heavy rain Sunday and a yacht broke its moorings and crashed ashore on the British colony of Anguilla, but otherwise, Erika's damaging edge was mainly over the open Atlantic.

On Saturday, several northeastern islands escaped with brief bursts of rain and strong wind gusts.

Sunday brought four inches of rain to St. Thomas, in the U.S. Virgin Islands, where about 100 families still live under tarpaulins replacing roofs torn off by Hurricane Marilyn in 1995.

"We're mopping from yesterday (Saturday)," said Carol Stagger, who lives with her 76-year-old mother, Elizabeth Stagger, in a three-story home in Hospital Ground. "It's terrible because you're wet all the time. It's pouring all the time."

In Puerto Rico, where heavy rain was expected, there were a few sporadic showers in the interior but no rain at all in San Juan, where the sun began late afternoon shining through the clouds. At Isla Verde, a popular tourist beach, dozens of people frolicked and surfed in relatively small waves.

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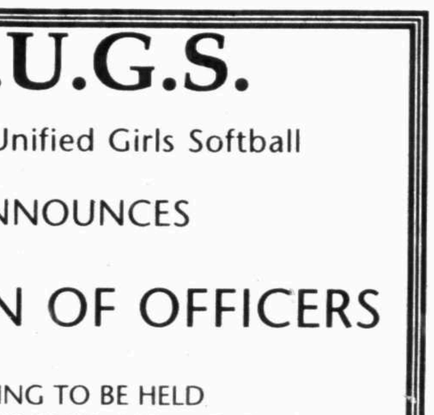
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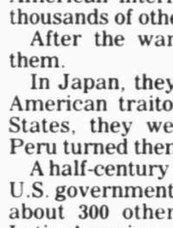

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Fine print makes paying taxes with credit cards unlikely

WASHINGTON (AP) — The $152 billion tax cut bill was supposed to make life easier by allowing taxpayers to use credit cards to pay their federal taxes. Credit card junkies rubbed their hands at the prospect of racking up frequent flier miles by paying the IRS with plastic.

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Major credit card companies — Visa, MasterCard and American Express — say their member banks aren't expected to do business with the IRS because the tax bill — now law — doesn't allow the federal government to pay the banks the typical merchant fees for credit card transactions.

Without a merchant agreement with banks, the Internal Revenue Service won't be able to access the credit card payment system to process and verify individuals' tax payments. And the credit card banks are highly unlikely to sign such an agreement with the IRS unless they get paid for their efforts, industry analysts said.

"It does not make sense to authorize the federal government to accept a credit or debit card while prohibiting any fee for processing of those products," said William P. Binzel, vice president of government relations at MasterCard International, a major credit card association.

"They basically say you can do it; but in the next sentence, they say it's impossible for you to do it."

Banks belonging to the Visa and MasterCard associations charge merchants a "discount fee," which can be as high as 2 percent of the purchase total, to cover costs for computer processing, verifying status of accounts and other transaction costs to ensure the merchant is paid.

The original language of the Taxpayer Relief Act would have allowed the government to pay such fees — similar to arrangements at the Customs Service and Postal Service — but the fees were stripped out in the last days of negotiations involving the House, Senate and White House.

The IRS declined comment.

But Citibank, the nation's largest credit card issuer with 38 million pieces of plastic in circulation, described the lack of fees as "an economic equation that doesn't work." Citibank spokeswoman Maria Mendler added: "I think it remains to be seen who is going to do business with them."

American Express expressed similar sentiments.

"To do business where a discount rate would not be allowed would be economically unfeasible for us," said Gregory Tarmin, public affairs director for American Express.

But a major competitor to Visa, MasterCard and American Express — Discover Card and its related Novus-branded cards — is playing a different tune.

"We are enthusiastic about the potential business opportunity for Novus," said Discover spokeswoman Beth Metzler, who added that no decision had been made if Discover will do business with the IRS. Novus, owned by Morgan Stanley Dean Witter Discover & Co., boasts 49.5 million card members. "We are looking into several issues that have to be resolved."

Metzler said several federal and state government agencies accept the Novus cards and have the cardholder — not the government — pay the merchant fee. This arrangement is fully disclosed to the customer.

Arlington County, Va., Orange County, Calif., and San Diego County, Calif., are some of the local governments that accept Discover and Novus-branded cards for a variety of local taxes with the customers paying the merchant fee, Metzler said.

Kenneth Kies, director of the Joint Committee on Taxation, which drafts tax legislation, said he couldn't recall exactly how the credit card fees were stripped out of the bill, but said "there was a lot of concern" by lawmakers about allowing banks to charge fees for federal tax payments.

Kies speculated that banks might temper their opposition as time goes on.

"I know they're saying that, but I think we're going to have to wait awhile to see whether they are serious or not," Kies said.

To Donna Fisher, tax counsel at the American Bankers Association, the credit card issue poses a potential snag to a broader issue at the IRS: electronic filing of taxes, a key part of the tax collector overhaul.

"A big part of electronic filing is done by using a credit card," Fisher said.

Latin American internees want reparations, apology

WASHINGTON (AP) — During World War II, Alice Nishimoto and her family were forced from their home in Peru and herded into an American internment camp with thousands of other Japanese.

After the war, no one wanted them.

In Japan, they were considered American traitors. In the United States, they were illegal aliens. Peru turned them away.

A half-century later, they feel the U.S. government owes them — and about 300 other Japanese from Latin America — an apology and $20,000. Both were given to thousands of U.S. residents of Japanese descent detained during World War II.

But time is running out. The law that permits government payments expires in August. And the survivors are dying.

"There are some people who believe this is a war crime," said Grace Shimuzi, director of the Japanese Peruvian Oral History Project and the daughter of a Latin American internee. "These people deserve an apology while they're still alive."

The little-known chapter of history began for Nishimoto in March 1944, at the height of the war, when armed Peruvian guards herded her family and hundreds of others onto a ship.

Nishimoto, who was 10, was confined for three weeks in a cramped cabin with her four sisters and their mother, who was eight months pregnant. Her father was kept with other men.

"People were saying they were going to take us to the Amazon jungle," recalled Nishimoto, now 63 and living in Los Angeles.

Instead, they landed in a New Orleans holding cell. Next they were taken by train to an internment camp in the Texas desert and held until the war ended.

Nishimoto and her family were among about 3,000 people rounded up in 13 Latin American countries. The Peruvian government had been deporting residents of Japanese heritage until the U.S. government stepped in, hoping to exchange them for U.S. citizens held in Japan.

The exchange program didn't develop, so the Peruvians were housed in camps with thousands of Japanese Americans who had been rounded up as potential threats to national security.

While Japanese Americans received apologies and cash from the U.S. government in 1988, the Latin American detainees were ineligible because they were not U.S. citizens at the time they were held.

The distinction infuriates Nishimoto.

"They brought us here to this country. We didn't come here by choice," she said. "They took everything that we owned and then they said we came here illegally, with no passport. They arrested us and took our identities. It was a kidnap, mass kidnap."

Dede Greene, who heads the Justice Department's Office of Redress Administration, said only a congressional act could change the 1988 reparation law to include the Latin Americans.

"Every single day that passes is a day that another person who suffered this may not survive to see justice," said Robin Toma, an attorney who last year filed a class-action lawsuit for Japanese Latin Americans.

Several of Nishimoto's siblings are already dead, and many of Art Shibayama's relatives passed away without seeing reparations.

Shibayama was 13 when his family was shipped from Lima, Peru, where they had an affluent life, to the Texas camp.

After the war, Shibayama, now 67 and living in San Jose, Calif., said his family was turned away from Peru and eventually moved to Chicago, where they continually fought deportation.

"But to where? No country wanted us," he said.

Even after being drafted and serving in the military during the Korean War, Shibayama's applications to become a citizen were denied.

"I said the heck with it. Forget it," he said. "I was in no hurry to get it after that."

Shibayama finally received his citizenship in 1970.

Life after the war was just as difficult for Nishimoto and her family, who were not welcome in Peru or the U.S.

The family moved to Japan to live with relatives in the atomic bomb-scarred Hiroshima, where Nishimoto says she was unhappy and ridiculed.

"They used to treat us like Americans, said that we were traitors, we were Yankees," she said.

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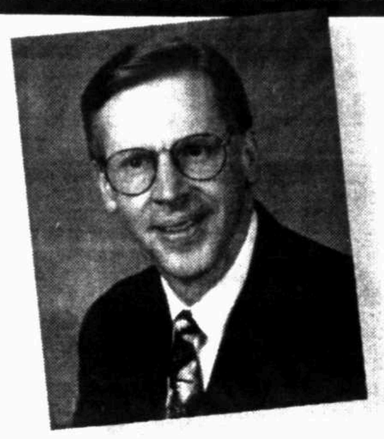

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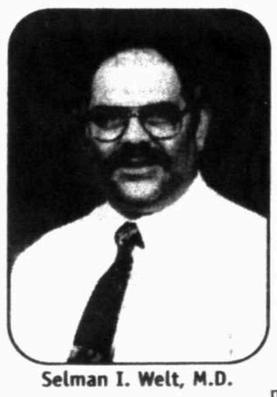

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MONDAY, SEPT. 8, 1997

ARIES (March 21-April 19)
★★★★ Follow inspiration from a partner for a work project. Decisions might be limited later on. Deal with an element of confusion. Pull back, and study options. Get past self-imposed restrictions. You are capable of a profound change in perspective. Tonight: Rent a movie.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20)
★★★★★ Others see a new idea as brilliant; check it out with someone you trust. Brainstorming allows you to see an associate in his true light. Don't do anything halfway now, but don't take any wild risks either. Tonight: Accept an invitation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)
★★★★★ Listen to a friend, and bring in your car for a much-needed tuneup. Gathering feedback and questioning various ideas will empower you. Don't get uptight if a partner becomes touchy. There are other ways around these problems. Tonight: Head out and about.

CANCER (June 21-July 22)
★★★★ Creativity comes out this morning with an associate. You feel ambivalent about what is happening. Focus on work; get into your routine. Financial matters play a role in a decision. Know that you don't have to choose just yet. Tonight: Head to the gym!

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22)
★★★★★ You feel there is nothing you can't handle. Consider working from home or creating an office there. Imagination spurs creativity, with a spillover effect on your love life. Don't let money become part of your ingenious ideas! Tonight: Find the fun.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)
★★★★ Listen to advice, but don't feel impelled to follow it. You might decide part of what is being suggested is an excellent idea. Follow through only on what you feel to be right. The scenario involves home, personal security and your desires. Tonight: Put your feet up!

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)
★★★★ Indulge yourself, and make a key purchase for your home. Plan on a hectic afternoon with many calls and a lot of red tape to cut through. You might opt to purchase a new computer, maybe even a new car. Check out prices with care. The unexpected is likely to occur. Tonight: Hang out!

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)
★★★★★ Use the morning to handle anything touchy. You might want to think through a decision more intensively. Although another knows your boundaries, he might test them anyway, especially when it concerns your money. You know how to say no; do it. Tonight: Pay bills.

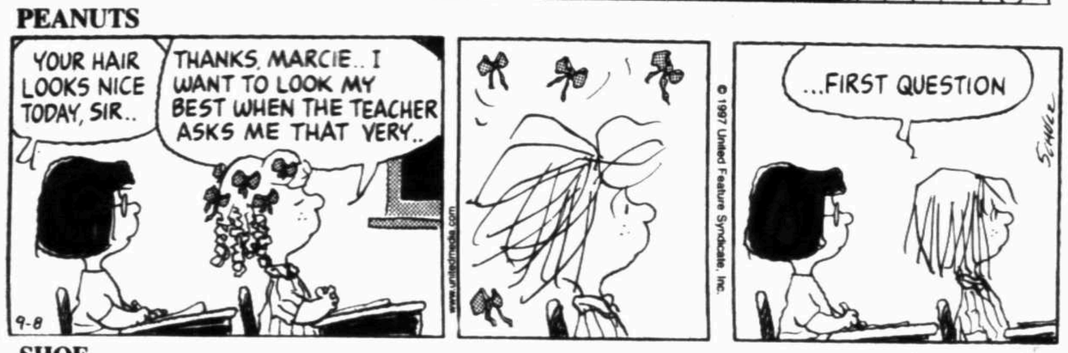
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)
★★★★ Instincts are right on about funds and spending. You might need to be less creative with your checkbook. Opportunities are highlighted in the afternoon. Sift through a boss's confusing presentation; you'll see the wisdom in his thinking. Tonight: Wave your magic wand.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)
★★★ You are more focused than in the past. Your vision of what needs to happen is right on. Don't do anything halfway. In the afternoon, pull back. Another's dilemma might have you thinking. Sort through what is going on, rather than reacting. Tonight: Take a night off.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)
★★★★★ Hard work pays off. Use the morning to launch a project. Others seem to respond to your energy all day. There might be confusing news, but you will be able to sort it out. Emphasize fulfilling wishes and making dreams come true. Tonight: The party starts with you.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20)
★★★★★ Follow an idea that is based on the big picture. You have a unique point of view. Honor instincts, and determine your choices accordingly. Take action; refuse to sit on the back burner. You know what works. A partner is threatened by your strong views. Tonight: Work late.

PEANUTS



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ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q. 1 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠8 3 ♡9 4 ◇A Q 10 8 6 5 4 ♣K 5

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1♠	Pass	1◇	Pass
2♠	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A - You have one story to tell, and just one. Neither your hand nor your suit is good enough to bid anything other than three diamonds.

Q. 2 - As South, vulnerable, you hold:

♠K 6 2 ♡A K 10 4 3 ◇Void ♣A 10 9 4 2

The bidding has proceeded:

NORTH	EAST	SOUTH	WEST
1◇	Pass	1♡	Pass
2♠	Pass	3♣	Pass
3◇	Pass	3♡	Pass
5◇	Pass	?	

What do you bid now?

A - Partner is telling you that the one thing he does not need from you is diamonds. There were umpteen ways North could have conducted the auction had a smattering of support for diamonds been necessary to play in that strain. With your wealth of controls, it would be cowardly not to raise to six diamonds even though your support for the suit could not be worse. Indeed, we would opt for a raise to seven diamonds over a pass were those our only two choices.

Q. 3 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠K 6 3 ♡K 6 ◇A J 10 ♣Q J 9 7 6

The bidding has proceeded:

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1♡	Pass
1NT	Pass	2♠	Pass
?			

What do you bid now?

A - You can solve this problem by a process of elimination. You don't want to raise partner's first-bid suit with only two-card support or the second suit with only three trumps. Our five-card minor is weakish and you have a double stopper in the [illegible]d suit. Bid two no trump.

Q. 4 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A Q 6 ♡A Q 5 4 ◇Void ♣K 9 7 6 3 2

The bidding has proceeded

SOUTH	WEST	NORTH	EAST
1♠	Pass	1◇	Pass
1♡	Pass	2◇	Pass
?			

What do you bid n[illegible]w?

A - What a revolting development! You have a weak six-card suit and void in partner's suit, and partner has confirmed a minimum response. Pass, before the opponents realize your side could be in deep trouble.

Q. 5 - Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠K J 5 ♡A Q 10 6 2 ◇K 6 ♣10 6 4

The bidding has proceeded:

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

What do you bid now?

A - This is a matter of style. If you play that a jump to two no trump is forcing, by all means make that bid — it shows your good, balanced hand and leaves room to explore for an alternative game. In the modern style, however, that jump is invitational, so choose between a jump to three no trump or a fourth-suit bid of two diamonds to see if that elicits a heart preference from partner.

Q. 6 - Both vulnerable, as South you hold:

♠A J ♡K 9 7 6 ◇A 9 8 7 ♣K J 5

Partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?

A - Your hand is too strong for a forcing jump raise to three hearts, and three no trump should not be bid with any pattern other than 4-3-3-3. That means you have to make a temporizing bid for the moment and, oddly, it probably makes no difference whether you choose two diamonds or two clubs. You intend playing in hearts no matter what.

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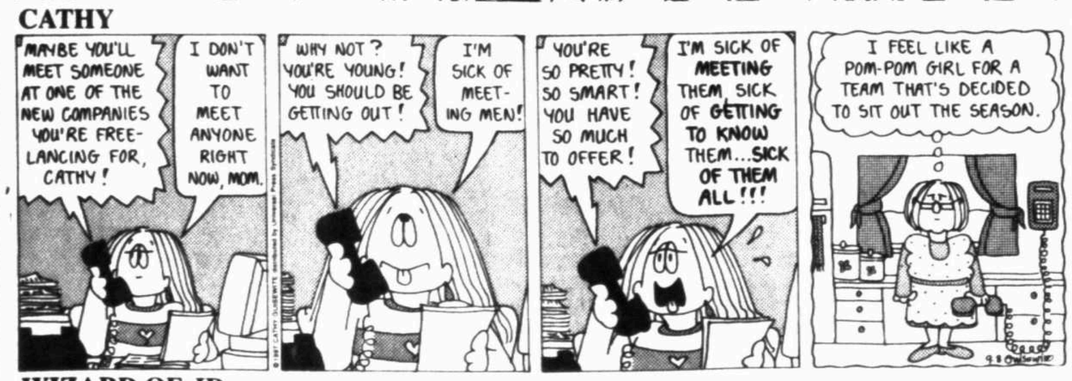

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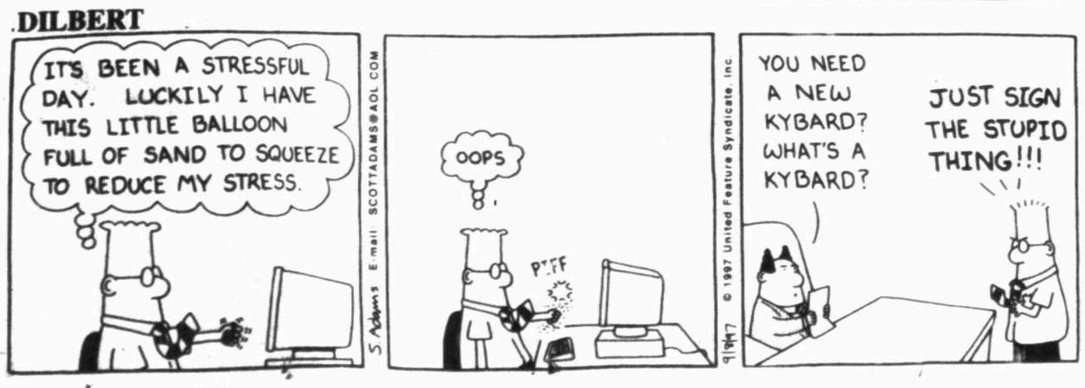

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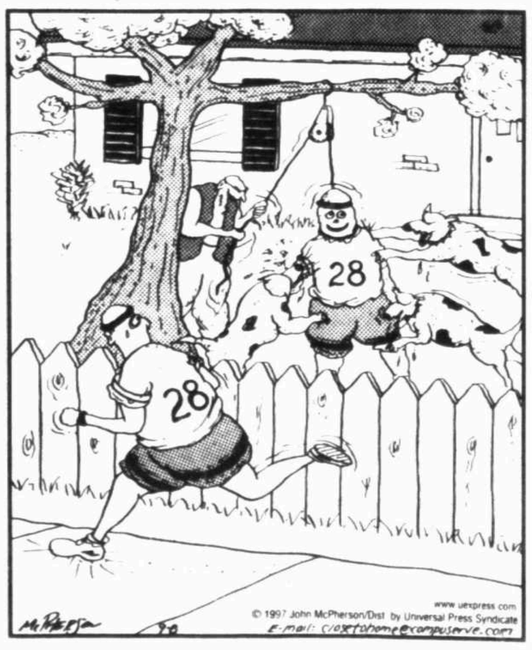

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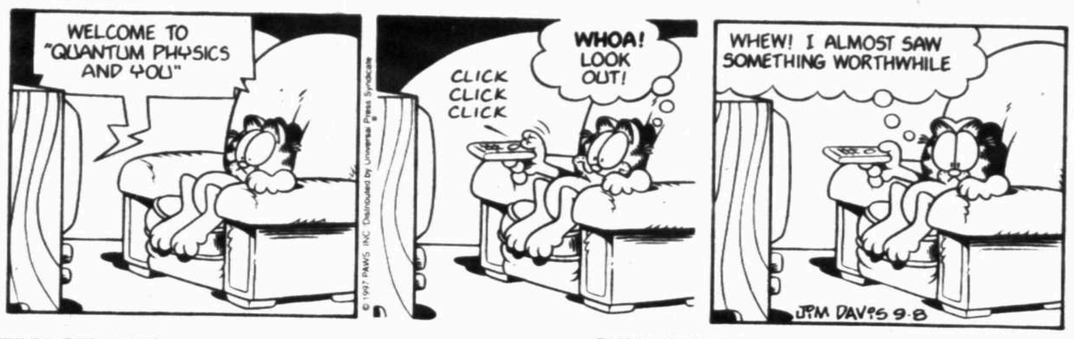

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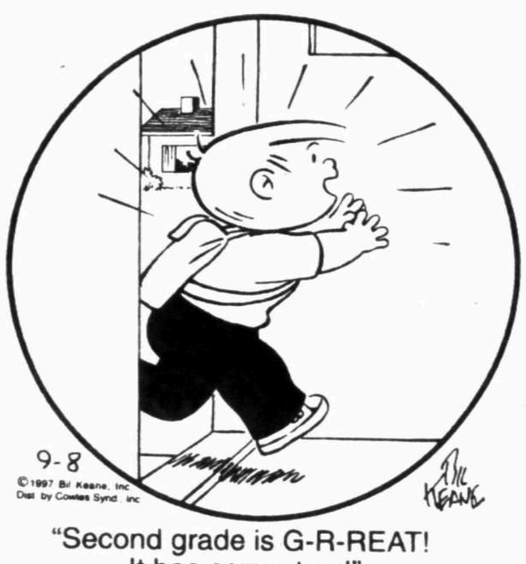

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(5) KPEJ	24	5	The Simpsons	Home Improvement	Melrose Place: A Brand New Day 97137		Ally McBeal 81935		Tarzan: The Epic Adventures 86021		Home Improvement	Mad About You	Vibe 48021	
(7) KOSA	7	7	News 1175	Grace Under Fire	Cosby 6514	Raymond	Cybill 2934	Murphy Brown	Chicago Hope: Hope Against Hope 53779		News 2315663	Late Show With David Letterman (10:35)		Married... Children
(9) KWES	9	9	News 1953	Seinfeld 2205	Suddenly Susan	Suddenly Susan	Perfect Body ('97) (Amy Jo Johnson, Brett Cullen) 53175				News 1471392	The Tonight Show With Jay Leno (10:35)		Late Night Conan
(12) KMLM	42	12	The Light of the Southwest 405601		J. Sekulow		Benny Hinn 77211		Praise the Lord 87798				Sch'bach	E.V. Hill
(13) KOCV	36	13	The NewsHour With Jim Lehrer 154446		Planet Neighborhood 572175						Telecourse 998717			
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(8) CNBC		8	Money Club	Steals and Deals	Equal Time W/Bay	Chris Matthews	Rivera Live 3765755		The News With Brian Williams 9365999		Charles Grodin 6115476		Rivera Live 6345427	
(10) WGN		10	Family Matters	Baseball: Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds 939392						News 533885	Wiseguy 163040		In the Heat of the Night 554971	
(11) WTBS		11	Who's the Boss?	Who's the Boss?	Men's Best Friend (R, '93) ** (Ally Sheedy, Lance Henriksen) 852901				Straya (R, '91) ** (Timothy Busfield, Kathleen Quinlan) 9434137				Cujo (10:50) (R, '83) *** 9414040	
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(20) BET		20	Planet Groove 709866				Hit List 700595		Comicview 720359		BET Talk	Benson	Midnight Love 196798	
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(23) FAM		23	The Waltons: The Parting 954408		Rescue 911 597137		Hawaii Five-0: The Listener 506885		The 700 Club 586021		The Three Stooges	The Three Stooges	Carson's Comedy	Carson's Comedy
(35) CNN		35	Moneyline	Crossfire	Pri. News	Burden	Larry King Live 872205		The World Today		Sports	Moneyline	Newsnight	Showbiz
(36) ESPN		36	SportsCenter (5:30)	NFL Prime Monday 302156			Gymnastics: U.S. Championships 690663				Baseball Tonight	SportsCenter 856088		Baseball Tonight
(37) USA		37	Highlander: The Colonel 314866		Walker, Texas Ranger (Part 1 of 2) 881953		WWF RAW 801717				Silk Stalkings: Witness 880224		Renegade: The Champ 856427	
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PEOPLE

Stallone hangs with the Grand Prix crowd to prepare for upcoming role

MONZA, Italy — **Sylvester Stallone** hung out in the pits Sunday before the Italian Grand Prix as part of his research for a movie on Formula One racing.

A "delicate investigation" of racing, Stallone calls new project.

Stallone will star and direct the film he hopes will feature footage of real races.

"It will be a delicate investigation on different aspects and emotions of this sport, one of the most exciting in the world," said Stallone, who visited the pits and motor homes of several teams.

He traveled to Monza, near Milan, to see the race and sign a contract with Formula One boss Bernie Ecclestone for the use of footage that is exclusive property of the race authority.

The movie, expected to take 18 months to make, "will use future technology to show what happens on the track and in the cockpit. ... I'm confident it will have a tremendous appeal on people," said Stallone, who stars in "Cop Land."

TINLEY PARK, Ill. — **Travis Tritt** wasn't the usual backyard barbecue entertainment fare.

"I can see people's faces, this is cool," the country star said Saturday from the yard of Bonnie Wayne in this Chicago suburb.

Wayne was one of 50,000 fans to enter a contest sponsored by The Nashville Network on cable. In addition to the hourlong concert for her and 50 friends, Wayne won $5,000 and a motorcycle.

"This doesn't happen to me every day," she said with a laugh. "I can't remember the last time someone delivered a motorcycle to my front yard and Travis Tritt played a concert in the back."

LOS ANGELES — She may be plastic, but **Barbie** is no man's toy.

At least that's what Mattel Corp. thinks. The company's lawyers are angry with the Danish pop group Aqua and its hit song "Barbie Girl." The song has Barbie singing:

"Make me walk, make me talk,
Do whatever you please,
I can act like a star,
I can beg on my knees."

Mattel thinks the song portrays women as sex objects and violates the El Segundo-based toymaker's right to the doll's name and image.

"We have expressed our extreme dissatisfaction with the song and with what we believe is a strong case for trademark violation," said Sean Fitzgerald, a company spokesman.

"Barbie Girl" is just intended to be a fun, upbeat summer song," an MCA representative said.

The packaging for the single contains a disclaimer that the song wasn't approved by Barbie's manufacturers. Lawyers representing Mattel and MCA Records, which distributed the single, have been in discussions for more than a month over the song, the Los Angeles Times reported Saturday.

RENO, Nev. — A dessert and champagne fund-raiser featuring **Bill Cosby** raised about $14,000 for a University of Nevada, Reno scholarship established in honor of his late son Ennis.

"This is very special, this scholarship for Ennis," the entertainer told about 200 people at the event Friday night at Harrah's Reno. "You never know where your friends are going to come from."

Cosby helped raise $14,000 for a scholarship honoring his late son, Ennis.

The university established the scholarship for special education students following Ennis Cosby's shooting death Jan. 16 on a Los Angeles freeway. He was pursuing a doctorate in special education at Columbia University.

Cosby said his son was dedicated to educating children with disabilities, himself attending a school to overcome dyslexia.

"He came running out of there knowing he could be a person who could make a change," Cosby said. "The university is very powerful in my mind. Your giving and your caring is going to make a change."

LOS ANGELES — **Elizabeth Taylor** has given $100,000 to an AIDS organization that will provide food, clothing and 24-hour care from four centers in Southern California.

Taylor's "tireless work and generosity enable us to continue to offer desperately needed support," Serra Project Director P.G. Ciotti said Saturday.

The Oscar-winning actress has long been involved in AIDS causes.

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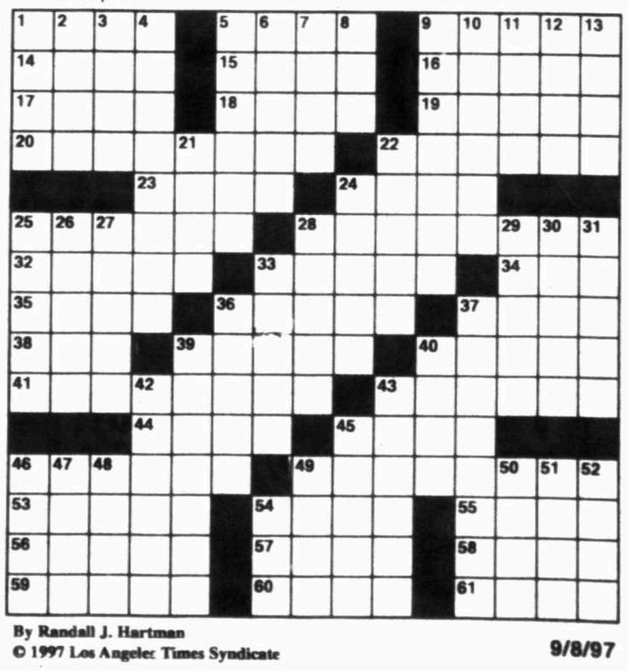

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Mother Teresa changed world

She was called "the saint of the gutters" and during a lifetime of service and caring for the world's "poorest of the poor," Mother Teresa became the most compelling spokesperson for those who had no voice — the destitute, the human castaways no one wanted and ulcer-ridden lepers of the world.

Mother Teresa, who died Friday in Calcutta, India at the age of 87, had been ill for several years. She had suffered a heart attack in 1983 while meeting with Pope John Paul II, then a second heart attack in 1989 that nearly killed her. But she didn't let her medical problems keep her from her life's work and would always return to her labor of love among the poor and destitute as soon as possible. Mother Teresa obviously believed that is where God wanted her to be and she heeded His call without fail.

Once Mother Teresa told Prince Michael of Greece, "The other day I dreamed that I was at the gates of heaven and St. Peter said, 'Go back to earth, there are no slums up here.'"

She had a sense of humor, a depth of compassion and of understanding, and a striking humility like the world has seldom seen. And the people of the world responded to her like they have responded to few others. After the British Broadcasting Corp. produced a documentary on her in 1969 and her work among the world's poor became widely known, donations poured in to finance her order, Missionaries of Charity and Pure Heart clinic. By 1996, she was operating 517 missions in more than 100 countries around the world.

Yet the slight, stooped woman in the white sari — a figure so familiar to millions of people worldwide — never changed or assumed she was more important because of the acclaim. She remained the essence of humility, the picture of charity.

The late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi said it best after battling Mother Teresa over a sterilization program to check India's runaway growth.

"To meet her," said Mrs. Gandhi, "is to feel utterly humble."

Yes, Mother Teresa really did change the world for many of the poorest of the poor and while not all Christians or believers of other faiths can be like Mother Teresa, it certainly isn't a bad idea, is it?

ANOTHER VIEW

Diana used celebrity to promote causes

The world grieves today for the shy kindergarten teacher who became one of the beloved and well-known women in history — Princess Diana, killed Sunday (Aug. 31) in a car accident which also ended the life of her boyfriend, Dodi Fayed and their driver.

Despite a bad marriage and personal difficulties, Diana shone. She shone with physical beauty, quickly adapting to the role of princess. Diana overcame her natural shyness to become poised, glamorous and always fashionable.

But she had another, far more serious side filled with humanity and compassion. Diana bravely took on unpopular causes and spoke for those no one else would speak for. A simple embrace with an AIDS patient in the 1980s forever changed the way people viewed the disease and its victims. For many, fear was replaced with kindness and ostracism with caring acceptance. She did the same for youth suffering from drug abuse. Most recently, she had turned her attention to victims of land mines, using her celebrity to promote the ban of these weapons.

These stances were not popular with her royal in-laws. They probably would have been more comfortable with her if she stuck to tea parties and supporting safe, acceptable causes.

Thankfully, she didn't. Diana put her title, fame and beauty to great use, as few have done before her.

— Amarillo Globe-News

TODAY IN HISTORY

Today is Monday, Sept. 8, the 251st day of 1997. There are 114 days left in the year.

Today's Highlight in History:

On Sept. 8, 1935, Sen. Huey P. Long, "The Kingfish" of Louisiana politics, was shot and mortally wounded; he died two days later.

On this date:

In 1565, a Spanish expedition established the first permanent European settlement in North America at present-day St. Augustine, Fla.

In 1664, the Dutch surrendered New Amsterdam to the British, who renamed it New York.

In 1892, an early version of "The Pledge of Allegiance" appeared in "The Youth's Companion."

In 1900, Galveston, Texas, was struck by a hurricane that killed about 6,000 people.

In 1921, Margaret Gorman of Washington, D.C., was crowned the first Miss America in Atlantic City, N.J.

In 1934, 134 people lost their lives in a fire aboard the liner Morro Castle off the New Jersey coast.

In 1951, a peace treaty with Japan was signed by 48 other nations in San Francisco.

In 1974, President Ford granted an unconditional pardon to former President Nixon.

In 1975, Boston's public schools began their court-ordered city-wide busing program amid scattered incidents of violence.

In 1994, a USAir Boeing 737 crashed as it was approaching Pittsburgh International Airport, killing all 132 people on board.

Ten years ago: Former Democratic presidential candidate Gary Hart admitted during an interview on ABC's "Nightline" that he had committed adultery and said he had no plans to resume his White House bid.

Five years ago Sen. Quentin Burdick, D-N.D., died at age 84.

JACK ANDERSON

FEMA-Army friction delays a vital program

It's been nine years since the Army launched a program to help American communities that are located near chemical weapons storage facilities to prepare for the unlikely event of an accident at one of the sites.

Anderson

But after spending $434.4 million on the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program, communities near the stockpile storage sites are still not fully prepared to deal with an emergency situation.

A recent report issued by congressional investigators at the General Accounting Office took CSEPP to task for its "slow progress" and detailed the many "long-standing management weaknesses" that have plagued the program.

Thankfully, there have been no major accidents yet. But one can only shudder at the thought of the tragic consequences that would result from the accidental release of dangerous chemical agents into a community unprepared to protect itself.

The GAO reports that "states and local communities still lack items critical to responding to a chemical stockpile emergency." Program officials claim that all of these items will be furnished by the end of 1998. But that may be overly optimistic, investigators warn.

At the root of the problem are differences between the Army, which oversees and funds the program, and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, which, through coordination with state and local officials, essentially operates the program.

"Disagreements between Army and FEMA officials on their respective roles and responsibilities continue to hamper program effectiveness," GAO investigators write. "Until the Army and FEMA leadership take steps to delineate their agencies' roles and responsibilities and reach agreement on a long-term management structure for CSEPP, the future effectiveness of CSEPP is at risk."

That's bad news not just for those who live near chemical weapons stockpile facilities but for all taxpayers, who are expected to foot the bill for a program that officials say will cost more than $1 billion before all is said and done. That's an 800-percent increase over the Army's original estimate of $114 million, made when the program was launched in 1988.

The Army and FEMA have been widely criticized for their haphazard stewardship of CSEPP. The GAO asked state and county officials affected by the program for their opinion of Army and FEMA management. Here's a sampling of their responses:

— Alabama Emergency Management Agency: "If CSEPP was effectively managed, the program would be much further along than it is now."

— Colorado Office of Emergency Management: "Federal agencies (the Army and FEMA) spend too much time micromanaging and re-evaluating every aspect of the state's program."

— Baltimore County (Md.) Office of Emergency Preparedness: "If program priorities and guidance were firmly established, CSEPP would be more effective and less costly."

— Oregon Emergency Management Agency: "CSEPP lacks good communications, clear priorities, and timely decisions."

These are just a few of the many critical comments made by local officials who are rightfully frustrated by CSEPP's lack of progress.

FEMA and the Army say they're working to resolve their differences, and are trying to figure out a better way to manage the program. Despite that acknowledgment, FEMA officials take great umbrage in the GAO's harsh criticism.

In a lengthy response to the GAO's findings, FEMA officials deny responsibility for CSEPP's failures. "We challenge the premise that this agency is to blame," write FEMA officials. "This conclusion is faulty for it fails to recognize or acknowledge programmatic impediments at the state, local, and Army levels. ... FEMA has in no way hindered programmatic progress."

FEMA's plea of innocence might have more resonance if the agency's own inspector general hadn't also voiced concerns about CSEPP management problems.

The GAO, meanwhile, worries that the Army and FEMA, which both have different ideas about how to solve CSEPP's problems, might be missing the big picture.

"Our concern is not whether the Army's or FEMA's approach to resolving the management issue is the more appropriate," write investigators. "We are concerned that CSEPP's implementation is being delayed because the issue has not been solved."

One can only hope that a solution can be found and implemented before vulnerable American communities must respond to a chemical emergency.

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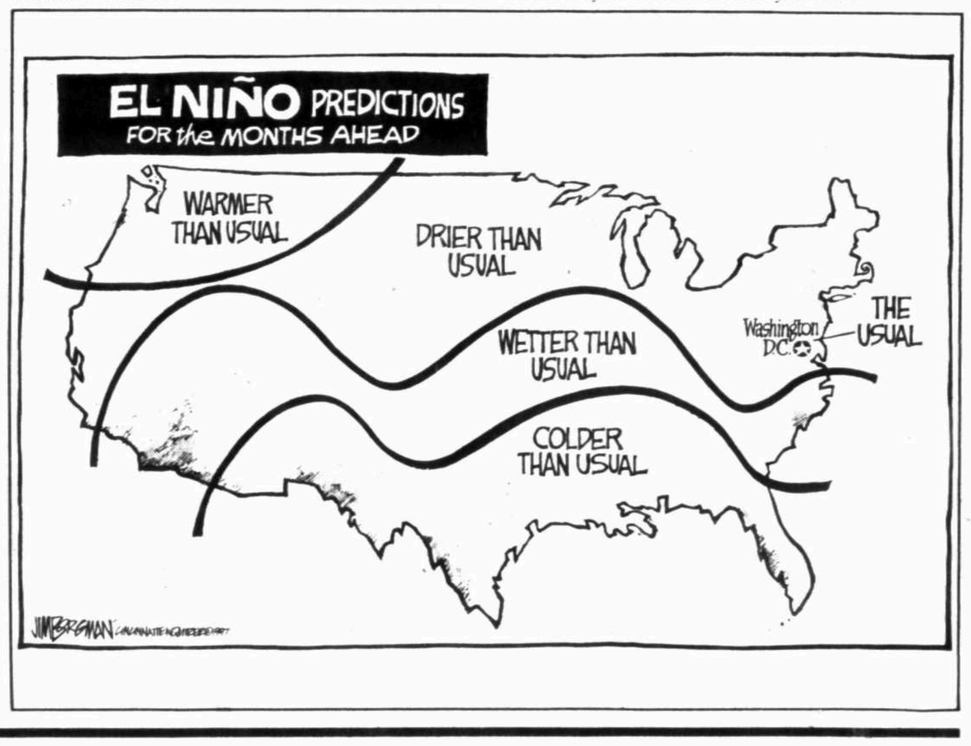

CHARLEY REESE

Gun regulations will not alter human behavior

The Los Angeles Times has published an article, the gist of which is that gun manufacturers are evading the assault weapons ban passed by Congress.

Reese

The truth is the politicians who drafted and passed the assault weapons ban were either stupid or ignorant. They based their ban on purely cosmetic features.

So you won't be as ignorant as politicians and many journalists about firearms, an assault weapon is a military rifle that can be fired either in a semiautomatic mode (one shot per one pull of the trigger) or in a fully automatic mode (the gun continues to fire as long as you hold the trigger back).

All weapons that can be fired in a fully automatic mode have been regulated since 1934, so the assault weapons ban, in fact, did not ban any assault weapons. No rifle that can only be fired in a semiautomatic mode is an assault weapon, no matter what it looks like or what journalists and politicians choose to call it. Every weapon banned was available only in a semiautomatic mode unless, per the 1934 law, a buyer obtained special license from the U.S. Treasury Department, to buy an automatic model from a specially licensed dealer.

More to the point, the method of fire has nothing to do with the lethal qualities of a weapon. A 9 mm bullet is the same 9 mm bullet whether it is fired from a revolver, a semiautomatic pistol or a rifle. Unless the bad guy decides to use his weapon as a club, it is the bullet, not the delivery system, that causes the damage.

Rate of fire (most people can fire a revolver as rapidly as a semiautomatic) is rarely a factor in crime. The only bullets that can hurt you are the ones that hit you. The capacity of the weapon (the number of bullets it holds) is likewise rarely a factor in crime. Most crimes of violence involve only a few shots.

In these cases in which some nut kills a number of people, it isn't the capacity of his weapon that is the fatal factor. The fatal factor is that his victims are unarmed and are too busy trying to run or hide to attempt to overpower the shooter.

Of course, the real brainlessness of this anti-gun business is that it amounts to nothing more than superstition. Guns are inanimate objects. In the history of the earth, no inanimate object has ever done anything but obey the law of gravity. To suppose that by regulating objects you can change human behavior is like supposing that you can have a successful life by wearing a rabbit's foot around your neck.

Crime is a people problem, not a hardware problem. It is the human being you should fear, not some inanimate object. Human beings were committing murder long before the invention of the firearm.

If our politicians had any sense, they would be encouraging honest people to acquire firearms, learn to use them and keep them handy. The real difference the firearm made was to allow a weaker, untrained person to have a chance against a stronger, trained aggressor.

One of the American folk sayings is that God created men, but Sam Colt -- the inventor of the six-gun revolver -- made them equal. Indeed, he did, for a 105-pound woman with a Colt is more than a match for a 200-pound rapist. Of course, in this silly society, where reason and common sense are mere relics of the past, the government is more concerned about preventing the 105-pound woman from owning a Colt than it is about controlling the 200-pound rapist.

Well, you can rely on the government to protect you and your family if that's your druthers. As for me, I will rely on Colt, Smith and Wesson. They are more reliable than the Clinton administration and more accurate than most news stories about firearms.

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RHETA GRIMSLEY JOHNSON

Torture, beating of author propogates shock, outrage

It was the strangest home I had ever seen, and one of the most beautiful. Shortly after dawn three years ago, writer Harold Miles and I stood on the cantilevered deck of the house he built on a bridge and listened to the water rumble beneath us.

Johnson

He had been frightened there only once, Harold said, one rainy spring, when the creek was so high that branches floating by had scraped the bottom of his house. But he stayed anyhow. Someone had to take care of the dogs.

Harold did most of the construction himself, adding 60 tons of supplementary steel to the old truss bridge the state had condemned years earlier. (During the Korean War he'd helped build a railroad bridge.)

It took him two years just to get permission to build. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Environmental Protection Agency and Heard County all had to approve his fantastic project.

He worked from the inside out, using mostly old bridge timbers for the exterior siding. Harold wore a rope while raising the roof pitched high above the creek in such a lovely and isolated spot.

One year after he got his $5 building permit, Harold Miles had accomplished what most said could not be done. He and his physician wife, Mary, spent their first night in the bridge house. That was Sept. 15, 1986.

Now he has spent his last.

In the wee hours Monday, masked intruders apparently held Harold hostage, shot him, cut him, then left him for dead. They burned his showplace house to the ground. Nobody understands why. By some miracle, Harold escaped with his life.

I drove around rural West Georgia this morning, early, about the same time of day I had once visited the beautiful bridge house. In front of every mom-and-pop grocery there was at least one person sitting in a car, looking shocked, reading the Carrollton newspaper. The headline was in big, war-bloated ink. It said: OUTRAGE. A photograph of charred bridge trusses ran beneath it.

Harold writes a regular humor column for that same newspaper. It is the most popular thing in the paper.

But he wasn't above hitting a serious lick now and then, and pieces about his childhood often are poignant, powerful. Harold grew up the son of a sharecropper, not bad grist for the literary mill. The bridge beneath his house had reminded him of two he used to cross hauling cotton to Carrollton. Author Ferrol Sams compared characters in Harold's first book, "The Devil & Uncle Will," to Huckleberry Finn and Tom Sawyer.

Not too long ago, back in the spring, I found out that the bridge house was for sale. Harold told me. He and his wife had decided that now that they are older it might be better to live closer to town. Closer to the hospital.

I scoffed at that. Harold is 67 but looks fit and younger. "Your wife is a doctor," I said. "You can't leave the bridge house."

When I got home, I called the real-estate company. I couldn't help myself. Harold's was the only house I'd seen in Georgia that I preferred to my own. The price was out of my league, as I had suspected it would be. And worth every cent.

The sheriff says this episode may not be random violence. The torture of Harold Miles seems more consistent with a festering grudge. Friends in two counties are wondering aloud why anyone would do something like this to Harold Miles. It is a mystery and an outrage.

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Symington resignation causes Arizona residents to reflect, wonder what's next

PHOENIX (AP) — After the felony conviction that forced Gov. Fife Symington to resign, some Arizona residents are wondering what scandal is next, and what's with politicians in this state.

"It's embarrassing," Victoria Holloway said at a local eatery.

"I think people in other states probably think our voters aren't informed and are making ignorant decisions about their politicians," Sylvia Spector said as she ate a bagel.

Symington's replacement, Jane Hull, finds herself defending her state and urging residents not to get down on themselves.

"I would hope the rest of the country doesn't judge us on a few little things," Hull said in an interview. "They were big things, but I think sometimes we in Arizona tend to play them up a lot more than people do in other states."

Those "few little things" go back a decade, to Gov. Evan Mecham

Mecham was impeached and removed from office in 1988 and was later acquitted by a jury of fraud and perjury charges.

Ironically, Symington was one of the first to demand his fellow Republican's resignation.

Three years later, the "AzScam" sting resulted in indictments against 21 people, including seven legislators who accepted cash from an undercover informant posing as a crooked lobbyist. Six resigned and the seventh was removed.

Then in 1991, Arizonans John McCain and Dennis DeConcini were among five U.S. senators dubbed the "Keating Five" for their ties to Charles Keating Jr., the Arizona-based financier imprisoned in the savings-and-loan debacle that cost taxpayers $3.4 billion. Keating spent 4 1/2 years in prison before a judge overturned his conviction last year and granted him a new trial.

And now Symington faces sentencing Nov. 10 after Wednesday's conviction on seven counts of bank and wire fraud, most stemming from his former career as a Phoenix real estate developer.

"A lot of people want to live here, but the questions always come up, like the governor," Brent Bays, a Phoenix salesman, said after Symington's conviction last week. "People are just now forgetting about Mecham, and then this happens."

Fred Ortiz, a Tucson resident who watched live coverage of the verdicts on televisions for sale in an electronics store, agreed.

"What we need is an honest governor in this state. Enough is enough," he said. "There's too much corruption. First it was Ev Mecham, now it's Symington."

No matter how Arizonans feel, the rest of the nation probably has little interest in the state's trials and tribulations, said psychology professor Darwyn Linder of Arizona State University.

"We don't have to be concerned about our image because it's not going to last very long. But in specific cases, such as businesses thinking about relocating here, it could damage the state," Linder said.

Tom Volgy, a political science professor at the University of Arizona in Tucson, agreed that the state could take a hit with potential business.

"It's really our very bad luck that this is what people would be identifying us with," he said. "I think it's discouraging to the citizens of the state. It's caused a sense of sadness, anguish and frustration."

Still, not everyone is discouraged.

The Symington saga could help put Arizona in a positive light, said Salomon Ramirez, a property appraiser.

"It shows the justice system works," Ramirez said. "I would say this is a high-flying, fast-growing state. Regardless of what happens, people will keep coming to Arizona."

Hospital chain's profits took toll on patient care

LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn. (AP) — As the sole obstetrician in the only hospital in Tennessee's rural Lawrence County, Frank Chuck delivered nearly 100 babies and $1 million in patient fees last year.

That wasn't enough for Columbia/HCA Healthcare Corp., the nation's biggest for-profit hospital chain.

Columbia Crockett Hospital in Lawrenceburg gave him a choice: a pay cut from $240,000 to $170,000 or the door. He chose the door, and starting this month women in labor will have to drive 45 minutes to another hospital so he can deliver their babies.

"I had my other two at Lawrenceburg and I wanted to have this one there," said Trina Minatra. However, she is following Chuck to have him monitor her pregnancy-induced diabetes and deliver her baby, instead of a general practitioner at Crockett. "I didn't want to switch doctors."

The profit pressure that left Lawrence County, which is 71 miles southwest of Nashville, without an obstetrician also helped make Columbia the target of federal investigators. And it began affecting patient care immediately after Columbia's 1994 takeover of Hospital Corp. of America, current and former hospital employees say.

Critics say the pressure for profits ranged from senior managers, who set earnings growth targets as high as 20 percent, to division heads, whose bonuses depended on meeting them. Doctors and administrators on the hospital floor were not immune either.

"Their bonus is based on a quarterly system and they would sell their mothers to get that bonus," Chuck said of managers.

Critics point to one incident in 1994, when Columbia cut back on services at a money-losing hospital in Destin, Fla. A man injured in a boating accident was left pleading from his stretcher for emergency room staff to treat him, as yellow tape blocked entry to the ER door.

The company wouldn't say the emergency room was closed, but rather that it was understaffed. The man died three days later at another hospital.

After state and federal health regulators charged the company with failing to provide emergency medical services, the Destin hospital shut down in a legal settlement. Columbia admitted no wrongdoing.

Columbia spokesman Jeff Prescott said the company's new chief executive officer, Thomas Frist, is changing the practices that have made it a magnet for criticism.

"I would say it is becoming a substantially different company," Prescott said. "Dr. Frist's focus on values and community-based health care is certainly going to make a difference. ... You can't forget the past, but the company's really focused forward."

Frist took over in July shortly after federal officials raided Columbia hospitals and offices in seven states and seized documents. Investigators are looking into whether Columbia overcharged Medicare and other federal health care programs. Three Columbia officials have been indicted and pleaded innocent.

Under Frist's predecessor, Richard Scott, the focus was on profit.

The median hospital profit in the United States is just over 5 percent of revenues, according to HCIA, a Baltimore industry group. Investor-owned hospitals average about 9 percent. But after Columbia merged with HCA in 1994, managers raised hospital earnings targets to as high as 20 percent.

Two Columbia hospitals — in Pasadena, Texas, and Anchorage, Alaska — had profits of 31 percent in 1995, and one — Columbia Specialty Hospital of Tulsa — earned 47 percent that year, according to the most recent figures available from HCIA.

"It just seems to me that the motivation of HCA before Columbia was patients, employees and service above all else," said Sharron Tiedjens, an HCA and Columbia consultant for 14 years. "At Columbia it was bonus and revenue above all else. It lost its heart. It lost its soul."

HCA, which Frist headed before selling it to Columbia, reviewed hospital earnings quarterly, but Columbia took scrutiny to a new level. Administrators who missed monthly budgets had to write extensive reports explaining what happened and how they planned to boost profits.

The 10 lowest performers had to meet with Scott and senior managers.

"That was a party you never wanted to be invited to," said Steve Hoelscher, who headed a Columbia hospital in Georgia and now oversees a Tennessee nonprofit hospital.

Several Columbia employees said Frist has remade the company closer to the image of HCA.

Family doctor Clayton Wilson said he probably would have left if Frist hadn't taken over.

"At least now I feel somebody's listening," said Wilson, who works at Columbia's facility in Lawrenceburg.

Report: America Online close in deal to take over CompuServe

WASHINGTON (AP) — America Online Inc., is close to reaching a deal to take over CompuServe Inc., its biggest competitor in the online business, The Washington Post reported.

The paper reported in today's editions that sources close to negotiations said CompuServe, with 2.6 million customers, would still exist as a separate service, but would be fully operated by AOL.

"AOL is going to use its scale and its resources to make (CompuServe) more focused and efficient in servicing the business and professional market," the paper quoted one source as saying.

It said AOL would acquire CompuServe in a complex transaction involving WorldCom Inc., in which WorldCom would buy CompuServe for $1.2 billion then give AOL all the content and subscribers and $175 million in exchange for AOL's ANS network service, which supplies about one-third of the network capacity for AOL's own customers.

WorldCom owns UUNet Technologies Inc., one of the largest Internet service providers. The Post quoted a source as saying that under the pending deal WorldCom would agree to provide network services to AOL for five years at "very competitive" rates.

The deal would have to be approved by government antitrust regulators.

The Post said an AOL spokesman refused to comment on the matter Sunday night and that executives at CompuServe and WorldCom did not immediately return telephone calls.

But CompuServe has been on the market for roughly a year by H&R Block Inc., which owns 80 percent of the online service stock, and a CompuServe spokesman told the Post Saturday that the company was "in active talks" to sell itself.

A plan to make CompuServe a separate stock company owned by H&R Block shareholders, a realignment planned for late last year, was withdrawn after Internet stocks in general declined.

The Post said WorldCom's $1.2 billion offer for CompuServe amounts to about $13 a share. CompuServe stock closed Friday at $13.50 per share.

The Wall Street Journal reported in July that German media giant Bertelsmann AG, which owns 5 percent of AOL, was contributing cash so AOL could sweeten an offer pending at that time of roughly $1 billion for CompuServe.

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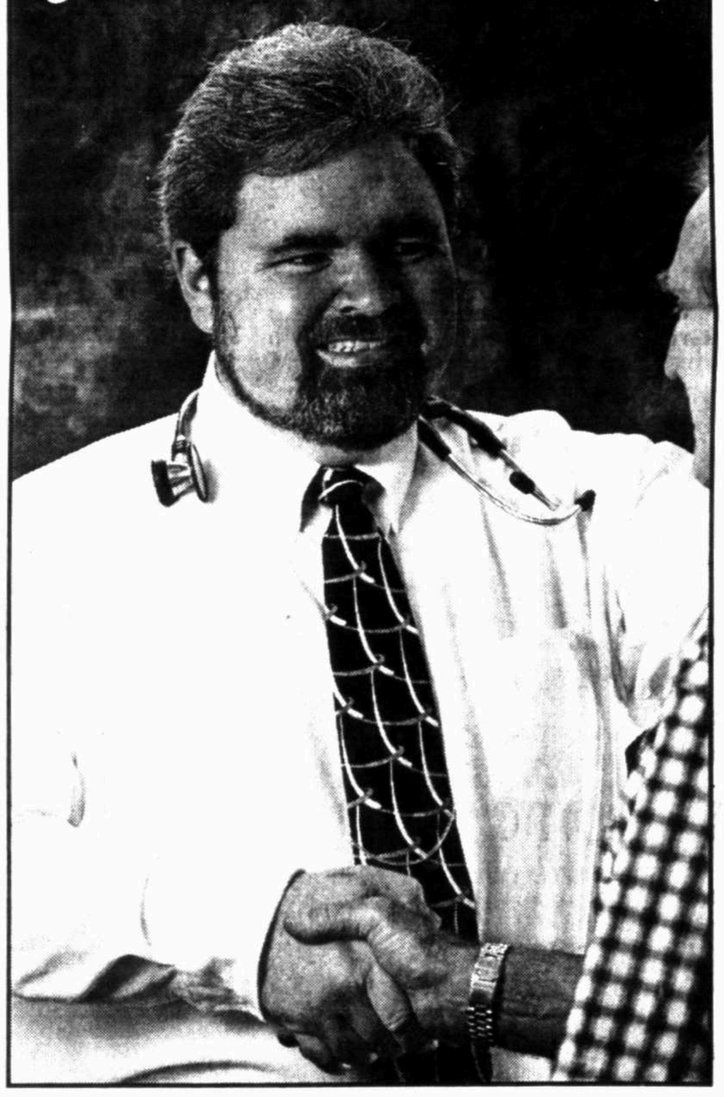

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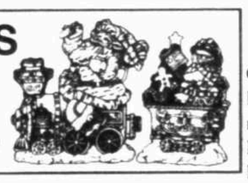

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Woman first in U.S. to undergo new procedure

LINCOLN PARK, Mich. (AP) — A woman crippled by heart disease now feels like running around the block after becoming the first person in this country to undergo an experimental new laser heart surgery, The Detroit News reported Sunday.

Instead of the trauma of major open-heart surgery, Denise Cameron underwent a procedure in which a laser was threaded into her heart through a blood vessel and used to drill tiny holes in the heart wall, the newspaper said.

She was awake through much of the operation and was sent home to Lincoln Park the next day.

"This seems like a miracle to me," Ms. Cameron, 41, said of the operation at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

The operation could benefit as many as 10,000 patients with conditions like Ms. Cameron's, Beaumont spokeswoman Colette Stimmel said.

Ms. Cameron, who had undergone eight previous operations to open her heart blood vessels, was able to get the laser procedure through special compassionate approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Ms. Cameron's Aug. 14 surgery followed successful procedures in Argentina and Italy with the Eclipse laser.

The FDA is expected to approve the laser procedure for widespread experimental trials this month, the News said.

Previous operations, including a triple-bypass and balloon angioplasty, had failed to alleviate Ms. Cameron's deteriorating heart condition because of her high blood cholesterol.

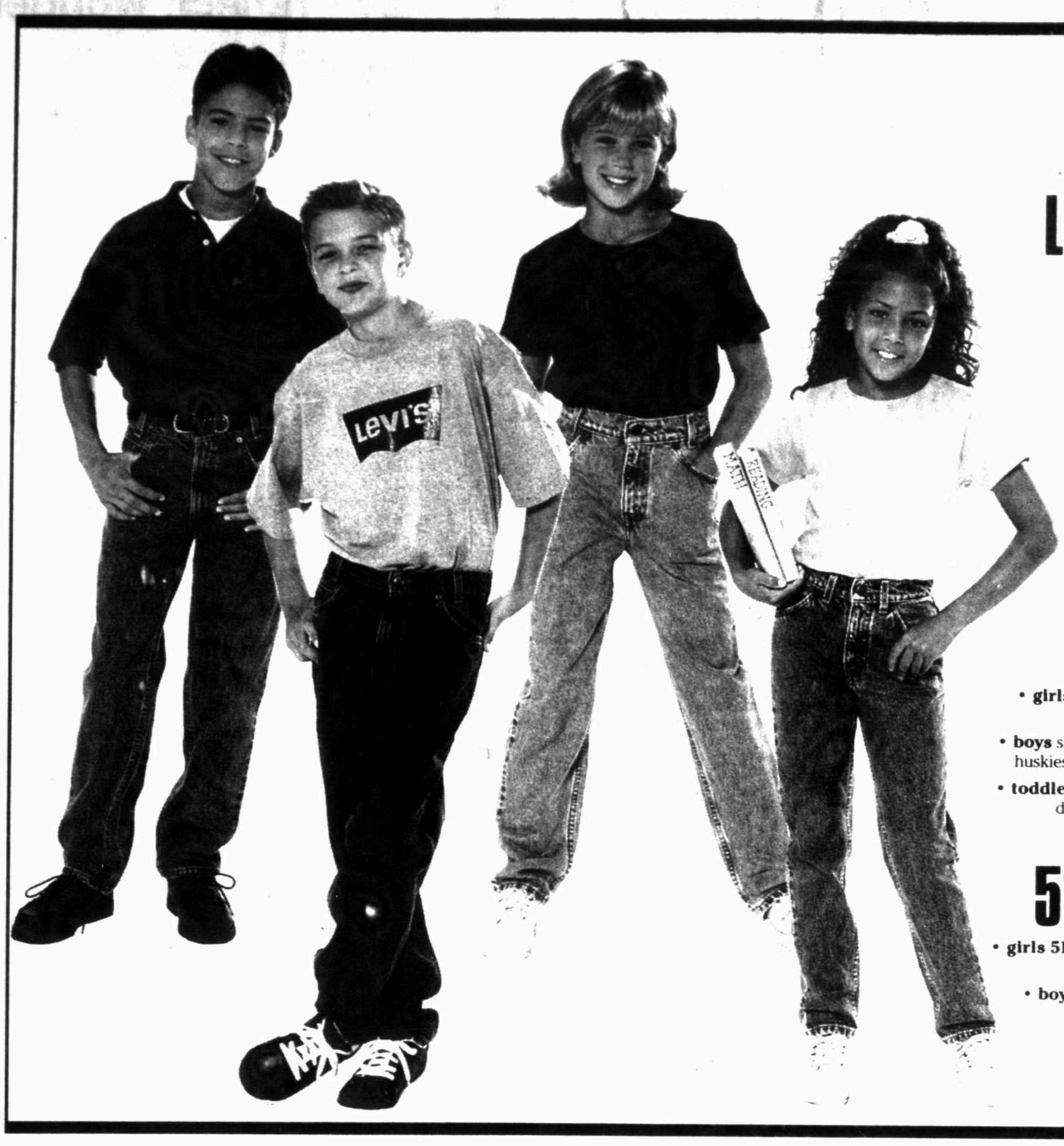
"I can't even finish the vacuuming without stopping to rest," she said the night before the surgery.

Since the surgery, she said she feels like running around the block.

During the procedure performed by Beaumont chief of cardiology Dr. William O'Neill, doctors made a small incision in her groin and then threaded a catheter through an artery to the heart.

The catheter gave O'Neill a TV picture of the interior of her heart and also carried the laser's high-intensity light beam.

O'Neill fired the laser 25 times, with each burst of light creating a small channel in the heart wall to encourage regeneration of blood vessels that carry fresh blood to the heart muscle cells.



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Advances in pain management offer relief to chronic pain patients

By Joseph Oei, M. D.

Millions of people worldwide suffer from chronic pain and it effects, including reduced quality of life, lost work days and high health care costs. Chronic pain's causes can range from injury, disease, or illness. It is defined as pain which is constant or episodic and lasts longer than expected.

Recent advances in the field of pain management can mean great relief for many patients who have been told they must simply live with their pain. Increased understanding of how pain is transmitted have led to treatments based on electrically or chemically changing the body's transmission of pain signals to the brain.

Joseph Oei, M. D.

Of the electrical stimulation treatments, spinal cord stimulation has proven to be the most versatile and therefore the most popular treatment. Spinal cord stimulation is electrical stimulation to a precise location in the spine for the purpose of interrupting pain signals sent to the brain from the spinal cord.

This method has proven effective in areas where other treatment failed, including the following:

Nerve damage, including shingles, peripheral neuropathy related to diabetes, trauma or surgery; multiple sclerosis; spinal cord injury; phantom and stump limb pain. The list of pain controlled by this method continues to grow as research continues.

The spinal cord stimulator consists of electrodes, an extension and a power source (battery). It can operate either automatically or manually. Under automatic operation, the battery is implanted in the patient, allowing a greater range of normal activity, including sleep. Before performing an implant the patient receives a temporary device to determine how their spine responds to electrical stimulation.

The use of chemicals to manage pain has gained wider acceptance since methods for inserting them directly into the spine were developed in the late 1970s. Placing opium or its derivatives such as morphine directly into the spine removes the opportunity for addiction because the substance goes directly into the source of pain. This treatment gives the patient just enough medication to block the pain receptors, and no more. When the medication is given orally or through injection or intravenous solution, it is absorbed and metabolized. In so doing, euphoria, sedation and addiction can follow. Intraspinal delivery eliminates these side effects and greatly increases the quality of life for the patient.

One of the most effective methods of delivery is the implantation of a pump controlled by a computer chip, which delivers a precise dosage directly to the right space in the epidural space around the spinal cord or in the sheath that surrounds the spinal cord. This exact delivery allows the use of greatly reduced amounts of medication compared to more general methods. The pump holds about 3-and-a-half teaspoons of analgesic, which usually lasts six to eight weeks. The battery has a life of three to five years.

While this method can be costly, it has shown to be less so than intravenous or oral therapy for long term treatments of more than nine months to a year.

Chemical methods have proven helpful in controlling cancer pain, severe arthritis and degeneration of the spine, scoliosis and others.

In the past, pain was often considered to be "all in your head" or simply incurable. While current treatments still fall short of treating every kind of pain, researchers have greatly added to the list of treatable types of pain. If you suffer from chronic pain, please call us. We may be able to help.

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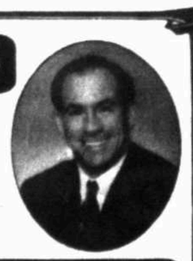
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8. He and Clinton plan to tour the world as the "All-Stars of Puffiness"

7. Wants to join Gorbachev in Vegas as a casino greeter

6. The last time he visited Lenin's Tomb, Lenin said, "Time to pack it in, fatboy"

5. Moving to U.S. to open chain of "Boris's Blintz Shacks"

4. Wants to devote himself to his upcoming Christmas special, "Boris The Red-Nosed Russian"

3. Got chosen for the cast of "The Real World: Leningrad"

2. Going to Space Station Mir to find out what zero gravity feels like when you're wasted

1. The people want Yakov Smirnoff

September

September is nature's way of making sure your yard is dead before the falling leaves you fail to rake up in October kill it anyway.

— Bill Tammeus, Kansas City Star

It's a dummy, dummy!

A ventriloquist is working down south and during his show a hick stands up and yells, ' HEY! YOU ON STAGE! You been making smart-aleck remarks about us southerners being stupid all night long! We're not all stupid you know!'

'Relax,' says the ventriloquist, 'They're just jokes!'

'I'm not talking to you sir!' The hick replies, 'I'm talking to that little jerk sitting on your knee!'

The farmer & the lawyer

A farmer walked into an attorney's office wanting to file for a divorce.

The attorney asked, 'May I help you?'

The farmer said, 'Yea, I want to get one of them dayvorce's.'

The attorney said, 'Well, do you have any grounds?'

The farmer said, 'Yea, I got about 140 acres.'

The attorney said, 'No, you don't understand, do you have a case?'

The farmer said, 'No, I don't have a Case, but I have a John Deere.'

The attorney said, 'No, you don't understand, I mean do you have a grudge?'

The farmer said, 'Yea, I got a grudge, that's where I park my John Deere.'

The attorney said, 'No sir, I mean do you have a suit?'

The farmer said, 'Yes sir, I got a suit. I wear it to church on Sundays.'

The exasperated attorney said, 'Well sir, does your wife beat you up or anything?'

The farmer said, 'No sir, we both get up about 4:30.'

Finally, the attorney says, 'Okay, let me put it this way. 'WHY DO YOU WANT A DIVORCE?'

And the farmer says, 'Well, I can never have a meaningful conversation with her.'

Words of women

'Behind every successful man is a surprised woman.'

—Maryon Pearson

'If men can run the world, why can't they stop wearing neckties? How intelligent is it to start the day by tying a little noose around your neck?'

—Linda Ellerbee

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MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

Doctor undertakes disease prevention as 2nd job

By Lorna Ferchalk
Associated Press

DARDANELLE, Ark. — Dr. David S. Bachman of Dardanelle may be retired but he hasn't stopped working.

In 1986, he retired from his practice at Russellville's Millard Henry Clinic but opted to tout the benefits of preventative medicine instead of spending time on the couch.

This second career is one he has pursued since his first days in medicine during the late 1950s.

Bachman was once a pack-and-a-half per day smoker during those early years as a general surgeon with an emphasis in lung and esophagus disorders in Allentown, Pa.

At the time, smoking was more acceptable and that made his job harder, he said. No surgeon general of the United States had come forward with any warnings.

"In those days it (smoking) was called a habituation. I remember giving a talk to a group of pharmacists, and when I talked about the addiction of tobacco, they literally threw me out of the room," he said.

It struck Bachman that lectures on the drawbacks of tobacco use were not powerful enough alone to motivate all people to quit.

"'Dr. Bachman, we believe what you're saying, but how can we quit?'" he recalls hearing over and over after his lectures. "The more I talked, the more I realized if I was going to tell people the dangers of smoking, I ought to work out a program to help those that wanted help," he said.

Bachman affiliated himself with the American Cancer Society, working hand in hand with that group to spread the word that tobacco was not an innocent habit.

In 1962, with the blessings of the Cancer Society, Bachman formed Cigarettes Anonymous, a counseling program whose goal was to break the cigarette addiction cycle for those committed to doing so.

Bachman drew on his own experi-

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Mad About Baby ...

Paul Reiser produces book, plots for series

Comedian Paul Reiser's new book "Babyhood" is a natural followup to his first bestseller, "Couplehood."

By Bob Thomas
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Many parents collect tales of their newborns in baby books. Comedian Paul Reiser converts his young son's doings into fodder for a book, as well as his NBC sitcom "Mad About You."

The book is titled "Babyhood," a followup to his 1994 "Couplehood," a best seller with a reported 2 million copies sold. Reiser reportedly received $5 million to write the sequel.

Conveniently or by design, co-star Helen Hunt gave birth to a baby on "Mad About You" last season.

"Writing the book took longer than I thought," says the author-funnyman. "There was so much to write about; every day there is something different, new and amusing with a baby. The bad news is: You're too tired to remember exactly what."

"You think, 'Something's funny, but I can't quite remember it.' Hopefully you get a good night's sleep and it comes back to you."

Paul and Paula Reiser had been married several years before deciding to have a baby. The decision came after a woman on an airplane told them, "It's the greatest thing in the world."

Reiser writes: "We made an elaborate ceremony out of retiring all birth control paraphernalia (or, as a friend of mine so delicately put it, 'We yanked the goalie off the ice') and jumped into bed."

"We laughed and hugged and giggled and kissed. And proceeded to not have sex for 2 1/2 months."

Eventually Ezra Samuel Reiser arrived, and his father realized some of the truisms that parents have encountered for eons.

"How your relationship changes was interesting to me," he says. "You spend years as a couple, fine-tuning that relationship. Then you take the next step and add a baby, which is a natural outgrowth of that couple, and the relationship is changed entirely."

"You now have a new priority. It's not about you guys, it's not about either single one of you. It's about this guy. Whatever you can salvage for yourself, good for you."

While he doesn't plan to plagiarize his own book, Reiser expects some of the same topics to pop up in "Mad About You."

"The show has always been about 'The Couple,'" he reasons. "Some people have voiced concern: 'Oh, is it going to change now with the baby? Is it going to become a fuzzy show?'"

"The truth is, it's going to be exactly what it has been: a very smart, grownup look at a couple. But that couple itself changes. There's a lot of wear and tear on the relationship; that's the stuff that's fun to explore."

Sitcoms from "I Love Lucy" onward have added babies to the casts with differing results. After Murphy Brown's baby was born, the show put a heavy focus on the newscaster's domestic matters.

Now son Avery is scarcely mentioned on the show. Not because Dan Quayle and others

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Midland County volunteer worker Lesa Hanssen will travel to Dallas to pick up an award from the Texas Judicial Advisory Council next week.

Photo by Brian Adamcik/Reporter-Telegram

Hanssen awarded for courtroom work

Five years after beginning volunteer work, woman to receive statewide honor

By Alice Ashmore
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Instead of the trauma of major open-heart surgery, Denise Cameron underwent a procedure in which a laser was threaded into her heart through a blood vessel and used to drill tiny holes in the heart wall, the newspaper said.

She was awake through much of the operation and was sent home to Lincoln Park the next day.

"This seems like a miracle to me," Ms. Cameron, 41, said of the operation at Beaumont Hospital in Royal Oak.

The operation could benefit as many as 10,000 patients with conditions like Ms. Cameron's, Beaumont spokeswoman Colette Stimmel said.

Ms. Cameron, who had undergone eight previous operations to open her heart blood vessels, was able to get the laser procedure through special compassionate approval by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

Ms. Cameron's Aug. 14 surgery followed successful procedures in Argentina and Italy with the Eclipse laser.

The FDA is expected to approve the laser procedure for widespread experimental trials this month, the News said.

Previous operations, including a triple-bypass and balloon angioplasty, had failed to alleviate Ms. Cameron's deteriorating heart condition because of her high blood cholesterol.

"I can't even finish the vacuuming without stopping to rest," she said the night before the surgery.

Since the surgery, she said she feels like running around the block.

During the procedure performed by Beaumont chief of cardiology Dr. William O'Neill, doctors made a small incision in her groin and then threaded a catheter through an artery to the heart.

The catheter gave O'Neill a TV picture of the interior of her heart and also carried the laser's high-intensity light beam.

O'Neill fired the laser 25 times, with each burst of light creating a small channel in the heart wall to encourage regeneration of blood vessels that carry fresh blood to the heart muscle cells.

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Advances in pain management offer relief to chronic pain patients

By Joseph Oei, M. D.

Millions of people worldwide suffer from chronic pain and it effects, including reduced quality of life, lost work days and high health care costs. Chronic pain's causes can range from injury, disease, or illness. It is defined as pain which is constant or episodic and lasts longer than expected.

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Recent advances in the field of pain management can mean great relief for many patients who have been told they must simply live with their pain. Increased understanding of how pain is transmitted have led to treatments based on electrically or chemically changing the body's transmission of pain signals to the brain.

Of the electrical stimulation treatments, spinal cord stimulation has proven to be the most versatile and therefore the most popular treatment. Spinal cord stimulation is electrical stimulation to a precise location in the spine for the purpose of interrupting pain signals sent to the brain from the spinal cord.

This method has proven effective in areas where other treatment failed, including the following:

Nerve damage, including shingles, peripheral neuropathy related to diabetes, trauma or surgery; multiple sclerosis; spinal cord injury; phantom and stump limb pain. The list of pain controlled by this method continues to grow as research continues.

The spinal cord stimulator consists of electrodes, an extension and a power source (battery). It can operate either automatically or manually. Under automatic operation, the battery is implanted in the patient, allowing a greater range of normal activity, including sleep. Before performing an implant the patient receives a temporary device to determine how their spine responds to electrical stimulation.

The use of chemicals to manage pain has gained wider acceptance since methods for inserting them directly into the spine were developed in the late 1970s. Placing opium or its derivatives such as morphine directly into the spine removes the opportunity for addiction because the substance goes directly into the source of pain. This treatment gives the patient just enough medication to block the pain receptors, and no more. When the medication is given orally or through injection or intravenous solution, it is absorbed and metabolized. In so doing, euphoria, sedation and addiction can follow. Intraspinal delivery eliminates these side effects and greatly increases the quality of life for the patient.

One of the most effective methods of delivery is the implantation of a pump controlled by a computer chip, which delivers a precise dosage directly to the right space in the epidural space around the spinal cord or in the sheath that surrounds the spinal cord. This exact delivery allows the use of greatly reduced amounts of medication compared to more general methods. The pump holds about 3-and-a-half teaspoons of analgesic, which usually lasts six to eight weeks. The battery has a life of three to five years.

While this method can be costly, it has shown to be less so than intravenous or oral therapy for long term treatments of more than nine months to a year.

Chemical methods have proven helpful in controlling cancer pain, severe arthritis and degeneration of the spine, scoliosis and others.

In the past, pain was often considered to be "all in your head" or simply incurable. While current treatments still fall short of treating every kind of pain, researchers have greatly added to the list of treatable types of pain. If you suffer from chronic pain, please call us. We may be able to help.

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Dave's Top 10

"Reasons Boris Yeltsin Isn't Seeking Re-election"

As presented on the 09/03/97 broadcast of LATE SHOW with DAVID LETTERMAN

10. Promoting his line of "Yeltsin's Own" 200-proof salad dressing
9. Says he's "Had it up to here with them Commie Russkies."
8. He and Clinton plan to tour the world as the "All-Stars of Puffiness"
7. Wants to join Gorbachev in Vegas as a casino greeter
6. The last time he visited Lenin's Tomb, Lenin said, "Time to pack it in, fatboy"
5. Moving to U.S. to open chain of "Boris's Blintz Shacks"
4. Wants to devote himself to his upcoming Christmas special, "Boris The Red-Nosed Russian"
3. Got chosen for the cast of "The Real World: Leningrad"
2. Going to Space Station Mir to find out what zero gravity feels like when you're wasted
1. The people want Yakov Smirnoff

September

September is nature's way of making sure your yard is dead before the falling leaves you fail to rake up in October kill it anyway.

— Bill Tammeus, Kansas City Star

It's a dummy, dummy!

A ventriloquist is working down south and during his show a hick stands up and yells, ' HEY! YOU ON STAGE! You been making smart-aleck remarks about us southerners being stupid all night long! We're not all stupid you know!'

'Relax,' says the ventriloquist, 'They're just jokes!'

'I'm not talking to you sir!' The hick replies, 'I'm talking to that little jerk sitting on your knee!'

The farmer & the lawyer

A farmer walked into an attorney's office wanting to file for a divorce.

The attorney asked, 'May I help you?'

The farmer said, 'Yea, I want to get one of them dayvorce's.'

The attorney said, 'Well, do you have any grounds?'

The farmer said, 'Yea, I got about 140 acres.'

The attorney said, 'No, you don't understand, do you have a case?'

The farmer said, 'No, I don't have a Case, but I have a John Deere.'

The attorney said, 'No, you don't understand, I mean do you have a grudge?'

The farmer said, 'Yea, I got a grudge, that's where I park my John Deere.'

The attorney said, 'No sir, I mean do you have a suit?'

The farmer said, 'Yes sir, I got a suit. I wear it to church on Sundays.'

The exasperated attorney said, 'Well sir, does your wife beat you up or anything?'

The farmer said, 'No sir, we both get up about 4:30.'

Finally, the attorney says, 'Okay, let me put it this way. 'WHY DO YOU WANT A DIVORCE?'

And the farmer says, 'Well, I can never have a meaningful conversation with her.'

Words of women

'Behind every successful man is a surprised woman.'

—Maryon Pearson

'If men can run the world, why can't they stop wearing neckties? How intelligent is it to start the day by tying a little noose around your neck?'

—Linda Ellerbee

Compiled from Reporter-Telegram wire services

MONDAY MORNING EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

Doctor undertakes disease prevention as 2nd job

By Lorna Ferchalk
Associated Press

DARDANELLE, Ark. — Dr. David S. Bachman of Dardanelle may be retired but he hasn't stopped working.

In 1986, he retired from his practice at Russellville's Millard Henry Clinic but opted to tout the benefits of preventative medicine instead of spending time on the couch.

This second career is one he has pursued since his first days in medicine during the late 1950s.

Bachman was once a pack-and-a-half per day smoker during those early years as a general surgeon with an emphasis in lung and esophagus disorders in Allentown, Pa.

At the time, smoking was more acceptable and that made his job harder, he said. No surgeon general of the United States had come forward with any warnings.

"In those days it (smoking) was called a habituation. I remember giving a talk to a group of pharmacists, and when I talked about the addiction of tobacco, they literally threw me out of the room," he said.

It struck Bachman that lectures on the drawbacks of tobacco use were not powerful enough alone to motivate all people to quit.

"'Dr. Bachman, we believe what you're saying, but how can we quit?'" he recalls hearing over and over after his lectures. "The more I talked, the more I realized if I was going to tell people the dangers of smoking, I ought to work out a program to help those that wanted help," he said.

Bachman affiliated himself with the American Cancer Society, working hand in hand with that group to spread the word that tobacco was not an innocent habit.

In 1962, with the blessings of the Cancer Society, Bachman formed Cigarettes Anonymous, a counseling program whose goal was to break the cigarette addiction cycle for those committed to doing so.

Bachman drew on his own experi-

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Mad About Baby ...

Paul Reiser produces book, plots for series

Comedian Paul Reiser's new book "Babyhood" is a natural followup to his first bestseller, "Couplehood."

By Bob Thomas
Associated Press Writer

LOS ANGELES — Many parents collect tales of their newborns in baby books. Comedian Paul Reiser converts his young son's doings into fodder for a book, as well as his NBC sitcom "Mad About You."

The book is titled "Babyhood," a followup to his 1994 "Couplehood," a best seller with a reported 2 million copies sold. Reiser reportedly received $5 million to write the sequel.

Conveniently or by design, co-star Helen Hunt gave birth to a baby on "Mad About You" last season.

"Writing the book took longer than I thought," says the author-funnyman. "There was so much to write about; every day there is something different, new and amusing with a baby. The bad news is: You're too tired to remember exactly what."

"You think, 'Something's funny, but I can't quite remember it.' Hopefully you get a good night's sleep and it comes back to you."

Paul and Paula Reiser had been married several years before deciding to have a baby. The decision came after a woman on an airplane told them, "It's the greatest thing in the world."

Reiser writes: "We made an elaborate ceremony out of retiring all birth control paraphernalia (or, as a friend of mine so delicately put it, 'We yanked the goalie off the ice') and jumped into bed."

"We laughed and hugged and giggled and kissed. And proceeded to not have sex for 2 1/2 months."

Eventually Ezra Samuel Reiser arrived, and his father realized some of the truisms that parents have encountered for eons.

"How your relationship changes was interesting to me," he says. "You spend years as a couple, fine-tuning that relationship. Then you take the next step and add a baby, which is a natural outgrowth of that couple, and the relationship is changed entirely."

"You now have a new priority. It's not about you guys, it's not about either single one of you. It's about this guy. Whatever you can salvage for yourself, good for you."

While he doesn't plan to plagiarize his own book, Reiser expects some of the same topics to pop up in "Mad About You."

"The show has always been about 'The Couple,'" he reasons. "Some people have voiced concern: 'Oh, is it going to change now with the baby? Is it going to become a fuzzy show?'"

"The truth is, it's going to be exactly what it has been: a very smart, grownup look at a couple. But that couple itself changes. There's a lot of wear and tear on the relationship; that's the stuff that's fun to explore."

Sitcoms from "I Love Lucy" onward have added babies to the casts with differing results. After Murphy Brown's baby was born, the show put a heavy focus on the newscaster's domestic matters.

Now son Avery is scarcely mentioned on the show. Not because Dan Quayle and others

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DAVE BARRY

Modern art: There should be a sign telling us to enjoy it

Like many members of the uncultured, Cheez-It-consuming public, I am not good at grasping modern art. I'm the type of person who will stand in front of a certified modern masterpiece painting that looks, to the layperson, like a big black square, and quietly think: "Maybe the actual painting is on the other side."

Barry

I especially have a problem with modernistic sculptures, the kind where you, the layperson, cannot be sure whether you're looking at a work of art or a crashed alien spacecraft. My definition of a good sculpture is "a sculpture that looks at least vaguely like something." I'm talking about a sculpture like Michelangelo's "David." You look at that, and there is no doubt about what the artist's message is. It is: "Here's a naked man the size of an oil derrick."

I bring this topic up because of an interesting incident that occurred recently in Miami. When people ask me, "Dave, why do you choose voluntarily to live in Miami?" I answer, "Because interesting incidents are always occurring here." For example, just recently (DIGRESSION ALERT) federal agents here arrested two men on charges of attempting to illegally sell weapons.

"Big deal!" you are saying. "Federal agents in many cities regularly arrest people for illegally selling weapons!"

Right. But these were NUCLEAR weapons. I swear I am not making this up. The two suspects are Lithuanian nationals; they were allegedly working on a deal to sell undercover agents some Russian-made tactical nuclear weapons.

Call me a Nervous Nellie, but I am concerned about the sale of nuclear arms in my general neighborhood. I say this because of the popular Miami tradition, which I am also not making up, of celebrating festive occasions by discharging weapons into the air. I am picturing a scenario wherein some Miami guy chugs one too many bottles of Cold Duck at his New Year's party, and when the clock strikes midnight, he staggers over to the closet where he keeps his tactical nuclear weapon — which he told his wife he was buying strictly for personal protection — and he says to himself, "I wonder how THAT baby would sound?!!"

But my point (END OF DIGRESSION ALERT) is that Miami tends to have these interesting incidents, and one of them occurred a little while ago when Dade County purchased an office building from the city of Miami. The problem was that, squatting in an area that the county wanted to convert into office space, there was a large ugly wad of metal, set into the concrete. So the county sent construction workers with heavy equipment to rip out the wad, which was then going to be destroyed.

But guess what? Correct! It turns out that this was NOT an ugly wad. It was art! Specifically, it was Public Art, defined as "art that is purchased by experts who are not spending their own personal money." The money of course comes from the taxpayers, who are not allowed to spend this money themselves because (1) they probably wouldn't buy art, and (2) if they did, there is no way they would buy the crashed-spaceship style of art that the experts usually select for them.

The Miami wad is in fact a sculpture by the famous Italian sculptor Pomodoro. (Like most famous artists, he is not referred to by his first name, although I like to think it's "Bud.") This sculpture cost the taxpayers $80,000, which makes it an important work of art. In dollar terms, it is 3,200 times as important as a painting of dogs playing poker, and more than 5,000 times as important as a velveteen Elvis.

Fortunately, before the sculpture was destroyed, the error was discovered, and the Pomodoro was moved to another city office building, where it sits next to the parking garage, providing great pleasure to the many taxpayers who come to admire it.

I am kidding, of course. On the day I went to see it, the sculpture was, like so many pieces of modern taxpayer-purchased public art, being totally ignored by the actual taxpaying public, possibly because it looks — and I say this with all due artistic respect for Bud — like an abandoned air compressor.

So here's what I think: I think there should be a law requiring that all public art be marked with a large sign stating something like: "NOTICE! THIS IS A PIECE OF ART! THE PUBLIC SHOULD ENJOY IT TO THE TUNE OF 80,000 CLAMS!

Also, if there happens to be an abandoned air compressor nearby, it should have a sign that says: "NOTICE! THIS IS NOT ART!" so the public does not waste time enjoying the wrong thing. The public should enjoy what the experts have decided the public should enjoy. That's the system we use in this country, and we're going to stick with it. At least until the public acquires missiles.

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Retired librarian publishes own environmental books

By Jennifer Kerr
Associated Press Writer

DAVIS, Calif. — Retirement heaven for a former university librarian who loves books, research and the outdoors is his own publishing company, creating books about the environment and recreation.

"I can't stand the idea of waiting around to see what my next meal is going to be," says Bern Kreissman, 78.

Instead, Kreissman leads Sierra Club backpacking, hiking and snowshoe trips into the Sierra Nevada and — like a good librarian — records his knowledge for others in the volumes published by his own Bear Klaw Press.

Headquarters for his publishing house is the spare bedroom of his Davis home. The room is crammed with books, maps of every National Forest and wilderness area in three states, computers and lots of stuffed, glass, pottery and paper bears given to him by friends in honor of his firm's ursine name.

Two new books, published this summer, stem from his revived interest in snowshoeing. Kreissman rediscovered the sport six years ago when new, light, high-tech snowshoes hit the market.

"Winter Fun in Northern California & Nevada" lists 185 places where families can showshoe, cross-country and downhill ski, snowboard, snowmobile, skate, sled and throw snowballs. The related volume is "The Complete Winter Sports Safety Manual," containing tips on how to stay safe and warm while doing all those activities.

In 1994, Bear Klaw published "Eating Hearty in the Wilderness with Absolutely No Cleanup," a backpacker's guide to good food without dishwashing and "leave-no-trace" camping.

His first book, in 1991, was "California: an Environmental Atlas and Guide," a comprehensive 255 pages of maps and details about the state's natural areas and features — from caves to kelp forests — and the government agencies that handle and protect them.

It won the American Library Association's award for outstanding academic book and is frequently used and cited by federal and state government agencies. Kreissman finds it opens doors when he visits government agencies for his books or other Sierra Club projects.

"They say, 'Oh, my God, you're the author of "California: an Environmental Atlas and Guide."' The ego is very, very flattered," he said.

His interests in books and the outdoors go back to his college days at City College of New York, where he joined a venerable hiking club — City College Alumni Hiking Club — that this year celebrates its 75th anniversary.

After World War II, he continued his education at Columbia University. At first, he wanted to be an English professor, but "there were English professors hanging from every bridge on Riverside Drive." So he went into library science and obtained his doctorate.

After jobs at University of Nebraska and CCNY, he became university librarian at University of California at Davis in 1974, retiring in 1986.

After his retirement, as he became more active with the Sierra Club, he realized he didn't know as much as he thought he did about California's diverse natural areas. Like a good librarian, he started keeping an index. People who heard about it started calling.

Then it occurred to him: "Hey, what an I fooling around with? I've got a book here," he said.

He peddled the idea to publishers and several, including Sierra Club Books, were interested. But all of them wanted camera-ready copy and were offering him 10 percent after publication. Since his book consisted of many labor-intensive detailed maps of California, the pre-publishing work was arduous and expensive.

A friend who had started her own publishing house suggested he also create his own — and Bear Klaw Press (a play on his initials) was born.

Burglar caught by police with his pants ... off

Associated Press

■ Odds & Ends

KLAMATH FALLS, Ore. — This burglar got caught with his pants not just down, but off.

Police arrested Brant E. Kirk, 21, of Klamath Falls after finding his shorts and wallet in the front yard of a house that had been burglarized.

According to Klamath County sheriff's reports, a man entered a home in his underwear early Monday and assaulted a man before fleeing the scene.

The residents told deputies they did not know the intruder. Police found Kirk's shorts and wallet in the front yard. He was arrested several hours later near downtown Klamath Falls.

Kirk was charged with burglary, assault and criminal mischief.

BROOKLYN CENTER, Minn. — Maybe he should have gotten that burger to go.

Police in this Minneapolis suburb arrested a bank robbery suspect at a Wendy's restaurant next door to the bank, before he had a chance to bite into his cheeseburger combo meal.

The man's lunchtime arrest Wednesday came less than 30 minutes after the holdup of the Firstar Bank. The suspect passed a bank employee a note demanding money and fled through a back door with an undisclosed amount.

A police officer checking area businesses was told that someone had removed clothing matching a description of what the robber wore and left the garments in the men's bathroom at Wendy's.

A customer pointed out the man, who was at the condiment counter.

Police searched him and found cash that came from the bank.

FBI agents carted away the loot in oversized Wendy's bags.

WATERLOO, Iowa (AP) — Iowa's nifty new license plates are distinctive — some a little more than others, thanks to a prank by prison inmates.

Some of the handiwork of Anamosa State Penitentiary inmates has included dropping the "C" on Cass County license plates, leaving a word not popular with state Department of Transportation officials.

A few Shelby County plates also were missing the first and last two letters.

"Rather than 'Shelby,' it looked like 'hell,'" said Jan Hardy of the DOT vehicle services office.

The DOT warned motor vehicle offices across the state to check the plates in July after drivers and some county workers noticed the alterations. They said only a few of the 4 million newly issued plates appear to have been altered.

Several inmates were disciplined when prison officials learned of the tampering, said Tom Stelzer, plant manager of Iowa Prison Industries in Anamosa. But there's not much more the DOT can do about quality control, said Dave McCullough, operations manager of the Black Hawk County motor vehicle division.

"You can't fire them," McCullough said. "They're inmates."

HANSSEN: Hard-working woman a graduate of the Citizen's Police Academy

(From 1B)

volunteer in the with the District Attorney's Victim Assistance Program, the Children's Advocacy Center, as well as Midland County Criminal Supervision.

She is also a graduate of the Citizen's Police Academy, and is still active with that organization.

The energetic 50-year-old now spends most of her time in the District Attorney's office, where she performs myriad duties, including typing subpoenas, bench warrants, parts of protective orders, as well as serving as a "gofer" to and from the courtroom.

"It's the excitement that gets you hooked," said Mrs. Hanssen.

She is gearing up to take over for Rochell Buck, a Victim Witness Coordinator, when Mrs. Buck goes on a six-week leave of absence.

"She has a lot of expertise, said Ms. Buck. "We don't do volunteers — she has worked her way up to this."

Ms. Buck says it takes a special person to work with the highly confidential matters handled by her office.

"Lesa was our first full time intern investigator," said Supervision Officer Jay Stephens of Midland County CSCD, "She did a tremendous amount of work."

Stephens said he had over 700 "absconders" in his caseload in 1994.

Absconders are persons who have left supervision for over 90 days and have had a warrant issued for their arrest.

These "absconders" are dangerous to the community and they are not being supervised," Stephens said. He noted that a lot of these people go "underground" and that "a lot of them leave."

"Since April of 1995 we have collected over $150,000 in court fees." he said. "Lesa is responsible for collecting the first $50,000 of that money."

Stephens spoke of Mrs. Hanssen's dedication. "She would even take cases home and work from home."

"She has created a momentum that has carried through to today," Stephens said. "There is no way I could have done this without her."

Stephens said his absconder caseload is now at about 300.

"I've offered her everything I can to get her to come to work for me," he said.

Andra Chamberlin, Program Director of the Children's Advocacy Center, said, "It is very rare you find a person such as Lesa. She does it because she cares."

Mrs. Hanssen works as what the CAC calls a family greeter. "It is always a delight when you get someone like Lesa." Ms. Chamberlin said. "I wish we could clone her."

Mrs. Hanssen is leaving for Dallas Thursday, with her husband, to accept her award. "I am excited and honored." She said after collecting her award, she is planning on some shopping at the Galleria and a trip to Six Flags Over Texas.

"He thinks it is great," Mrs. Hanssen said of her husband's attitude toward her volunteer work.

She is continuing her education as a criminology major at both Midland College and UTPB. "I'd like to be a bailiff," she said, "In Hawaii," she said with a laugh.

PATTERSON: Who's been sleeping in my bed? Seems like just about everyone

(From 1B)

with any degree of decency are out on the prowl. Most cats in the middle of the night have the civility to either sleep, or slink around, probing their territory for other cats who may be looking to overthrow the neighborhood under cover of darkness.

But our cat has never been properly schooled in feline protocol, and decides on this night to give himself a full body tongue bath while his humans are trying to get some shut-eye. With each lick, the cat shakes the bed, making sleep impossible.

So, in the same bed, it's me, Mrs. P, The Boy, and the cat. If we'd been at the Holiday Inn, we would've qualified for a group rate. The Boy is squirming, the cat's licking, Mrs. P is groaning at me and I'm laying there being shaken, kicked, punched and harrumphed at.

There's only one solution as I see it: I tumble out of bed, grab a pillow and robe, and go to the couch in the family room. Nothing like a little Psychic Friends Network to bring this little party to a quick, merciful end.

Now where was I ... oh yeah, about to save humanity and toss Rodman back into that active volcano.

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DOCTOR: List of doctor's smoking education efforts has grown

(From 1B)

ence quitting tobacco use as well as implementing the success strategies of other groups formed to help people with recovery from other addictive substances.

Cigarettes Anonymous became the first tobacco cessation program of its type in the world, according to Bachman. Its existence became internationally known, generating speaking opportunity after opportunity, from schools to national television broadcasts for Bachman.

Bachman came to a crossroads in his career since the tobacco cause was taking a great deal of time from his surgery practice.

He chose to give his attention back to his practice, in part because he had no idea how long he could sustain a career pitted against the tobacco industry.

To start fresh, Bachman relocated to the Arkansas River Valley in 1965, becoming a surgeon with a local medical group. Bachman tried to keep his views about tobacco usage on the back burner, but a staff member at a local hospital learned about his background and asked him to speak at a Rotary Club function. This followed with many more requests to speak to various groups, putting him once again at the helm of smoking cessation efforts.

The list of Bachman's smoking education efforts has grown long over the years. He has written hundreds of articles for medical journals and articles for the lay public and lectured widely.

After retirement from Millard Henry Clinic, Bachman had a vision of his future.

"Rather than sitting back, I realized this was the time for me to do, probably, what I wanted to do all along. That is, to go from crisis medicine to preventative medicine," he said.

In 1994, he met Richard Kersh of Russellville, founder of Kersh Wellness Management Inc. Kersh's business designs and implements health programs for businesses. Kersh realized incorporating a smoking cessation aspect would fit nicely into his program. Bachman was brought on board to counsel clients by telephone.

Bachman said he first thought of the concept as ludicrous, but results have been anything but that.

"Its results have been beyond my wildest dreams," he said.

"I want to be remembered as a person who tried to educate the public on the dangers of tobacco use and tried to teach them how to rid themselves of tobacco use. I don't go around telling people not to smoke, but if they want help, I'm here," he said.

REISER: Nothing more natural than a baby

(From 1B)

criticized the kid's illegitimacy, but because Candice Bergen was funnier as her acerbic self in the network workplace.

Reiser sees no such danger for "Mad About You," which he created and produces.

"The show is what it has always been: a comedy," he says. "It's not a show about the baby. It's about these two people whose lives have this big new thing in it. ... These are two people who are pretty good at life, but now they're doing something they're not good at."

"'Murphy Brown' is a workplace show. You follow her through her professional career and not as much at home. Since she was such a tough-as-nails character, softening her up seemed to change the nature of the show. In our case, it's a domestic comedy. There's nothing more organic for a couple than having a baby."

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DEAR ABBY

Man who needs 'space' for himself won't make room for kids

By Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: In all the 33 years I have read your column, nothing has appalled me like the letter from the live-in who described herself as "Almost No. 2." She said, "He left his wife and two kids because the responsibility gave him no time for himself." What idiocy!

Van Buren

What kind of woman would want a man who shows no responsibility for his own children, but expects him to parent HER kids? These people are sick, sick, sick! You were much too easy on them with your answer. Stand tough, Abby. —MARY EGAN IN DALLAS

DEAR MARY: I advised the woman not to try to defend her position, which was indefensible. I do not flog those who write to me, even when I disapprove of their actions. Mine is an advice column — not a whipping post.

Believe me, my readers got the message. The letters are still flying in. Read on:

DEAR ABBY: I have never been as angry as I was after I read the letter signed "Almost No. 2." She said, "Nine- and 16-year-olds don't need a lot of attention." These are critical ages in their lives, and being ignored by their father because he "needs more time to himself" is clearly child abuse.

When people ask why the kids aren't around, "Almost No. 2" and her boyfriend should tell the truth: "We want them around only when we have nothing else better to do." That's the message he's sending out to his kids.

If his children are too much of a responsibility, he should have kept his pants on. These two deserve each other. — MOM WHO LOVES TO BE WITH HER SON

DEAR ABBY: "Indefensible" is the word! The next time people ask why Matt, "Father of the Year," doesn't see his own children, they should be told he simply doesn't give a damn. And when they ask "Almost No. 2" how she could defend him, she should tell them because she's still "Almost."

After she actually becomes "No. 2" and Matt gives her the "I need my space" story, I'll be looking for a letter in your column signed "WHAT WAS I THINKING?" — or, perhaps, simply, "DUH." — CLIFFORD WILLIAMS, MALDEN, MASS.

DEAR ABBY: What a wonderful couple these two make! She's insensitive, while he is simply a cad.

My brother and I (both now in our 20s) were fortunate to have an understanding stepmother who realized that our relationship with our father shouldn't change regardless of the marital status between our parents. Our father continues to spend a lot of time with us.

We are now professional, responsible adults who were fortunate to receive all the love and support both parents could give.

I hate to think that Matt's kids will never get that support from their father. Child support is not an expression of love — it's an obligation — and believe me, those kids are intelligent enough to know the difference. — THANKFUL IN CAPE CORAL, FLA.

DEAR ABBY: As I read that letter I could literally feel my blood pressure rising. I wanted to reach out and strangle "Almost No. 2."

This is a personal issue to me, Abby. The day before my sixth birthday, my father left my mother for another woman. I missed having a male role model. I missed having a father's hug when I needed it (and I did need it — to this day I have never hugged another man). I missed having a father there to congratulate me and praise me during those special times in my life when I accomplished something.

My father tried to reconcile when I was older, but it wasn't the same. We no longer talk — yet I still love him. The only way I followed in his footsteps was to become a volunteer firefighter like he had been.

Children, regardless of age or gender, need their father. "Almost No. 2" should accept his kids as he accepts her. If you print this, please use my name; I hope my father sees it. — CHRISTOPHER M. OTT, HARLEYSVILLE, PA.

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DEATH NOTICES

Robert Foster

OAKLAND, CALIF.-Former Midlander Robert L. Foster, died Thursday, Sept. 4, in Oakland, Calif.

Services are pending with Chapel of Chimes in Oakland, Calif.

He attended public schools in Hobbs, N.M. and Midland. He was a trial lawyer for Alameda County Public Defenders Office.

He is survived by his mother, Margaret B. Foster of Scottsdale, Ariz; and a sister, Carol Foster kahanek of Scottsdale, Ariz.

Memorials may be made to L.H. and Robert Foster Memorial Fund, University of Oklahoma Foundation, Inc., 100 Timberdell Rd., Norman, Okla., 73016.

Gertrude Tabors

Gertrude Tabors, 54, died Sunday, Sept. 7, at her residence.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Janis Schigut

Janis Schigut, 85, died Saturday, Sept. 6, in Grand Prairie.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

Willie Washington

Willie B. Washington, 90, died Sunday, Sept. 7, at a Midland hospital.

Services are pending with Ellis Funeral Home.

OBITUARIES

Theresa Parker

Mary Theresa Parker was born May 26, 1928, in Grandfield, Oklahoma to August Joseph Gebhart and Mary Eileen Coffey. She was a 1945 graduate of Grandfield High School and received an Associates degree in Business from Cameron College in Lawton, Oklahoma in 1947. On January 21, 1950, she married Otho William Parker in Grandfield. The couple moved to Midland in 1954. She attended U.T.P.B. in Odessa and worked for Midland Memorial hospital as an admissions clerk. She also worked for her husband in his accounting office for 15 years.

She was preceded in death by her husband in 1983; a brother, A.M. Pete Gebhart; and a sister, Lois Daugherty. She was a member of St. Ann's Catholic Church.

Survivors include two sons, Otho W. "Bill" Parker of Arlington, Texas and Christopher Joseph Parker of Dallas; a daughter, Karin Parker of Midland; a brother, Daniel "Danny" Gebhart of Grandfield, Oklahoma; and a sister, Doris Marie Cassidy of Frederick, Oklahoma.

Mrs. Parker died Saturday evening in a Midland hospital.

Funeral services are scheduled for 2 p.m. Tuesday in St. Ann's Catholic Church with Father James Bridges of St. Stephen's Catholic Church officiating. Burial will follow in Resthaven Memorial Park under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home. Rosary will be held 7 p.m. Monday evening in Ellis Funeral Home Chapel.

The family requests memorials be directed to Hospice of Midland, P.O. Box 2621, Midland, 79702.

POLICE REPORTS

Midland Police Department
Friday

Burglary of a business: Wanda Reed reported the Blue Gravy records and Tapes was burglarized. The report was made at 11:00 am.

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Burglary of Vehicle: Ryan Livingston reported a vehicle burglarized while on church property at 2101 Tarelton. It was reported at 12:40 pm.

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Criminal Mischief: Felix Aguirre of 2000 W. Cuthbert reported the driver's side window broken out. Damage is estimated at $75.

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Criminal Mischief: Patricia Little reported that phone lines were cut at 1700 Princeton. The report was made at 12:00 pm.

Saturday

Criminal Mischief: $800 in damage to the paint and tires of a vehicle was reported by Stephen Aragon at 717 W. Wadley. It was reported at 1:05 pm.

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Assault, Criminal Mischief: Ralph Pineda, 810 Whitaker, reported tires were slashed on the right side of the vehicle and that the driver's and passenger's window had been smashed. The incident is suspected to be gang related. It was reported at 1:41 am.

Burglary of a Habitation: Joe Saiz of 2005 Western reported a burglary. It is unknown how burglars entered the home. Guns, a TV and a stereo were reported stolen.

Sunday

Sexual Assault: A woman reported she was sexually assaulted at her northwest Midland residence. The report was made a 1:47 am.

Midland County Sheriff's Office
Sunday

Burglary of a habitation: Sheriff's officers responded to a burglary at 1501 Todd Dr. It was reported at 2:25 pm.

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Consultants

It sounds like such a great idea — quit your job and work for yourself as a consultant. But what kind of consultant? Income Opportunities magazine says some consultancies are in demand right now. Among them: manufacturing consultants, who help companies with re-engineering and inventory management; image consultants, who help people change their appearance and demeanor for professional or personal reasons; and management consultants, who help companies think up and implement new strategies. The magazine also notes wedding consultants are a big business. One wedding consultant describes the job: "All you have to do is become the bride's personal assistant, fairy godmother, shrink, confidante, big sister and personal Martha Stewart."

Foliage hot spots

Although summer vacations are over, hotels, restaurants and stores located near forests and national parks are getting ready for another lucrative season, when the fall foliage watchers arrive. Walking Magazine and Tauck Tours put together a list of the top seven spots for color displays: the Arkansas Ozarks; the Coconino National Forest north of Flagstaff, Ariz.; Skowhegan, Maine to the Canadian border; Mackinac Island, Mich.; Lake Placid, N.Y.; Virginia's Skyline Drive and Blue Ridge Parkway; and the Long Trail in Vermont.

Bar codes

If you're tired of lugging your company's postage meter to the post office for refills, high-tech help could arrive by the end of next year. Home Office Computing magazine reports that the U.S. Postal Service is testing devices that will allow computer users to download postage over phone lines or the Internet. The devices will print bar codes on envelopes that post office scanners will read. They're not as good-looking as commemorative stamps, but after all, neither are postage meter imprints.

Pack Rat alert

If you've given up on the idea of ever again fitting into the jeans you wore years ago, you might want to consider selling them — vintage and even non-vintage jeans are in demand and, depending on the style, could sell for hundreds or thousands of dollars. They don't need to be in mint condition. Green for Jeans, a vintage clothing dealer in Point Richmond, Calif., says there are grades for jeans, and even if they have small holes and stains, they could still be worth something. For example, No. 3 grade Levi's jeans or jackets can have small holes or stains, "but no major paint or awful brown staining."

How big is the garage?

If you're trying to sell a luxury home, your chances for getting a good sale price may depend on how big your garage is. House & Garden magazine reports buyers of seven-figure homes will probably be looking for a garage to house at least three cars. "A four-car garage connotes luxury," reports one realtor interviewed in the magazine's September issue. While many wealthy people could fill big garages with their BMWs, Land Rovers and Mercedes, House & Garden says others are looking for storage space for upscale necessities like riding lawn mowers and Jet Skis.

Spikes KOed

Golf shoes with metal spikes are no longer making the cut at many courses across the country, but there's good news for golfers grumbling about having to change to nonmetal cleats — they'll leave the course in better condition. The traditional metal spikes are being banned because they tear up the golf turf, but nonmetal spikes don't do that kind of damage, says Zac Reicher, co-director of Purdue University's Turfgrass Diagnostic and Research Center. So if you have a late tee time, you'll find the greens still smooth, provided the early birds have made the switch.

MONEY MATTERS EDITOR
JIMMY PATTERSON

College freshmen learning real-life lessons about money

By Vivian Marino
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Before sending the kids off to college for the first time, did you have that little talk about ... you know?

Few parents regularly discuss the subject of money with their children, and most schools do little to prepare youngsters for essential financial tasks like budgeting or handling credit.

"It's one of those taboo subjects; it's like sex," said Christine Cooke, vice president and manager of education services at Merrill Lynch.

Unfortunately, those unfamiliar with personal finance may run into problems not long after arriving on campus, when they've purchased books and supplies, opened checking accounts or furnished their dorms. Often times, the hidden costs, for things like toiletries, laundry or social activities, can be overlooked.

"The most dreaded call in the world is when parents hear, 'Hi mom, I ran out of money. I bounced nine checks. Can you help me?'" Cooke said.

Poor budgeting is the main culprit.

"The student needs to have a plan. That's the basic concept," said Judith Cohart, director of education and training for the National Foundation for Consumer Credit in Silver Spring, Md.

The foundation, which operates 1,300 counseling offices in the United States and Canada, has seen its share of college graduates deep in debt, not only from mounting student loans but accumulated credit cards bills.

The NFCC suggests students approach the subject of money management as they would tackle a term paper — first by creating a budget outline, which includes a breakdown of spending by categories, both academic and nonacademic; spending limits based on income; and goals.

Parents and students should work together to create a reasonable spending allowance, financial experts say. The fact that the college year is divided into segments, like semesters or trimesters, makes that task easier to handle.

It's essential to establish a checking account to allow a student access to his or her funds and to pay bills conveniently. Most accounts also come with automated teller machine cards, which provide around-the-clock availability.

Some banks in college communities actively solicit student accounts, with no minimum balance required, and offer helpful tips on writing checks and balancing an account.

Offers for credit cards also are abundant on college campuses, although students should be cautious in using them.

"Using your credit card is like writing the term paper," the NFCC said in recent promotion geared for college students. "If you want to get a good grade, make minor purchases and pay your bills promptly. This activity will establish a good credit history."

The NFCC suggests students always pay off their balances within three months.

Collapsed Emu industry struggles to hatch new markets

By Mark Babineck
Associated Press Writer

MEGARGEL — It's time for the Pechacek family's noonday meal, a rural Texas custom in which folks take a break from chores to convene around the dinner table.

Today's special: emu fajitas.

"These are the lowest-fat fajitas you're ever going to have," said Ed Pachacek on a recent summer day. Soon after, family and guests were stuffing the beef-like strips and other fixings into flour tortillas.

OK, so maybe this isn't quite a traditional ranchhouse lunch. Fitting enough, because Pechacek isn't your traditional rancher.

He's an emu pioneer.

"I bought some from a math professor in South Texas in 1987," said Pechacek, who keeps about 600 of the 5-foot Australian birds on two parcels in Megargel, 45 miles southwest of Wichita Falls. "He was raising them as a hobby."

They became more than a hobby to Pechacek, who owns a welding supply shop along Highway 114. Unlike others who joined the craze over the last decade, he's survived financially.

Wild speculation in the "red meat of the future" caused thousands of Americans to throw away millions of dollars on the colorful, mild-mannered ostrich cousins in the late 1980s and early 90s. Where some looked to make a fortune, today's die-hards like Pechacek are searching for viability.

Pechacek is happy to make enough money from meat sales to cover the cost of slaughter. If there's a future in emus, and he believes there is, it's going to be in the 80 million-year-old species' abundant fats and oils.

"I think that will be a critical piece of our success," said Lee Hopkins, an emu enthusiast, biochemist and spokesman for the American Emu Association. "If you can sell something like the fat, which is a throwaway product for other livestock, and get a premium price for it, you have a better chance."

The oil market might be the only chance producers have left.

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There are no reliable statistics on the current state of emu ownership nationwide or in Texas, which became emu central during the boom. What is certain is that a mass exodus from the business began about three years ago.

Pechacek traces the market's collapse to a fateful March 1994 auction in South Texas.

"Chicks had been bringing in $3,000 apiece until then. But that auction bar was filled with spectators, not buyers," he said. Word spread fast, and the sweet smell of success soured into the stench of debt. The birds quickly became long-necked liabilities.

Until then, emu fever had caused people to make decisions with the dollar signs in their eyes instead of the brains in their heads.

"Young couples would call and ask where to get financing to buy chicks," Pechacek said. "I advised them that, if you had to borrow money, leave it alone."

Pechacek recalled a man who took out a $1 million loan from his parents to pursue an emu career. A short time later, the money and the career both were gone.

Emus and ostriches, both members of the ratite family, are periodically seen galloping down ranch roads after their release by frustrated owners. In one case this year, neighbors reported watching a Fort Worth-area man club 22 emus to death. Some called it brutality; he called it liquidation.

Pechacek blames unwise investors for giving the business a bad name: "They should have known you wouldn't be able to increase your money a hundredfold-a-year forever."

Breeding pairs selling for $50,000 and higher a few years back might go for $200-$300 today, he said.

The association's Hopkins went a step further: "You'll probably find people willing to give you a breeder pair if you're willing to assume the cost of the upkeep."

Even animal rights forces, who largely oppose commercial ratite farming, concede that the meat is virtually fat free. The flightless birds have almost no breast meat, but their huge thighs make up the difference.

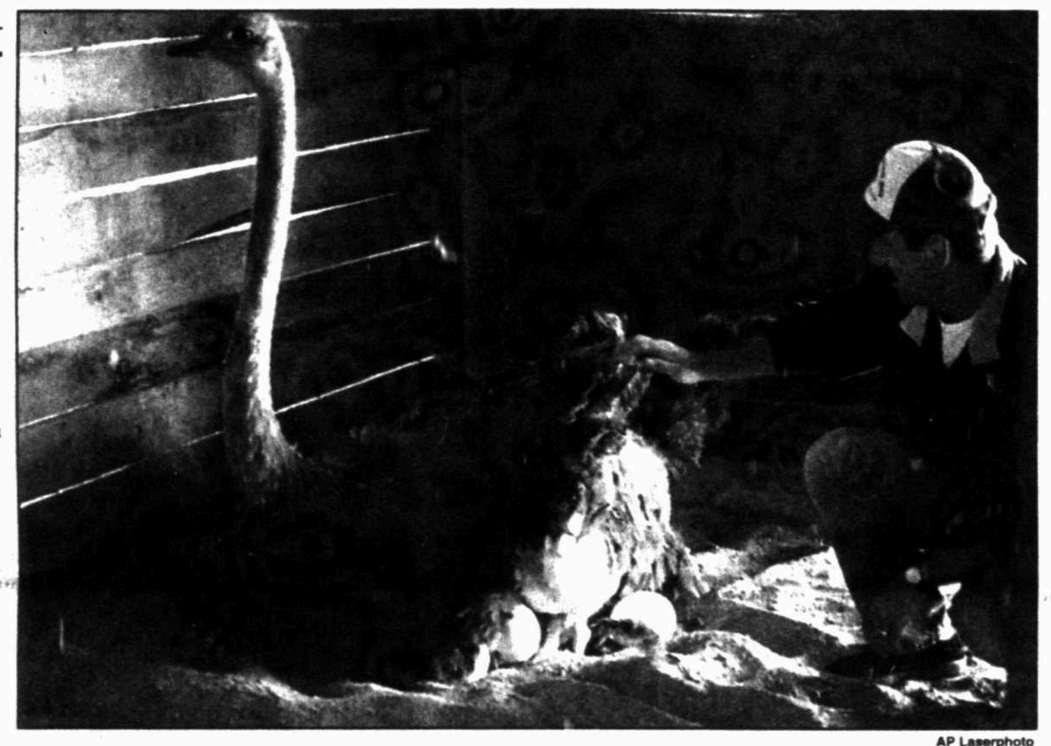
Studies have shown that the meat has half the saturated fat of chicken and turkey and far less than beef. The healthy eating can be expensive, though.

"We sell a little bit, but we don't sell a lot," said Mary Havens, manager of Dunston's steakhouse in Dallas. A six-ounce filet mignon there costs $12.95; customers can get a larger beefsteak for the same price.

Pechacek, 68, primarily considered himself a meat producer when he entered the business. Now he's an oilman, of sorts.

"(Emu oil) has a natural healing ability," he said. "Aborigines have been using it for centuries."

Pechacek's Emu Country Inc. markets a number of products, including sunburn salves and an "answer to aging" formula. While he also distributes a testimonial-filled brochure about the oil, there's been little independent medical research on the products.



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Dan Christman coaxes Ostrich #4 off the eggs she's been sitting on at the Christman farm near Racine, Wis., last Wednesday. Three eggs have hatched with 15 to go.

EMU FACTS

Associated Press

The emu, a large flightless bird native to Australia, played a similar role to the lives of aborigines as the buffalo did for native Americans. Emu products provided food and clothing, and they used the oils medicinally.

Other facts about emus:

- The prehistoric-looking birds date back about 80 million years.
- They stand about 5 feet tall and weigh around 120 pounds.
- They can live more than 60 years in the wild, though captive emus usually are slaughtered before age 2.
- Emus survived an Australian attempt to exterminate them in the 1930s.
- Their evolution has almost completely rid them of wings, which is why the animals have virtually no breast meat.
- Though they're members of the bird family, emus produce red meat that contains less fat than beef. However, emu meat is pricier and harder to find.

Big budget numbers can equal big errors

By John Cunniff
AP Business Analyst

NEW YORK — The new federal budget projections have been announced, and they appear to call for a celebration. The budget, it is said, will be in surplus by the year 2002.

This would seem to be a noteworthy accomplishment, even an astonishing one since, in spite of promises, projections and good intentions the budget hasn't been in surplus since 1969.

But here it is in black and white from the Congressional Budget Office: The federal government should take in $32 billion more than it spends in 2002, and a whopping $86 billion more by 2007.

And soon to follow, we are told, is an even rosier projection from the White House Office of Management and Budget, a report that foretells of even larger surpluses in the same time frame.

But there is a lesson in such numbers, and it is this: They can leap around crazily, adding billions here and making them disappear there, as if someone had spilled coffee into the computer keyboard.

A billion dollars is a very serious sum to the roughly 15 million families aspiring to a surplus on incomes of $35,000 to $50,000. But in a federal budget, billions are like $10 bills.

Consider this: The budget deficit for this year is expected to be $34 billion, but the Congressional Budget Office last January was projecting a deficit of $107 billion.

At that, the $107 billion projection was about 25 percent or $27 billion lower than the same office had projected less than a year earlier, making that earlier projection a $100 billion miss.

Just eight months ago the CBO was also forecasting continued deficits, and in fact a trend toward higher deficits, reaching at least $158 billion in the year 2002.

This is not meant to denigrate the CBO, which generally is thought to be well run and to contain the best analysts available, but to bring to the fore a few practical reminders.

First, though not the most important, is the reminder that in projecting an economy large and varied as that of the United States there are bound to be miscalculations. Just too many variables.

The variables may be strictly economic. Who, for instance, knew the U.S. economy would grow so strongly and pour so much revenue into the federal treasury? It could not have been foreseen.

Consider that in a nation of roughly 100 million households, a $100 billion miscalculation is equivalent to an error of $1,000 in a family's budget. What family hasn't made such an error?

Second: The biggest variable is political. In spite of the rhetoric and the promises, and aside from overspending, who can foretell what Congress will do?

Alone, these variables, domestic economics and politics, make forecasting more an art than science. Throw in such things as a global economy, natural disasters and war and its a guessing game.

And the third reminder:

Accept for what they're worth the projections and promises in the recent budget deal, and the clapping and back-patting too, while keeping in mind all these variables.

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TV Sports

BASEBALL — Chicago Cubs at Cincinnati Reds, 6:30 p.m., WGN.

FOOTBALL -- NFL, Kansas City Chiefs at Oakland Raiders, 8 p.m., ABC.

BOXING — Merqui Sosa (30-5, 25 KOs) vs. Ernest Mateen (24-7-1, 9 Kos) light heavyweights from Atlantic City, 12 rounds, 8 p.m., FSS.

GYMNASTICS — U.S. Championships, 8 p.m., ESPN.

Texas Scores

NFL — Arizona Cardinals 25, Dallas Cowboys 22, OT.

BASEBALL — Toronto Blue Jays 4, Texas Rangers 0.

San Francisco Giants 5, Houston Astros 1.

AP Top 25

The Top Twenty Five teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Sept. 6, total points based on 25 points for a first place vote through one point for a 25th place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Penn St. (22)	1-0	1,620	1
2. Florida (15)	2-0	1,590	2
3. Washington (14)	1-0	1,580	4
4. Tennessee (6)	2-0	1,518	3
5. Florida St. (4)	1-0	1,442	5
6. Nebraska (4)	**1-0**	**1,433**	**6**
7. North Carolina (2)	1-0	1,342	7
8. Colorado (3)	**1-0**	**1,331**	**8**
9. Ohio St.	1-0	1,144	9
10. LSU	1-0	1,127	10
11. Texas	**1-0**	**1,054**	**12**
12. Notre Dame	1-0	911	11
13. Miami	1-0	904	13
14. Michigan	0-0	838	14
15. Alabama	1-0	812	15
16. Auburn	1-0	688	16
17. Stanford	1-0	587	17
18. Iowa	1-0	527	20
19. Clemson	1-0	402	18
20. Kansas St.	**1-0**	**377**	**21**
21. Michigan St.	1-0	305	25
22. Virginia Tech	1-0	213	—
23. Southern Cal	0-1	182	23
24. Arizona St.	1-0	150	—
25. Colorado St.	1-1	127	24

Others receiving votes: **Texas A&M 118**, N. Carolina St. 113, Brigham Young 75, West Virginia 74, Washington St. 64, Southern Miss. 26, Georgia 25, Wake Forest 12, South Carolina 10, Mississippi St. 6, Northwestern 5, Virginia 4, Wyoming 3, Air Force 2, Georgia Tech 2, Oregon 2, Utah St. 2, Arkansas 1, Hawaii 1, San Diego St. 1.

Sportscaster dies

DALLAS — Mark Holtz, longtime radio and television announcer for the Texas Rangers, died Sunday at Baylor University Medical Center of complications from a bone marrow transplant for treatment of leukemia. He was 51.

Holtz, whose trademark phrase was "Hello, win column!" after every Rangers victory, was the team's radio voice in 1981-94 and moved to the television booth in 1995.

He broadcast his final game for the Rangers May 22 and underwent the transplant June 18.

During his career, he was honored as Texas sportscaster of the year eight times. Holtz was elected to the Texas Baseball Hall of Fame in 1990.

"Mark was an outstanding broadcaster and an outstanding person and everybody at the Rangers and everyone else he came in contact with will miss him," Rangers spokesman John Blake said Sunday.

A native of Elmhurst, Ill., he graduated from Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, in 1967.

Holtz began his broadcast career in 1967 and served as play-by-play announcer for Hiram Scott College in Scottsbluff, Neb., in 1968-70. He broadcast the Class AAA Omaha Royals in 1971, then University of Illinois football and Bradley University basketball in 1971-75. In 1976-80, he announced University of Colorado football and basketball games, University of Denver hockey and Class AAA Denver Bears baseball. He moved to Dallas, where he called Dallas Mavericks games in their 1980-81 inaugural season.

Missions win TL

SHREVEPORT, La. — The San Antonio Missions beat the Shreveport Captains, 2-0, Sunday to win the Texas League Championship four games to three.

The Missions jumped out to a 3-0 lead in the series before the Captains rallied to tie the series at 3-3.

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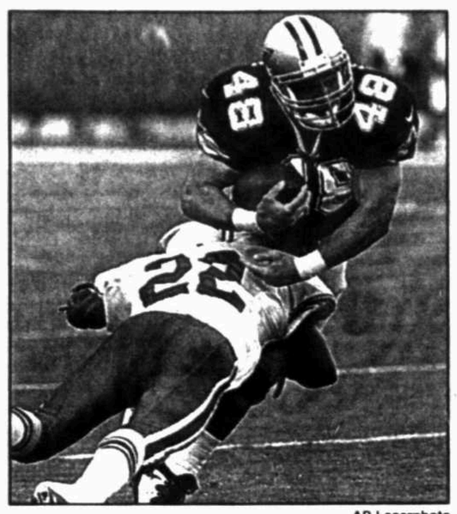
Arizona heat melts Cowboys



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Arizona Cardinals' Tom Knight (22) makes an open field tackle on Dallas Cowboys' Daryl Johnston (48) during the first quarter.

■ Kevin Butler kicks a 20-yard field goal to lift the Arizona Cardinals past the Dallas Cowboys, 25-22 in overtime.

By Mel Reisner
AP Sports Writer

TEMPE, Ariz. — Kent Graham, overcoming boos and three lost fumbles, led Arizona back from a 15-point deficit, and Kevin Butler completed the Cardinals' first victory over the Dallas Cowboys in seven years with a 20-yard field goal in overtime Sunday night.

Butler's kick hit the left upright, but still went through with 6:30 left in overtime, giving the Cardinals a 25-22 victory.

The Cowboys won 13 in a row over the Cardinals since Arizona beat Dallas 20-14 on Oct. 14, 1990.

It also was the first victory by the Cardinals in a home opener since they moved to Arizona in 1988. They won their first game at home in 1987, their last year in St. Louis.

The Cardinals trailed 22-7 before Graham threw two touchdown passes and completed a 2-point conversion pass, forcing the overtime.

On the game-winning drive to the field goal, Graham had completions of 19 yards to Rob Moore and 29 yards to Larry Centers, who carried tacklers to the 3.

Fans in the crowd of 71,578 flooded the field and tore down the goalposts to celebrate the end of the long drought against the Cowboys (1-1), who looked formidable on opening weekend with a 37-7 rout of Pittsburgh. Meanwhile, the Cardinals (1-1) lost a 24-21 heartbreaker in Cincinnati after leading 21-3.

Graham finished 26-of-47 for 249 yards and scoring passes of 7 yards to Frank Sanders and 1 yard to Pat Carter, the last with 1:06 left in regulation. Graham then passed to Moore for the critical 2-point conversion that tied it 22-22.

With the score 22-14, Arizona began the eight-play, 70-yard march after Simeon Rice got his second sack of Troy Aikman with four minutes left. On the same play, Dallas running back Emmitt Smith bruised his ribs and had to leave the game after gaining 132 yards in 19 plays.

He did not return, and with 3:42 to go, Michael Bankston got a piece of Cunningham's 40-yard field-goal attempt that would have clinched the victory for Dallas.

Defensive tackle Chad Hennings scored on a 4-yard fumble return for the Cowboys, but Dallas' offense looked like anything but a machine against the Cardinals, who sacked Aikman three times and forced two fumbles.

Dallas got the first fumble back, but on the second, middle linebacker Ronald McKinnon, playing for injured starter Eric Hill, made a crushing tackle on Smith's replacement, Sherman Williams, with 8:13 left in overtime.

Terry Irving, a backup who replaced

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U.S. OPEN FINALS

Hingis does it with ease

By Steve Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK — Venus Williams staked a claim for the future of women's tennis in her sizzling U.S. Open debut. But it was Martina Hingis who grabbed the championship Sunday, reinforcing her stranglehold, at least for now, on the game.

Someday, their first Grand Slam match may be remembered as the start of a great rivalry, ranking with the likes of Chris Evert vs. Martina Navratilova. At the moment, though, it's all Hingis.

Hingis ended a near-perfect run through the Grand Slams by winning her third major title of the year in a virtually flawless performance against Williams. It was a 6-0, 6-4 drubbing that showed Hingis has the all-court game that's more than enough to cope with Williams' power.

"I just had a great year," said Hingis, who has lost only two of 65 matches while winning the Australian Open and Wimbledon and reaching the French Open final. "You know, what can I improve? Sometimes I ask myself. It's a little scary."

If not for a fall from a horse that led to knee surgery just before the French Open, she might have swept all four Grand Slam titles.

Hingis did whatever she wanted against Williams, who showed only flashes of the brilliance that carried her to the final in her U.S. Open debut. While Williams slugged impatiently, Hingis waited for her opportunities and put balls away.

"It was one of my weaknesses, maybe my only weakness," Williams said of her 38 errors — 23 more than Hingis. "That's something I cut down a lot on in this tournament. Maybe in the future, six months from now, that will be something that will pass."

It was the youngest matchup of finalists in Grand Slam history, the 16-year-old Hingis against the 17-year-old Williams, and on this day Hingis had the more mature game.

"I think maybe I was nervous," Williams said. "But playing against Martina is a different match. You can't hit yourself out of (trouble) because she takes the pace off the ball a lot."

Yet Williams proved enough in reaching the final, and in making the second set close, that she has the raw talent to become a champion herself someday.

"There was a lot of talk all around," she said of the complaints that she hadn't played enough competitive tennis before this tournament. "I'm glad to quiet it a little."

Williams, the first black women's finalist at the U.S. Open since Althea Gibson won her second title in 1958, began the tournament with a victory on opening day at Arthur Ashe Stadium. It was a special appearance accorded her as a promising black player from the city courts of Compton, Calif. But she earned her way to the final by brandishing a game built on speed, power and extraordinary poise.

Those qualities didn't abandon her against

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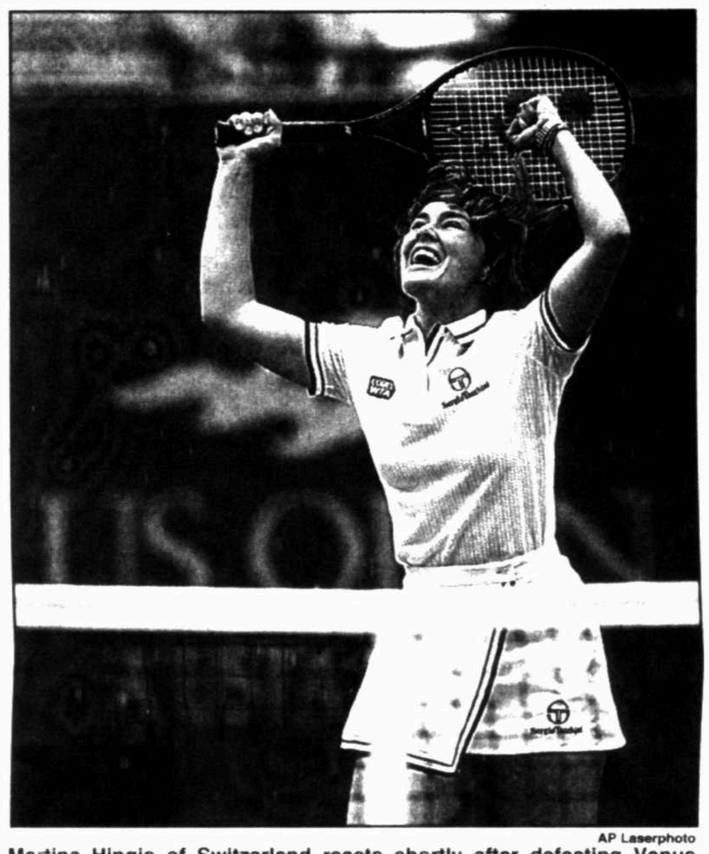

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Martina Hingis of Switzerland reacts shortly after defeating Venus Williams from Palm Beach Gardens, Fla. during the women's singles finals match at the U.S. Open in New York on Sunday.

Rafter renews Australian tradition with win

AP Laserphoto

As seen through the net, Australia's Patrick Rafter reacts after winning a point against Great Britain's Greg Rusedski during the men's singles finals.

By Steve Wilstein
AP Tennis Writer

NEW YORK — In flourishes that harkened back to the great champions in Australia's proud tennis heritage, Patrick Rafter overcame the fastest server in history to win the U.S. Open on Sunday and secure his first Grand Slam title.

Rafter stared at his racket to see if it had cracked when Greg Rusedski unleashed a record 143 mph serve in the fourth set, then bore down to finish off a 6-3, 6-2, 4-6, 7-5 victory.

In a scene reminiscent of Australian Pat Cash's climb into the stands to hug his father when he won Wimbledon in 1987, Rafter climbed up to embrace his family, friends and coach Tony Roche.

"I can't believe it. I'm in a fantasy land," Rafter said.

The first Australian champion of the U.S. Open since John Newcombe in 1973, Rafter played in the tradition of his famous mentors with a serve-and-volley style and an athletic flair that never wavered even under pressure.

Rusedski, trying to become the first British winner since Fred Perry in 1936, provided plenty of that pressure with his booming serves and gutsy shots in a third-set comeback. But Rafter kept attacking the net, leaping for almost impossible volleys and making them.

Perhaps only tennis aficionados knew who Rafter and Rusedski were. Certainly the women's finalists, teen-agers Martina Hingis and Venus Williams, had greater popularity around the world. But Hingis' 6-0, 6-4 victory over Williams had none of the drama, and little of the grand play, of the Rafter-Rusedski match.

Rafter wore his long hair in a Samurai bun and he played with a warrior's fervor. His link to players like Newcombe and Rod Laver, Roche and Ken Rosewall, could be seen in his graceful style on court, his muscular legs, and his love of the game.

Roche tutors him and Newcombe calls up at times with advice. For more than two decades, Australia's best players have been banding together to help produce another champion. Cash came along as a

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Eagles upset defending champs, 10-9

Associated Press

The Green Bay Packers can forget about that perfect season.

During training camp, Packers safety LeRoy Butler said going 19-0 this year was a "realistic goal" for the defending Super Bowl champions. Not anymore.

The Packers lost to the Philadelphia Eagles 10-9 on Sunday when rookie Ryan Longwell missed a 28-yard field goal attempt with 11 seconds left.

"This is an early wake-up call for us," Green Bay coach Mike Holmgren said. "The offensive futility was the toughest part."

The Packers failed to score a touchdown for the first time since Oct. 18, 1992, a span covering 85 regular-season and playoff games.

Ty Detmer's 2-yard TD pass to Freddie Solomon with 1:56 remaining put the Eagles ahead by a point. The fourth-down pass capped an 80-yard, 19-play drive that lasted nine minutes and 22 seconds.

The Packers (1-1) still had a chance to win after Bill Schroeder returned the ensuing kickoff to the Green Bay 47 and Brett Favre quickly drove the team to the Eagles' 10. But Longwell, who had made all 12 of his previous field goal attempts during the preseason and regular season, was wide right.

The loss snapped a nine-game winning streak for Green Bay, which opened the season with a 38-24 Monday night win over Chicago. The Eagles, who lost their opener to the New York Giants 31-17, improved to 1-1.

Elsewhere, it was Dolphins 16, Oilers 13 in overtime; 49ers 15, Rams 12; Patriots 31, Colts 6; Buffalo 28, New York Jets 22; Carolina 9, Atlanta 6; Baltimore 23, Cincinnati 10; Minnesota 27, Chicago 24; San Diego 20, New Orleans 6; Tampa Bay 24, Detroit 17; Pittsburgh 14, Washington 13; Broncos 35, Seahawks 14; and Jaguars 40, Giants 13.

The Monday night matchup is Kansas City at Oakland.

Dolphins 16, Oilers 13 (OT)

At Miami, Dan Marino rebounded from a poor opening-game performance with his first 300-yard passing day since 1995. Marino, who passed for only 105 yards against Indianapolis last week, completed 24 of 43 attempts for 324 yards against Tennessee (1-1). The Dolphins (2-0) won it on rookie Olindo Mare's 29-yard field goal with 12:45 left in OT.

49ers 15, Rams 12

At St. Louis, the 49ers (1-1) overcame a shaky showing by rookie QB Jim Druckenmiller to beat the Rams for the 14th straight time. Druckenmiller, filling in for injured Steve Young, was intercepted three times and passed for only 102 yards and one score in his first NFL start. The Rams (1-1) were hurt by four turnovers.

Patriots 31, Colts 6

At Indianapolis, Drew Bledsoe threw four TD passes for the second straight week as New England routed the Colts (0-2). Bledsoe, who completed 15 of 25 passes for 267 yards, has thrown TD passes to eight different receivers in the past two

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Miami Dolphins receiver Charles Jordon (88) hauls in a pass behind Tennessee Oilers Tomur Barnes (32) during fourth quarter NFL action in Miami on Sunday.

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HEAT: Defense accounts for only TDs

(From 1C)

McKinnon at outside linebacker, recovered on the Arizona 46, and the Cardinals were in business for their winning drive.

Before his late miss, Cunningham, a first-year player who until last week hadn't attempted a field goal in a game since 1992, was perfect on kicks of 24, 47, 37, 34 and 28 yards and was 8-for-8 on the season.

Leeland McElroy had a 10-yard scoring run in the second quarter, giving the Cardinals a 7-6 lead with their first TD on the Cowboys since 1995. Dallas' defense accounted for both touchdowns — one for each team — on the way to a 19-7 halftime lead.

The Cowboys practically put the Cardinals in the end zone on Arizona's first scoring drive, accounting for 15 of the 46 yards with penalties.

Arizona faced third-and-7 on the Cowboys 30 when Graham threw in Sanders' direction. But Deion Sanders was called for holding, drawing a 5-yard illegal-contact penalty.

Instead of an incomplete pass, the Cardinals got a first down on the 25.

On the next play, Kevin Smith interfered with Moore, putting the ball at the 10, and McElroy scored on the next snap, hesitating for his blocking to form as he swept right end before tiptoeing past the pylon 2:09 into the second quarter.

Deion Sanders made it up when he returned Arizona's next punt 19 yards to his own 49.

Smith had 14 yards in three carries during a 10-play drive that gained just 32 yards before Cunningham regained the lead for Dallas with a 37-yard field goal with 5:00 left in the half.

On the third Arizona play after the kickoff, a blitzing Darren Woodson sacked Graham for a 10-yard loss and knocked the ball loose. Hennings picked it up and lumbered into the end zone for a 16-7 lead with 3:37 remaining.

Cunningham had his fourth field goal with four seconds left in the half after Kevin Williams fumbled a punt and Herschel Walker recovered for Dallas, and he made it 22-7 two minutes into the third quarter after another sack of Graham.

This time, Tony Tolbert had the sack, and Woodson recovered the fumble.

Cardinals 25, Cowboys 22, OT

Dallas	6	13	3	0	0	— 22
Arizona	0	7	7	8	3	— 25

First Quarter

Dal—FG Cunningham 24, 9:16.
Dal—FG Cunningham 47, 5:11.

Second Quarter

An—McElroy 10 run (Butler kick), 12:51.
Dal—FG Cunningham 37, 5:00.
Dal—Hennings 4 fumble return (Cunningham kick), 3:37.
Dal—FG Cunningham 34, :04.

Third Quarter

Dal—FG Cunningham 28, 13:00.
An—Sanders 7 pass from Graham (Butler kick), 1:44.

Fourth Quarter

An—Carter 1 pass from Graham (Moore pass from Graham), 1:06.

Overtime

An—FG Butler 20, 6:30.
A—71,578.

	Dal	Ari
First downs	15	22
Rushes-yards	29-180	25-66
Passing	147	220
Comp-Att-Int	21-39-0	26-47-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-24	3-29
Punts	8-46.8	8-43.8
Fumbles-Lost	2-1	6-4
Penalties-Yards	12-115	3-20
Time of Possession	34:58	33:32

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING—Dallas, E.Smith 19-132, Sh.Williams 8-43, Aikman 1-5, Johnston 1-0. Arizona, McElroy 16-53, Graham 3-7, Centers 3-5, Bouie 3-1.

PASSING—Dallas, Aikman 21-39-0-171. Arizona, Graham 26-47-0-249.

RECEIVING—Dallas, Sh.Williams 5-53, Irvin 4-18, Bjornson 3-59, E.Smith 3-11, St.Williams 3-10, Johnston 2-11, Davis 1-9. Arizona, F.Sanders 7-44, Moore 6-108, Gedney 4-24, Centers 3-28, McElroy 3-25, Carter 2-10, K.Williams 1-10.

MISSED FIELD GOALS—Dallas, Cunningham 40 (BL).

NFL: Buccaneers win second straight

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weeks. Curtis Martin rushed for 121 yards as the Patriots improved to 2-0 for the first time since 1986.

Bills 28, Jets 22

At East Rutherford, N.J., Todd Collins threw three TD passes as Buffalo (1-1) rebounded from an opening loss to hand the Jets (1-1) their 13th straight home defeat. The Bills' defense, led by Bryce Paup, had eight sacks. Aaron Glenn scored on a 96-yard kickoff return for the Jets.

Ravens 23, Bengals 10

At Baltimore, Vinny Testaverde threw a pivotal touchdown pass to Eric Green with 9:36 left and the Ravens avoided another late collapse to beat the Bengals (1-1). The Ravens (1-1), who had lost nine of their last 11 games despite holding a second-half lead, took the lead for good on Jay Graham's 5-yard TD run late in the third quarter.

Panthers 9, Falcons 6

At Atlanta, Steve Beuerlein downed the ball with one second left and John Kasay followed with his third field goal of the fourth quarter, a 39-yarder that lifted the Panthers (1-1) over the Falcons (0-2). Both offenses struggled without their starting QBs — Carolina's Kerry Collins didn't play because of a broken jaw and Atlanta's Chris Chandler was sidelined by a concussion in the second quarter.

Vikings 27, Bears 24

At Chicago, Brad Johnson and Chris Walsh connected on the winning, 9-yard TD pass with 37 seconds left. Johnson completed 33 of 44 passes for 285 yards, including 7 of 9 on the final 61-yard drive for Minnesota (2-0). The Bears (0-2) had taken a 24-20 lead on Raymont Harris' 59-yard TD run with 11:52 remaining.

Chargers 20, Saints 6

At New Orleans, Jim Everett beat his old team and coach Mike Ditka, the man who cut him. Everett, who believes Ditka didn't give him a fair chance to retain the starting spot with the Saints (0-2), sealed the victory for San Diego (1-1) with a 21-yard scoring pass to Freddie Jones with 2:10 left.

Buccaneers 24, Lions 17

At Pontiac, Mich., Tampa Bay rookie Warrick Dunn rushed for 130 yards and a touchdown, while Detroit star Barry Sanders was shut down for the second straight week. Sanders, who led the NFL in rushing last year, was held to 20 yards on 10 carries after gaining only 33 yards in the Lions' opener against Atlanta. The Bucs improved to 2-0 for the first time since 1992.

Steelers 14, Redskins 13

At Pittsburgh, Jerome Bettis carried on all but two plays on a 72-yard fourth-quarter scoring drive that rallied the Steelers (1-1) past mistake-riddled Washington (1-1). Bettis ran for 134 yards against what was the NFL's worst rushing defense last season, and accounted for nearly all of Pittsburgh's offense on its two scoring drives.

Broncos 35, Seahawks 14

At Seattle, John Elway threw a pair of TD tosses to Ed McCaffrey in a game that featured a matchup of aging, future Hall of Fame quarterbacks. The 37-year-old Elway completed 18 of 26 passes for 197 yards and two touchdowns. Seattle's Warren Moon, the oldest player in the league at 40, was 20 of 33 for 222 yards and one score. The Broncos improved to 2-0, while the Seahawks fell to 0-2.

Jaguars 40, Giants 13

At Jacksonville, Fla., quarterback Steve Matthews played with poise in his first NFL start, leading the Jaguars (2-0) to the highest point total in their three-year history. Matthews, claimed off waivers last month, completed 23 of 35 for 252 yards and Natrone Means ran for two touchdowns for the Jaguars. Jacksonville's top two quarterbacks, Mark Brunell and Rob Johnson, are injured.

RAFTER: Aussie gets emotional

(From 1C)

surprise a decade ago, and now so has Rafter.

Rafter lost in the first round at the U.S. Open a year ago. Rusedski hadn't won a match at the Open in his three previous years here.

"The difference was I missed a few easy volleys, a few balls by an inch," Rusedski said. "Pat was just the better player on the day. I think I'll learn, like I did from being in the quarters at Wimbledon. Learn to push it up a notch."

Rafter's path to the title was littered with top players, including former champion Andre Agassi and No. 2-seed Michael Chang. But Rafter lost only two sets in the tournament, one against Agassi and one against Rusedski.

Rafter's rise this year — he reached five finals before this one without winning any — has been nothing short of remarkable. He had won only one title in his career, Manchester in 1994. He finished the past two years ranked No. 68 and No. 62 while battling injuries.

Now, Rafter will be ranked No. 3 behind Pete Sampras and Chang. He is the first Australian in the top 10 since Cash reached No. 10 in 1988.

"It's amazing," Rafter said, referring to his ranking. "Nothing can substitute for that. This is what I've been aiming and dreaming for my whole life. Hopefully, I can make those next two spots."

Rusedksi offered a simple explanation for why Rafter has moved up so quickly this year.

"The style in men's tennis is more baseline because of the clay courters from Spain," he said. "You need an all-around game. That's why Patrick has taken such a jump."

Rusedski acknowledged he still had further to go in building his own game. He has to work on his returns, he said, his agility, his ground game, "even my serve."

For all Rusedski's power on serve — he smacked one at 146 that landed a tad long — that strength is also a weakness. By serving so fast, he's often unable to rush the net for effective volleys.

"I had makeable shots that I didn't make," he said. "I saw openings and I didn't make the shots. Pat did, and that was the difference."

Rusedski made one extraordinary shot, a running backhand down the line that broke Rafter and won the second set. But those kinds of shots, as brilliant as they were, occurred too seldom to save Rusedski.

Rusedski will no doubt be greeted warmly when he returns, though perhaps not with the exuberance that awaits Rafter in Australia.

When Rafter rapped his final volley winner, he fell to his knees then lay on his back in disbelief on the court.

"I just wanted to lie down all day," he said, "and sort of soak it up."

HINGIS: Wins third Grand Slam

(From 1C)

Hingis, but accuracy did as nervousness made Williams more cautious, more tentative than she had been in other matches.

Williams brushed aside questions about her father's charge Saturday that her on-court collision with Irina Spirlea in the semifinals was racially motivated.

"I've seen a lot of racial things happen to my baby. I think what happened to Venus yesterday was a racial thing," Richard Williams said in a telephone interview from his home in Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.

"I don't think that's even part of it right now," Venus Williams said, when asked about experiencing racism on the tour. "I don't want to answer that question.

"I think with this moment, in the first year in Arthur Ashe Stadium, it all represents everyone being together, everyone having a chance to play. So I think this is definitely ruining the mood, these questions about racism."

Williams won the coin toss and chose to serve the match, but that's about all she won for the first half hour. Leading 40-15 in the opening game, she made four consecutive errors while Hingis calmly kept the ball in play through long rallies.

In racing through the first set, Hingis made only seven unforced errors while Williams had 17.

"Some of my shots were amazing," Hingis said. "I let her make the game and make the errors. My best tennis was in the first set. I tried to be aggressive, come in and mix it up."

Hingis was only slightly less perfect in the second set, taking a 4-2 lead before suffering her only break of serve in the match as Williams leveled the set to 4-4 with a angled forehand that Hingis netted. That break brought out the loudest roar from the crowd, but they had little to cheer afterward.

Williams double-faulted for the fourth time on the way to losing her serve in the next game, and Hingis closed out the match with a forehand volley.

Hingis ran across the court to celebrate with her mother and coach, Melanie Molitor.

"It doesn't matter how many tournaments you've won that year, match point you always feel happy," said Hingis, who jumped on a chair to reach up to her mother.

Hingis, who won $650,000, admired the silver trophy she won.

"The big names are on it," she said. "One of them is mine."

Hingis, who has won more than $4.6 million in her brief career, is on her way to posting one of the finest years in history. The only matches she lost were in the French final against Iva Majoli and in Los Angeles last month against Lindsay Davenport.

Only the woman for whom she was named, Martina Navratilova, lost fewer matches in a year during the Open era. Navratilova was 86-1 in 1983, then 78-2 in 1984. Steffi Graf went 75-2 in 1987 and 86-2 in 1989.

For Williams, the $350,000 runner-up prize was more than three times her previous career earnings of $105,646.

LOCAL SPORTS

Salles scores best finish

MONTEREY, Calif. — Gualter Salles racing for Midland's Davis Racing reacorded a career-best finish at the Texaco-Havoline 300 at Laguna Seca Speedway.

Salles was benefitted by two pit stops which moved him from 17th to points-paying position. Salles was happy with the ride.

"The Cosworth was a good racing car today," Salles said. "The Davis Racing crew did a great job on the pit stops; I don't know how many guys we passed in the pits, but I think it was three on the first stop and four or five on the second stop."

Midland's Gerald Davis, the team owner, was glad the group came through.

"This feels good. It is about time we brought it home," Davis said. "After all the troubles we had last week and earlier in the season, to come home seventh is a great feeling. Gualter did a terrific job out there on the track and I can;t say enough for the guys on the team during the puts stops."

Salles now had 10 points which puts him equal with Rookie of the Year Contender Dario Franchitti and second behind Canada's Patrick Carpenter.

Collins duo win GTCC crown

Dennis and Lettia Collins won the Couples Club Championship held this weekend at Green Tree County Club.

The Collins twosome, who also won the putting contest, shot 309 for the weekend to defeated Oren and Trina Albright by five strokes. Herb and JoAnn Teasley won the net title with a 279.

Results from the Couples Club Championship held this weekend at Green Tree Country Club.

Gross Title: Dennis and Lettia Collins 309; Oren and Trina Albright 314. Net: Herb and JoAnn Teasley 279; Mike and Diana Leach 286; Doug and Shirley Newman 294. Closest to the Pin: Mike Leach, Trina Albright. Putting Contest: Dennis and Lettia Collins. Chipping Contest: Bob and Dede Plank.

Moralez wins ladies title

ODESSA — Denise Moralez shot a two-round total of 156 to win the Championship Flight of the Ladies Club Championship at The Club at Mission Dorado.

Sandra Hill was second behind Moralez after finishing at 166. Elva Graham won the flight's net title with a 142.

Results from the Ladies Club Championship at The Club at Mission Dorado.

Championship Flight: Gross: Denise Moralez 79-156; Sandra Hill 84-166; Net: Elva Graham 70-142; Jeannie Knighten 78-154.

First Flight: Gross: Pat Wickson 99-195; Georgia Bentley 96-197; Net: Barbara Briley 77-151; Susan Cepero 78-154.

Second Flight: Gross: Mary Jane Duffy 106-203; Peggy McCulloch 97-207; Net: Skeeter Graham 74-144; Peggy McCrary 81-155.

NFL Facts

Eagles 10, Packers 9 — Green Bay fails to score a touchdown for the first time in 85 games and Ryan Longwell misses a 28-yard field goal in the final seconds to snap a nine-game winning streak.

Dolphins 16, Oilers 13, OT — Dan Marino passes for 324 yards after a weak opening-game performance.

49ers 15, Rams 12— Rookie Jim Druckenmiller wins his first start despite three interceptions.

Patriots 31, Colts 6— Drew Bledsoe throws four TD passes for the second straight week. He has eight scoring throws to eight different receivers.

Bills 28, Jets 22 — Todd Collins has three TD passes as Buffalo hands New York its 13th straight home defeat.

Panthers 9, Falcons 6 — Steve Beuerlein downs the ball with one second left and John Kasay kicks his third field goal of the fourth quarter for Carolina.

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TEXAS	ab	r	h	bi	TORONTO	ab	r	hbi
TGdwin cf	4	0	0	0	Stewart cf	5	1	1
Cdeno 2b	4	0	0	0	Duncn 2b	4	0	0
Greer lf	4	0	1	0	Cruz Jr lf	4	1	2
JuGnlz dh	4	0	1	0	Carter rf	4	1	2
LStvns 1b	3	0	0	0	CDlgdo 1b	4	0	1
Leyrtz c	3	0	0	0	Evans 3b	3	0	1
FTatis 3b	3	0	0	0	SGren dh	3	1	1
Diaz rf	3	0	0	0	O'Brien c	1	0	0
Gil ss	2	0	0	0	TPerez ss	4	0	0
Totals	**30**	**0**	**2**	**0**	**Totals**	**32**	**4**	**8**

Texas	000	000	000 — 0
Toronto	200	100	10x — 4

E—FTatis (5), Stewart (1), TEvans (2). LOB—Texas 4, Toronto 9. 2B—Cruz Jr (16), Carter 2 (26). SB—Stewart (6). Cruz Jr (7). S—O'Brien.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Texas						
DOliver L,11-11	7	7	4	2	3	5
WHeredia	1	1	0	0	1	1
Toronto						
Clemens W,21-5	9	2	0	0	0	14

HBP—by Clemens (Gil). WP—Clemens. T—2:28. A—30,212 (51,000).

TWINS 9, MARINERS 6

SEATTLE	ab	r	hbi	MINNESOTA	ab	r	hbi
Cora 2b	5	1	2	0	Knblch 2b	5	0	2
Ducey cf	3	1	2	0	Brede rf	3	1	0
RKelly cf	1	0	1	2	Molitor dh	3	1	1
Grfy Jr dh	5	1	1	2	Comer 3b	4	1	1
Buhner rf	4	1	2	0	Hcking 3b	0	0	0
Srrento 1b	3	0	1	0	Lawton lf	4	1	1
Amaral lf	1	0	1	0	Stnbch c	3	1	0
Ibanez lf	3	0	0	0	Sthviak 1b	3	2	1
Rhrmr 1b	1	0	0	0	Meares ss	4	1	1
Gates 3b	3	0	0	1	Becker cf	3	1	1
Mrzano c	2	0	0	0				
RWlkns c	1	1	0	0				
Sheets ss	3	1	2	1				
Tinsley ph	1	0	0	0				
Totals	**36**	**6**	**12**	**6**	**Totals**	**32**	**9**	**8**

Seattle	000	300	201 — 6
Minnesota	034	101	00x — 9

Steinbach reached first on catcher's interference.

E—Marzano 2 (5). DP—Minnesota 1. LOB—Seattle 6, Minnesota 6. 2B—Cora (39), Ducey (14), Stahoviak (16), Becker (21). 3B—Cora (4), Ducey (2). HR—Griffey Jr (50). SB—Knoblauch (56), Brede (6), Becker (16). SF—RKelly, Gates.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Seattle						
Lira L,5-9	2	1-3	6	7	6	1
Carmona	2	2-3	2	2	1	2
Ayala		2-3	0	0	0	1
Holzemer	1	2-3	0	0	0	0
Slocumb		2-3	0	0	0	1
Minnesota						
Twksbr W,6-11	6	1-3	8	5	5	1
Swindell	1	2-3	2	0	0	2
Aguilera		1	2	1	1	0

Carmona pitched to 2 batters in the 6th.

HBP—by Lira (Stahoviak). WP—Carmona, Tewksbury. T—2:55. A—12,291 (48,678).

ANGELS 5, TIGERS 4, 15 innings

ANAHEIM	ab	r	hbi	DETROIT	ab	r	hbi
Hndrsn dh	5	2	1	0	BLHntr cf	7	1	3
Phillips 2b	6	1	3	1	Ctinotto 2b	2	0	0
Erstad 1b	4	0	0	0	Easley 2b	3	0	0
Salmon rf	5	2	1	1	Hggnsn lf	7	1	2
Enhorn 3b	0	0	0	1	ToClrk 1b	7	1	1
Edmnd cf	7	0	2	1	Frymn 3b	4	1	2
Hollins 3b	4	0	0	1	Nevin 3b	2	0	0
Grbeck 3b	1	0	0	0	Hmelin dh	4	0	1
GAndsn lf	5	0	0	0	Bartee dh	0	0	0
Turner c	3	0	1	0	Nieves dh	2	0	1
OPmro pr	0	0	0	0	Encrcn rf	4	0	1
Encrnc c	0	0	0	0	Csnova c	6	0	1
Alicea ph	1	0	0	0	DCruz ss	6	0	0
Kreuter c	2	0	0	0				
DiScna ss	5	0	0	0				
Totals	**48**	**5**	**8**	**5**	**Totals**	**54**	**4**	**12**

Anaheim	200	010	010 000 001 — 5
Detroit	300	001	000 000 000 — 4

E—Phillips 2 (9), DCruz (10). LOB—Anaheim 9, Detroit 9. 2B—Phillips 2 (34), Salmon (25), BLHunter (26), Casanova (9). HR—ToClark (31), Fryman (19). SB—Henderson 3 (14), GAnderson (10), Encarnacion (2). CS—BLHunter (16), Easley (12), Bartee (1). S—Erstad 2, DiSarcina. SF—Eenhoorn, Hollins.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Anaheim						
Dickson	6	2-3	7	4	4	1
Cadaret		1-3	1	0	0	0
James	1	2-3	3	0	0	1
Holtz		2-3	0	0	0	1
Percival	1	2-3	0	0	0	1
Hasegawa W,3-6	4	1	0	0	0	8
Detroit						
Keagle	5	3	3	3	3	4
Duran	1	0	0	0	0	1
Miceli	2	3	1	0	0	1
MMyers	2	3	0	0	0	1
Gaillard	2	3	1	1	1	0
ToJones	1	0	0	0	0	1
Sager	3	2	0	0	1	5
Dishman L,1-2	3	1	1	1	0	3

HBP—by Dickson (Encarnacion) by Keagle (Henderson). T—5:02. A—25,602 (46,945).

ATHLETICS 9, ROYALS 4

OAKLAND	ab	r	hbi	KANSAS CITY	ab	r	hbi
Brosius 3b	4	1	0	0	RDMyr cf	3	0	1
Spiezio 2b	5	1	2	2	Halter ss	3	0	0
Grieve rf	4	0	2	1	CDavis dh	5	0	1
Lesher lf	3	0	0	1	YBentz lf	5	2	2
JMcDld lf	0	0	0	0	Sutton 1b	5	0	1
Giambi 1b	4	1	2	0	Dye rf	5	1	2
Blihrn dh	5	1	1	0	Cooper 3b	3	1	1
Tejada ss	5	2	2	1	McSwy c	3	0	2
EnYng cf	5	3	3	1	JHansn 2b	4	0	2
Molina c	4	0	2	2				
Totals	**39**	**9**	**14**	**8**	**Totals**	**36**	**4**	**11**

Oakland	001	600	020 — 9
Kansas City	000	012	001 — 4

E—YBenitez (3), Olson (1). DP—Oakland 2. Kansas City 1. LOB—Oakland 8, Kansas City 11. 2B—Tejada (2), Molina (2), Cooper (6). HR—YBenitez (7), Dye (6). SF—Lesher.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Oakland						
Ludwick W,1-1	5	5	2	2	3	2
Groom	1	3	1	1	0	1
Witasick	1	2-3	2	0	0	2
TJMathews	1	1-3	1	1	1	0
Kansas City						
Rosado L,9-12	3	8	5	5	1	1
Service	2	2	2	2	1	4
Carrasco	2	0	0	0	1	0
Olson	1	3	2	1	0	2
Pichardo	1	1	0	0	0	2

Ludwick pitched to 1 batter in the 6th. Rosado pitched to 4 batters in the 4th.

HBP—by Pichardo (JMcDonald), by Ludwick (Cooper). T—3:19. A—14,123 (40,625).

YANKEES 10, ORIOLES 3

BALTIMORE	ab	r	hbi	NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi
Hmnds cf	4	2	4	0	Raines dh	4	1	2
Walton lf	5	0	2	1	Boggs 3b	4	2	2
CRipkn 3b	4	1	1	1	Fox 3b	0	0	0
Ldsma 3b	1	0	0	1	O'Neill rf	4	2	2
Berroa rf	4	0	1	0	Pose rf	0	0	0
RPmro 1b	3	0	0	0	BeWms cf	5	1	2
Hoiles dh	4	0	0	0	TMrtnz 1b	3	0	0
Wbster c	3	0	1	0	Curtis lf	4	0	0
Rboulet 2b	4	0	0	0	Jeter ss	4	2	2
Bordick ss	4	0	2	0	Posada c	4	2	2
					Snchez 2b	3	0	0
Totals	**36**	**3**	**11**	**3**	**Totals**	**35**	**10**	**12**

Baltimore	100	000	101 — 3
New York	002	305	00x — 10

E—Rebouiet (6). DP—New York 1. LOB—Baltimore 10, New York 6. 2B—Hammonds (18), Walton (1), Bordick (17), Boggs (17), O'Neill (39), Seattle (Olivares 6-9) at Kansas City (Pittsley 3-7), 7:05 p.m.

Only games scheduled

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Sunday's Games

Philadelphia 2, Montreal 1
Cincinnati 6, Pittsburgh 3
N.Y. Mets 9, Chicago Cubs 2
Colorado 7, St. Louis 4
Los Angeles 9, Florida 5
Atlanta 4, San Diego 0
San Francisco 5, Houston 1

Monday's Games

Chicago Cubs (Clark 11-7) at Cincinnati (Tomko 10-5), 7:35 p.m.
Philadelphia (Grace 2-0) at N.Y. Mets (Isringhausen 2-0), 7:40 p.m.
Florida (Brown 12-8) at Los Angeles (Nomo 13-10), 10:05 p.m.
Only games scheduled

Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Baltimore	88	52	.629	—	z-4-6	L-1	41-26	47-26	8-7
New York	80	61	.567	8 1/2	2-8	W-1	40-31	40-30	5-10
Boston	69	74	.483	20 1/2	z-3-7	W-2	35-39	34-35	6-9
Detroit	68	74	.479	21	z-7-3	L-1	39-34	29-40	8-7
Toronto	68	74	.479	21	3-7	W-3	36-37	32-37	4-11

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Cleveland	75	63	.543	—	z-8-2	W-4	40-32	35-31	9-6
Milwaukee	71	70	.504	5 1/2	5-5	L-2	43-26	28-44	8-7
Chicago	69	73	.486	8	4-6	L-5	38-30	31-43	8-7
Minnesota	58	83	.411	18 1/2	4-6	W-1	31-42	27-41	7-8
Kansas City	57	83	.407	19	3-7	L-3	29-43	28-40	6-9

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Seattle	79	64	.552	—	5-5	L-1	39-31	40-33	7-9
Anaheim	75	68	.524	4	3-7	W-1	41-29	34-39	4-12
Texas	67	76	.469	12	z-4-6	L-3	34-36	33-40	10-6
Oakland	57	86	.399	22	4-6	W-3	31-38	26-48	7-9

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Atlanta	89	54	.622	—	z-7-3	W-2	43-27	46-27	8-7
Florida	83	58	.589	5	6-4	L-3	46-23	37-35	12-3
New York	77	64	.546	11	z-7-3	W-1	43-26	34-38	7-8
Montreal	71	71	.500	17 1/2	z-6-4	L-2	41-32	30-39	12-3
Philadelphia	56	83	.403	31	7-3	W-2	31-36	25-47	5-10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Houston	72	71	.503	—	2-8	L-3	39-31	33-40	4-11
Pittsburgh	70	74	.486	2 1/2	3-7	L-1	36-34	34-40	7-8
St. Louis	66	77	.462	6	z-5-5	L-2	37-33	29-44	8-7
Cincinnati	64	77	.454	7	z-5-5	W-1	37-36	27-41	9-6
Chicago	59	84	.413	13	z-6-4	L-1	39-35	20-49	9-6

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB	L10	Str	Home	Away	Intr
Los Angeles	81	62	.566	—	z-7-3	W-3	46-27	35-35	9-7
San Francisco	79	64	.552	—	6-4	W-3	43-31	36-33	10-6
Colorado	73	71	.507	8 1/2	z-9-1	W-2	44-29	29-42	9-7
San Diego	67	77	.465	14 1/2	z-5-5	L-2	34-38	33-39	8-8

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AMERICAN LEAGUE

Sunday's Games

Boston 11, Milwaukee 2
Toronto 4, Texas 0
Anaheim 5, Detroit 4, 15 innings
N.Y. Yankees 10, Baltimore 3
Minnesota 9, Seattle 6
Oakland 9, Kansas City 4
Cleveland 5, Chicago White Sox 2

Monday's Games

Texas (Witt 11-9) at Detroit (Blair 15-6), 6:05 p.m.
Baltimore (Kamieniecki 9-5) at Cleveland (Hershiser 13-5), 6:05 p.m.
Anaheim (May 2-1) at Toronto (Person 5-10), 6:35 p.m.
Milwaukee (Karl 10-11) at Chicago White Sox (Navarro 9-13), 7:05 p.m.
Oakland (Rigby 1-5) at Minnesota (Serafini 0-0), 7:05 p.m.

BeWilliams (31), Posada (9). HR—CRipken (17), Raines (2), O'Neill (19), BeWilliams (19), Posada (3). S—Sanchez. SF—Raines.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Baltimore						
Mussina L,13-7	3	6	4	4	2	0
NRodriguez	3	4	6	3	1	0
BrWilliams	2	2	0	0	0	1
New York						
KnRogers W,6-6	5	1-3	6	1	1	3
Stanton	2	2-3	3	1	1	1
Lloyd		1	2	1	1	0

Mussina pitched to 2 batters in the 4th.

T—3:17. A—47,945 (57,545).

RED SOX 11, BREWERS 2

MILWAUKEE	ab	r	hbi	BOSTON	ab	r	hbi
Vina 2b	4	0	1	0	Grcpcr ss	5	1	1
Dunn cf	1	0	0	0	JhValtn 3b	5	2	3
JsValtn ss	4	0	0	0	MVghn dh	3	1	0
Voigt lf	2	0	0	0	Jffrsn 1b	4	2	2
Nilsson lf	2	1	2	0	Crdero lf	4	1	1
JuFrco dh	3	1	2	0	O'Lry rf	4	1	2
Cirillo 3b	3	0	1	0	Hslman c	4	1	1
Banks 1b	0	0	0	0	Frye 2b	3	1	2
Loretta 1b	2	0	1	2	Bragg cf	4	1	2
DrJksn rf	2	0	1	0				
Burnitz rf	2	0	1	0				
GeWms cf	3	0	1	0				
Huson 2b	1	0	0	0				
Levis c	1	0	0	0				
Stinnett c	1	0	0	0				
Totals	**33**	**2**	**11**	**2**	**Totals**	**37**	**11**	**14**

Milwaukee	000	101	000 — 2
Boston	105	101	30x — 11

E—Jefferson (2). DP—Boston 2. LOB—Milwaukee 8, Boston 3. 2B—Nilsson (33), Jefferson (30). HR—JhValentin 2 (18), Cordero (17), O'Leary (14), Haselman (5), Frye (3). SB—Vina (6). CS—GeWilliams (9). SF—Loretta 2.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Milwaukee						
D'Amico L,8-5		4	8	7	7	1
Davis	1	2-3	2	1	1	0
Wickman	1	1-3	3	3	3	0
DoJones		1	1	0	0	0
Boston						
BHenry W,6-2		5	6	1	1	2
Brandenburg		2-3	3	1	1	0
Corsi	1	1-3	0	0	0	0
Mahay		1	2	0	0	0
Gordon		1	0	0	0	2

WP—Mahay. T—2:48. A—27,731 (33,925).

INDIANS 5, WHITE SOX 2

CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi	CLEVELAND	ab	r	hbi
Drham 2b	4	0	1	0	Roberts 2b	12	0	0
DaMtnz 1b	3	0	1	0	TFrndz 2b	1	1	1
FThms dh	3	0	0	0	Giles lf	3	0	1
Belle lf	3	0	0	0	Rmirez rf	4	1	2
Vntura 3b	3	2	2	1	Thome 1b	4	1	1
Cmeron cf	4	0	0	0	Justice dh	3	0	0
Fbrgas c	3	0	1	1	MaWm 3b	3	0	1
MOdnz rf	4	0	1	0	SAlmr c	4	0	0
OGuiln ss	3	0	1	0	Grssom cf	3	0	1
					Vizquel ss	3	0	0
Totals	**30**	**2**	**7**	**2**	**Totals**	**29**	**5**	**7**

Chicago	010	100	000 — 2
Cleveland	100	110	11x — 5

DP—Chicago 1, Cleveland 2. LOB—Chicago 6, Cleveland 5. 2B—Ventura (9). HR—Ventura (4), TFernandez (9), Thome (37). SB—Durham (31), Cameron (20), Roberts (16). CS—Durham (16), Grissom (12). SF—Fabregas.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Chicago						
Drabek L,10-10	6	4	3	3	3	3
TCastillo	1	1	1	1	0	0
Karchner	1	2	1	1	1	0
Cleveland						
JrWnght W,6-3	6	1-3	7	2	2	3
Morman	1	0	0	0	0	0
MJackson	1	1-3	0	0	0	1
Assenmacher	1	1-3	0	0	0	1
Mesa S,12	1	0	0	0	0	1

Drabek pitched to 1 batter in the 7th.

HBP—by Drabek (Roberts). T—3:05. A—43,051 (43,863).

NL Boxes

GIANTS 5, ASTROS 1

HOUSTON	ab	r	hbi	SAN FRAN	ab	r	hbi
Biggio 2b	4	1	2	0	DHmtn cf	3	1	0
Spiers 3b	3	0	0	0	Mueller 3b	3	0	1
Bgwell 1b	3	0	1	0	Bonds lf	4	0	1
DeBell rf	5	0	1	0	Kent 2b	3	0	1
Abreu lf	4	0	1	1	Snow 1b	2	1	0
Hidalgo cf	4	0	2	0	JaCruz rf	2	0	0
Asmus c	4	0	1	0	RHrndz p	0	0	0
Gterrez ss	3	0	0	0	Beck p	0	0	0
THwrd ph	1	0	0	0	Vzcaino ss	2	1	0
LRvera ss	0	0	0	0	BJhnsn c	2	1	1
Kile p	2	0	1	0	Rueter p	1	0	0
TMrtn p	0	0	0	0	Tvarez p	0	0	0
RuJhsn ph	1	0	0	0	Javier rf	1	0	1
Hnrqz p	0	0	0	0				
LGnzlz ph	1	0	0	0				
BWgnr p	0	0	0	0				
Totals	**35**	**1**	**9**	**1**	**Totals**	**23**	**5**	**5**

Houston	100	000	000 — 1
San Francisco	011	002	01x — 5

E—Spiers 2 (14), BWagner (1). Snow (4). DP—Houston 1, San Francisco 2. LOB—Houston 12, San Francisco 9. 2B—Abreu (9), Kile (3), Bonds (24), Kent (34). SB—Biggio (38). CS—DHamilton (10). S—Mueller, Vizcaino, BJohnson, Rueter 2.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Houston						
Kile L,17-6	5	4	4	2	8	4
TMartin	1	0	0	0	0	1
Henriquez	1	0	0	0	0	0
BWagner	1	1	1	1	1	0
San Francisco						
Rueter W,11-6	6	2-3	6	1	1	3
Tavarez		1-3	1	0	0	0
RHernandez		1	2	0	0	0
Beck		1	0	0	0	0

Kile pitched to 3 batters in the 6th.

HBP—by Beck (Biggio), by Kile (BJohnson), by Rueter (Bagwell). T—3:17. A—19,861 (62,000).

ROCKIES 7, CARDINALS 4

ST. LOUIS	ab	r	hbi	COLORADO	ab	r	hbi
Clayton ss	5	0	1	0	Weiss ss	2	1	1
Brbinge 2b	3	0	0	0	Burks cf	4	2	2
McGee rf	1	0	0	0	Helton rf	4	0	2
McGwr 1b	5	1	2	1	LWalkr rf	0	1	0
Lnkfrd cf	3	1	1	1	Glrrga 1b	4	1	2
Pntier rf	2	0	0	0	Bchette lf	4	1	2
DeShld 2b	1	0	0	0	Dipoto p	0	0	0
Gant lf	4	1	1	0	Castilla 3b	3	0	1
Difelice c	2	0	0	0	JeReed c	3	0	1
Lvngst ph	1	1	1	0	NPerez 2b	4	0	0
DaBell 3b	2	0	0	0	Astacio p	2	0	0
Lmpkin ph	0	0	0	1	McClkn cf	1	1	0
AnBenes p	2	0	0	0				
Ptkvsk p	0	0	0	0				
Raggio p	0	0	0	0				
Butista p	0	0	0	0				
DYng ph	1	0	0	1				
Totals	**32**	**4**	**6**	**4**	**Totals**	**31**	**7**	**12**

St. Louis	100	001	0[illegible] — 4
Colorado	100	001	0[illegible] — 7

E—Difelice (4). Burks (2). Astacio (1). DP—St. Louis 2, Colorado 1. LOB—St. Louis 8, Colorado 4. 2B—Livingstone (2), Burks (16), Bichette (29). 3B—Burks (2). HR—McGwire (14), Lankford (26). SB—Weiss (5), Bichette (6). CS—Helton (1). S—Weiss. SF—Lampkin, Castilla.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
St. Louis						
AnBenes		6	5	2	1	5
Petkovsek L,4-6	1	1-3	4	3	3	1
Raggio		1-3	3	2	2	0
Bautista		1-3	0	0	0	0
Colorado						
Astacio W,10-9		8	3	2	2	4
Dipoto		1	3	2	2	1

HBP—by Astacio (AnBenes). T—2:56. A—48,011 (50,200).

METS 9, CUBS 2

NEW YORK	ab	r	hbi	CHICAGO	ab	r	hbi
Everett cf	4	3	2	0	LJhnsn cf	4	0	0
Alfonzo 3b	5	1	2	1	Glnville lf	4	1	2
Olerud 1b	4	0	1	1	MaGrc 1b	3	0	0
Hndley c	5	1	3	2	Sosa rf	3	1	2
Gilkey lf	4	1	1	2	DHnsn 3b	4	0	1
Baerga 2b	4	1	1	0	Huston c	4	0	0
Ochoa rf	1	0	0	0	JHrndz 2b	4	0	0
Huskey rf	4	1	2	2	Alxndr ss	4	0	2
Gilbert 2b	0	0	0	0	Trchsel p	2	0	0
ORdnz ss	4	0	0	0	Kschnc ph	1	0	0
BJJnes p	3	1	1	0	Bttnfld p	0	0	0
McMhl p	0	0	0	0	DStvns p	0	0	0
Hrdtke ph	1	0	0	0	RTatis p	0	0	0
Lidle p	0	0	0	0	DClark ph	1	0	1
Totals	**39**	**9**	**13**	**8**	**Totals**	**34**	**2**	**8**

New York	000	030	114 — 9
Chicago	000	000	020 — 2

E—Ljohnson (5). DP—New York 1. LOB—New York 6, Chicago 8. 2B—Glanville (19), Sosa (31). HR—Gilkey (15), Huskey (21). SB—Everett 2 (16). SF—Olerud.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
New York						
BJJones W,14-8	7	4	0	0	3	4
McMichael	1	3	2	2	0	0
Lidle	1	1	0	0	0	1
Chicago						
Trachsel L,6-11	7	9	4	4	0	6
Bottenfield	1	1	1	1	1	1
DStevens	1	3	1	2	2	1
RTatis	2	3	2	2	2	0

WP—Bottenfield. T—2:58. A—25,523 (38,884).

REDS 6, PIRATES 3

PITTSBURGH	ab	r	hbi	CINCINNATI	ab	r	hbi
Wmack 2b	4	0	0	0	Reese ss	5	0	0
Nunez ss	4	1	1	0	Nnnally cf	4	1	2
AMartn lf	4	1	1	0	Stynes lf	4	0	1
Sveum 1b	4	0	1	1	EduPrz 1b	4	0	0
Ward cf	4	1	2	0	WGrne 3b	5	1	0
Randa 3b	4	0	1	2	JOlver c	4	0	1
JGllen rf	3	0	0	0	LHrns rf	4	2	3
Kendall c	4	0	2	0	Boone 2b	4	2	3
Cooke p	2	0	0	0	Burba p	0	0	0
Silva p	0	0	0	0	Mrcker pr	0	0	0
Peters p	0	0	0	0	Belinda p	0	0	0
EWlms ph	1	0	0	0	Frdyce ph	1	0	0
Chrstns p	0	0	0	0	Schrek p	0	0	0
MSmith ph	1	0	0	0	Shaw p	0	0	0
Totals	**35**	**3**	**8**	**3**	**Totals**	**35**	**6**	**11**

Pittsburgh	200	000	001 — 3
Cincinnati	000	023	01x — 6

E—Randa (18). LOB—Pittsburgh 6, Cincinnati 11. 2B—Ward (14), Kendall (30), LHarris (11), BBoone (23). HR—Nunnally (8). SB—Stynes (9). S—Burba.

	IP	H	R	ER	BB	SO
Pittsburgh				

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Blue Jay's pitcher Roger Clemens (left) hugs catcher Charlie O'Brien (right) after his 21st win against the Texas Rangers at the Toronto SkyDome. Clemens matched the club record in games won.

Clemens downs Rangers for 21st win

Associated Press

Blue Jays 4, Rangers 0

TORONTO — Roger Clemens pitched a two-hitter Sunday, tying Jack Morris' Toronto club record for wins in a season with his 21st and leading the Toronto Blue Jays to a 4-0 victory over the Texas Rangers.

Clemens (21-5) struck out 14, his 12th time this season with 10 or more strikeouts and the 80th in his career. He struck out six of the last nine batters, including the side in the ninth.

Darren Oliver (11-11) allowed four runs on seven hits in seven innings. Oliver, who started the day with a career high five-game winning streak and was 8-1 in his last nine decisions, was 5-0 in five previous starts against Toronto. He struck out five, including Mariano Duncan four times, and walked three.

Mariners 9, Twins 6

MINNEAPOLIS — Ken Griffey Jr. hit his career-high 50th home run Sunday, marking the 22nd time the mark has been reached in major league history, but his Seattle Mariners lost to the Minnesota Twins 9-6.

Leading the majors in homers, Griffey connected for a two-run drive in the fourth inning against Bob Tewksbury (6-11).

Seattle starter Felipe Lira (5-9) gave up seven runs and six hits in 2 1-3 innings.

Angels 5, Tigers 4, 15 innings

DETROIT — Anaheim ended a five-game losing streak, when Tony Phillips doubled and scored on Robert Eenhorn's sacrifice fly.

The win pulled the Angels within four games of Seattle in the AL West. Anaheim is six games behind the New York Yankees in the wild-card race.

Phillips, who was 3-for-6, led off the 15th with a double off Glenn Dishman (1-2).

Shigetoshi Hasegawa (3-6), the last of six Angels pitchers, pitched four shutout innings for the win.

Yankees 10, Orioles 3

NEW YORK — Kenny Rogers got his first win in more than a month and New York used four home runs to beat Baltimore for the first time this season.

■ AL Roundup

Rogers (6-6) gave up one run and six hits in 5 1-3 innings to snap the Yankees' six-game losing streak.

Paul O'Neill and Jorge Posada hit two-run home runs off Mike Mussina (13-7). Bernie Williams and Tim Raines also homered.

Red Sox 11, Brewers 2

BOSTON — Troy O'Leary hit his first career grand slam, John Valentin homered twice and Bill Haselman, Jeff Frye and Wilfredo Cordero also homered for Boston.

The Red Sox tied a season-high with six home runs and avoided elimination in the AL East for the second consecutive day.

Butch Henry (6-2) came out of the bullpen to earn his first victory as a starter since Aug. 10, 1995.

Jeff D'Amico (8-5) allowed seven runs on eight hits in four innings.

Athletics 9, Royals 4

KANSAS CITY, Mo. — Eric Ludwick earned his first major league win and Oakland scored nine runs for the third straight game, defeating Kansas City.

Jason Giambi recorded his seventh consecutive multi-hit game for the A's. Ernie Young, who went 3-for-4 and scored three times, hit an RBI single during a six-run fourth inning against Jose Rosado (9-12).

Ludwick (1-1) held the Royals to one run and four hits before he was hit in the right leg by Yamil Benitez's line drive leading off the sixth.

Indians 5, White Sox 2

CLEVELAND — Matt Williams extended his career-high hitting streak to 23 games, and Cleveland held Albert Belle hitless in his second homecoming series as the Indians swept the Chicago White Sox with a 5-2 victory Sunday night.

Jim Thome and Tony Fernandez homered as the Indians won all three games from the third-place White Sox. Belle, the former Indians outfielder who signed with rival Chicago last fall, was 0-for-3 with a walk. He was 0-for-11 in the series.

Astros lose third in a row, maintain lead

Associated Press

Giants 5, Astros 1

SAN FRANCISCO — Kirk Rueter pitched 6 2-3 strong innings and San Francisco Giants capitalized on eight walks by Darryl Kile to beat Houston.

The Astros, who have lost three in a row and nine of 11, lead Pittsburgh by 2 1/2 games in the NL Central.

The Giants are two games behind Los Angeles in the NL West.

Kile (17-6) lost his third straight start, lasting just five-plus innings. He tied a career high for walks — he walked seven in the first three innings — and also hit a batter.

Rueter (11-6) allowed one run and six hits.

Reds 6, Pirates 3

CINCINNATI — Dave Burba retired the last 17 batters he faced Sunday, setting up his third win over Pittsburgh this season, and Jon Nunnally drove in three runs as the Cincinnati Reds rallied for a 6-3 victory.

Burba (8-10) allowed only two runs on four first-inning hits and left the game after his right hand was grazed by a pitch in the sixth inning. The right-hander is 5-0 in his last six starts against the Pirates.

Pittsburgh lost three of four to the Reds and has dropped 10 of its last 14 overall, wasting a chance to catch Houston for the NL Central lead.

Jose Silva (1-1) took the loss in relief of Steve Cooke.

Rockies 7, Cardinals 4

DENVER — Ellis Burks and Todd Helton had RBI hits that triggered a five-run burst in the eighth inning and led Colorado past St. Louis.

Mark McGwire hit his 48th home run of the season, and 14th for St. Louis, in the first inning. The Cardinals scored twice in the ninth, but McGwire hit a weak grounder to pitcher Jerry Dipoto for the final out as the Rockies won for the 11th time in 12 games.

Burks and Helton both finished with two RBIs, helping give the win to Pedro Astacio (10-9), who went eight innings and allowed just three hits and two runs.

Mark Petkovsek (4-6) took the loss.

Mets 9, Cubs 2

CHICAGO — Bobby Jones gave up four hits over seven shutout innings and Butch Huskey hit his third homer in three games, leading New York.

■ NL Roundup

Huskey, extending his hitting streak to 15 games, hit his 21st homer leading off a three-run fifth inning and added an RBI single in the eighth for the Mets, who have won seven of their last 10 games.

Jones (14-8) improved to 8-1 in his career against the Cubs, striking out four and walking three.

Steve Trachsel (6-11) lost for the fourth time in his last five decisions.

Phillies 2, Expos 1

MONTREAL — Rico Brogna hit a tiebreaking home run with two outs in the eighth inning and Philadelphia won for the sixth time in seven games.

With the game tied at 1, Brogna hit a 2-2 pitch from Anthony Telford (4-5) for his 18th home run.

Rookie Ryan Karp (1-0) got two outs for his first major league win. Ricky Bottalico pitched the ninth for his 28th save in 35 chances.

Dodgers 9, Marlins 5

LOS ANGELES — Todd Zeile hit a grand slam and Mike Piazza had three hits, including two RBI singles for Los Angeles.

The Marlins' third straight loss, combined with Atlanta's 4-0 win over San Diego, dropped them five games behind the Braves in the NL East race.

Tom Candiotti (10-5), who at 40 is the major leagues' second-oldest starter, gave up five runs on four hits in 6 2-3 innings, while tying a season high with seven strikeouts and walking four.

The Dodgers jumped out to a 5-0 lead in the first inning against Tony Saunders (3-6), highlighted by Zeile's career-high 26th homer and the Dodgers' first grand slam of the season.

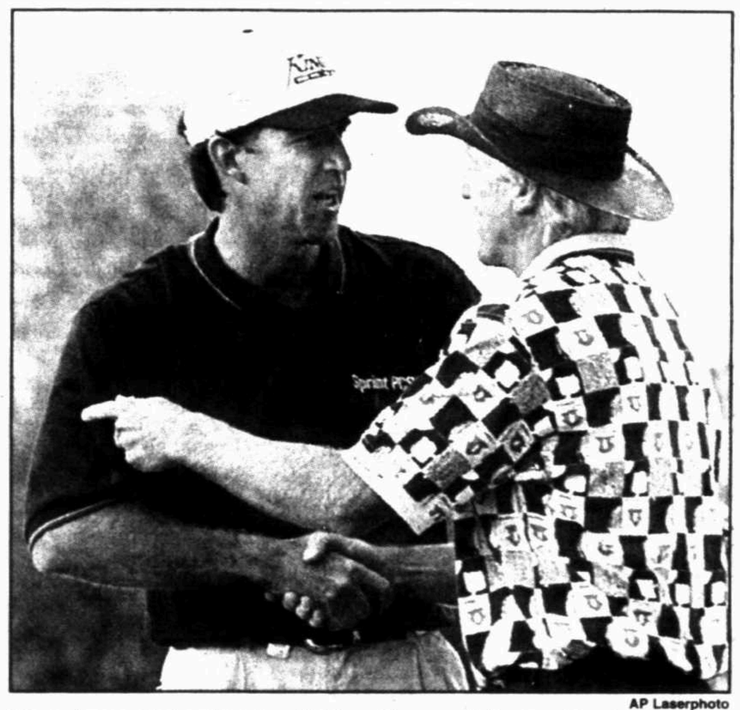
Braves 4, Padres 0

SAN DIEGO — Denny Neagle became the NL's first 20-game winner, pitching three-hit ball for seven innings as Atlanta beat San Diego.

Neagle (20-3) joined Roger Clemens, who earned his 21st victory for Toronto earlier in the day, as the top winners in the majors.

Neagle won his fourth straight start, striking out six and walking three. The left-hander's previous best win total was 16 last season.

Chipper Jones hit a two-run homer off Joey Hamilton (10-6) in the first inning.



AP Laserphoto

Steve Jones shakes hands with Greg Norman following his victory at the Bell Canadian Open golf tournament Sunday in Montreal. Jones edged out Greg Norman by one stroke to come in at five under.

Jones holds off Norman for Canadian Open title

By Ron Sirak
AP Golf Writer

MONTREAL — Steve Jones won a spirited exchange of birdies and bogeys with Greg Norman that went down to the last putt Sunday to take the Canadian Open for the second time.

A relaxed Jones, who was tense and played poorly over the last five months as his Ryder Cup chances slipped away, mugged and joked through most of his final-round 69 — until thrashing his way through the rough on the final hole.

"I really have never been more nervous on a golf course," said Jones, who won the 1996 U.S. Open in a tense final-round showdown with Tom Lehman that was decided on the last hole.

"I was loose all week," Jones said after his 5-under 275 total was one stroke better than Norman and two shots in front of Phil Tataurangi. "But that last hole ...," he said, his voice tailing off and his eyes rolling.

Norman cut Jones' lead to one stroke when he rolled in a 45-foot birdie putt on No. 16. An exchange of pars on 17 brought the match to the final hole.

Both players drove into the right rough, well away from the pond that guards the left, inside elbow of the dogleg.

Faced with 203 yards to the green, Jones flailed at the ball with a 4-iron but could move it only 50 yards out of the thick rough, cutting his ball in the process.

He got his next shot to 35 feet and won by two-putting for bogey after Norman, who missed the green from the rough, chipped long and missed an 18-footer for par that would have sent the match to a playoff.

"That was one of the best putts under pressure I ever hit in my life," said Jones, who barely set himself before stroking the ball toward the hole. "I said to myself, 'I got to hit this one before I burst.'"

When he tapped in the winner he raised his arms in a huge V over his head and soaked in the chants of "Steve, Steve, Steve" from the crowd.

"I think they thought they were at a hockey game," said Jones, who won the 1989 Canadian Open.

David Ogrin and Frank Lickliter finished fourth at 278, three strokes back, while U.S. Ryder Cup members Justin Leonard and Davis Love III were at 279, Love after matching the course record 65 on Sunday despite a bogey on the final hole.

Jones started the day one stroke ahead of Norman and stretched it to two with a birdie on the first hole when he hit to three feet and Norman missed a 7-foot birdie try.

Beginning on the 4th hole the two players embarked on a roller coaster ride fraught with good shots and bad.

In a nine-hole stretch from No. 4 through No. 12, only one hole was halved. There were five birdies, three bogeys, a double-bogey and a pair of two-shot swings during that stretch as Norman bobbed between one and three strokes behind.

"There were a lot of good shots played out there," said Norman, who was trying for his third Canadian Open title and for consecutive victories on the PGA Tour for the first time in his 15-year-career.

"Every time I gave a punch he gave a counter-punch," said Norman.

Vasser races to Texaco-Havoline victory

By Mike Harris
AP Motorsports Writer

MONTEREY, Calif. — Teammates Alex Zanardi and Jimmy Vasser picked up all the spoils in Sunday's Texaco-Havoline 300K, with Vasser winning the race and Zanardi's third-place finish clinching the PPG CART World Series championship.

It was almost a reversal of last year's race when Zanardi won, capturing rookie of the year honors, and Vasser wrapped up the title for the Target-Chip Ganassi Racing team by finishing fourth.

Vasser was dominating Sunday as he came up with his first victory in 16 months, dating to the U.S. 500 in May of 1996.

Zanardi, who came into the race knowing he needed only to finish eighth or better to shut out runner-up Gil de Ferran, had some rough moments, but was never below sixth and never fell behind de Ferran, who wound up fifth.

The aftermath of the 83-lap race on Laguna Seca Raceway's 2.238-mile, nine-turn road course was somewhat bizarre as the victorious teammates attempted to drive a victory lap side-by-side and wound up banging together, with Vasser's car spinning to a stop.

Zanardi continued around to the pit lane, while Vasser got out of his car and hitched a ride back on the sidepod of Max Papis' race car. When Vasser got to the pits, he jumped into the team's celebration, hugging Zanardi.

"If I have to give up the (PPG) Cup to anybody, this is the guy I want to give it to," Vasser said, smiling at his Italian teammate.

"I wasn't planning to make the doughnuts," said Zanardi, whose victory ritual earlier this season included doing doughnuts — making circles on the track — with his car. "We were just going to drive around together.

"But I'm going to go home happy tonight," added the 30-year-old Zanardi, who earned a $1 million championship bonus from series sponsor PPG.

De Ferran, who clinched second place in the championship, said, "We knew it was going to be a long-shot (to catch Zanardi). We were counting on the unexpected and the unexpected didn't happen."

Vasser, who led the last 58 laps, beat Englishman Mark Blundell to the finish line by 0.543 seconds — about four car-lengths. Zanardi moved from fifth to third over the last five laps.

On lap 79, Zanardi gained two spots when Scott Pruett and Andre Ribeiro banged, slowing Ribeiro and sending Pruett into a sand trap. He then moved up to third when Mauricio Gugelmin, Blundell's teammate, went off-course and hit a tire barrier on the final lap.

The early part of the race saw the most action, with pole-winner Bryan Herta and Zanardi battling at the front.

Those two had been the focus of considerable attention during the days leading up to the race because of two previous incidents. Zanardi made a spectacular pass on the last lap of the 1996 Laguna Seca race to beat Herta. Then, last week at Vancouver, Zanardi bumped Herta out of the lead and into a tire wall while charging back from a lost lap.

Zanardi was fined $25,000 and put on probation for rough driving in the latter incident and CART officials, in reaction to last year's pass in Laguna's famed blind, downhill Corkscrew turn, this year made it illegal to put all four tires off the race track while making a pass.

Herta held the lead at the start of Sunday's race, but Zanardi kept applying pressure. The leaders remained within less than one second of each other through most of the early laps.

Finally, on lap 17, Zanardi slipped past Herta on the inside as the two sped toward the hairpin turn just past the finish line. The Italian actually took the lead momentarily, before Herta slid to the slow side of the track and regained the top spot in turn two.

That battle allowed Pruett and Vasser to close up on the leaders.

On lap 22, Zanardi got inside of Herta again. But, this time, the two bumped front tires and Zanardi had to drive over a curb and along the edge of a sand trap before getting back on the track in third place.

Pruett took the opportunity to zoom into the lead as Herta and Zanardi dueled. Vasser than went by Herta, forcing him into the sand. Herta was able to continue, but fell all the way to eighth and was never back in contention.

The leaders first scheduled pit stops came soon after and Vasser had the best stop, coming out in the lead on lap 26, just ahead of Pruett, with Zanardi third, followed by Gugelmin and Blundell.

Vasser never lost the lead the rest of the way.

He held the lead on his second and last pit stop, with Blundell moving ahead of Zanardi with a quick stop. On lap 57, Zanardi attempted to pass Blundell in the hairpin and wound up driving off into the sand and lost two more positions, to Gugelmin and Pruett.

Zanardi then got conservative, letting Ribeiro pass him for fifth on lap 73.

The race was run without a caution flag — the first time since the Cleveland race in July 1994. Vasser's average speed of 109.647 mph was considerably faster than the previous Laguna Seca record of 102.687 set last year by Zanardi.

Tab Ramos leads U.S. team past Costa Rica

By Lawrie Mifflin
N.Y. Times News Service

PORTLAND, Ore. — When the ball rocketed off Tab Ramos' right instep just outside the penalty-area arc Sunday afternoon, it traveled with the force of tremendous frustration being released — 78 minutes' worth for the U.S. team, more than nine months' worth for Ramos.

The goal gave the United States a 1-0 victory over Costa Rica in a World Cup qualifying match, a victory that makes the United States a heavy favorite to join Mexico as two of the three teams representing North and Central America and the Caribbean at the World Cup in France next summer.

And it made Ramos a hero in his first game back with the national team since tearing up his left knee in a qualifying match Nov. 24.

"I don't remember ever feeling happier after a goal," said Ramos, the 30-year-old midfielder who also plays for the MetroStars in major-league soccer. "I'm not one to celebrate and run around a lot after a goal, but today I was a maniac out there. I haven't been in a game with this kind of atmosphere in a long time, and I wanted to win so badly."

The sellout crowd of 27,396 kept up a thunderous din of support for the U.S. team for almost the entire 90 minutes, and after Ramos scored, the noise, amplified by fireworks, went off the decibel chart.

Until that moment, the Americans were facing the very real prospect of a scoreless tie at home against a depleted Costa Rican team that looked capable of keeping its defensive poise, though it also never threatened Kasey Keller in the U.S. goal.

The United States didn't pressure the Costa Rican goalie, Erick Lonnis, enough, either, although he bobbled two relatively routine shots early on, showing signs of vulnerability.

Ramos' goal began with a dazzling bit of deking on the right side on the penalty area by Preki Radosavljevic, who then sent a pass toward the goal that deflected out toward Marcelo Balboa, just inside the area. Balboa had not room or time to turn on the ball and shoot, so he quickly touched the ball back to the onrushing Ramos, about 22 yards out.

Ramos had been more hesitant about charging forward in the first half, a half when the Americans dominated when it came to possession of the ball but failed to penetrate Costa Rica's central defense. "But at halftime, I told Mike Sorber that in about 10 minutes, I was going to start taking more chances, one on one, because we had to get something going," Ramos said.

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Brown could be back for UCLA

By Chip Brown
AP Sports Writer

AUSTIN — This isn't what Texas quarterback James Brown had in mind.

The fifth-year senior, who had talked of making his last season his best, stood on the sidelines with crutches and a pressure boot on his left leg to stabilize a sprained ankle as the Longhorns defeated Rutgers 48-14 Saturday night. The win moved Texas up one spot to No. 11 in The Associates Press poll.

"I needed this game," said Brown, who injured the same ankle late in the 1995 season. "I needed to get back into a game-type situation. But things happen."

Brown is listed as day to day and could be ready for Texas' (1-0) home game against UCLA (0-2) Saturday.

He had gotten off to a slow start before leaving the Rutgers game late in the second quarter. The injury occurred after Brown tried to scramble away from pressure and ended up getting dropped by Rutgers defensive end Chris Cebula for a 24-yard loss, which took the Longhorns out of field goal range.

Before leaving the game, Brown was 5-of-11 passing for 74 yards with a costly interception.

Brown was picked off by Rutgers linebacker Aaron Brady at the Texas 30 midway through the first quarter, setting up a 5-yard TD run by Gary Fauntleroy that put the Knights up 7-0.

Rutgers (0-2) outplayed the Longhorns for much of the first half, holding the ball for seven more minutes and exhibiting gutsy play-calling.

The Knights converted on fourth-and-4 from the Longhorns 31 on their first possession and tried, but failed, to convert a fake punt on fourth-and-6 from the Texas 48 in the second quarter.

The Knights, however, self-destructed in the third quarter, when they committed three of their five turnovers.

"The third quarter was certainly the quarter from hell for us," said Rutgers coach Terry Shea.

Richard Walton played well in relief of Brown, completing 7-of-12 passes for 111 yards with one interception and helping Texas capitalize on Rutgers' miscues by leading the offense to 28 points in the third quarter.

"We didn't have much of a book on him (Walton)," Shea said. "I thought he made some outstanding plays. He stepped up in a pressure situation and did an exceptional job.

"Walton was a comparable, if not better, passer than their starter and that surprised us," Shea added.

Said Walton: "I feel that our defense deserves the most credit because they put us in situations which made the offense look good."

Texas' defense was led by linebacker Dusty Renfro with two sacks and sophomore middle linebacker Aaron Humphrey, who came up with three interceptions — two of which led to 10 points.

"I never had an interception before today and that includes high school," Humphrey said. "It felt awesome."

Texas running back Ricky Williams also helped soften the loss of Brown by rushing 19 times for 155 yards and three touchdowns, including a TD run of 74 yards that tied the game at 7.

Rutgers, which rolled up 315 yards against Texas, was led by Jacki Crooks with 24 carries for 109 yards.

Texas teams 0-4 in WAC openers

By Michael A. Lutz
AP Sports Writer

Southern Methodist and Texas Christian came close, but the Texas members of the Western Athletic Conference's Mountain Division couldn't triumph in their season openers.

Mississippi held off SMU for a 23-15 victory but the outcome wasn't assured until an onside kick attempt failed after a last-minute Mustang touchdown. Kansas finally beat TCU 17-10 in an error-filled game.

Louisiana State scored early and often in a 55-3 victory over Texas-El Paso and Air Force bombed the Rice Owls 41-12.

In other Mountain Division games: New Mexico beat New Mexico State 61-24; Utah beat Louisville 27-21; and Washington beat Brigham Young 42-20. Tulsa had an open date.

The Mustangs had a chance for a miracle finish after reserve quarterback Chris Sanders threw for a touchdown and two-point conversion with 17 seconds left in the game. But Mississippi wide receiver Grant Heard recovered the ensuing onside kick.

It would have been an exciting beginning for first year SMU coach Mike Cavan.

"We just didn't have enough," said Cavan. "But we'll get enough."

Cavan was pleased with the Mustangs' effort.

"I was discouraged about myself tonight, but I wasn't discouraged about our kids," Cavan said. "If they continue with that kind of fight, we'll be fine."

SMU tailback Donte Womack said: "If we could have come out and scored, we could have got the momentum and turned the tide. It would have been a different ball game.

"But by and large, we as an offense kept the defense on the field way too long. We didn't sustain drives."

There were enough mistakes for everyone in the sloppy TCU-Kansas game.

"We weren't in sync, as you could see," TCU coach Pat Sullivan said. "We had to create some things. We weren't successful enough throwing the football and we've got to do that if we're going to be successful."

The Horned Frogs managed only 151 total yards but the defense didn't complain.

"You can point fingers all day long, but if we hold them to zero points, we still would have won the ball game," TCU linebacker Scott Taft said. "Big plays decided the game and unfortunately they (Kansas) had a few more."

But the Jayhawks weren't bragging much either.

"That might have been the ugliest win I have ever been a part of," Kansas coach Terry Allen said. "But that is what happens when you rebuild."

Rice drew an opening night crowd of 53,145, the largest at Rice Stadium since 1984, but the Owls had breakdowns everywhere, including six turnovers.

"I was disappointed that we weren't better prepared and with the turnovers," Rice coach Ken Hatfield said. "I think we gave them 29 points off turnovers. We gambled a lot trying to do things we weren't effective doing."

LSU's Kevin Faulk steamrolled Texas-El Paso with three touchdowns and 84 yards rushing on 12 carries and a 28-0 halftime lead.

It was the most points scored by LSU in a season opener since 1930. Texas-El Paso lost its eighth straight game, going back to last year's 2-9 season.

OU gets home win

■ Big 12 South Roundup

(AP) — De'Mond Parker rushed 31 times for 239 yards to help Oklahoma beat Syracuse and end an eight-game home losing sreak that had lasted almost two years.

The Sooners (1-1) used two blocked punts by Travian Smith to set up or score touchdowns, including the eventual game-winner. Oklahoma's Corey L. Ivy blocked a 44-yard field goal try by Nathan Trout on the game's final play, setting off a celebration by fans and players on the field.

The Texas Aggies led Sam Houston by only 7-6 early in the second quarter and 17-6 at halftime, causing thoughts of A&M's surprise loss to Southwestern Louisiana last season. Once they got rolling, the Aggies scored 52 unanswered points.

"You are concerned (about a slow start) because you want to knock them in the dirt from the start," Aggies coach R.C. Slocum said. "But you have to take that first drive against us with a grain of salt. They are scheming and doing things you haven't seen, so you may struggle at first. But we knew those were mistakes we could correct."

Jerod Douglas led Baylor with 141 yards rushing and two touchdowns and the Bears held off Fresno State in a battle of running backs. Fresno's Michael Pittman rushed 204 yards and scored two touchdowns. "Their tailback was mighty good. Of course, our tailback was mighty good too," Baylor coach Dave Roberts said.

Jamaal Fobbs rushed for 217 yards, scored one touchdown and set up another as Oklahoma State rolled to its second straight victory with a 31-7 victory over Southwestern Louisiana.

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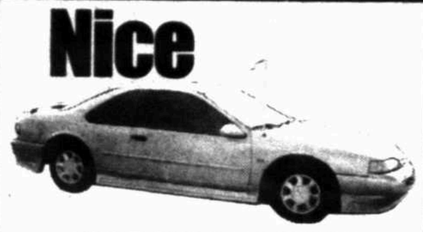

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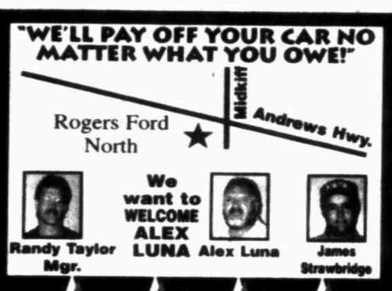

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220 Trucks

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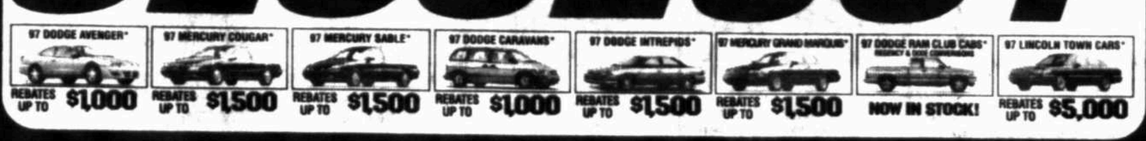

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TELEPHONE HELP for advance Shrine Circus tickets. Day and evening hours available. Experience not necessary. Call for appointment.689-7741. Midland Shrine Club 2019 Trade Dr.

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VAN DRIVER, part time. Help in kitchen. Must be 21 or older. Good driving record. Call for appointment 689-6693.

310 General Help Wanted

TRUCK DRIVERS needed immediately Class A CDL. Good benefits, EOE. Contact Ronnie Jones, (915) 332-0721, mobile 557-0672, nights 368-0685.

US GOVERNMENT jobs. Hiring now! Entry level to advanced positions available. Paid training plus benefits. $11- $33/ Hour. Call fee 1-888-473-6623, Ext 3200.

WAITSTAFF applications being accepted at The Bar. Apply in person 2- 4 pm, Monday through Friday.

TECHNICIAN - Customer Service Engineer. We are the recognized leader in automated teller machines (ATMs) and supply the financial and other markets with related transaction terminals and delivery systems as well as a full line of bank and security equipment. We are currently seeking a highly motivated, career oriented professional for the Midland/ Odessa area.
The individual we are seeking will possess excellent communication and interpersonal skills. Your responsibilities will encompass servicing a variety of automated teller machines (ATM) alarm, bank security and drive-up equipment.
Educational requirement is 2 years formal technical training in electronics beyond the high school level and ideally 3 years field experience servicing and installing alarms, cameras, security and banking systems. Micro-processor based equipment experience is a plus. An attractive total compensation program and an exceptional benefits plan, which includes dental coverage is available. A company vehicle is provided. Additionally, you will find a well managed, forward thinking company that has a 138 year tradition of success. Qualified applicants only please. Send your resume stating salary requirements to: DIEBOLD INC., P.O. Box 16247 Lubbock, TAX 794920, Attn: Joe Johengen, Fax: (806) 799-8658.

310 General Help Wanted

311 Medical Help Wanted

Nursefinders Staffing
RNs, LVNs and ICU Nurses Needed
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CERTIFIED NURSE AIDES. Terrace West Nursing Center, has current openings for Certified Nurse Aides on the 6-2 shift. If interested please apply in person at 2800 N. Midland Drive, Midland, Texas 79707.

DENTAL HYGIENIST needed for 2 days a week. Call for details, (915)523-3194 or 523-5750.

DENTIST - PART TIME. Production based and benefits. Call 491-0220.

DME MARKETING Representative with physician and hospital contacts needed. The successful candidate must be knowledgeable of oxygen concentrators, hospital beds and other medical equipment. We offer a competitive base salary and benefits. Please send resume to or come by Medi Plus, 1203 W. Wall.

MED- TECH AMBULANCE currently has three part time positions to be filled immediately. Applicants must live in Midland and hold a current Texas certificate for EMT, EMT- I or EMT- P. Call 580-5262 for interview.

MEDICAL

Nursefinders of West Texas is seeking an RN. Requirements:

- Licensed two years
- Home Health experience

Contact Mary Byars, RN at 570-8080

MIDLAND DIALYSIS is accepting full time applications for an RN. Dialysis experience preferred. Great salary and benefits. If interested apply at: 731 W. Wadley, Bldg. K, Suite 130, Midland, TX. Or fax resume to: 915-687-5008. Or contact: Barbara Vaughn, 915-687-1201.

NURSE AIDES needed for all shifts. Apply in person, 3203 Sage, Courtyard Care Center.

312 Professional Help Wanted

·MAINTENANCE ENGINEER

Experience in commercial building maintenance. Hands on position for person with light electrical, plumbing, and HVAC experience.
Full benefits.
Fax resume to
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312 Professional Help Wanted

314 Clerical Help Wanted

CPA WANTED- Small Lubbock CPA firm seeks CPA for tax manager position. Significant client contact and room for growth. Must have minimum 4 years experience in all areas of income tax preparation. Salary plus incentives. Buy-in a possibility. Fax resume and salary requirements to 806-765-0371 or mail to CPA Wanted, P.O. Box 6992, Lubbock, TX 79493.

LAND /LEASE ANALYST. Independent needs experienced person to analyze and maintain lease records, division orders, operating agreements, etc. Questa software experience and ability to generate reports from database files helpful. Please send your resume along with salary requirements to: Box P-06040, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

NEWS ANCHOR

KOSA-TV, Odessa, Texas is accepting resume's and tapes for a noon and five pm anchor/ reporter to compliment male anchor. Candidates should be total team players with a great attitude. Must have a degree in broadcast journalism and at least one year of anchoring experience. Must also have strong reporting skills. Send tapes and resume's to KOSA-TV, 1211 North Whitaker, Odessa, TX 79762. No phone calls please. Benedek Broadcasting is an equal opportunity employer.

PERFECT JOB for parent with kids in school. Needing dynamic individual to assist with presentations regarding issues of sexual assault. Part time during school year, flexible hours, some benefits, must enjoy public speaking. Degree preferred. Send resume to P.O. Box 10081, Midland, Texas 79702.

SECRETARY, Full time. 9- 4, Monday- Friday. Must be computer literate in WordPerfect. Secretarial experience a must. Apply in person at The Salvation Army, 300 S Baird.

Television Commercial Director...

New promotions/ production team looking for creative photographer/ editor. Basic TV production knowledge a must. Send resume to KOSA-TV. No phone calls please.

KOSA-TV
1211 N. Whitaker St.
Odessa, TX 79763

314 Clerical Help Wanted

ACCOUNTING- MAJOR OIL FIELD Services Company seeking an Accounting Clerk. The successful candidate must have the following: Associate Degree in Accounting/ Bookkeeping OR 2 to 5 years experience in Accounts Payable and Accounts Receivable, be able to work well with people. Good computer skills. Experienced with Excel and Database software. Call 563-3057.

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Easy entry level work with flexible schedule. Knowledge of Windows 3.01 helpful. Excellent income. Full time/ part time.
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CLERICAL- FULL Time Receptionist/ Secretary. Need experience with WordPerfect, Great Plains Accounting and Telephone skills. Please send resume to: PO Box 60685, Midland, Texas 79711-0685.

CONSUMER LENDING Secretary. West Texas Bank is seeking Consumer Lending Secretary with two -three years experience in installment loans. Must have good verbal, written and interpersonal skills. Candidate should have successfully completed one - two years college. Send resume to: Box P-06038, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702. An equal opportunity employer.

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312 Professional Help Wanted

314 Clerical Help Wanted

MEDICAL. Need employee for doctors office full or part time. Must know typing. Send resume 1816 N. Midland Drive, Midland, Texas 79707.

RECEPTIONIST needed in very busy office. Duties will vary but include calculation of employee time cards, answering phones, faxes, preparation of company manuals, travel arrangements, blue lines and other. Require Lotus and Microsoft Works. Resume to Human Resources, P.O. Box 4185, Midland, TX 79704

SECRETARY NEEDED for small oil and gas company. Land knowledge and accounting skills a plus. Send resume. P.O. Box 2334 Midland TX. 79702.

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316 Sales Help Wanted

*SALES

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Box T-05038
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Midland, TX 79702

CAR SALESPERSON. Experienced. Must be personable and outgoing to compliment our sales staff. Guaranteed salary while training. Health insurance plan, demo plan, 401K plan and paid vacation. Fax resume to 915-563-0395 or mail to: PO Box 60377, Midland, Texas 79711.

EXPERIENCED SALES person needed. One of West Texas fastest growing motorcycle businesses. Looking for sales person, self motivative, courteous, honest and experienced. Excellent benefits., 401K, health insurance, management possibilities. Apply in person at Golden Suzuki Honda, Kawasaki, Yamaha 306 E. 32nd Odessa, TX.

SALES- We are seeking the right person to fill an important role in the growth of our store. You will join a winning team of furniture sales professionals and achieve your personal goals. We will train you to be an effective, customer- driven sales professional. You will need excellent communication skills and a desire to learn. We offer high rewards and expect you to be a high performer. Call Diana at 688-3990.

318 Management Help Wanted

APARTMENT MANAGER Assistant 1907 Tarleton 2 -3 Years experience. Must have computer skills! To $1,800 /month, plus medical, plus bonus. Fax resume: 689-7846.

MANAGEMENT Opportunity. Fast track opportunity in the financial services industry. Challenging and rewarding career available through our management training program. We are looking for an intelligent, outgoing person who enjoys working with people, likes challenge, and is career oriented. Excellent training program and advancement potential. Willing to relocate within a year. Competitive salaries and excellent benefits offered. For immediate consideration please contact: Beneficial Texas, Inc., 1028 -A Andrews Hwy., 79701. 694-9639.

RESTAURANT- Lajitas on the Rio Grand Resort, looking for food and beverage manager. Experience and personality a must. Randy 915- 424-3471 or fax resume 915-424-3277.

STORE MANAGER position available at Little Caesar's Pizza. Must have restaurant management experience and good customer service skills. Salary negotiable. 520-8016 message, or fax brief resume to 697-8744.

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316 Sales Help Wanted

318 Management Help Wanted

319 Oil Industry Help Wanted

DRIVERS- Independent oil well cementing company is looking for pump and bulk truck drivers/ operators. Must be able to pass physical and drug tests. CDL license preferred. Company offers uniforms, health insurance, 401k. Salary DOE. 570-0029.

OIL FIELD- WEST TEXAS COMPANY seeks FLOW BACK & PRODUCTION TESTING MANAGER- minimum 5 years experience in testing/ 4 points/ flow back. Duties include supervision of crews, sales, training, cost control, recruiting. Computer experience an asset. Position to be in Odessa, Texas. Good salary & benefits. Company vehicle. All applications will be confidential. Send resume to Box T-05040, c/o Midland Reporter-Telegram, P.O. Box 1650, Midland, TX 79702.

320 Skilled Trades

COMMERCIAL ELECTRTIAN. Minimum 2 years experienc needed. (817)834-6351.

DRYWALL FINISHER- 5 years experience preferred. Full time position. Leave message, 559-4879.

ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR in Odessa seeking experienced Lineman 1st class with 5 years;Equipment Operator with 3 years; Lineman Apprentice with 1 year; Industrial Painter; Apparatus Tech with knowledge on 1ph and 3ph reclosers.
good pay and benefits. Send resume or apply at 5211 W. 42nd Street, Odessa, Texas.

ELECTRICIAN'S HELPERS needed immediately! Start 9/8/97. No experience needed. 697-4439.

IMMEDIATE POSITION available for graphic artist. Please send resume to P. O. Box 2636, Midland, Texas 79702.

LABORERS AND WELDERS wanted for metal building erection. 2 Years minimum experience. Salary DOE. 520-9421.

LOW TEMP Technician- minimum 3 years experience. Send resume to: P.O. Box 5684, Midland, TX 79704-5684.

MACHINIST NEEDED
Engine Lathe or Mill Operator. 2 years experience. Must be able to read blueprints & have own tools. Benefits include: Paid vacation, uniforms, holidays, medical insurance. Salary DOE.
Call 686-0405

MAINTENANCE ENGINEER- Position available for person with experience and/ or mechanical aptitude to competently perform machine tool maintenance and repairs. Good benefits and retirement package. Salary $35K +, DOE. Applications taken, B & M Tool, #40 E. Industrial Loop. 682-0856.

PLUMBERS - Christianson Company, is paying top wages for Texas licensed plumbers and/ or helpers to work in the Austin, Round Rock area on new houses. Paid health insurance, vacation pay and overtime. Call Al or Mike at 1-800-460-2651. Drug test required.

PLUMBERS- Mr. Rooter now hiring plumbers. Benefits, good pay. 570-7473.

SHOP MECHANIC needed. Machine and welding needed. Wellhead and valve repair a plus. Pick up an application at office, UWS, 953 Advance Ave., Midland, Texas.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS Pay telephone route person. Some experience needed in electronics and route management. Sales experience helpful. Good salary and benefits with company vehicle. Resume to: 4300 Alpha Road #106 Dallas Tx . S. Ray, 972-991-7876.

320 Skilled Trades

TREE PROGRAM Co-Ordinator. Part- time, grant funded position exists to promote, expand and maintain the public tree program of Keep Midland Beautiful. Creative, organized, people person with knowledge of tree care required. Send resume with cover letter to KMB, PO Box 10949, Midland 79702.

330 Employment Wanted

CONTRACT PUMPER, 16 years experience looking for more wells; Orla, Mentone, Kermit area. Call (915)586-2979.

I WORK 2 hours daily helping elderly and disabled with meals, cleaning, errands. Call 570-6315.

336 Adult Care Providers

24/ 7 DAYS A Week Care Facility now open. 2 Rooms available immediately. Call Paula at 520-5275.

CAREGIVER/ COOK needed full time for small nursing facility. Call, 687-2503.

340 Child Care Needed

LIVE IN NANNY for cooking and cleaning- Monday thru Friday. 6 Month raise program. $150 weekly. Spanish speaking okay. 553-2940.

341 Child Care Providers

CHILD CARE. 2- 5 Years. 7 am- 7 pm. Open Weekends. Call 694-6575.

WOULD LIKE to keep after school children in Emerson or Fannin Districts. Will pick up. 570-1234.

2 OPENINGS in Christian home. 22 years experience. Reasonable rates. Lots of TLC. References. 687-6414.

PRE K classes for 98/99. K's Four per class. Develop testing and curriculum. M/W T/T 9-12. Starts September 15th. 570-8685.

BABYSITTING in my home. 20 Years experience. Reasonable rates. Call 684-5461.

REGISTERED CHILD Care in my home. CPR/ First Aide certified. Ages 3 and up, 7 am- 6 pm. Mindi, 694-0858.

LEARNING PROGRAM for toddlers. Clean, safe, loving environment. Breakfast, lunch snack. First aid/ CPR, 694-9871.

350 Business Opportunities

COKE MACHINES $550. Guaranteed, some locations available. Call (915)570-8158 or 1 (888)254-9776.

MAKE GOLF YOUR BUSINESS! Ground floor opportunity! Minimum investment. Call 333-7037 for more information.

(3) VENDING Machines, combination drink & snacks plus changer machine. Great money makers- $3,000 each. 697-7097.

WORK @ HOME!! Earn $500-$2,000 part time; $1,000-$5,000 full time. Call Terri toll free, 888-808-0155.

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SEIZED CARS from $175. Porsches, Cadillacs, Chevys, BMW's, Corvettes. Also, Jeeps, 4WD's. Your Area. Toll Free 1-800-218-9000 Ext A-1523 for current listings.

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RUN YOUR own office! Be part of national company. No franchise fee! Earn money while helping others. Full time, long term opportunity. Must be dependable, honest and bondable. Call 1-800-809-4240.

FULLY EQUIPPED and furnished restaurant ready to be taken over in our excellent location. Call for details, 699-5112.

BE PART of America's hottest retail boom with unlimited growth potential. One of a kind store with established customer base and great Loop location. Excellent opportunity for owner/ operator. 556-5815.

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Attention Readers

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410 Misc. Sales

SOUTHWEST AIRLINES ticket to Las Vegas. Departs September 11th, returns September 13th. $99 or best offer. Call 699-1508.

FINAL CLOSEOUT on all above ground pools- starting at $39 a month- delivery and installation available. 563-3108.

TWO MASONIC GARDEN lots for sale. Resthaven Memorial Park, Lot #139, spaces 1 & 2 (Prime site in original Masonic Garden) For details contact: 903-569-1066 or 903-569-2087.

BMI 12 Station Weight Machine (new cable). $1,000 new, $300 firm. Weight bench with bar and weights $75. 682-2034.

CADENCE 2100 treadmill, $100. Welbilt breadmaker, $50. Swivel desk chair, $50. TV stand, $10. 2 drawer metal desk, $25. 4 drawer letter metal file cabinet, $35. Heavy duty table (23 1/2"w x. 47"L), $50. 3/4 rollaway bed, $75. Patio Pal charcoal grill, $25. 682-8825.

ALMOND refrigerator 21.4 cf side by side, $500. White refrigerator 25.7 cf side by side, $800. Washer/ dryer, electric, $200/ set. Antique Singer sewing machine, $75. Large new entertainment center, $100. Bedroom suite (green wood), $700. 520-4623.

MILLER WELDER Bobcat 2256 plus 8,000 watt generator, torch/ 2 tanks, rods, helmet, $2,500. 570-0442.

1990 Chevrolet Cavalier, good condition. 19" color TV, small sofa sleeper. Call 697-1549.

GARBAGE FOOD Disposer, new 1/2 hp, full warranty, install in sink only $45. 367-5433.

RAINBOW water filter vacuum cleaner, excellent condition, $495. 520-8858.

★BIBLE TALK. "Does God Reveal New Truths Today?" 520-0381. Free recorded message.

LITTLE TYKES Turtle Sandbox, $15. Call 694-0863.

2 SOUTHWEST ROUND trip tickets from Midland, Tx to Cleveland OH. $175 each. Expires June 1998. (916)810-3843.

JENNY LIND Baby Bed BED $50. Craco high chair, $25, car seats and lots of childrens clothes and items. Come by any time between 5 & 9 pm. 4740 Wilshire.

SALVAGE SALE- Lights, light fixtures, ceiling tiles, bathroom fixtures, used carpet, etc. Open to public, all day and weekends. Next to Burger King on W. Broadway, Andrews.

KING SIZE wicker head board, dresser, mirror & chest- $400. Acer computer and desk. 694-0323.

COOLERS, MOWERS, washers, dryers, refrigerators, freezers, stoves. Appliances warranted. Dining/ suites, couches, chairs, recliners. 570–4851.

DIRT, $10 per load regardless of size. We will load. 686-7605.

HERBALIFE & Natural efx Independent Distributor. For products or opportunity call 689-HERB!

413 Jewelry & Furs

2 LADIES large diamond rings. Call 550-2013.

415 Misc. Wanted

WANTED BEER & Coke Coolers, old signs and digital meat scale. Call 684-7095.

SOUTHWEST Company Club tickets or other airline mileage awards wanted. Will pay top dollar. 687–5039.

430 Household Goods

FACTORY AUTHORIZED Sale on all spas/ hot tubs- at our showroom and at our show at Ector Co. Fair- financing and delivery available. 563-3108.

MATTRESS sets, dinette sets, bunk beds, daybeds and Futon couches. Reasonable prices. Also catalog orders available. Credit Cards- Layaways welcome. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699–1224.

APPLIANCES reconditioned with 6 month plus warranty. Wood & Son Appliances. 2811 W. Wall 699–1224.

INCLINER SOFA. Earth tones. Good condition. $65. Call 694-1147 after 5 weekdays, all day weekends.

★FREE REMOVAL of your unwanted appliances. 567-5221.

TWIN BUNKBED: Metal red comes with bedspread, bedding, dinosaur chair and table. Call 682-6778.

CULTURED marble table (top only). 42" x 42" Suitable for coffee, dining or card table. 683-3172 days, 683-1094 nights.

432 Household Furniture

QUEEN SIZE bedding with comforter and sheets like new. $200. 694-2753.

SLEEPER sofa/ loveseat, Southwest colors. Excellent condition, $300. Call 570-8564.

OREFORS CRYSTAL pitcher. Modern design 10" high holds 6 cups $50. 520-2387/ message.

BROWN VELVET 6 piece pit group sofa $350. Dryer $75, garage door opener for 1 piece door $25. Cream color drapes and rod, 84" long x 15' wide. 697-0523, leave message.

DREXEL CONTEMPORARY sofa and love seat, neutral colors, excellent condition. $600. Call 699-7061.

UPRIGHT PIANO. Good condition. $250 or best offer. Call 520-2623.

COUCH AND Loveseat for sale. Good condition, $200 or best offer. 694-5145.

BRASS DAY bed with mattress. $225. Call 697-7168.

MOVING SALE! Color coordinated loveseat, oversized chair with matching ottoman, rocker/ recliner. Trundle bed with bedding, comforter set and sheets included. All less than 2 years old. Call 694-1102.

DESK, CHAIR, recliner and dining room table with chairs. 694-9438.

MOVING- Must Sell! Sofa and chair, 1 1/2 years old, Hunter green, $500. Entertainment center $30. China hutch $125 and miscellaneous items! 570-6593.

IMPACT EXERCISING bike $50, life styler 2200 rowing machine+ $50, 5 piece glass top dining table with black lacquer chairs $250, tweed sectional with queen sleeper $200. Call 699-7756.

435 Household Appliances

SEARS Coldspot Refrigerator $100. Hotpoint Gas Range (6 months old), $175. Please call 694-4672.

2 X 5' WHITE upright freezer. Excellent condition, $85. Call 682-0245.

440 Firewood

DICK'S FIREWOOD. Oaks, Mesquite, Pecan & Cedar. We deliver. 1-(915) 453–2151, Fax 1-(915)-453-4322.

FIREWOOD. Oak or Mesquite. Delivered and Unloaded. No Stacking. No Checks. Call Larry Tucker, 689-7151.

CLASSIFIED CAN!

GARAGE SALES

Hidden treasures? Junk? Recycle your unwanted items!

Call 682-6222 today. A friendly Classified Consultant will help you create an ad that gets results!

79701

MITCHELLS NEW and Used and Kid Shop. Closing doors forever. half off clothes, furniture and building supplies. 2215 W. Industrial. 687-1985.

79707

SPECIAL PURCHASE- 5 to 6 person hot tub/ spa- 10 jet- 120 volts- financing and delivery available. 563-3108.

AREA SCHOOLS homecoming mums, garters and supplies for sale, or design your own. We also have costumes for rent. 694-4815 or 520-0416.

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

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.

Tami, Pam, Brandi, Pat, Paula or Sandy are ready to help you!

GARAGE SALE SERVICES

$20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20

GARAGE SALE AD PACKAGE $20

- ★7 Lines (approx. 28-35 words)
- ★2 Days
- ★ ■▲●♥ Stand Out Emblem
- ★Garage Sale Kit (includes Signs, Stakes, Marker, Balloons, Helpful Hints. $5 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!

Call 682-6222 Today!

$20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20 $20

450 Sporting Goods

MARLIN 336CS lever action 30 -30. Excellent condition. $225. Savage, Model 110 30-06, Bushnell scope $215. 694-8301.

DISGUSTED WITH RAGS and cotton patches in cleaning your shotgun barrel? Try the new Stipp Swab - amazing convenience and results. Available at Between the Walls, 1707 N. Big Spring.

460 Antiques & Arts

DEPRESSION ERA Glass Show/ Sale. September 27- 28. Odessa Ector Coliseum. Outstanding Dealers! Door Prizes!

THE CATS MEOW- 4000 sq. ft of fine merchandise- we buy and sell antiques. 408 Andrews Highway, Mon. - Sat., 10 - 6. (915) 687–2004.

JUDY JACKSON'S Estate Sales. An experienced professional working for you! 689-3536, 682-6147.

BEAUTIFUL Refinished Antique Tubs, 1929 & 1938, cast iron. $1,200 each. 687-4198.

★ LOVELY ANTIQUE China Cabinet. $1,500. Dining Set, $800. Large gold frame mirror, miscellaneous items. 684-3784.

ESTATE Sales by JOSEPH'S. 24 Years Experience Buying and Selling. 687-3040, 687-2868, 694-5034.

470 Musical Instruments

BALDWIN GRAND Piano 7 foot, black satin, ebony finish, recently tuned. 687-4636 days 683-8602 evenings.

PIANO in excellent condition. For more information, call 689-9915.

BABY GRAND Piano, black finish, 1895 antique, $1,500. Call 570-8792.

KIMBALL PIANO, with bench, excellent condition, Please call 697-0551.

490 Computers/ Access.

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INTERNET ACCESS. Call 687-9014 for details.
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LASER JET 4V Printer, 17 pages per minute, holds 600 pages of paper. $1,200 or best offer. Call 694-5233.

IBM COMPATIBLE 386DX tower, VGA monitor, 3 1/2, 5 1/4 4x CD ROM with speakers, 14.4 modem, Windows 95, with computer desk and lots of software, $650. 689-8688.

GREAT COMPUTER. COMPAQ PRESARIO, CD ROMM 16 mgRAM, 740mgHD, mouse, monitor, software, $800. 687-0303.

COMPUTER & PRINTER. COMPAQ PRESARIO, CD ROM, 8mgRAM, 740mgHD. Mouse, monitor, software, EPSON printer, $850. 687-0303.

490 Computers/ Access.

SERVICE AFTER THE SALE Computers- New and used, upgrade and repair. Night Owl Computers, 10am- 8pm, 1015-B N Midkiff. 520-5917, 686–8835.

MINI COMPUTER, Monitor and printer included. $50 or best offer 699-0823.

495 FOR FREE

SWEET 6 week old kittens have 1st shots and litter trained. 684-4158.

CUTE fluffy 6 week old kittens. Male and females. Call 570-4690.

KITTENS- cute cuddly 6 week old. 520-9272.

INDOOR only home for 2 affectionate kittens. Prefer adults. Have shots. Call 9 am-7 pm. 694-5864.

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655 Mobile Homes Unfurnished

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KEY To Abbreviations

Bdrm	Bedroom
Ba	Bath
Kit	Kitchen
Dbl	Double
A/C	Air conditioning
Mst. Bdrm	Master Bdrm.
Gar	Garage
Bldg	Building
Cond	Condition
N-QA	Non-Qualifying Assumable
QA	Qualifying Assumable
Ac	Acre
3/2/2	Bdrm./Ba./Gar.

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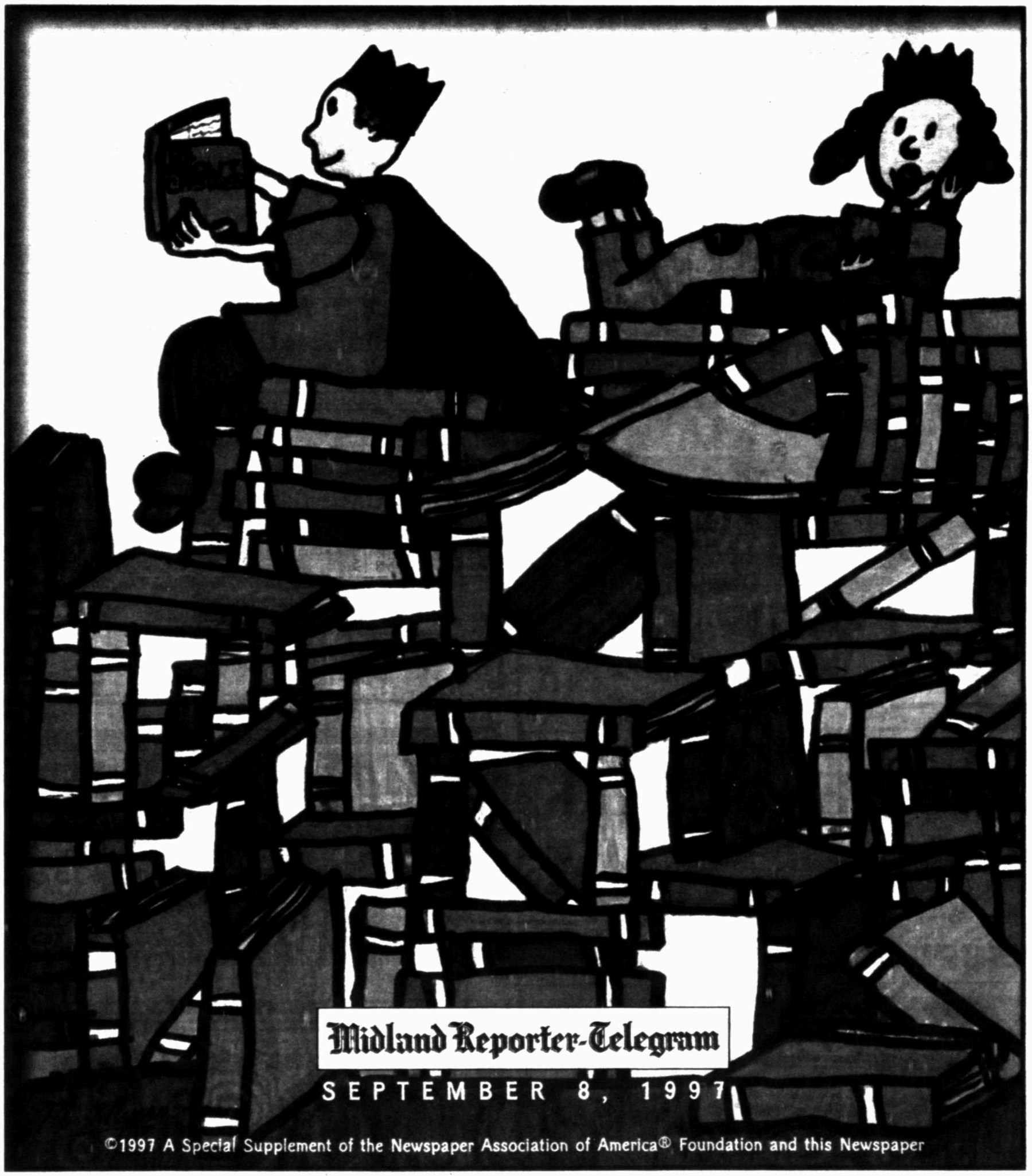

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Learning to Read

Parents are always looking for ways to build their children's reading skills—and to make their love of reading stronger.

Knowing how to read is the single most important skill for success in the United States.

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That means they may be unable to locate the time and place of a meeting written on a form, identify a key piece of information in a short news article, or total an entry on a bank deposit slip, according to the National Center for Family Literacy.

On top of that, more than 4 out of 10 people with the lowest reading and writing skills live in poverty, nearly 2 out of every 10 receive food stamps and 7 out of 10 have no job or only a part time job, the National Institute for Literacy reports.

Three out of four unemployed adults have reading or writing difficulties. More than 6 out of every 10 front line workers in goods-producing industries can't match written information to a task if inference is involved. And 7 out of 10 people in prison read and write at the lowest levels.

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Photo

The photos in the newspaper are a fun way to see how language and story-telling work. Every day there are many photos of people in the newspaper. Study the looks on the faces and the body language of the people pictured. Working together, write out the emotions they show. Are the people angry, or sad, or happy? Then try to make up stories about the people. Write the stories down, or record them on a tape recorder or videocam. Later collect them as a book you can read again and again. You might be surprised to see how well even young children can read the stories your family has written!

Ad

The ads in the newspaper are a way to learn more about different parts of speech. As a family, review how nouns are words for who or what does something, how adjectives describe the nouns, how verbs tell what happens, and adverbs tell the way something happens. Then search the ads in the paper for examples of each part of speech. It can be fun to keep track of how different ads stress different types of words by putting them in bigger type. A good wrap-up is to have kids design a newspaper ad that would show how parts of speech work.

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Get a Life

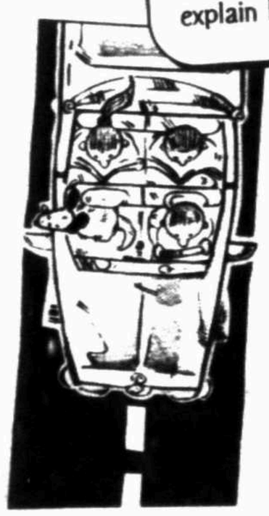
It's fun for children to think about what life will be like when they are grown up and on their own. This activity is a good way to help them understand the responsibilities of living independently. As a family, use the newspaper's Classified Ads to find a place to live and a car to drive. From the ads, figure out the monthly cost of these items. Then find a job in the Help Wanted ads that your child thinks would be a good one. Compare the monthly salary with the monthly cost of

Jobs Jobs Jobs

Learning about the world of work and jobs is an important goal for people of all ages. The newspaper is a good way to learn. Start by talking about what different family members do for a living. Kids always benefit from understanding adults' work, whether it is outside or inside the home. Then read through some of the Help Wanted ads together. Talk about the different ways to make a living and the pros and cons of each.

Find that Store

Newspaper ads for stores selling products often contain directions for getting to the store. Find one of these ads. Read the directions as a family. Then find a map of your area and trace the route the directions give. Ads sometimes include maps of their own. Find one and explain how it helps you figure out where the store is.



Job Description

Sometimes people applying for jobs have to explain in writing what they did in another job. Find a person making news in today's paper. In five short sentences, describe what that person does in his/her job. It may be fun for different family members to do this for the same person and compare descriptions. Which describe the job best?

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The newspaper includes a brief, easy-to-understand index. Find your paper's index and make up questions about the index. Have adults ask the questions first, then let the children make up questions for the adults. For example, you might ask, "On what page should I look if I want to find a new job?" Or, "Where should we look to find out what's on TV tonight?"

Reading for Information

There are many opportunities to read for information in everyday life. Start by talking about the reasons for reading labels carefully. Check some labels from medication in your home to show the value of reading about dosage and warnings. To practice reading for detail, find an ad for a car lease in your newspaper. Have children find the pertinent information about leasing that car. How much is the payment per month? How much must you put down? Does that include tax and tags? What other extras must you pay?

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Willy loved reading books and studying the stars and playing board games. Mostly, Willy loved being serious.

Sally was silly but Willy wasn't.

Sally would always try to make Willy laugh, and she tried to get him to play with her. He would just say, "Not now Sally, I have to finish this report for school." Or, "Not now Sally, I'm reading a science magazine."

Sally liked to read and do well on reports. But she felt it was important to have fun. So she would go out and play by herself. Willy was a good brother but he wasn't a great friend.

Sally was silly but Willy wasn't.

Sally and Willy had a dog named Horace. Sally loved to put funny hats on Horace. She liked to dress him up and pretend he was a girl friend. Willy brushed his fur and gave him baths and even fed him each day, but he never played with Horace.

Sally was silly but Willy wasn't.

Sometimes Willy would read to Sally. She liked that, but afterward she wanted to use her imagination. When Willy read her a book about the planets, she wanted to pretend they were on a space ship. If Willy read to her about animals, she wanted to get down on hands and knees and make cat noises. Willy liked the reading part, but when it came to playing, he just didn't think that was fun.

Sally was silly but Willy wasn't.

Willy and Sally walked to the bus stop together each morning. Sally would stop and talk to any dogs they passed. She'd have to smell every flower. And she could not pass a puddle without jumping in. Willy walked ahead of her and thought about whether or not he remembered his lunch and his reports and everything else he needed for the day.

Sally was silly but Willy wasn't.

One Friday afternoon Sally and Willy came home from school to find their parents looking sad at the front door. They said that Horace had been hit by a car and he was at the vet. They didn't know if he would be okay.

Sally started to cry and went inside. She felt so bad that she couldn't eat any dinner that night.

The next morning she didn't want to get out of bed. She was just sad. Willy felt awful seeing how sad she was. He wanted to make her feel better.

So Willy read Sally one of her favorite books. She just cried.

Willy drew puppets on his hands and did a puppet show for Sally. She was still sad.

He even tried telling her jokes in pig latin. Sally didn't smile.

Finally, Willy had an idea.

He went in her closet and dressed up like Sally.

Then he started doing things that she did.

He talked to flowers she had in her room. He played with all the stuffed animals, making a different voice for each one. He even got on his hands and knees and made cat noises. He was really silly.

At first Sally didn't know what to think of her brother. Then Sally started to laugh. Willy had learned that fun can be fun!

The next day Horace came home from the vet. His leg was in a cast but he was fine. Willy offered to dress him up and invite him to a tea party. Sally giggled.

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If Adults Don't Read

1. What's Up?

Some adults have difficulty reading. English may be new to them, or they may never have learned reading skills. When families read together, kids can help adults who want to read better. As a family, pick out a story about an issue in the news. Have a child read the story to, or with, an adult. Take turns explaining what family members find interesting or entertaining in the news.

2. Comic Plays

Comic strips are like little plays. And it can be fun to take turns acting out the comics by reading them aloud. Have different family members take the parts of different comics characters. Then read them aloud. Let yourself go and really ham it up! Repeat the activity with different strips. It's amazing how fast reading skills improve—for both kids and adults!

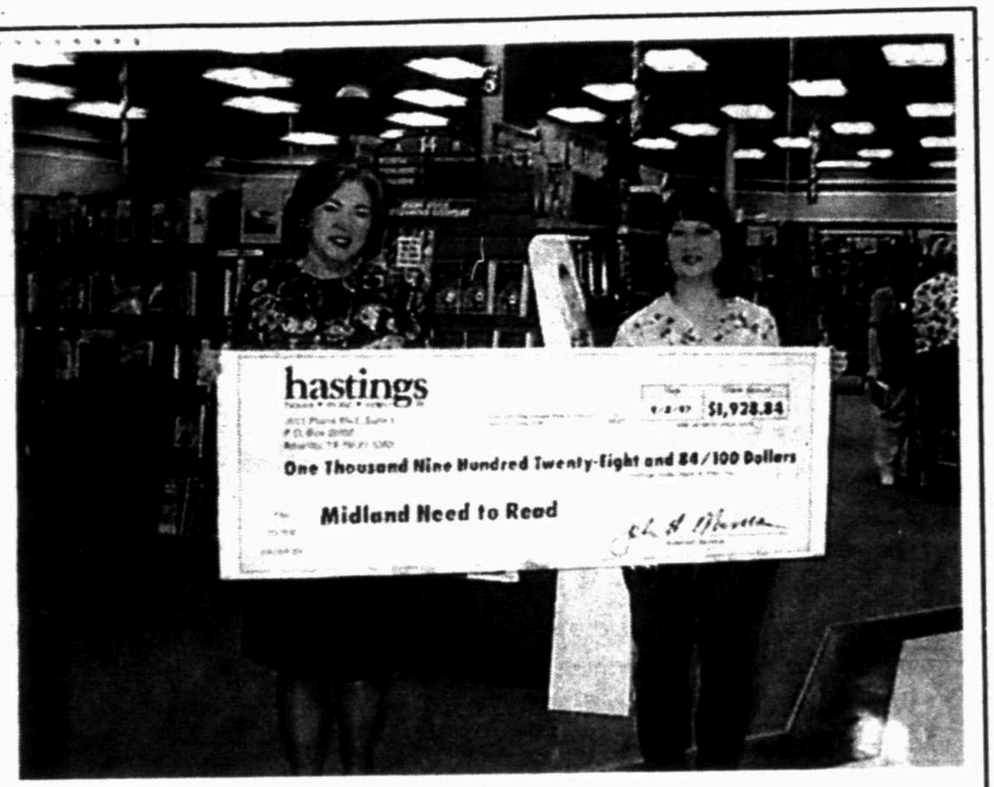
3. You're in the Newspaper

Newspapers include information to appeal to the interests of many different people. Here's a chance for kids to help adults with reading—and to discover how their interests are found in the paper. Skim the ads, stories and photos, and find an item to fit each of these topics:

a. Something you'd like to wear
e. Someone you'd like to meet
b. A place you'd like to go
f. Behavior that is important to you
c. A person who looks like you
g. A word that describes you
d. Something you think is funny
h. A movie with a message for you

4. Sentence?

Some headlines are complete sentences just as they are and some are not. For example, "A tree falls across the road" is a complete sentence, but "Tree across the road" is not. Look through the different headlines in the newspaper. Have children read headlines to adults. Together decide which are complete
sentences and which are not. Add what the incomplete ones need in order to become complete sentences.



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Hastings, located at 3111 W. Cuthbert, recently presented a check for $1928.84 To Midland's Need To Read Program. Shown are store manager Sandra Medders and Executive Director of Midland's Need To Read Patty Groce. The ceremony was in honor of National Literacy Day, which is today. Hastings will continue to support Midland Need To read and its programs by providing donation jars for customer contributions at each checkout counter and monies collected from their Book Department coffee bar.

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